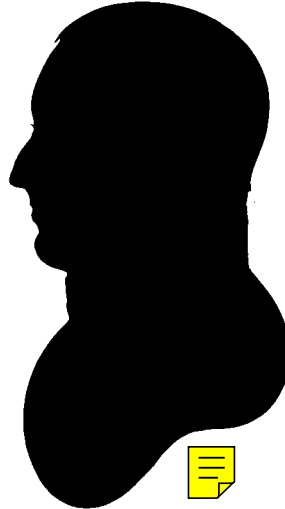


FRIEND STEPHEN WANTON GOULD OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND



We will begin as is seemly, with this person's remote ancestors:

"Jeremiah Gould came over from England AD 1637 and after seeing his Family Settled on Rhode Island returned to England and Died there. This son Danel on a good Farm about Three Miles from Newport on which he Lived to a very advanced age and left Intire to his eldest son Thomas which he enjoyed 'til near Eighty years of age and left to his Three fons Daniel Thomas and Jacob; giving his other two sons John & James Trades and Moneys Daaniel who enjoyed the Homeftad divided his part between his two fons Daniel and Thomas | his fon Jeremy Dying before him without Ifsue | Daniel Dying gave his part to his Nephew Daniel who with his Father yet enjoy it. The Nortly given to Thomas is now enjoyed by his only surving fon John. The Southwesterly given to Jacob is enjoyed by his only surviving Child Elizabeth the widow of Jonathan Anthony"

"Thomas | fon of the first Jeremy | Dying without Ifsue left a fine Eftate in Quitnefett to his Two Nephews Daniel and James; which Defended to their Children, 'till in procefs of time by purchafe or otherwife it all became the property of Jeremy the son of Daniel and from the faid Jeremy to his fon Daniel who Dying left to his son Thomas now Living, an Old Batchelor"

"John | fon of the first Jeremy | Dying without Ifsue, left a good Eftate on Rhode Island to his — — Nephew John, which Defcended his fon John who willed it to his two fons John & Joseph John Dying without ifsue, Joseph proposed himfelf of the whole; who after selling Eighty Acres, now retains the remainder — about Fifty Acres"

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS: Jacob Gould | Anne Slocum: James, Mary, Elizabeth

GREAT-GRANDPARENTS: James Gould | Martha Stanton: Benjamin, Daniel, Martha, Mary, Hannah, James, and Joseph

GRANDPARENTS: James Gould | Hannah Wanton: Stephen, Isaac, James W, David, Daniel

PARENTS: James Gould | Mary Wanton: Stephen Gould | Hannah Rodman; Isaac Gould | Sarah Hammet; James Gould | no wife; David Gould | died aged; Daniel Gould | died young



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Also consider the family of origin of his wife Hannah Rodman Gould:

Clarke Rodman born at Newport, Rhode Island on April 10, 1750; died September 14, 1838; got married on November 11, 1775 with Abigail Lawton, daughter of Isaac Lawton and Mary Lawton his wife of Providence, Rhode Island. She died on February 2, 1838 at the age of 85. He was the Newport town Treasurer and a Quaker preacher. They had nine children:

1. Joseph Rodman, born on May 2, 1777; died on September 10, 1823 at Burlington, New Jersey
2. Isaac Rodman, born on September 18, 1778; died on September 12, 1780
- 3. Hannah Rodman, born on July 8, 1780; died on July 7, 1860; got married with Stephen Wanton Gould**
4. Ruth Rodman, born on December 7, 1781; died on June 11, 1834 unmarried
5. David Rodman, born on March 11, 1783; died on May 29, 1870; got married with Joanna Mitchell
6. John Rodman, born on March 18, 1785; died on Dec. 14, 1827; got married with Rebecca Peckham.
7. Elizabeth Rodman, born on April 13, 1787; got married on October 2, 1823 with Jonathan Nichols, son of Thomas Nichols of Salem, Massachusetts and Hannah Nichols his wife
8. Caleb Carpenter Rodman, born on October 4, 1789; died on December 27, 1808
9. Mary Rodman, born on April 18, 1795; unmarried.

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1626

In approximately this year Daniel Gould was born in England to Jeremiah Gould and Priscilla Grover Gould.

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1638

The family of Jeremiah Gould came from Devonshire in England to [Rhode Island](#). (The family included his son Daniel Gould, age about 12, who would become a Representative of Rhode Island.)

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1651

December 18, Thursday (Old Style): On this day, or on the 18th of 6th month according to [Quaker](#) records, Daniel Gould got married with Wait or Wate Coggeshall (who in all probability was a daughter of John Coggeshall the president of the colony of [Rhode Island](#)).

Daniel, eldest son of Jeremiah and Priscilla Gould, was settled by his father in that part of Newport, Rhode Island, (now called Middletown¹), and on that portion of the farm still in the possession of his descendants.² He married Wate, daughter of John Coggeshall (first President of the Colony), on the 18th of 6th month, 1651; with whom he lived in much love, to an advanced age. There is no particular date given, when he was convinced of the principles of [Friends](#), but unquestionably it was after he came to this country, as the principles of George Fox were not promulgated until 1647; but that he was a sturdy adherent to those doctrines is evident from divers certificates of Friends of several quarterly and monthly meetings, where he visited in the love and service of the Gospel, he being a minister of good standing at home and abroad. By the writings of Daniel Gould and by some sentences that have been handed down from one generation to another, spoken by him on divers occasions, he was a man of ready wit, deep penetration, and sound judgment; and although he served the Friends in divers capacities, both publicly and privately, it doth not appear that he ever entered into any public employ as an officer in outward government, though he did not escape being sought for on that account. The following extract is taken from a pamphlet of his in reference to the sufferings of Marmaduke Stevenson and Wm. Robinson, in Boston, with whom he was at that time. After saying that they came from Salem to Charleston Ferry, he says – "There meets us the constable and a rude company of people with him, and takes us all up (about 10 in number, besides the two banished friends) and after much scoffing and mocking examinations, all of us were led to prison, and God doth know, who is a just rewarder of all, how Harmless, Peaceable, & innocent we came into the town, behaving ourselves in much fear and humility of mind, yet, notwithstanding, being Quakers, to prison we must go, where we remained some days – it may be 3 or 4, or a week; there the Council sent searchers to search us & our Pockets, & took our papers & whatever they pleased, carrying them away, among which was Wm. Robinson's Journal of places he had been. After that our pockets had been picked we remained in Prison till the pleasure of the court was to send for any or all of us, for sometimes they would send for several or all, and sometimes for one alone. For I was once sent for, sifted and tried, being examined about many things. And seeing that they were as a company of Fowlers to draw the Bird into their net, I was sparing

1. The towns on Aquidneck Island had not yet divided from each other.

2. Stephen Gould and John Gould.



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of speech; then they called me Dumb Devil that could not speak & some said I was simple and ignorant and had no great harm in me, but that I was beguiled & led away by others that were more subtle. Then I said to them, if you think I am simply beguiled & not willfully in error how have you showed kindness to me? Or where has your love appeared to help me out of the ignorance & delusion you suppose I have fallen into? How have your endeavours appeared to open my understanding – to show me better? Do you think your prison, whips, and base usage are the way to do it? Is that the way, to begin with, to restore any one from the error of his ways? Then some one cried out and said: "he is more knave than fool!" Then I answered again and said – "If I hold my tongue I am a Dumb Devil, a fool & ignorant. If I speak I am a knave." After this Richard Bellingham the Deputy Governor being full of envy, said to me, "Well, Gould, you shall be severely whipped;" which was afterward done, with 30 stripes upon my naked back, being tyed to the Carriage of a great Gun. And this is my comfort to this day, & I bless the Lord for it, that my sufferings were in great Innocence. There were five others whipped at the same time there. Two men & three women; each having ten stripes – except the two men, fifteen, for no other cause than being Quakers. And after we were whipped we were all led to prison³ where our lodgings were with our sore backs upon the boards, where we remained untill after the Execution." This was in the year 1659. Daniel Gould sometimes wrote poetry, of which the following is a specimen, taken from his papers, sent to England to be published.

Concerning Self.

Concerning self, I thus have seen the thing
Self undenied will self much sorrow bring.
Then look to self, for self a creeping thief
Though he promises fair to the end, 'twill be thy grief
Take not his bait tho' seeming ne'er so fair
For in this bait is laid a deadly snare.

Look, what thou loves & most inclines unto
In that he'll come & tempt thee sore to do
To cross his tempting & thy former lust,
Stand stiff against him, for deny thou must,
Then taking up the cross thou'lt see the thing
That in the end, it will much comfort bring.⁴

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3. The BIBLE which he had with him while in prison is now (1872) in the possession of one of his descendants — Lydia A. Gould, of Newport, Rhode Island.

4. Rebecca Gould Mitchell. THE GOULDS OF RHODE ISLAND (Providence: A. Crawford Greene, Book and Job Printer, Railroad Halls, 1875), pages 8-9



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1653

March 2, Wednesday (1652, Old Style): Mary Gould was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould.

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1655

February 20, Tuesday (1654, Old Style): Thomas Gould was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould. (It was during this year that the father Daniel Gould and the grandfather Jeremiah Gould, who had come over from England in 1638, were being made freemen of [Newport, Rhode Island](#). While in New England the grandfather Jeremiah Gould and his wife Priscilla Grover Gould would have a daughter, but then he would go back to England and would die in his native Devonshire.)

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1656

October 24, Friday (Old Style): Daniel Gould (junior) was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould. (He would get married with Mary Clark, who probably was the eldest daughter of Walter Clark of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) despite the fact that the family genealogy makes her the daughter instead of Thomas Clark, and they would produce two sons, Daniel Gould III and Jeremiah Gould).

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1659

May 4, Wednesday (Old Style): John Gould was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould.

October 20, Tuesday (Old Style): In [Boston](#), the young [Quaker](#) ministers [Marmaduke Stevenson](#), [William Robinson](#), and [Mary Dyer](#) were sentenced to be [hanged](#) by the neck until they were dead from the Great Elm (*Ulmus americana*) on Boston Common, on Lecture Day.



[Friend Daniel Gould](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) would accompany Friend Marmaduke and Friend William to their gallows tree, and for doing that he would be tied across a big gun and flogged.



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October 27, Tuesday (Old Style): This was “Lecture Day” in [Boston](#). The Reverend John Norton fulminated against “diabolical doctrines” such as those of “the cursed sect of the Quakers.” (This would be printed up and distributed at government expense.) A large company of soldiers escorted the three religious prisoners from the jail near what is now Dover Street at Washington Street, onto the Common.⁵

[Friend Daniel Gould](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) accompanied Friend Marmaduke and Friend William to their gallows tree, and for doing that would be sentenced to be tied across a big gun and flogged.

[Friend Mary Dyer](#) was between two guards with her arms and legs bound. She was seen to have covered her face with a handkerchief, loaned to her for this purpose by her former pastor in the Boston church, the Reverend John Wilson. With the drums rolling to drown out the voices of the condemned (they were nevertheless heard briefly, as below), Friends [Marmaduke Stevenson](#) and [William Robinson](#) were [hanged](#) from the limb of a tree on Boston Common. When the corpse of Robinson was cut down, the head hit the ground and the skull broke. Their bodies were cast naked into a hole, and soon were covered over with water. “A Mr. Nichols built a fence about the place to protect them.”⁶

A week earlier, in the prison in [Boston](#), Friend Marmaduke had written a brief summation of his life:⁷

In the beginning of the year 1655, I was at the plough in the east parts of Yorkshire in Old England, near the place where my outward being was; and, as I walked after the plough, I was filled with the love and presence of the living God, which did ravish my heart when I felt it, for it did increase and abound in me like a living stream, so did the life and love of God run through me like precious ointment giving a pleasant smell, which mad me to stand still. And, as I stood a little still, with my heart and mind stayed upon the Lord, the word of the Lord came to me in a still, small voice, which I did hear perfectly, saying to me in the secret of my heart and conscience, “I have ordained thee a prophet unto the nations,” and, at the hearing of the word of the Lord, I was put to a stand, seeing that I was but a child for such a weighty matter. So, at the time appointed, Barbados was set before me, unto which I was required of the Lord to go and leave my dear and loving wife and tender children; for the Lord said unto me, immediately by His Spirit, that He would be as an husband to my wife and as a father to my children, and they should not want in my absence, for He would provide for them when I was gone. And I believed the Lord would perform what He had spoken, because I was made willing to give up myself to His work and service, to leave all and follow Him, whose presence

5. The illustration that one commonly sees, of these three being taken along to the Common with a drummer in front and a small dog cavorting in the foreground, is by William Bell Scott and dates to his own perfervid imagination as of the late date of 1888. Representative Daniel Gould of [Newport](#) accompanied Friends [Marmaduke Stevenson](#) and [William Robinson](#) to encourage them as they were being [hanged](#) and for that act of sympathy would be “tied to a big gun” and given thirty lashes in [Boston](#) during November 1659.

6. After this execution a military man of highest esteem in the colony, John Hull, whose take on such topics was of course always that of discipline, felt that if ever an enemy deserved to die, then someone who had made themselves an enemy of God especially deserved to be put to death. He wrote in his diary that “the rest of the [Quakers](#) had liberty, if they pleased to use it, to depart the jurisdiction though some of them capitally guilty,” and piously ejaculated into prayer: “The good Lord pardon this timidity of spirit to execute the sentence of God’s Holy Law upon such blasphemous persons.”—One is reminded of the little sermon that was given to the German soldiers used as concentration camp guards, which amounted to “We know this goes against your natural feelings, and we hope you will be able to overcome such weaknesses in yourselves.”

7. Besse. SUFFERINGS, 1753, Volume II, pages 201-2



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and life is with me, where I rest in peace and quietness of spirit, with my dear brother [Friend William Robinson] under the shadow of His wings, who hath made us willing to lay down our lives for His name's sake, if unmerciful men be suffered to take them from us. And, if they do, we know we shall have rest and peace with the Lord for ever in His holy habitation, when they shall have torment night and day.

So, in obedience to the living God, I made preparation to pass to Barbados in the Fourth month [June] 1658. So, after some time that I had been on the said island in the service of God, I heard that New England had made a law to put the servants of the living God to death if they returned after they were sentenced away, which did come near me at that time; and, as I considered the thing and pondered it in my heart, immediately came to word of the Lord unto me, saying, "Thou knowest not but that thou mayst go thither."

But I kept this word in my heart and did not declare it to any until the time appointed, so, after that, a vessel was made ready for [Rhode Island](#), which I passed in. So, after a little time that I had been there, visiting the seed which the Lord had blessed, the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Go to Boston with thy brother William Robinson," and at His command I was obedient and gave up to His will, that so His work and service may be accomplished. for He had said unto me that He had a great work for me to do, which is now come to pass. And, for yielding obedience to and for obeying the voice and command of the everlasting God, which created heaven and earth and the foundations of waters, do I, with my dear brother, suffer outward bonds near unto death.

And this is given forth to be upon record, that all people may know who hear it, that we came not in our own will but in the will of God.

Given forth by me, whom am know to men by the name of MARMADUKE STEVENSON, but have a new name given me, which the world knows not of, written in the book of life.



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It turned out that the plan of the authorities was only to frighten this Quaker woman by the sentence of death and the witnessing of the execution of her fellow ministers. When it came time for her to be “turned off” – as the expression then was– upon the gallows tree, the authorities announced that she had been reprieved. Her bonds were loosed.



One of the Bostonians in the assembly, one John Chamberlain, however, announced then and there that he had been converted into a [Quaker](#), and he was taken back to town and thrown in jail. Shortly afterward, that jail released 17 religious prisoners.

After not being hanged, Friend Mary Dyer once again wrote to the court:⁸

8. Sewell, William. THE HISTORY OF THE RISE, INCREASE, AND PROGRESS, OF THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE CALLED QUAKERS. A NEW EDITION IN TWO VOLUMES. Philadelphia PA: Uriah Hunt, 1832, Volume I, pages 256-7



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**LETTER TO THE GENERAL COURT AT BOSTON,
AFTER BEING UNEXPECTEDLY REPRIEVED,
28TH OF 8TH MONTH, 1659.**

Once more to the general court assembled in Boston, speaks Mary Dyar, even as before. My life is not accepted, neither availeth in comparison of the lives and liberty of the Truth, and servants of living God, for which in the bowels of loved and meekness I sought you: yet, nevertheless, with wicked hands have you put two of them to death, which makes me to feel, that the mercies of the wicked are cruelty. I rather choose to die than to live, as from you, as guilty of their innocent blood: therefore seeing my request is hindered, I leave you to the righteous Judge, and searcher of all hearts, who, with the pure measure of light he hath given to every man to profit withal, will in his due time let you see whose servants you are, and of whom you have taken counsel, which I desire you to search into: but all his counsel hath been slighted, and you would have none of his reproofs. Read your portion, Prov. i. 24 to 32. For verily the night cometh on you apace, wherein no man can work, in which you shall assuredly fall to your own master. In obedience to the Lord, whom I serve with my spirit, and pity to your souls, which you neither know nor pity, I can do no less than once more to warn you, to put away the evil of your doings; and kiss the Son, the light in you, before his wrath be kindled in you; for where it is, nothing without you can help or deliver you out of his hand at all; and if these things be so, then say, there hath been no prophet from the Lord sent amongst you; though we be nothing, yet it be his pleasure, by things that are not, to bring to nought things that are.

When I heard your last order read, it was a disturbance to me, that was so freely offering up my life to him that gave it to me, and sent me hither so to do, which obedience being his own work, he gloriously accompanied with his presence and peace, and love in me, in which I rested from my labour; till by your order and the people, I was so far disturbed, that I could not retain any more of the words thereof, than that I should return to prison, and there remain forty and eight hours, to which I submitted, finding nothing from the Lord to the contrary, that I may know what his pleasure and counsel is concerning me, on whom I wait therefore, for he is my life, and the length of my days; and as I said before, I came at his command, and go at his command.

Mary Dyar.



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Famous Last Words:



"What school is more profitably instructive than the death-bed of the righteous, impressing the understanding with a convincing evidence, that they have not followed cunningly devised fables, but solid substantial truth."

— A COLLECTION OF MEMORIALS CONCERNING DIVERS DECEASED MINISTERS, Philadelphia, 1787



"The death bed scenes & observations even of the best & wisest afford but a sorry picture of our humanity. Some men endeavor to live a constrained life — to subject their whole lives to their will as he who said he might give a sign if he were conscious after his head was cut off — but he gave no sign Dwell as near as possible to the channel in which your life flows."

—Thoreau's JOURNAL, March 12, 1853

1601	Tycho Brahe	unsolicited comment	<i>"Let me not seem to have lived in vain."</i>
1618	Sir Walter Raleigh	his wife would embalm his head and keep it near her in a red leather bag	<i>"Strike, man, strike."</i>
1649	Charles I	the chopper was to wait for a signal that the king had prepared himself	<i>"Stay for the sign."</i>
1659	Friend Marmaduke Stevenson and Friend William Robinson	unsolicited comments made over the muting roll of a drum intended to prevent such remarks from being heard	<i>Friend Marmaduke: "We suffer not as evil-doers but for conscience' sake." Friend William: "I die for Christ."</i>
1660	Friend Mary Dyer	asked at her execution whether they should pray for her soul	<i>"Nay, first a child; then a young man; then a strong man, before an elder of Christ Jesus."</i>
... other famous last words ...			

November: In the previous month [Friend Daniel Gould](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) had elected to accompany Friends [Marmaduke Stevenson](#) and [William Robinson](#) to encourage them as they were being [hanged](#) as [Quakers](#) in [Boston](#). For that act he was "tied to a big gun" and given thirty stripes.



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1661

June 20, Thursday (Old Style): Priscilla Gould was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould.

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1664

May 5, Thursday (Old Style): Jeremy Gould was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould. (This child would soon die.)

[John Evelyn](#)'s diary entry for this day was in part as follows:

John Evelyn's Diary

I went with some company a journey of Pleasur on the Water, in barge, with Musick & at Mortlack had a greate banquet, returning late: The occasion was Sir Robert Carr now Courting Mrs. Bennet, sister to the secretary of state &c:

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1666

13th day of 5th month, 1st day (Sunday) (Old Style): According to [Quaker](#) records, James Gould was born at [Newport, Rhode Island](#), the 7th child of Friend Daniel Gould and Friend Wait Coggeshall Gould of Newport. (5th month would be August, since April was the 1st month of the year. According to lay records, however, the child was born not on August 13th but on October 13th.)

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1669

February 2, Tuesday (1668, Old Style): Jeremy Gould (again) was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould.

According to the [Concord](#) Town Record, “John [John Heywood] son of Joseph heaward & hanna his wife [Hannah Hosmer Heywood] borne 2.feb 1669:”

This birth was one of a record 24 in this town in this year:

Marriages Births Deaths

1656	3	11	—
1657	3	11	3
1658	3	6	3
1659	2	10	4
1660	6	11	3
1661	2	12	6
1662	4	14	4
1663	5	14	4
1664	4	11	2
1665	7	13	6
1666	2	22	6
1667	8	15	6



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	Marriages	Births	Deaths
1668	4	21	5
1669	4	24	5
1670	2	21	2
1671	6	22	7
1672	5	20	3
1673	6	29	6
1674	3	20	5
1675	5	21	11
1676	4	13	13
1677	11	22	6

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1671

April 28, Friday (Old Style): Content Gould was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould.

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1672

Friend Daniel Gould of [Newport](#) became a Representative (at this point the government of the colony of [Rhode Island](#) had come under control of the [Quakers](#)).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Katherine Palmer, who had several times been accused of [witchcraft](#), filed a charge of libel against an accuser.



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1676

~~May 8, Monday (Old Style): Wait Gould was born to Wait Coggeshall Gould and Daniel Gould.~~

According to the diary of Samuel Sewall,

Monday, May 8. Considerable Thunder and rain in the night.
Mrs. Wharton Dyes: Buried Wednesday afternoon.

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1700

August 17, Saturday (Old Style): [Friend Daniel Gould](#) reported on the death watch of an infant in [Newport, Rhode Island](#):

In an assemblage of people, sitting together in silence, in a house by the corpse of a dead infant ready for Burial & being a silence, comes in the High mosier (a papist Preacher,) and sett [sic] it may a minute or two, but silence in an assemblage being a strange thing unto him, he soon spoke to y^e purpose & saying, "here is silence; and though in silence many have a good meditation yet meditation edifies not the people." "There must be Doctrine of spirit to edify y^e church" as if meditation was not profitable for Doctrine, ffor [sic] without meditation man runs a great hazard in his Doctrine of words, confusedly along, as indeed did he at that very time. Solomon saith "a fools mouth is his own destruction, and his lips a snare to soulls" Pro. 18. 7. But the Psalmist saith – "I will meditate of all thy works and talk of y^e doings" Psa. 77-12. So here is meditation before talking.

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1716

26th of 1st month (that would be March, in the non-Quaker calendar): Daniel Gould died in his home in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) at an age of about 90. His body would be buried in the Friends Burying Ground near the Great Meeting House.

April 6, Friday or 9, Monday (Old Style): Friend Daniel Gould's inventory⁹ was taken by Jonathan Nichols & Samuel Rodgers, and amounted in the aggregate to £96 17s. sd.

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9. This inventory document, together with his will and many of his papers, would pass into the possession of his grandson John Stanton Gould of Hudson, New York.



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8th of 5th month, 5th day (Thursday) (Old Style): The widowed Wait Coggeshall Gould died at the age of 84. Her body would be buried by the side of her husband in the Friends Burying Ground near the Great Meeting House of [Newport, Rhode Island](#).

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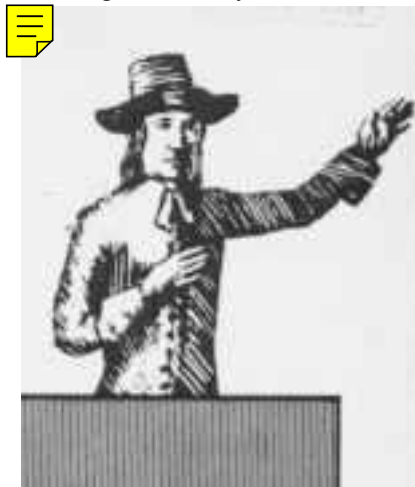
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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), some sailors were [hanged](#) for having been guilty of a mutiny at sea.

Some of the [Quaker](#) group in [Newport](#), including some of the elders and some of the ministers, were, however little superior in morality to such condemned persons, for they were not only slavemasters but also were still entangled in the [international slave trade](#). For instance, at this point the Wanton family that would produce [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was still engaging in this trade. Friend [John Woolman](#) wrote that he and his companions “in bowedness of spirit went to the [Yearly Meeting](#) at Newport, where I understood that a large number of slaves were imported from Africa and then on sale by a member of our Society.... At this time I had a feeling of the condition of Habakkuk as thus expressed: ‘When I heard, my belly trembled, my lips quivered, my appetite failed, and I grew outwardly weak. I trembled in myself that I might rest in the day of trouble.’ I had many cogitations and was sorely distressed.” Habakkuk 3:16 is of course a graphic description of the wrath of God; the verse concluding with “I sigh for the day of distress to dawn over my assailants.”



Friend John engaged in a successful effort to read in [Yearly Meeting](#) session a petition to the [Rhode Island](#) legislature to discourage the importation of [slaves](#). Apparently he got through this with his customary delicate, compassionate, and forceful persuasion. Having been able to read the petition aloud in the hearing of Friends, he “felt easy to leave the essay amongst Friends, for them to proceed on it as they believed best.”



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Then, however, the [Yearly Meeting](#) took up the question of lotteries, and Friend John evidently was not able to maintain his temperance. He reports that “The matter was zealously handled by some on both sides.... And in the heat of zeal, I once made reply to what an ancient Friend said, which when I sat down I saw that my words were not enough seasoned with charity, and after this I spake no more on the subject. ...Some time after ... I, remaining uneasy with the manner of my speaking ... could not see my way clear to conceal my uneasiness, but was concerned that I might say nothing to weaken the cause in which I had laboured. And then after some close exercise and hearty repentance for that I had not attended closely to the safe guide, I stood up and ... acquainted Friends that though I dare not go from what I had said as to the matter, yet I was uneasy with the manner of my speaking, as believing milder language would have been better. As this was uttered in some degree of creaturely abasement, it appeared to have a good savor amongst us, after a warm debate.” Woolman had managed to rein in his anger and distress during his careful and skillful management of his antislavery petition, using the emotional energy to power his compassion, discernment, and charity toward the [slaveholders](#) themselves, but then during the discussion of lotteries his anger had slipped out. Following the general Meeting, however Woolman was able to meet with a number of slaveholding ministers, elders, overseers, and others, and was able to report that “My exercise was heavy and I was deeply bowed in spirit before the Lord, who was pleased to favour with the seasoning virtue of Truth, which wrought a tenderness amongst us, and the subject was mutually handled in a calm and peaceable spirit.”

Visit, in Company with Samuel Eastburn, to Long Island, Rhode Island, Boston, etc. — Remarks on the Slave-Trade at Newport; also on Lotteries — Some Observations on the Island of Nantucket.

FOURTH Month, 1760. — Having for some time past felt a sympathy in my mind with Friends eastward, I opened my concern in our Monthly Meeting, and, obtaining a certificate, set forward on the 17th of this month, in company with my beloved friend Samuel Eastburn. We had meetings at Woodbridge, Rahway, and Plainfield, and were at their Monthly Meeting of ministers and elders in Rahway. We laboured under some discouragement, but through the invisible power of truth our visit was made reviving to the lowly-minded, with whom I felt a near unity of spirit, being much reduced in my mind. We passed on and visited most of the meetings on Long Island. It was my concern from day to day, to say neither more nor less than what the Spirit of truth opened in me, being jealous over myself lest I should say anything to make my testimony look agreeable to that mind in people which is not in pure obedience to the cross of Christ.

The spring of the ministry was often low, and through the subjecting power of truth we were kept low with it; from place to place they whose hearts were truly concerned for the cause of Christ appeared to be comforted in our labours, and though it was in general a time of abasement of the creature, yet, through His goodness who is a helper of the poor, we had some truly edifying seasons both in meetings and in families where we tarried. Sometimes we found strength to labour earnestly with the unfaithful, especially with those whose station in families or in the Society was such that their example had a powerful tendency to open the way for others to go aside from the purity and soundness of the blessed truth.

At Jericho, on Long Island, I wrote home as follows: —

24th of the Fourth Month, 1760.



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DEARLY BELOVED WIFE, – We are favoured with health; have been at sundry meetings in East Jersey and on this island. My mind hath been much in an inward, watchful frame since I left thee, greatly desiring that our proceedings may be singly in the will of our Heavenly Father.

As the present appearance of things is not joyous, I have been much shut up from outward cheerfulness, remembering that promise, "Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord"; as this from day to day has been revived in my memory, I have considered that His internal presence in our minds is a delight of all others the most pure, and that the honest-hearted not only delight in this, but in the effect of it upon them. He regards the helpless and distressed, and reveals His love to His children under affliction, who delight in beholding His benevolence, and in feeling divine charity moving in them. Of this I may speak a little, for, though since I left you I have often an engaging love and affection towards thee and my daughter and friends about home, and going out at this time, when sickness is so great amongst you, is a trial upon me; yet I often remember there are many widows and fatherless, many who have poor tutors, many who have evil examples before them, and many whose minds are in captivity; for whose sake my heart is at times moved with compassion, so that I feel my mind resigned to leave you for a season, to exercise that gift which the Lord hath bestowed on me, which though small compared with some, yet in this I rejoice that I feel love unfeigned towards my fellow-creatures. I recommend you to the Almighty, who, I trust, cares for you, and under a sense of His heavenly love remain,
Thy loving husband, J. W.

We crossed from the east end of Long Island to New London, about thirty miles, in a large open boat; while we were out, the wind rising high, the waves several times beat over us, so that to me it appeared dangerous, but my mind was at that time turned to Him who made and governs the deep, and my life was resigned to Him; as He was mercifully pleased to preserve us, I had fresh occasion to consider every day as a day lent to me, and felt a renewed engagement to devote my time, and all I had, to Him who gave it.

We had five meetings in Narraganset, and went thence to Newport on Rhode Island. Our gracious Father preserved us in an humble dependence on Him through deep exercises that were mortifying to the creaturely will. In several families in the country where we lodged, I felt an engagement on my mind to have a conference with them in private, concerning their slaves; and through divine aid I was favoured to give up thereto. Though in this concern I differ from many whose service in travelling is, I believe, greater than mine, yet I do not think hardly of them



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for omitting it; I do not repine at having so unpleasant a task assigned me, but look with awfulness to Him who appoints to His servants their respective employments, and is good to all who serve Him sincerely.

We got to Newport in the evening, and on the next day visited two sick persons, with whom we had comfortable sittings, and in the afternoon attended the burial of a Friend. The next day we were at meetings at Newport, in the forenoon and afternoon; the spring of the ministry was opened, and strength was given to declare the Word of Life to the people.

The day following we went on our journey, but the great number of slaves in these parts, and the continuance of that trade from thence to Guinea, made a deep impression on me, and my cries were often put up to my Heavenly Father in secret, that He would enable me to discharge my duty faithfully in such way as He might be pleased to point out to me.

We took Swansea, Freetown, and Taunton in our way to Boston, where also we had a meeting; our exercise was deep, and the love of truth prevailed, for which I bless the Lord. We went eastward about eighty miles beyond Boston, taking meetings, and were in a good degree preserved in an humble dependence on that arm which drew us out; and though we had some hard labour with the disobedient, by laying things home and close to such as were stout against the truth, yet through the goodness of God we had at times to partake of heavenly comfort with those who were meek, and were often favoured to part with Friends in the nearness of true gospel fellowship. We returned to Boston and had another comfortable opportunity with Friends there, and thence rode back a day's journey eastward of Boston. Our guide being a heavy man, and the weather hot, my companion and I expressed our freedom to go on without him, to which he consented, and we respectfully took our leave of him; this we did as believing the journey would have been hard to him and his horse.

In visiting the meetings in those parts we were measurably baptized into a feeling of the state of the Society, and in bowedness of spirit went to the Yearly Meeting at Newport, where we met with John Storer from England, Elizabeth Shipley, Ann Gaunt, Hannah Foster, and Mercy Redman, from our parts, all ministers of the gospel, of whose company I was glad. Understanding that a large number of slaves had been imported from Africa into that town, and were then on sale by a member of our Society, my appetite failed, and I grew outwardly weak, and had a feeling of the condition of Habakkuk, as thus expressed: "When I heard, my belly trembled, my lips quivered, I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble." I had many cogitations, and was sorely distressed. I was desirous that Friends might petition the Legislature to use their endeavours to discourage the future importation of slaves, for I saw that this trade was a great evil, and tended to multiply troubles, and to bring distresses on the people for whose welfare my heart was deeply concerned. But I perceived several difficulties in regard to petitioning, and such was the



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exercise of my mind that I thought of endeavouring to get an opportunity to speak a few words in the House of Assembly then sitting in town.

This exercise came upon me in the afternoon on the second day of the Yearly Meeting, and on going to bed I got no sleep till my mind was wholly resigned thereto. In the morning I inquired of a Friend how long the Assembly was likely to continue sitting, who told me it was expected to be prorogued that day or the next. As I was desirous to attend the business of the meeting, and perceived the Assembly was likely to separate before the business was over, after considerable exercise, humbly seeking to the Lord for instruction, my mind settled to attend on the business of the meeting; on the last day of which I had prepared a short essay of a petition to be presented to the Legislature, if way opened. And being informed that there were some appointed by that Yearly Meeting to speak with those in authority on cases relating to the Society, I opened my mind to several of them, and showed them the essay I had made, and afterwards I opened the case in the meeting for business, in substance as follows: —

I have been under a concern for some time on account of the great number of slaves which are imported into this colony. I am aware that it is a tender point to speak to, but apprehend I am not clear in the sight of Heaven without doing so. I have prepared an essay of a petition to be presented to the Legislature, if way open; and what I have to propose to this meeting is that some Friends may be named to withdraw and look over it, and report whether they believe it suitable to be read in the meeting. If they should think well of reading it, it will remain for the meeting to consider whether to take any further notice of it, as a meeting, or not.

After a short conference some Friends went out, and, looking over it, expressed their willingness to have it read, which being done, many expressed their unity with the proposal, and some signified that to have the subjects of the petition enlarged upon, and signed out of meeting by such as were free, would be more suitable than to do it there. Though I expected at first that if it was done it would be in that way, yet such was the exercise of my mind that to move it in the hearing of Friends when assembled appeared to me as a duty, for my heart yearned towards the inhabitants of these parts, believing that by this trade there had been an increase of inquietude amongst them, and way had been made for the spreading of a spirit opposite to that meekness and humility which is a sure resting-place for the soul; and that the continuance of this trade would not only render their healing more difficult, but would increase their malady.

Having proceeded thus far, I felt easy to leave the essay amongst Friends, for them to proceed in it as they believed best. And now an exercise revived in my mind in relation to lotteries, which were common in those parts. I had mentioned the subject in a former sitting of this meeting, when arguments were used



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in favour of Friends being held excused who were only concerned in such lotteries as were agreeable to law. And now, on moving it again, it was opposed as before; but the hearts of some solid Friends appeared to be united to discourage the practice amongst their members, and the matter was zealously handled by some on both sides. In this debate it appeared very clear to me that the spirit of lotteries was a spirit of selfishness, which tended to confuse and darken the understanding, and that pleading for it in our meetings, which were set apart for the Lord's work, was not right. In the heat of zeal, I made reply to what an ancient Friend said, and when I sat down I saw that my words were not enough seasoned with charity. After this I spoke no more on the subject. At length a minute was made, a copy of which was to be sent to their several Quarterly Meetings, inciting Friends to labour to discourage the practice amongst all professing with us.

Some time after this minute was made I remained uneasy with the manner of my speaking to the ancient Friend, and could not see my way clear to conceal my uneasiness, though I was concerned that I might say nothing to weaken the cause in which I had laboured. After some close exercise and hearty repentance for not having attended closely to the safe guide, I stood up, and, reciting the passage, acquainted Friends that though I durst not go from what I had said as to the matter, yet I was uneasy with the manner of my speaking, believing milder language would have been better. As this was uttered in some degree of creaturely abasement after a warm debate, it appeared to have a good savour amongst us.

The Yearly Meeting being now over, there yet remained on my mind a secret though heavy exercise, in regard to some leading active members about Newport, who were in the practice of keeping slaves. This I mentioned to two ancient Friends who came out of the country, and proposed to them, if way opened, to have some conversation with those members. One of them and I, having consulted one of the most noted elders who had slaves, he, in a respectful manner, encouraged me to proceed to clear myself of what lay upon me. Near the beginning of the Yearly Meeting, I had had a private conference with this said elder and his wife concerning their slaves, so that the way seemed clear to me to advise with him about the manner of proceeding.

I told him I was free to have a conference with them all together in a private house; or, if he thought they would take it unkind to be asked to come together, and to be spoken with in the hearing of one another, I was free to spend some time amongst them, and to visit them all in their own houses. He expressed his liking to the first proposal, not doubting their willingness to come together; and, as I proposed a visit to only ministers, elders, and overseers, he named some others whom he desired might also be present. A careful messenger being wanted to acquaint them in a proper manner, he offered to go to all their houses, to open the matter to them, – and did so. About the eighth hour the next morning we met in the meeting-house



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chamber, the last-mentioned country Friend, my companion, and John Storer being with us. After a short time of retirement, I acquainted them with the steps I had taken in procuring that meeting, and opened the concern I was under, and we then proceeded to a free conference upon the subject. My exercise was heavy, and I was deeply bowed in spirit before the Lord, who was pleased to favour with the seasoning virtue of truth, which wrought a tenderness amongst us; and the subject was mutually handled in a calm and peaceable spirit. At length, feeling my mind released from the burden which I had been under, I took my leave of them in a good degree of satisfaction; and by the tenderness they manifested in regard to the practice, and the concern several of them expressed in relation to the manner of disposing of their negroes after their decease, I believed that a good exercise was spreading amongst them: and I am humbly thankful to God, who supported my mind and preserved me in a good degree of resignation through these trials.

Thou who sometimes travellest in the work of the ministry, and art made very welcome by thy friends, seest many tokens of their satisfaction in having thee for their guest. It is good for thee to dwell deep, that thou mayest feel and understand the spirits of people. If we believe truth points towards a conference on some subjects in a private way, it is needful for us to take heed that their kindness, their freedom and affability, do not hinder us from the Lord's work. I have experienced that, in the midst of kindness and smooth conduct, to speak close and home to them who entertain us, on points that relate to outward interest, is hard labour. Sometimes, when I have felt truth lead towards it, I have found myself disqualified by a superficial friendship; and as the sense thereof hath abased me and my cries have been to the Lord, so I have been humbled and made content to appear weak, or as a fool for His sake; and thus a door hath been opened to enter upon it. To attempt to do the Lord's work in our own way, and to speak of that which is the burden of the Word in a way easy to the natural part, doth not reach the bottom of the disorder. To see the failings of our friends, and think hard of them, without opening that which we ought to open, and still carry a face of friendship, tends to undermine the foundation of true unity. The office of a minister of Christ is weighty, and they who now go forth as watchmen have need to be steadily on their guard against the snares of prosperity and an outside friendship.

After the Yearly Meeting we were at meetings at Newtown, Cushnet, Long Plain, Rochester, and Dartmouth. From thence we sailed for Nantucket, in company with Ann Gaunt, Mercy Redman, and several other Friends. The wind being slack we only reached Tarpawling Cove the first day; where, going on shore, we found room in a public-house, and beds for a few of us, — the rest slept on the floor. We went on board again about break of day, and though the wind was small, we were favoured to come within about four miles of Nantucket; and then about ten of us got into our boat and rowed to the harbour before dark; a large boat went



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off and brought in the rest of the passengers about midnight. The next day but one was their Yearly Meeting, which held four days, the last of which was their Monthly Meeting for business. We had a labourious time amongst them; our minds were closely exercised, and I believe it was a time of great searching of heart. The longer I was on the island the more I became sensible that there was a considerable number of valuable Friends there, though an evil spirit, tending to strife, had been at work amongst them. I was cautious of making any visits except as my mind was particularly drawn to them; and in that way we had some sittings in Friends' houses, where the heavenly wing was at times spread over us, to our mutual comfort. My beloved companion had very acceptable service on this island.

When meeting was over, we all agreed to sail the next day if the weather was suitable and we were well; and being called up the latter part of the night, about fifty of us went on board a vessel; but, the wind changing, the seamen thought best to stay in the harbour till it altered, so we returned on shore. Feeling clear as to any further visits, I spent my time in my chamber, chiefly alone; and after some hours, my heart being filled with the spirit of supplication, my prayers and tears were poured out before my Heavenly Father for His help and instruction in the manifold difficulties which attended me in life. While I was waiting upon the Lord, there came a messenger from the women Friends who lodged at another house, desiring to confer with us about appointing a meeting, which to me appeared weighty, as we had been at so many before; but after a short conference, and advising with some elderly Friends, a meeting was appointed, in which the Friend who first moved it, and who had been much shut up before, was largely opened in the love of the gospel. The next morning about break of day going again on board the vessel, we reached Falmouth on the Main before night, where our horses being brought, we proceeded towards Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. Being two days in going to Nantucket, and having been there once before, I observed many shoals in their bay, which make sailing more dangerous, especially in stormy nights; also, that a great shoal which encloses their harbour prevents the entrance of sloops except when the tide is up. Waiting without for the rising of the tide is sometimes hazardous in storms, and by waiting within they sometimes miss a fair wind. I took notice that there was on that small island a great number of inhabitants, and the soil not very fertile, the timber being so gone that for vessels, fences, and firewood, they depend chiefly on buying from the Main, for the cost whereof, with most of their other expenses, they depend principally upon the whale fishery.¹⁰

I also encouraged the young women to continue their neat, decent way of attending themselves on the affairs of the house; showing, as the way opened, that where people were truly humble, used themselves to business, and were content with a plain way of life, they had ever had more true peace and calmness of mind than they who, aspiring to greatness and outward show, have grasped hard for an income to support themselves therein. And



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as I observed they had so few or no slaves, I had to encourage them to be content without them, making mention of the numerous troubles and vexations which frequently attended the minds of the people who depend on slaves to do their labour.

We attended the Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich, in company with Ann Gaunt and Mercy Redman, which was preceded by a Monthly Meeting, and in the whole held three days. We were in various ways exercised amongst them, in gospel love, according to the several gifts bestowed on us, and were at times overshadowed with the virtue of truth, to the comfort of the sincere and stirring up of the negligent. Here we parted with Ann and Mercy, and went to Rhode Island, taking one meeting in our way, which was a satisfactory time. Reaching Newport the evening before their Quarterly Meeting, we attended it, and after that had a meeting with our young people, separated from those of other societies. We went through much labour in this town; and now, in taking leave of it, though I felt close inward exercise to the last, I found inward peace, and was in some degree comforted in a belief that a good number remain in that place who retain a sense of truth, and that there are some young people attentive to the voice of the Heavenly Shepherd. The last meeting, in which Friends from the several parts of the quarter came together, was a select meeting, and through the renewed manifestation of the Father's love the hearts of the sincere were united together.¹¹ From Newport we went to Greenwich, Shanticut, and Warwick, and were helped to labour amongst Friends in the love of our gracious Redeemer. Afterwards, accompanied by our friend John Casey from Newport, we rode through Connecticut to Oblong, visited the meetings in those parts, and thence proceeded to the Quarterly Meeting at Ryewoods. Through the gracious extendings of divine help, we had some seasoning opportunities in those places. We also visited Friends at New York and Flushing, and thence to Rahway. Here our roads parting, I took leave of my beloved companion and true yokemate Samuel Eastburn, and reached home the 10th of Eighth Month, where I found my family well. For the favours and protection of the Lord, both inward and outward, extended to me in this journey, my heart is humbled in grateful acknowledgments, and I find renewed desires to dwell and walk

10. I considered that as towns grew larger, and lands near navigable waters were more cleared, it would require more labour to get timber and wood. I understood that the whales, being much hunted and sometimes wounded and not killed, grow more shy and difficult to come at. I considered that the formation of the earth, the seas, the islands, bays, and rivers, the motions of the winds and great waters, which cause bars and shoals in particular places, were all the works of Him who is perfect wisdom and goodness; and as people attend to His heavenly instruction, and put their trust in Him, He provides for them in all parts where he gives them a being; and as in this visit to these people I felt a strong desire for their firm establishment on the sure foundation, besides what was said more publicly, I was concerned to speak with the women Friends in their Monthly Meeting of business, many being present, and in the fresh spring of pure love to open before them the advantage, both inwardly and outwardly, of attending singly to the pure guidance of the Holy Spirit, and therein to educate their children in true humility and the disuse of all superfluities. I reminded them of the difficulties their husbands and sons were frequently exposed to at sea, and that the more plain and simple their way of living was the less need there would be of running great hazards to support them.

11. The poverty of spirit and inward weakness, with which I was much tried the fore part of this journey, has of late appeared to me a dispensation of kindness. Appointing meetings never appeared more weighty to me, and I was led into a deep search whether in all things my mind was resigned to the will of God; often querying with myself what should be the cause of such inward poverty, and greatly desiring that no secret reserve in my heart might hinder my access to the divine fountain. In these humbling times I was made watchful, and excited to attend to the secret movings of the heavenly principle in my mind, which prepared the way to some duties, that, in more easy and prosperous times as to the outward, I believe I should have been in danger of omitting.



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1781

30 1 day of 12 M 1781 (December 30, Sunday, 1781): [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was born as a birthright Friend, the 1st son of Friend James Gould and Friend Hannah Wanton Gould. He would write on his 25th birthday:

*30 3 day of 12 M 1806 / With the day compleats the 25 year of
my Age¹²*

James, his father, seems to have followed the tailor's trade in part due to being quite lame. His shop was near the Parade, which is the present-day Washington Square of [Newport](#). Hannah, his mother, was a daughter of Stephen Wanton and had grown up in one of the grand families of Rhode Island, a family that had obtained at least part of its fortune by investment in the [international slave trade](#). He would grow up in the [Quaker](#) community near the Point on [Aquidneck Island](#), and get married with Friend Hannah Rodman, daughter of Friend Clark Rodman and Friend Abigail Rodman, in 1808, and this couple would produce two offspring, Caleb who would die in infancy and John Stanton Gould who would get married with Mary Ashby and settle in Hudson, New York.

12. Friend Stephen crafted the books he used for his journals, himself, by taking plain paper and stitching it together down the middle, and then folding the papers over on the stitch line. All entries from his journal in the Kouroo Contexture were prepared by Rosalind Cobb Wiggins. "Posie," as she was called, earned an MA in Black Studies in Education following a 25-year career as a portrait and ecclesiastical sculptor. After teaching at Washtenaw Community College in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and at [Moses Brown](#) School in Providence, Rhode Island, she retired to work as the curator of the New England Yearly Meeting Archives, archives which are now kept at the Rhode Island Historical Society on Hope Street in Providence, Rhode Island. Since then she published works about Friends and African Americans in 18th- and 19th-Century New England. Her article "Paul and Stephen, Unlikely Friends" appeared in [Quaker History](#), Volume 90 Number 1, for Spring 2001.



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This is the only known image of Friend Stephen:



Friend Stephen is the Gould who wrote the very extensive spiritual diary, now in the Rare Book collections of Cornell University along with the original of the above image:

#2557 Stephen Wanton Gould

Diary #10

May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812

Contains entries of:

Birth of Stephen's son Caleb — May 24, 1809

Death of Caleb — August 30, 1810

Birth of Stephen's son John Stanton — March 14, 1812

Death of Stephen's father James Gould, January 21, 1812

The cover is handmade of a double sheet of heavy paper, hand-stitched along the side:

“ No 1^o ~ from 1st of 5m^o 1809 to 30th of 6m^o 1812 ~ ”

There is in the Cornell collection also a curious tiny one which reads, in its entirety, as follows:

12 mo 19 1826 Edward Almy came to our house to board. / Moses Lopez says he came to Newport in the year 1767. & was 20 years old when he arrived. & landed on Romes's wharf, now the Shipyard owned by the family of Gibbs. He is now, this year 1827 — 80 years of age — He now lives in NYork & visited Newport 6 mo 1827



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1795

August 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would later describe a more-than-seven-year apprenticeship.¹³

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

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13. What was this apprenticeship? Clearly, it was not the apprenticeship to learn watch repair, as that came only after this one had been fulfilled.



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1802



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

25th of 10th M 1803 At six Oclock this evening Elisha Thornton appointed a Meeting at our Meeting House for the Inhabitants of the Town, which has been attended by a very large concorsse of people I think it nearly as large as at the Yearly Meeting time. The power of Truth I apprehended was greatly in dominion. & it seemed to me to be as evidently felt among the people as at any similar opportunity that ever I attended. He stood a long time declaring the truth to the people with life and power & concluded in a most heavenly prayer Many of the common people that attended expressed great satisfaction at the Meeting. One woman a strong Presbyterian said, while sitting in the Meeting or while Elisha was preaching she was ready to say as a Sister of hers did after reading Job Scots Journal "I am a friend"



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

26 of 10 Mt 1803 Oh dear heart says me? .. There are certain trials which I meet with, which are so trying that I hardly know



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what to do, or which way to turn. If it was the will of my Heavenly Father to take me to himself I am sometimes ready to think that I should be willing to resign up my life unto him who gave it, but desire to be enabled to suffer all things patiently, & to conduct thro' time in such manner as to insure the blessing of peace here & happiness hereafter –

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

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

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

29th of 10th M 1803 Much after the old sort, sinning and repenting. Sorrowful it is that not a day passes but on serious retrospect I find errors meet for repentance _____¹⁴

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

5th day, 3 of 11 Mt 1803 At Meeting Elizabeth Coggeshall was concerned to arise & sweetly commemorate her first appearance in the Ministry which she said was in that House & that very room (meaning the little meeting house, in which we were sitting) I well remember the time, it was in the afternoon of a first day that Joseph Cloud a friend from S Carolina attended Meeting and spoke very largely. Elizabeth intimated in her testimony that she had to believe it was necessary for her to mention her excercise in those times for the encouragement of some she apprehended that were present that had long been called upon to walk in a line different from what they had been accostomed to & encouraged them to surrender, if it was even at the eleventh hour — she intimated that as it was the will & pleasure of the Almighty to call out one hand-maid in the work & service of the Ministry into an other part of the World who was made willing to spend & be spent for the

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



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good of Souls, (meaning Abigail Robinson) & she herself being about to leave us) Yet she believed the Lord Almighty was about to rise among us & said some of the Youth would be raised up to the work & service of the Ministry (if faithful) She addressed the youth very feelingly —It was a very memorable time with me which is hardly likely will soon be forgotten —



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

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



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

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

Thoughts

Charity hath many excellent qualifications. It suffereth & endureth revilings patiently, is good to the poor but above all it loveth every body

*Many misconstrue the meaning of Charity they think it consists mearly in benevolence to the poor, in vailing the faults of others & concluding there is but little for them to do with their neighbors — but let us remember the Apostolic meaning of Charity which is Love & if we cultivate it properly we shall find it will often lead us, not only to vail or cover the faults of others, but to go to them & reprove them as occasion may require either in public or private [**]*

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



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



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

25th of 11th Mt 1803 / M Meeting

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

Anne Greene was concerned to mention the passage of Jacobs wrestling the God & desired that tho we might seem to wrestle in the night season & I find hard work to overcome the enemy — yet desires we might not be discouraged, but to hold out to the end & not let the beloved of souls go, untill the day had dawned & fully broke upon us, she said much more which I cannot recollect but am favored with the savor of it in my mind, & have no doubt but it was all spoken in the life & in good season — In the last meeting things went on pretty well — A weighty appointment was confered upon me which I feel exceedingly unfit to act in, it was for nothing less than to treat with a young man who had so far deviated from our well known principals & the most excellent & strict injunction of our Saviour — as to give his attendace at a company of Militia — All I can say is that I am very poor & concious of my incompetency for such a trust but



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*hope to be favored not dishonor the cause myself, but to speak
with him in true Charity & Christian Meekness*



December 5, Monday: João Rodrigues de Sá, visconde de Anadia replaced Luís Pinto de Sousa Coutinho, visconde de Balsemão as Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

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

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

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

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



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December 8, Thursday: Elbondocani, a singspiel by Johann Rudolf Zumsteeg to words of Haug, was performed for the initial time, in Stuttgart.

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

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



December 13, Tuesday: Les sabots et le cerisier, an opéra by François-Joseph Gossec to words of Sedaine and Cazotte, was performed for the initial time, in Paris.

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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



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



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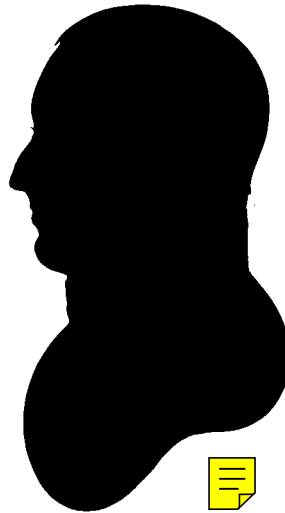
23 of 12 m 1803 / Much discouragement is my lot of late, the lukewarmness & indifference of divers of my Brethren has affected my mind

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



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

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



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

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

30th of 12 M 1803 / This day brings me 22 years of Age & instead of being a day of rejoicing, as some make it at this time, it is quite otherways, for I feel nothing but Poverty in purse & Spirit weakness langor & inability which is the result of unfaithfulness in divers duties which I ought to perform. It is also M Meeting week. I went to [Portsmouth](#) over night & lodged at Cousin L Chases; and the next day went to Meeting which was to me a pretty solid time. John Chase of [Swanzey](#) was there & bore testimony among us & affectionately addressed the Youth, —we set til quite late in the last Meeting, but were favored to keep very patient — And Ah Allass for me I was much tried with an apprehension that it was my Duty to have spoken to



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business more than once, but fearing the people as Saul did, like him now feel the effect of disobedience, "to withhold more than meet tends to poverty" also to exceed the line of our mission tends to poverty & and to do exactly right, it is requisite to dwell deep in the Spirit. Therefore as I said it is not a time of rejoicing, but rather a time of heaviness & trembling. I at this time feel more than I am able to express in words or writing, May the Great God who I wish to Serve be with me & give me of his good Spirit, that By & thro' him I may be enabled to serve him with acceptance & gloryyfy his name on earth, that when I am to quit this tabernacle of Clay my account may be rendered with joy & not the horror of a Misspent life [a line blacked out]

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1804



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

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

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

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

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



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opportunity is yet lengthened out. I desire to proffit by those
relfections myself therefore I write them that I may remember
them in times when life may be low. And to take a view on the
other hand of those who have been faithful & run their course
well, How comfotable do we find them in their closing days,
looking back on the time past without remorse, & indued
[embued?] with streangth to say to those about them "follow me
as I have Christ tho I have passed thro" [???]is disappointments
& trials of various kinds, yet they were all permitted for my
refinement to profit & bring me to the much desired haven of
peace & rest. Here is encoragement to press forward in humility
of heart, in those things allotted by the Master for our portion
on earth, tho' ever so counter to the will of the creature yet
being consistent with the will of the Creator our reward is
Sure¹⁵



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

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

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

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

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

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

*Second day 16th of 1 M 1804 / At meeting Yesterday I was dry &
barren, but the fault was my own, for had I kept to what was
upon me in the morning it would not have been so.
I have been led into serious reflections & secret sympathy with
a Young woman of my acquaintance, who seems to be in poor health,
while sitting in the room with her she looked Sober & rather
dejected. The Approach of Death how Awful when the Blooming
Youth find their former Vigor & animation decreasing, & they on*

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*a sick bed gradually drawing to the Silent Grave to be seen of
Men no more, then there is nothing will Yeald to us the healing
balm but an evidence of the Lords Arm to be with us & underneath
our affliction, & a conciousness of having been faithful to bear
the Cross of a Crucified Saviour*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

3rd of 2nd M 1804 / Poor in purse and Spirit, I know not what



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

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

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

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



February 17, Friday: Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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& sharper than any two edged Sword, shall effectually sever between flesh & spirit.

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

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

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

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March 14, Wednesday: As a pledge to the regicides (those who had voted to execute Louis XVI), [Napoléon](#) engineered the kidnapping of a Bourbon, the Duc d'Enghien, in Baden.

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

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

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March 19, Monday: The Portuguese regent Dom João signed an agreement with France that his country would remain neutral in any conflict between Great Britain and France.

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

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

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

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

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

RACE SLAVERY

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



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drunkenness, fullness of bread & abundance of Idleness while the poor afflicted Slaves are suffering for the want of the absolute necessities of life. But it is a matter so very extensive that almost every imported Article that we eat or drink is raised by the labor of Slaves & the generality of friends so very easy about the use and traffic of those things that I see little encouragement from any quarter to take up the cross in that respect. And what is still more of a block in the way is I am so situated in life as to make it extremely inconvenient. So believe I must wait and & see what my feelings will be upon the occasion

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

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

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

I have written thus much as it has occurred to me sentence by sentence having but little prospect when I begun, further then



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to insert my feelings at Meeting.

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

Now to return & add a little further to my own particular I may say that from a child I was singularly fond of the company of elderly friends & took much life in sitting with them hearing



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them converse in matter [in] which they were experienced & often gained much information & solid instruction therefrom. I now feel renewed [cup?] of thankfulness for my many favors in this way, believing that they have kept me from much unprofitable company, into which youth are drawn thro' inattention to that divine inward principal which is made manifest to us even in very young years. May this which has been mercifully vouchsafed in my childhood be extended thro' the succeeding days of my pilgrimage. My spirit often bows in reverent humility before the Almighty God for the discovery of his will, thus far & also have abourdant [?] cause to humble myself with my mouth in the dust at my frequent rejections of his holy calls. May my spirit be more & more engaged in faithfully performing what he will please to have me do.

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

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



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the inward Guide. —



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

24 of 3 M 1804 / What encouragement can I feel to write? Sure it can not be from any progress which I have made in the Cross, though it seems at this time as if my spirit is hovered over by divine goodness which melts my Soul into secret supplication to the God of my life begging him to continue the extendings of his merciful visitations to me an unworthy mortal. — It seems as tho' my heart has been enlarged in several days with the overflowings of divine Love, which is an encoragement to press forward towards the Mark and high calling; & afford [to] believe that I am not yet wholly [whooly] left to the buffittings of Satan, yet I believe he is often permitted to try me very much, tho' not beyond what I have streangth to bear, for [it] never is any one. & if we submit [to] his temptations our destructions will be ourselves. My poverty [&] leaness is sometimes great so that [I] am brought to ask, "What shall I do to be saved?" I am sensible what is required of me to renounce [brackets indicate words left out because of photo process] & submit to the divine disposal, tho' the spirit is willing, yet the flesh is weak & shudders at the Cross. —

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

*26 [sic] of 3 M 1804 / First Day / On the whole, dull meetings, tho' some life was witnessed.
In the evening called to see Obediah Williams J Earls family &*



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was a few minutes at Clark Rodmans by going to see my friend [Hannah Rodman, who he will marry] I think I have many times been Comforted Strengthened & instructed, & if we enter into but little conversation yet as we sit quietly not giving way to light airy talk which is to[o] prevelant with Young friends, we shall know a deepening in Wisdom, & be a help to one another in spirit & example—

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

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

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

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

*29 of 3 M 1804 fifth day morning — I am now going to attend the Mo. Meeting which is held in town it feels to me to be an important time having felt a degree of solem aire[?] in my mind on account of this Meeting as there are several important subjects to come before us. Under a sense of my weakness I desire to be favored with divine life in the publick & private Meetings that I may perform my duty in every respect. & also be favored not to be officiously meddling in the affairs of the Church wherby [?ary] wounds their groth on religious service & bring dishonor upon our precious profession —
Measurably has my desires been [gr?]anted in the above particulars, for I [am?] rarely more favored than in the first*



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meeting. Holder Almy appeared in testimony to my instruction. Hannah [De]nnis also spoke a few words, but so low as scarcely to be heard, in the meeting for business I was also favored to [ob]tain the savor of what I had felt [] the first. & keep on the right [gr]ound tho' I was unfaithful in not one case that was before us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WASHINGTON, March 28.
Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed for that purpose, made on Monday the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table.

REPORT
Of the committee appointed to prepare Articles of Impeachment against Samuel Chase, one of the associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT.
Articles exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States, in the name of themselves and of all the people of the United States, against Samuel Chase, one of the associate justices of the supreme court of the United States, in maintenance and support of their impeachment against him, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Article I. That, unmindful of the solemn duties of his office, and contrary to the sacred obligations by which he stood bound to discharge them "faithfully and impartially, and without respect to persons," the said Samuel Chase, on the trial of John Fries, charged with treason, before the circuit court of the United States held, for the district of Pennsylvania, in the city of Philadelphia, during the months of April and May, one thousand eight hundred, whereat the said Samuel Chase presided, did, in his judicial capacity, conduct himself in a manner highly arbitrary, oppressive, and unjust; viz:—

In delivering an opinion in writing, on the

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

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



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

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

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



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

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



April 9, Monday: In an attempt to regain his health and begin to do without opium, [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) sailed for the island of Malta in the Mediterranean. He would become an undersecretary to Sir Alexander Ball, British High Commissioner of Malta, and would fill that position for 17 months.

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



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2 day 9th of 4th M 1804/ Last seventh day crossed the ferry on busines & staid over night at Joseph Greene's & in the morning went to meeting. it was a time of struggling to me, but at last life rose & it ended to my satisfaction — dined at Cousin Greenes & spent the forepart of the afternoon in interesting conversation with Cousin Anna then came over the ferry & spent the remainder of the evening at Earls I hope to some proffit of Mind. _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

About nine o'clock fifth day 12 of 4 M 1804 The aforementioned friends were detained yesterday by the inclemency of the weather & high wind —But this morning about 6 OClock attempted to get there before meeting — How they will fare I know not the winds



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continues a head but as they went away early in a stiff vessel for Wickford am in hopes they may reach the meeting house by meeting time.

I have attended our meeting at home & which was rather small yet to me it afforded a measure of life, tho' I had had struggles between flesh & spirit, life or death & am at a loss to say which gained the Mastery

Oh Lord God Almighty I beseech thee to do away all Sin in me, renew stronger desires & more willingness to resign my beloved lusts as to the Moles & Bats, & follow after the meek & crucified Saviour—

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

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

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

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

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

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




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 April 16, Monday: Hostilities begin between Jeshwant Rao Holkar of Indore and the East [India](#) Company.

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

2nd day Morn 16th of 4th M 1804/ Yesterday attended Meetings, the forepart of the Morning was pretty good, but in the Afternoon, it seemed as if I could get hold of nothing that was lively — it seemed to be the most barren meeting I have been in for sometime— In the evening I went to Job Shermans & spent the time very agreeably in company with himself & wife Mary Sherman, David Rodman & Isaac Austin —

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

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

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

My concern is also for my own faithfulness in these respects may it so increase as to Stimulate me at all times to do my duty & bear the Yoke in my Youth This day in the forenoon a melancholy



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accident has happened, three men on a fishing party were drowned near the Dumplins at the mouth of the Harbor, so instead of the fish becoming their food they probably will become the food of the Fish I understood there were four persons on board (the other a boy who was saved by means of an oar which he held to until assistance was afforded from an neighboring boat in the same persuit Isaac Currey one of the persons drowned was formerly a School Mate of Mine. The names of the other two were Daniel Goddard Isaac Sherman Strangers to me —thus in a few moments these poor thhins were Summoned to an endless Eternity, without time to arrange their Accounts to present before the Awful righteous Judge of All. May it quicken us who are left to watchfulness that we may be in readiness, come when or as it May.—

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

	Wm	John	Isaac	James	Samuel
Red	5 7				
Penny	5 7				
Moses 3	4 5				
Sucky 6	3 1/2 4				
Nedj	5 1/2 7				
Peter Hem	5 1/2 7				
Philip	5 1/2 7			1	
Rachael	5 7				
Eliza 5	3 1/2 4 1/2				
Ellen 8	2 3/4 3 1/2				
Sally	5 7				1
Harriet 1	4 1/2 5 1/2			1	
Madison 5	3 1/2 4 1/2				1
Eston 8	2 3/4 3 1/2				1
Samuel	5 1/2 7				1

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

PATRIOTS' DAY

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

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



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

19 of 4 M 1804 / I've often seen that to argue with those who are possessed with a disposition to oppose whether right or wrong, & determination not to adhere to any thing that is advanced counter to their opinion, is altogether vain and ineffectual the best way that I am acquainted with is to let our words (to such) be few savoring of divine life which may do much

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Life Among the Lowly.

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MADISON HEMINGS.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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*I desire to be preserved in charity towards all sincere people,
let their religious profession be what it may. if we serve one
Lord & Master sincerely accounting to the best of our knowledge
tho' we may not see eye to eye in matters of form, yet if they
are so far redeemed as to place no dependence on them as being
essential to Salvation. I beleive the Almighty will look with a
tender eye on their imperfections
The above mentioned sermon he could not find, but presented me
with his Anser to Tom Pain's Age of Reason*

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

*26 of 4 M 1804 / I am just going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the M
Meeting in company with my beloved Cousin Anne Greene ———
After a long meeting of five hours we rode to Cousin Alice Goulds
& dined in the evening we rode home
I could say a considerable respecting this agreeable visit with
Cousin Anne; but believe it best only to insert that her
conversation as we rode together was weighty & deep, concerning
our religious growth I was much edified therewith especially at
what passed between us in riding home ———*

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

*4th of 5th M 1804/ A Number of days has passed away & my journal
thro' weakness & leaness has been laid aside
I dont recollect when my mind has been more reduced with
barraness, & want of spiritual life than for several days past.
But feeling at present a little affected & my mind humbled under
a sense of my infirmity, am willing to say my desires are that
the Omnipotent arm of the Almighty may be more & more extended
around my feeble mind & my endeavors strengthened to keep within
its holy limits, & by that means merit a continuance of the
heavenly visitations upon my soul which is often very poor &
needy
I am sometimes ready to fear that my poverty is not of the same
kind that some have to pass through who have considerably
advanced in religious experience & have to suffer it for a tryal
of their faith & patience, or are dipt into it in feeling the
low state of others in religion ———
But mine is the result of unfaithfulness, or a want of inward
watchfulness to mind the light within which is gravously
manifested & much neglected. a lack lack [sic] of these things
frequently makes me feel for days together as an empty vessel.
My desires are strongly at this time that I may go into the deeps
again & again untill I bring up Stones of lasting Memorial to*



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the honor of my great creator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 day 10 of 5 M 1804/ I have just returned from Meeting where thro' tender Mercy I have favor'd with the precious life, & am



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*favor'd to bring a degree of sweetness of it home with me —Hannah
Dennis appeard in supplication, for the first time, tho' short
yet very sweet —*

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

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

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

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

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

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

*2 day Morning 21 of 5th M 1804 / Yesterday attended Meetings &
experienced refreshment of mind for which I desire to bow down*



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*in humble thankfulness, that I may merit a continuance of
divine love
But Oh my mind is is very deeply [underlined] tried with an
hidden affliction & I must bear it at present on secret,
[underline] tho' if it is ever to be known to the world how much
more keen will it be. It is nothing relative to myself but it
is what my soul craves may be removed from a beloved individual,
may it work together for good and terminate in such a manner as
to work for the Glory of the Most High –
After Meeting took tea with David Williams & from there went
with D. Rodman to Jon(a) Dennis's & spent the evening –*

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

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

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May 26, Saturday: The Principality of Lübeck was placed in personal union with Oldenburg.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 day afternoon 5 of 6 M 1804 / The business of the day nearly concluded, & feeling my mind at this time drawn to insert a few lines, that when the Years of Age & pain shall come upon me, I may know, or be enabled to remember, how my youthful days have



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been spent.

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

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

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

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

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

5 day before Meeting 7th of 6 M 1804 / I am now going to Meeting & I hope to be favor'd with a season of improvement. Arnold Buffum Son of Wm Buffum of [Smithfield](#) & Rebecca Gould daughter of John Gould of Middletown will Solomnize their Marriage

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

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

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

8th of 6th M 1804/ Much engaged in outward business through the day, & the all important business of our lives has been but little attended to. The spring of life has been low, but may it rise again & quicken my spirit to vigilance & a deep concern to



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labor for that substance which endureth forever, that so the end of my creation may be answered which is all things to Glorify the Creator -

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

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

An account of the Yearly Meeting which commenced at [Portsmouth](#) for Ministers and Elders on seventh day the 9th of 6th Mo 1804 & at [Newport](#) & [Portsmouth](#) on first day the 10 of said M for Publick Worship - The following sketch is as I wrote it in a letter to my friend Thos Anthony of North [Providence](#) I now attempt under much inconvenience to give thee some account of our Meeting Yesterday which was first day. It was large, & favored with the overflowings of divine love, shed-abroad among the Inhabitants of this highly favored town who have long been resisting the many lines & precepts which they have received from faithful Gospel Ministers, & the Great Ministers of the Sanctuary, who hath not been wanting to replenish our hearts with the everlasting day-spring from his Throne on High: but I may tell thee that at this meeting unusual impressions were observed in the countenances of many. & there is some reason to hope that they may prove lasting to some Minds -The testimonies in the Morning were as follows A few words by Sarah House, a living prayer by Amos Davis, a short but lively testimony by E. [Elisha?] Thornton, & a very extensive & powerful one by Nathan Hunt - In the Afternoon Eliz Coggeshall & Ann Alexander very livingly, then Nathan Hunt, then a prayer by a woman in the little Meeting house, which I could not hear so as to distinguish the words, nor do I know who she was, then John Winslow thought it best for him to set his seal to what had been said, so the Meeting concluded with a few words by N Hunt - These meetings were remarkably still, except one man in the afternoon was taken in a fit in the Upper Gallery, and a woman fainted away. Getting the man from so inconvenient place made more stir than could be wished, but upon the whole it was a very favored time, the people were very civil, & much satisfied with Nathan & Ann, but E. Coggeshall delivered a pretty close message to those who were running after heirling priests, which did not please their palates as they would wish - [It seems as though these were open to the public]

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



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

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

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

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

They unanimously reported "that altho' they sympathized with their brethren & sisters in those Quarters on account of the distance they have to travel, yet it was their sense & Judgement that a removal was not expedient at this time.

This afternoon at the time adjourned to last night Viz 3 OClock friends met & had a short setting of about an hour & a quarter, the chief business we did was the reading of the Minutes of the



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Meeting for Sufferings - continuing the same friends to constitute a meeting for the year insueing. & the Minutes which the Clerk made out of the Meeting respecting the certificates of publick friends were also read and approved.

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

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

Indeed my dear friend it was - a time in which many of our hearts were deeply and powerfully affected with the operation of truth, & I much desire for all present & particularly for myself, that we may be preserved in a profitable remembrance of it - from thy friend Stephen Gould

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOMESTICK.

Of Domestick affairs, there is nothing of importance to relate. We have, however, made a few miscellaneous selections of minor import.—The American prisoners at Tripoli, suffer much from their Turkish masters. The last accounts state 10 to have deceased in two days!—Capt. Lewis, who had been sent by the President of the United States, to explore the territory of Louisiana, was at Pittsburg, on the 5th May last, on his return to the City of Washington, accompanied by twenty Indian Chiefs.—Two British vessels of war, it is said, are cruising off the harbour of New-York, watching for two French frigates, expected to sail from that port; in one of which, it is expected, *Jerome Bonaparte* and Lady, will embark for France.—It is remarked, that there was a frost, on the 16th May, at Dover, N. H. May, this year, has been warmer than in the last. It rained ten times, during that month at Salem—at New-London, six times.—Plaster of Paris, by experiment, has been found very useful to potatoes; a table spoonful to a hill is sufficient.—The farmers in Oneida County, N. Y. will sustain great loss by their fields of grain being winter-killed, and the Hessian fly has made such ravages that whole fields have been ploughed and planted over again.—A medical well, of great repute, has been discovered near Lexington, Kentucky.—In a late Charleston paper, are advertised for sale, 367 Congo, 357 Angola, and 481 Windward Coast Negroes, lately arrived there.—A cabinet maker's shop, was de-

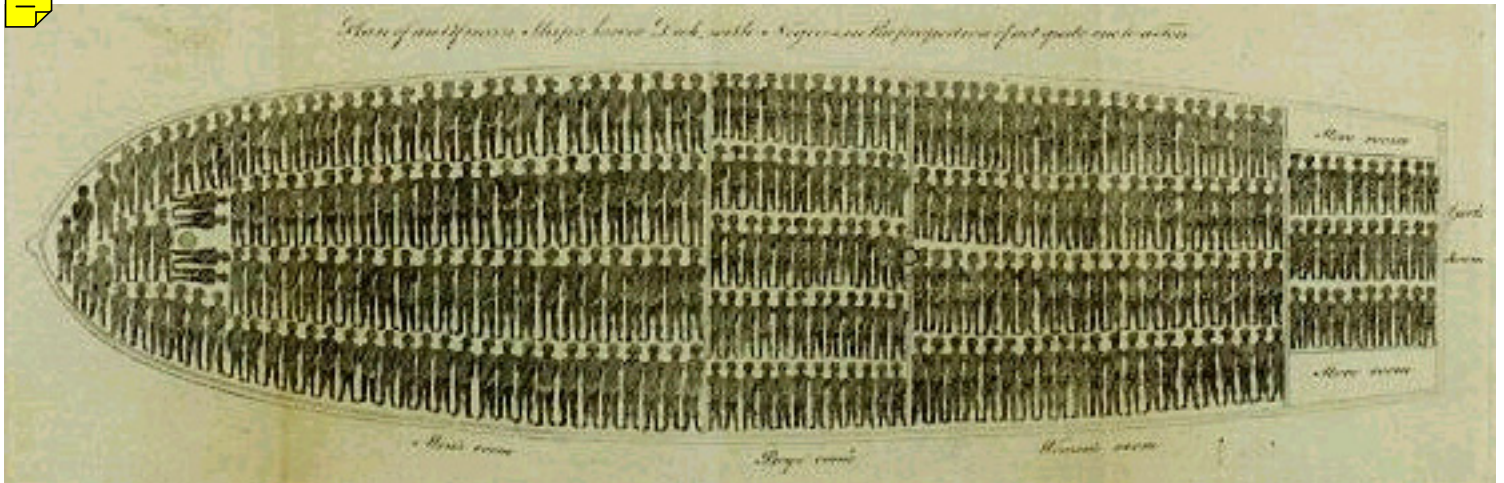
INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

READ ALFIERI'S TEXT

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

*5th day 21 of 6 M 1804/ Preparative Meetg
In the first (which was solid & weighty) George Churchman (a worthy Elder from the westward) was concerned to express a few words, desiring that our Meetings might be more lively, & that in order to it, we might prepare our Minds by watchfulness before we came. Then more of the primitive Locals [By "primitive Locals" might he be speaking of the local citizens of color who evidently had come to an open meeting in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) two days earlier? This Friend George Churchman from the westward was presumably the New York surveyor who was born December 29, 1764 and would die on March 14, 1837.] would be manifest among us & our meetings would not be covered with that death which they now are - he said he believed it was time for us to be more diligent in the search of ourselves, & expressed a prospect that truth would again revive among us as a people, equal to the time of our predecessors - Hannah Dennis spoke a few words of Scripture -At the close of the Meeting George expressed a desire that when the Meetings had separated & finished their business, we might again unite, as he was concerned to set with the members of the preparative Meeting. - which was done, & solid opportunity it was.*

After some time of Silence he arose & observed that he wished not to go into many words, knowing that they would not do the works, but since he had took his seat the last time, several things had took place in his mind. The first he mentioned was that this place (R. Island) was where the Ark of the testimony was deposited (meaning where the Y Meeting was held) & that it was necessary for us to keep ourselves clean from the pollutions of the World, that it might be a blessing to us. With much more good & wholsom counsel which I cannot recollect well enough to



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pen with much correctness –

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

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

Returned from Meeting & a very sweet refreshing time it was we had three good testimonies in the first meeting. Holder Almy was concerned for himself & all present that we might center down deep in the spirit of our minds & perform acceptable Worship unto the Lord -

Ruth Davis then spoke to a state that she apprehended was present Whom the Lord was about to lay his hand heavily upon for Sin & admonished them to cease to do Evil & learn to do well -

Obadiah Davis was then concerned to address the Youth in a sweet & moving Manner - directing us to the Wonderful counselor the everlasting father & prince of peace, in all our movements in life. He observed that by properly adverting to him we should be able to make strait steps & not be liable to err. With much more good & wholsom advice which I humbly hope may prove lasting with me

The business in the last was transacted in love & condescension-

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

27 of 6 M 1804 / I am allmost at a loss to know whether my mind is in an improving state or not - From the loads of discouragement which attends me I am ready to say Alas Alas I certainly loose ground - There has been no encouragement for me to write any account of our last first day Meeting but may now say my mind was shut out from religious impressions, except at some intervals divine goodness was felt.

It is a time now in which there is great needs for me to be particularly upon the Watch Tower, lest Satan by his cunning intreagues little by little over throw me in the small measure of advancement which I have made. After we have made some little progress in things of a religious nature, we are apt to settle on our Lees [dregs] of ease & become cool & careless about them, taking but little or no heed to keep our feet upon the sure & immutable foundation, we begin to grow selfsufficient & think within ourselves, that we have attained to a sufficient degree of religions, without striving any further, having been favord to over come some of our grossest errors, & have now become



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considered as religious men & respectable in society making a plan [plain] appearance among men with an outward shew of Sanctity.— But Alas I find that this alone will never do - there must be a digin deep, the inward Watch & inward search must be kept up & all things which are offensive in the divine Sight must be guarded against, & every false thing that may creep into the Mind must be searched out by the candle of the Lord.—there is no stand in religion, there must be continual pressing forward, & that in humility - It is not in our own time or strength that we can obtain the least degree of favor from the Almighty, but in the Silence of all flesh we must wait to feel the revivals of it in the mind; & as we wait thus, tho' we may sometimes feel much reduced & cast down, & as it were remain forty days in the Wilderness tempted by Satan, yet as we patiently endure the conflict thurning ass much as in us lays to the holy Protector, we shall be enabled in the end to say, as he did who hath trod the path before us "Get they behind me Satan

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 June 29, Sunday: The name of the Théâtre de l'Opéra was changed to the Académie Impériale de Musique.

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

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

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

3d of 7th M 1804 / When I view some who have known a considerable advancement in religion, & see that they are persuing the World with increasing avidity I conclude they are not in that humble state of watchfulness which they once enjoyed, but having run well for a time have now become more hardened and callous to those tender feelings to which they were once suseptible, in those days wherein the heavenly dew [dew] fell plentifully & refreshed their Spirits - But now having seen the wedge of Gold & goodly Babylonish garment they have fill a lusting, & become so captivated therewith, that the Lords Army cannot proceed, there is something in the way, they feel the loss of that soulsustaining bread, which in times



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*passed, they craved above all other things.
But leanness is now their portion, their Vision is not clear, but
a cloud remains between them & that which in times past they
desired to see hear & taste above all other things.——
For these my spirit has been touched with mental prayer,&
breathed desires for my own preservation also, that I may be
more & more redeem'd from the World the potent enemy of the soul*
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July 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5th of 7th M 1804 / Help Lord for the godly man ceathen,
[ceaseth] for the faithful fall from among the children of men
-Is a petition of David's [Buffum?] with which my mind has been
affected through most of our Meet'g today. Impressed with a
belief that some who were once in a good degree of a Godly spirit
& endeavoring faithfully & sincerely to obtain the Mark & prize
of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, above all things -
are now become sorrowfully warped aside from this most noble
persuit, & are cleaving to the things of this transitory world
with allmost full purpose of heart. - Yet I believe there are
times in which they feel conviction, & a want of what they once
were in possession of. They cannot now feel the Lord the
Everlasting God to be their Sword and Shield in every conflict
with the enemy, but their minds are easily captivated by him
[the enemy] & sorrowfully surrounded by his fascinating bates.-
truly afflicting must this state be. I can set my seal to it
from experience, for I have found when my mind has been suffered
to get off the Watch, that satan is very buisy to divert it into
a state of supiness & ease, here is a dangerous spot & can be
got over by no other means than rising at break of day
[underlined] & embracing with double care, every ray of light
that we may be favord with & maintaining a strict care to Obey
in humility all things which it may discover to our minds.-*

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July 10, Tuesday: Forces of Holkar of [Indore](#) attacked the main body of British troops at the Mukandwara Pass (in present Rajasthan). The British repulsed repeated cavalry charges. With the monsoon beginning today, the British fell back to Kota.

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

*10th of 7th M 1804 / The weather is so oppressingly hot that I
feel but little streangth to work - And as I set in my Shop,
feel freedom to write a little. Tho' I hardly know what to say
except at this moment it occurs that last first day evening after
barran Meetings, I wa[l]ked very pleasantly in company with my*



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dear young companions Isaac & Daniel Austin, to Jonathon Dennises, & took tea with him & his wife & Abigail Sherman, & spent about two hours in their company in enjoyment of more life than I had the whole day before.

They are indeed at present very sweet friends, & are endeavoring to live holy Lives, there example is such as is worthy of imitation by us who are young & coming forth in the World. May it be my constant care to live a life of Watchfulness that I may be enabled to give to those around me an example equal to theirs. — & in the end close my days with Peace.

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

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

12th of 7th M fifth of the week / Attended Meeting. Our dearly beloved friend Abigail Robinson was with us, being the first since her return from her visit to friends in the Southern States, her beloved Sister Mary Morton & her husband who are come on a visit to their parents from Philadelphia also attended. The Meeting was silent except a passage of Scripture was expressed by Abigail Sherman. "Seek first the Kingdom of heaven & the righteousness thereof & all things necessary shall be added unto us." which I believe was very applicable to the state of some present who are young in years & much tried in their minds with doubts & fears how they shall get along in the World.—

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holkar of [Indore](#) attacked retreating British and [Indian](#) forces trying to cross water in their retreat from Kota. An all-day battle ensued.

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

24 of 7 Mo 1804 / Last first day [Sunday] the 22d of the M our dear friend Nathan Hun appointed the afternoon Meeting at 5 O'clock, that the inhabitation of the Town might have an opportunity to whom a general invitation was given; I believe it was a time wherein the cause of truth gained ground among the people present. He was favor'd to declare the Truth for the space of an hour & a quarter in a very living & powerful manner. — many people were much wrought upon by its powerful efficacy in their Minds, being tendered and contrited. It was a tune which I hope may never be erased from the minds of any that were there. — Joshua Bradly a [Baptist](#) Minister, being informed of the Meeting, he said, he would come & at the conclusion of his own gave his hearers information of ours, & requested them to come as he wished too, & should hold no evening meeting on that Account --He accordingly attended, sat very attentively the whole time, & when the meeting broke up, went in the high seat where Nathan was, took him by the hand, & said he had gained the hearts of many that evening & thought he might by staying longer in the Town do much good, for you see says he the solemnity there is in this Meeting. I have a Meeting house which is at your service, my doors are open to you at any time. he asked him where he lodged & said he must see him again that evening. whether he went on or not I dont know, but the next Morning called on him & gave him litters to his friends in Connecticut to open the way for him to have meetings among them where Nathan was going — Nathan went over the ferry on second day morning in company Sam Rodman Rowland Hazard & David Williams. — At the aforesaid Meeting the English French & Spanish Consuls were present, & many people of note in the Town — I have not heard of any that were dissatisfied but of many that confessed themselves highly gratified at the opportunity & I hope many of the prejudices which were held against friends will be removed — I must acknowledge for myself, tho' I have attended many great & Momentous meetings, yet never did I attend one that I felt the importance of so much as this. & to my great thankfulness I am given to believe that it begun & ended well to the Glory of God

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

Timothy Minott [of [Concord](#)], son of Timothy Minott, teacher of the grammar-school, was born April 8, 1726, and graduated [at

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[Harvard College](#)] in 1747. He was a physician in [Concord](#), where he died, July 25, 1804, aged 78.¹⁶

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



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

25th of 7th M 1804 / Deeply affected with desires for my own

16. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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*lasting preservation & increase in the best things
Oh may the Almighty God who is ever willing to preserve me from
the pollutions of the World, still continue to keep me & difuse
His blessed spirit more and more in my Soul*

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

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

I think the business was transacted with unusual solemnity & weight

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

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

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

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

30 of 7 mo 1804 Yesterday which was first day I took Chaise with my friend Isaac Austin & rode to [Portsmouth](#). I took breakfast



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at John Borden's & Isaac staid at his Uncle [Preserved Fishs](#) where we left the Chaise after breakfast we walked to Howlands ferry & crossed over to [Tiverton](#), where I went to Meeting & Isaac went to Little Compton – Now while I was riding on the Island a Living concern arose in my mind, to mind my own proper business, & when I arrived at [Tiverton](#) I had it to remember as I met with such a season, as I never experienced before, about which I believe it best to insert but little except that never was my mind so humbly bowed under my exercise as under this. which I am inclind to think will not soon be erased from my memory – I went from the ferry to the Meeting house, & as it was not Meeting time I went in & viewed it as I was never there before here my exercise befell me which was so great that when I got up to Thos Barkers I was not able to converse freely with them, every word was painful, after going to Thos Barkers & sitting a little while before meeting we returned & held meeting & had a pretty good time I took dinner at Thos Barkers & staid till three oclock then came over the ferry, took tea at J Bordens & then Isaac & I rode pleasantly home, & I was favord to feel an evidence in my mind that my visit was a good one, & performed in the right time.

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

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

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

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

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

4 of 8 m 1804 My mind has been deeply exercised at times for a long time, about some matters, which are very trying to me. Things of the world should be duly attended to such as providing a subsistence for ourselves & families, for the Scripture saith he that will not provide for his family is worse than an Infidel. But an over reaching disposition for worldly gain will most assuredly root out the purity of religion. My Spirit has often been bowed down within me, at prserving [perceiving] some of my beloved acquaintance, whom I have loved almost as the Apple of my Eye, & whom I am well assured have been well affected & known the humbling efficacy of the power of Truth - chaining themselves down to things which are but little good here & none hereafter, but grasping them, forgetting the Almighty God who provideth for his humble depending children a suffucient wealth here, to carry up thro' time to our comfort & his Honor. But also giveth them abilities to lay up treasure in Heaven when the Moth nor rust of this World can never corrupt, which is a treasure worth spending our time streangth to obtain -But a mind forgetting God & burying (burying) their talents as in the earth; is not only in danger of intailing grievous perplexity & trouble on himself in this world, but also in the World to come. Oh saith all that is alive & quick within me, at this time, may be careful to labor dilligently with my hands, to acquire a competency for myself & something to impart to the poor, & for every favor be thankful. Tho the stream of wealth is but small at present, Yet I have faith givin me to believe, at this time, that He who provides for the Sparrows & clothes the lilleys, will not leave me to beg my bread, if my whole dependance be (united with Utmost industry) is placed on him alone, whose just due is a portion of our time set apart from the worlds concerns, for the worship & praise of his NAME.

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

7 of 8 M 1804 What of poverty inwardly & outwardly, my mind has been reduced very low this day. Oh Lord God Almighty my heart is ingaged to call on the that by the assistance of thy holy Arm of power I may be raised a little above what I now am. Great & manifold are thy blessings Oh Father & I desire to be thankful for all that I receive, be pleased to preserve me in this disposition that when I exercise them, my mind may not be exalted above measure, & when I am proved with



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*poverty either from within or without I may not repine but
receive it as in Mercy from Thee.*

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

*8 of 8 Mo / This afternoon if the weather permits I propose to
walk to [Portsmouth](#) and attend our Quarterly Meeting tomorrow &
think I may say, my desires are that it may prove a season of
proffit -
Accordingly I have been to [Portsmouth](#) lodged at Le Chases & in
the Morning walk to the Meeting house, where I saw some of my
intimate friends from the neighboring Mo Meeting & in particular
my valued friend Thos Howland & correspondent Thos Anthony. - The
first meeting was favored, tho we set a considerable time before
the way opened for communication Holden Almy was first in
testimony the next Mary Mitchell - short sweet and lively. Then
Abigail Robinson spoke very lengthy & excellently. here I
thought the Meeting was well left, but a friend rose & in my
opinion hurt the weight of the Meeting, tho what she said was
short. - so the Meeting concluded having set two Hours.
Business in the last laboured in some instances very much, yet
we got thro pretty well by keeping in the patience
Abigail Robinson & Lydia Wikes [Wilkes?] returned the
certificate which they took from us in the 8th Mt last to perform
a religious visit to friends in the Southern States, and gave
some account of the deep trials & Baptisms which they met with
in the corse of their Journey which had a very great affect upon
the Meeting*

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

*1st day 11 [sic] of 8 M 1804 / In the morning before Meeting I
felt a gegree [degree] of favor & was ready to anticipate a
season of refreshment, yet when I got there theo'
unwatchfullnss, fell into a lean barren state, & so remained the
most of the sitting - As I write my mind is alarm'd & aroused,
with a sensation, something like this "Consider & help me Oh
Lord. lighten my eyes 1st I sleep the sleep (sic) of
Death" Sometimes I greatly fear that I shall sleep on & finally
die as to religious life, or Sense. I desire not to write any
[smudged] thing of my self worse than really is, nor do I wish
to err on the other hand, but I may add that was it not for some
seasons of divine favor, I should be really discouraged from
trying to Hold [smudged] out any longer in resisting the
tempter in his wiles and stratigems, which he very often
presents to my mind. They are of such a nature, as to be hard
to distinguish whether they be light or darkness, as he is*



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sometimes permitted to appear in the form of an angel of light, & when he assails me in this form, he is the most dangerous – Nothing will discover him or unveil his cunning, but an application to the Urim Thumim or pure standard of truth, placed in in (sic) the hearts of all, & if recurred to I have no manner of doubt, but it will direct us aright in all things & will enable us to discover desceptionss of all kinds – here the Children of Israel were to blame (smudged) for not consulting the Urim Thumim which they had with them when the Gibeonites [sic] deceived them with their old close [clothes?] and mouldy bread, it would have discovered them to be imposters so will the Truth now adays discover all deceptions, however Great they may be.

In the afternoon I thought I felt a liberty to go to cousin Alice Goulds & visit her and the family in their Affliction of which I was glad, being ready to believe that their affliction will work for renfinement [sic], Poor Wm has been delarious for more than 12 Months, & is in a very distressed condition, he manifests the most retched state of mind of any body that I have seen for a long time.— The mind of Man how frail how weak

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

16 of 8 M 1804 / Attended our week day Meeting & was streanghtened with renew'd feelings of divine favor. Altho' in some part of it, life was low, Yet by turning to the light & keeping under its animating influence it arose to the rejoycing of my spirit, to find that I was once more favored to feel it after a season of poverty.

Mary Mitchell spoke a short testimony chiefly addressed to the Youth & heads of families, which was very sweet & salutary It is my lot at this time to be dipt into several weighty Matters

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

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

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



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

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August 25, Saturday: Exhausted and famished British and [Indian](#) troops reached Kushalgarh and found supplies.

Alice Meynell became the first woman jockey.

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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them is not the obstacle there are others of quite a different nature, which opperate as a discouragement –

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August 30, Thursday: After a 2-month retreat from the forces of Holkar of Indore, the remaining few hundred of the 10,000 British and [Indian](#) troops reached safety in Agra.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 day 1 of 9 M 1804/ I hardly know for what I am filling up paper, tho it seems sometimes as if thins occurs that may be profitable for me to keep in remembrance. Not expecting that my writing will be perused by any but myself, therefore if it should ever so happen that it should, & they meet with some things which may expose my simplicity, It may be rememeber'd it was written for my own purpose to adjust my memory to other diverse reasons, already mentioned some months past — This morning several of my particular & endeared friends have called to see me of which I was glad, & with one of them had a considerable religious conversation upon a passage of scripture,



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which he does not understand, as it was by our primitive Friends, & tho we did not view the subject alike, yet we conversed in friendship, & I can say that my spirit felt severely humbled thro' the corse of the conversation.

This afternoon am going to Narragansett on business where I expect to stay tomorrow, which is first day-

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

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

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

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

3rd day 4th of 9th M 1804 / Am thankful, this morning to find my mind touched with a degree of divine life, under which I feel my spirit humbled, having of late had to ramble much on Barran Mountains.

There is nothing will bring our minds into the deeps equal to



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*affliction, some of which I have reacently passed thro', tho'
hid from human eyes*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 day 10 of 9 M 1804 / On looking over the Meeting this Morning, & observing the many careless unconcerned countenances which were in it [crossed out] I was led to reflect on the many Dwarfs there are in the Camps of Israel in these days & felt as if my harp was entirely unstrung, & was ready to conclude that the Ark could no longer be reputably supported in this land & to me it was an affecting consideration, especially when I considered my own unworthyness & allmost entire incapacity to do any thing for



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its support –

The Afternoon was rather a roving time. - Took tea at Sam'l Thurston. in the evening made several short visits. & in one of them I was sensible of sustaining some life from joining in more conversation than was proffitable to any of us

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

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

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

*4 day 12 of 9 M 1804 / By turning the eye of the mind inward was favor'd to feel life & Streangth to arise, beyond what I have experienced for some time
In this frame I went to see my beloved young friend (section crossed out) Daniel Austin (who is sick of fever) & while sitting by him it arose to a still greater height & my mind was bowed in deep humility & thankfulness for the favor of the Master's presence, once more kindly vouchsafed to me an unworthy creature.*

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

*6 day 14 of 9 M 1804 / This morning from several worldly & religious concerns my mind has become exceedingly exercised. - I feel all the weaknesses of human nature, while the declention of others present to my views, & forcibly feel that I am as likely to fall & bring reproach upon my profession as any one. Yet it is my great desire to be preserved under the Holy influence of Truth. When I consider what some of my beloved acquaintances have been & what they now are & that the fear is. they are likely to be still worse. My mind is brought into fear & Trembling & awful concern on my own Account.
Oh thou whom I desire to serve above all, draw nigh I intreat thee & support me, now in this renewed Exercise which presents to my view. Oh Lord enable me to stand firm in thy Power & suffer me not to turn to the right hand nor to the left in serving thee but with a willing heart yeald to all services which thou may*



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require at my hand.—

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

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

As we were returning a fresh affliction was presented of which my words are wholly incometent to describe. It was the sudden removal out of Time of our dearly beloved & faithful Pillar in our Society John Hadiven I saw him but little before I left home, & when I heard of his decease I was so affected that it seem'd as if I should fall down in the street

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

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

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September 15, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

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

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September 16, Sunday: Joseph-Louis Gay-Lussac made a balloon ascent to 7,016 meters over Paris (this record would stand for more than 50 years and his measurements would help establish the science of meteorology).

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

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

after the Meeting ended the Corps was carried to the Grave in the burying place near the Meeting House, where after a solemn pause it was interrred in the presence of weeping friends & relatives, who doubtless felt their irrepaeable loss. —

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

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

My very Soul bows within me at this time, in remembering the



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

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

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

5 day 20 of 9th M 1804 / Our Meeting this day was small, especially on our side the house, tho' the women mustered pretty largely. And I trust the circulation of divine Life was felt among us, to the humiliation of some of our Mind. for my part I was deeply affected on account of the low state of Society, I was led into a degree of sympathy with those who have to bear the burden in the heat of the day, every where.

In the last which was preparative Meeting, there was renewed cause of exercise on account of the very low state of society part was from the queries as they observed that there was frequent neglect in some of attending our week day Meeting – at which my mind became touched with sorrow, & I thought it was right for me to stand up & make some remarks upon the Subject, but weakness or rather unfaithfulness prevented And Two of our Members were complain'd of by the overseers, & sent forward to the M Meeting ————— I know not how soon I may become a subject of offense & dealing. But crave at this time that thro' all my weaknesses & tryals to be preserved from being a reproach to that cause which is precious



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

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

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

Yellow fever broke out in Livorno.

The 12th Amendment established a new and more appropriate procedure for voting by electors for president and vice-president. Each elector had been casting two ballots for president, with the candidate obtaining the highest number of votes (assuming that candidate received a simple majority of more than half of the total votes) becoming president, and with the second highest vote-getter becoming vice-president. In case of ties, as had happened in 1800, an election decision had to be made in the House of Representatives. When [Thomas Jefferson](#) and Aaron Burr, running as a ticket for the republicans, tied in electoral votes, the lame duck congress had to cast 36 ballots before it determined to award the presidential office to Jefferson, and the decision reached was owing mostly to the rules about voting by state in the House of Representatives. Because the fear among republicans was that the federalists were going to appoint the senate president pro tem while calling for a new election, or award the presidential office to Burr, when the republicans took over the Congress they passed the 12th Amendment to require electors to vote for a president and a vice president simultaneously and separately, in order to prevent a repeat of one of the last acts of the “reign of witches” — as Jefferson termed the Adams administration.

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

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

My mind has been humbled under those reflection, & been brought to consider how many there are, who have been tenderly visited & revisited & at time been ready to say with David "If I forget thee O Jerusalem let my right hand forget her cunning, if I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer(?) not Jerusalem leave(?) my chief joy" But now Alas find themselves sitting by the Rivers of Babylon; unable to sing the Lord's Song, being in a strange land, often remembering with sorrowful & fearful acusations the days when they were encircled



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round about by the Walls of the Lion. Through weakness unable to trace back the steps which they have taken from that city whose Walls are Salvation & whose Gates are praise; being sorrowfully captivated with the fascinating fictions of the Mock City of Babylon, with whose Merchandize many who have been highly favored of the Lord are now become drunken. - And have great need to turn unto him who will, on the grounds of obedience, graciously assist us, again to make straight steps & finally become inheritors of his most desirable City.

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

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

4 day 26 of 9th M 1804 / It is at present a very low time with me having had to feel my own weakenss & poor state in inward & outward circumstances; both are trying, & have been so ever since the expiration of my Apprenticeship -
The many deficiencies which appear among us in this Town, in religious concerns, has of late, often bowed my spirit, & raised desires that I might press forward thro' all the difficulties & discouragements that may attend me, & become firmly fixed on that rock which is never to be shaken.-

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

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




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The business went on but heavily, tho' considering all things friends were favord to keep in the patience pretty well.-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*6 day 5 of 10 M 1804 / Since the last date it has been with me a very low time, both in body & mind, having been so unwell as not to be able to do any work, & a part of the time confined to the House
My mind is this morning deeply affected & bowed in humble thankfulness before the Lord under a sense of his goodness & merciful loving kindness to me a poor unworthy mortal
If I should be proved with firther & deeper tryals than I have already been, which are from within & without I crave the help of him who is Mighty and able to help, as they have been Almost as much as I can bear from complications of circumstances.
Oh Lord God Almighty be pleased to draw near & invest my spirit*



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*with thy power that therreby I may be quallified for such service
as thou may see meet to appoint for me to perform
And O Father thou knowest for whom my heart is engaged at this
time, be pleased to lay thy hand upon them that they may be drawn
by thy Cords and constrained to walk in thy paths & come into
thy Vineyard, & become fruit bearing branches*

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

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

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

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

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

*3 day 9 of 10 M 1804 / The day has passed with but little
injoyment of the true Life; yet I feel at this time the arising
of it in my mind.- In several days past I have been very dry &
lean. which when I come to reflect upon, is very alarming to
find that I am on the barran Mountains & desolate Hills, where
no nourishment is to be found. -
Well may I learn wisdom from this state, & be aroused to a more
diligent state of Watchfulness & propper weighting upon the Lord
who is the Sorce of Life Wisdom & Streangth -
Several of our Friends have this day gone for [Providence](#) to
attend the Quarterly Meeting. I should have been Glad to have
been in their company had my health & other circumstances
permitted.*

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

*3 day 11 of 10 M 1804 / Attended Meeting which was small, but
very precious to me ———
In the evening I called at Obadiah Williams's where were several*



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of my endeared acquaintances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stephen Gould [Newport](#)
R Island

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

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

He has just gone from my shop, & I have been enabled to impart my feelings & advice to him on the occasion, to my great comfort



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

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October 26, Friday: Lucca closed its border with Livorno due to the yellow fever epidemic.

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

6 day 26 of 10 M 1804 / Last forth day evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#), to attend the M Meeting, Lodged at cousin L Chase in the morning after breakfast walked up & spent a little time with Cousin Shadrack and wife, – from there went to Meeting. The first was a pretty quiet one tho' I did not enjoy it as fully as at some other times, being rather unsettled in mind. – Sarah Fish spoke a few words towards the close of it. In the last Meeting, business was transacted pretty well Took dinner at Cousin L Chase's & from there went to Cousin Alice Goulds & took tea, then came home & called to see Obediah Williams who is very ill with Disentary.

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

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

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

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

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

Warrant

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

[seal]

To the town sergeant or either of the constables in the County of Newport

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

Was duly notified to appear at the Company's parade, in said Newport on the 19th day of Sept 1804 with such arms & Equipments as the Acts of Congress & of the Honble General Assembly of the aforesaid State are required. – And Where as Contrary to the Law in this Case made and provided the said Stephen did not appear at said time & place, & hath therefore forfeited the Sum of \$1.50 Cents to the use Directed by Law. – all which will appear by the List of Delinquents, & Warrant of the Captain returned to the undersigned Justice of the peace for the Town of Newport afforesaid, Dated the 29th day of Sept. 1804. Therefore in the Name of the said State you are hereby Commanded forwith of the Goods & Chattels of the Said Stephen Gould within your precinct



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to Levy by Distress & sale shall thereof, the sum of \$1.50 Cents with 25 Cents for this Writ & also Your Lawful Fees for the Services hereof. & for Want of such Goods and Chattels you are required to take the Boody of the said Stephen Gould & him safely Commit to the Goal in said Newport, where the keeper thereof shall safely keep him till he pay the sums afforesaid, with Legal Fees & costs, or shall be otherwise Discharged by Law Hereof Fail not: but True return make of your Doings thereon, to the undesigned Justice of the peace within Twenty Days from the Date hereof.

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

Rob't Taylor Justice of the Peace

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

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

31 of 10 M 1804 / Last evening my dear Mother arrived here from NYork where she has been on a visit to her Sister & Friends. - My mind has of late been deeply affected on Several accounts & in times of cogitation, these lines from an old peace which I have met with, of the wrighting of Ann Schoolfield has passed thro' my mind to my Instruction & comfort

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

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

7 day 3 of 11 M 1804 / Since the last date my mind has been allmost dead to religious engagement, except that I have been favored to write a letter to my brother James, in which I believe



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I was uncommonly quallified, & am thankful for it, greatly desiring it may have good effect. -

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

2 day 5 of 11 M 1804 / Last seventh day towards evening I found an inclination to go to [Portsmouth](#), intending to be at their meeting on first day -

After I had filled [crossed out] myself began to walk on, & when I had walked about half a mile, began to feel fatigued & discouraged about the undertaking, & looked back & saw two market Carts. & had thoughts of applying to one of them to help me on my journey, but when they came up I felt sensible that they would not be willing. - & was ready to turn back, but on observing two chaises behind me, concluded to keep on untill they came up. finding the first was full, I thought within myself, "I'll trust with a gegree [degree?] of faith & perhaps I shall get along, so when the other came up found it had but one person, who readily took me up & carried me within a Mile & an half of where I wished to go" -

This I mention that I may see ways are sometimes cast up for us when no way appears, & when prospects are dull & gloomy we are provided for to our admiration. - & there is no doubt, if we are careful to dwell on holy Ground the kind hand of the Almighty will be with us both in spiritual & temporal concerns. - may dependance be ever placed on this Spot -

The next day I went to Meeting in which my mind was much afflict'd on taking a view of the people present, to see & feel the dull stupor which prevailed almost over the whole of us. - the State of Society was quite moving to my mind, to see so few Standard bearers, & so few who are likely to come forward to succeed or join with the present had an effect which moved all that was alive in me, with desires that thro' faithfulness I might contribute a little to the present drooping state of society. - After meeting my feelings were much more [?arached] as I found the [smudge] stopt to treat with a Young man who had paid his Militia fine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

My mind has bee seriously concerned for some days, on account of the Inhabitance of our Town, especially those who are in low circumstances. a cold & prehaps [sic] hard Winter is now approaching, & there is but very little Wood to be sold, & what there is, is so very dear, as to render it impossible for them to procure a sufficiency to keep them comfortable, & what is greatly to be fear'd is that it is not likely to be any better. perhaps what has led me into this sympathy, is that I am something in their condition, & there is nothing can bring us to realise things like experience

I view it as a very great calamity & no doubt is designed to to bring us nearer to the true & living faith. Indeed it has been a remarkable time, this Year throughout the whole continent, what of pestilence, Severe Storms, Drough &c, all of which the kind hand of the Almighty has evidently been in. — I am ready to conclude that it is time for us to be up & doing for ourselves. —

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November 13, Tuesday: British and [Indian](#) troops defeated Holkar of Indore at Deeg.

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

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

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

5 day, 15 of 11 M 1804 / From a variety of circumstances my mind has (this morning) become much exercised, & may Oh may it have as proffitable, as it is humbling tendency — In the first place it seems as if the Lords judgements are abroad in the Earth, especially on the Inhabitantce of [Newport](#), & it is the poorer classes of people that are likely to feel it the most forcibly — There is at present not a stick of wood to be sold in town. — I heard yesterday that there was some sold at the rate of \$10 Dollars P Cord, a number of people are nearly quite out, & a cold tedious Winter is fast approaching; & what will be our fate the Lord with his all seeing eye only knows. May He with his Almighty power arise for our help, & spare his Judgements for this time, altho we are very unworthy of his protection. The next matter which has nearly affected my mind is, the time of great stumbling that it is, among some who stand foremost in the rank, as well as many of less conspicuous stations in our Society. Oh! that I may be preserved in true & living faith: that faith which worketh by love to the purifying of the heart. I am now going to meeting with desires to perform acceptable worship thro' the assistance of the holy Spirit. — Afternoon. — The abovementioned desires were measurably granted, the meeting was small owing to its being very stormy, there was but three women & but few men yet it was a quiet solid time. — I have this Afternoon read over some part of my journal, with which my mind has been sensibly affected; and renewedly



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confirm'd in the belief that it is right for me to continue in the practice of it, as way opens.

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

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

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

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

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

3 day 20 of 11 M 1804 / Oh! the deep & proving seasons which I have to pass thro', it seems as if faith & patience on every hand were tried as to an hairs breadth, yet I am sensible that others have far greater & deeper Baptisms than mine & have to thank the Father & fountain of every sure Mercy for his tender dealings, under a firm & indubitable belief that all our suffereings are permitted for the refinement of our Souls, that they may be prepared for another & far better world where sorrow is never known nor anxious cares perplex. Whether I am ever to walk in a more easy path than I do at present



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I cannot tell, but if my afflictions do but work for the far more exceeding & eternal weight of Glory, I hope to be content, & suffer with cheerfulness what ever may be cast up for me, hard as it may be for flesh & blood to bear –

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

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

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

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

5 day 22 of 11 M 1804 / Our Meeting to day was much disturbed by a drunken Man who came in soon after the Meeting & gathered took his seat young womens quarter which discomposed them & the whole Meeting, by coughing & speaking so loud as to be heard over the whole house, yet to me it was a time of quiet, & I was refreshed & comforted – In the preparative Meeting Richard Mitchell Obadiah Williams & Jonathon Dennis were proposed as overseers, & the account sent to the M Meeting. In my shop this evening one of the most remarkable opportunities that perhaps ever has taken place in the whole corse of my experience, was between a dearly beloved young friend of mine & myself – As we were talking on many things, I was led to express myself in a degree of Zeal to a considerable length. – When the conversation ended we were both evidently under good impressions, & took our seats & centered down into an awful stillness of mind in which I felt desirous that all which I might do for the promotion of the cause of truth may be to the Honor & Glory of God alone, & that I might not vaunt anything of my own when I have been favored to speak to the convincement of any mind. – The power of the Lord God Almighty had wrought so powerfully between us that he kneeled in supplication to the Almighty in much brokenness of spirit, craving our preservation, & that we might be strengthened to run the row that is set before us with acceptance. – It was such a time that I desire may never



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be forgotten by him nor me –

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



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

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

The old people of his neighborhood give a very delightful picture of Franklin at this early age. They describe him as a beautiful boy, with blue eyes, light curling hair, and a sweet



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expression of face. The traits presented of him indicate moral symmetry, kindness, and a delicate texture of sentiment, rather than marked prominences of character. His instructors testify to his propriety of conduct, his fellow-pupils to his sweetness of disposition and cordial sympathy. One of the latter, being older than most of his companions, and less advanced in his studies, found it difficult to keep up with his class; and he remembers how perseveringly, while the other boys were at play, Franklin spent the noon recess, for many weeks together, in aiding him in his lessons. These attributes, proper to a generous and affectionate nature, have remained with him through life. Lending their color to his deportment, and softening his manners, they are, perhaps, even now, the characteristics by which most of those who casually meet him would be inclined to identify the man. But there are other qualities, not then developed, but which have subsequently attained a firm and manly growth, and are recognized as his leading traits among those who really know him. Franklin Pierce's development, indeed, has always been the reverse of premature; the boy did not show the germ of all that was in the man, nor, perhaps, did the young man adequately foreshow the mature one.

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

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

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

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

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

1 day of 25 of 11 M 1804 / Our meetings were both silent, but to my mind good solid opportunities. Took tea at Sam Thurstons & spent part of the evening in Company with our friends David Buffum

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

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

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

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

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

3 day 27 of 11 M / This morning I rose considerable time before day. - & on rising was very instructingly presented to the view of my mind, that of the Apostles going before day to visit the Sepulcre of my Saviour, & of his being risin before they had arived. - Accompanied with desires that my spirit might Seek



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after him untill he may be found whom I have long faintly sought after. & altho he may be risin & I not able to find him till after a long search, yet he will appear in the right time, & occasion [cause] our hearts to Burn within us, as he did the hearts of those he talked with on the road - Those reflections were imprinted on my mind with the seal of instruccion this morning while it was yet dark -.

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

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

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

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



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I staid overnight & the next day came home seventh day

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the last meeting business went on rather dull, there was as many as 7 or 8 young people either disowned or under dealings, which often caused these words to pass my mind "There is hardly living enough to bury the dead" I know not what we are coming to, it seems as if my hands are ready to hang down with fear, knowing my own deficiency & short comings, my little capacity to contribute for the rebuilding of Lions Walls, & to see so



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many unconcerned ones among us, hath often occasioned this passage of Scripture to pass my mind with feeling "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" indeed there is no way but by the Mighty power of Jacob's Gods who, we may assuredly trust, will (on the grounds of our obedience) arise for our help, & the advancement of his Borders.

Sollomon Boye's of Portland & Eunice Willbor of this place received their Answer of clearness to proceed in Marriage engagement & the being so far from home at this inclement season of the Year, A Meeting was appointed to the usual hour. -Seventh day for them to consummate their Marriage. -

After meeting I travelled on foot with J Austin to Richard Mitchells facing an high wind, in & wet snow & mud sometimes half a leg deep, & took dinner.

The winds being so high & the travelling so bad that I really think I should have been sick, if D Buffum had not kindly offer'd us a ride home in his carriage which we accepted, & for which I desire to retain a sense of thankfulness, having had abundant cause to rejoice that I took pains to get to the Meeting. -

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

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

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

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



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floating thoughts passed my mind, but on the whole it was a good day to me ...

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

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

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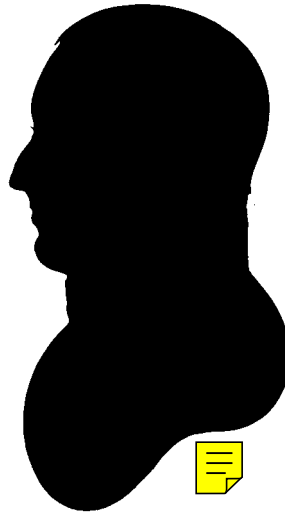
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January 1, Tuesday (?): Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 1 of 1 M 1805 / Altho I have been much engaged thro' the day, yet my mind has been frequently absent & my spirit affected with breathings of mental prayer for preservation -¹⁷



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



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

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

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




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 January 8, Tuesday: Eraldo ed Emma, a dramma eroico per musica by Simon Mayr to words of Rossi, was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

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

4 day 9 of 1 M 1805 / It seems as if the longer I live the more sensible I see & feel the very great falcy there is in all human things; however promising our prospects may be, they are continually liable to various modes of defeat, & sometimes when we are raised, even to the Summit of our wishes, we are cut short, either by death, sickness or various other ways, all designed, for our lasting benefit, by the kind hand that inflicts the wound, which when viewed in its proper light is not a wound, but an healing stroke of his admirable Love & will if rightly taken & improved by ourselves, prove the very sorce of our permanent advancement towards that celestial happiness, which far transcends the glitter, pomp & vanity of this World. & altho the renuncuation of these things may be attended with pain & mortification to our natural bodies, yet by carefully watching each eminating ray of divine light & by that true & living faith which worketh experience & by love we shall feel our spirits raised even while on this Earth to that glorious & everblessed ground where we shall be enabled to sing for joy that our lot has been cast as it has & when the last trump of Time shall be sounded in our dwellings here we shall reap far more Exceeding & eternal weight of Glory in the Mansions of eternal rest hereafter. I feel while thus I write, an expansion of desires that my mind may be weaned from all sublunary things & they be suffered to occupy no more of my time than is really necessary to provide a subsistance for this body & the residue to be wholly devoted to the Service of him who has created us for the purpose of his own Glory.

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

The Life of the mind is what he aims his blows at the first, once he can kill that, he will the more easily lead us on his own way even if we follow the form of religion, if it is but the dead lifeless form it suits him just as well as any way & the reason why he is So at enmity with the seeds of life is because



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it is more powerful than himself, & he can never stand before it, but must ever flee vanquished and dismayed.

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

first day 13 of 1 M 1805 / At the close of our forenoon meeting, the Decease of Joseph Weaver of Middletown was mentioned, at which I was not a little shocked. he was in town the day before apparently as well as usual, & continued so thro' the evening, tho complaining of shooting pains in his back & feet which was not unusual for him - After having his bed warmed, he went to bed, & in the night Daniel Gould [Stephen's brother?] who slept with him, awoke, & found he breathed rather short, but being quite young and & very sleepy, unthinkingly dropt to sleep again. when sometime after he again awoke, & found him cold & breathless - with agonizing surprise he jumped from his bed, & called his Mother & family - but Alas it was all too late, as the lamb of life was quite extinguished. This with other instances of sudden mortality may serve as an awakening stimulous to increasing dedication & watchfulness; as we know not in what hour the solemn Awful final doom shall be pronounced of "Come ye blessed or go ye Cursed, whether at Midnight or at Cock Crowing.

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

*3 day 15 of 1 M 1805 / Walked out to the funeral of Joseph Weaver, & from several circumstances it was to my mind a very solemn and affecting time- David Buffum was twice concerned in testimony & particularly in the last was much favored (I believe) to reach the witness in many minds present. Jeremiah Austin had a short communication
After the funeral walked homeward with Sam Thurston & J Austin, took tea with Saml - then came home & I never remember to have suffered more with cold, while the funeral was moving from the house it seemed as if my face would have froze.*

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

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



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4 day 16 of 1 M 1805 / Last night I drempt [sic] of being surrounded by a large number of Snakes which appeared to be on the bows of small trees, at which I felt something alarm'd as I am naturally affraid of them but with a degree of courage recollected that I had heard it said that a small switch was better to kill them with then a large stick, which I soon procured & killed several of them, tho with much difficulty as they did not appear to die easy. yet I awoke without being hurt by them - -What appeared to me remarkable was that this evening I met with a temptation which I had to resist with a mixture of fear & courage, the same that I felt when I was killing the Snakes. & I believe this dream was sent for my instruction.

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

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

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January 18, Friday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) was appointed Acting Public Secretary in Malta. He received news of the death of John Wordsworth on Abergavenny.

Spanish troops assaulted a native stronghold at Canyon de Chelly, Arizona killing 115 men, women, and children and taking 33 prisoners (afterward the Spaniards slaughtered some 350 Navajo sheep).

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

6 day 18 of 1 M 1805 / I have this day written a letter to Sarah Earle now at New York in much weakness which has been my chief companion for many days



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January 20, Sunday: London Docks opened.

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

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

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

4 day 23 of 1 M 1804 [sic] / I was thinking this morning while laying in bed, what I should compare my mind too, & it seem'd to me that it was an entire blank as to religious sensations - & so it continues to feel, tho' many times I have endeavor'd to turn to the Life but could not raise it - I now feel desires to spring in my long barren heart, for an increase of dedication, & faithfulness to search after that which is food to the mind & will satisfy as nothing will, which we can be in persuit of here, even satisfy us with the consoling hope of peace & happiness here & hereafter -

Having felt my mind thro' the corse of the day much depressed under divers weights both from within & without I feel as I am sitting alone in my shop this evening a freedom to commit to writing some things which seem not only to concern me alone, but the community at large. - It is now the 23 of the 1 M & now is, & has been for a long time extream cold & uncommonly stormy. - our Town is entirely destitute of Wood. not a stick to be bought, except from distill houses, bake houses or private Sellars. Pine wood is sold at the shocking price of 8 Dollar P Cord, & Oak for 10, & if the weather does not moderate it must be more. Many poor persons are entirely destitute of any fuel or means to purchase it, & of consequence are extream suffers. -these are circumstances which are deeply affecting to my mind, while I trust I feel a degree of humble thankfulness to the Author of all Good, for the benefit, which myself & fathers family at this time enjoys, of being comfortably provided for, with food & wood in this trying proving season - I feel for those who have not those comforts, & sincerely believe that was it in my power, my heart would expand at relieving their necessities. - But Alas its not so, I am but just able with great care to keep along &



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sometimes get so much discouraged as almost to dispare of ever closing my outward affairs, to my own peace & the honor of the cause which I profess. Altho they are not extensive yet from the Multiplicity of incumberances & discouragements which I labor under in my business, fear & trembling is often the painful companion of my mind - - Will add to this the state of my mind, as respects religious engagements is equally distressing - here I have been visited & revisited with the dayspring from on high, from my childhood up to the present day, & have yealded to many of its heavenly dictates, & often felt its holy enlivening flame to to kindle in my spirit, which has comforted & raised humble thankfulness in my heart, to find that I was so far graciously made sensible of its sanctifying operations - But Alass Alass the Years of Manhood have now arrived & those of Old Age may soon hasten, & that advancement, that holy lively Zeale which is necessary to make us acceptable to the Holy Heads is wanting, all for the want of a more full Surrender, & humble dependance in my early time. - now I see the very great advantage there is for Young people in the Morning of their days when they feel the first calls of Sacred love to their souls, to make an immediate surrender (even if it be in Childhood) in every thing, however Cross it may be, to our carnal inclinations, as by this means we may avoid that dwarfishness, leanness & Barraness of spirit which so often awaits those who are dallying with divine Mercy. How might I have been built up as a Young man, & even by this time become a strong man in the Lord, had I have been faithful in every thing which was made manifest, clear as the Sun at noon day while I was yet a child

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

5 day 31 of 1805 / It has for several days been a time wherein but little engagement for the promotion of the cause of truth has been felt, either for my self or others But felt before I went to meeting, a dread upon my mind, believing, that in the last (which was M Meeting) that it might be required of me to put forth my hand to help the Ark. In the first meeting it was a pretty close time with me, being led to reflect upon my unfaithfulness & short comings in the line of duty, as respects faults which are hid from the outward eye only known to the Almighty ... While I was in the midst of those reflections, our beloved friend D. Buffum rose & delivered an excellent testimony founded on these words "Without faith it is impossible to please God" ... Hannah Dennis & Abigail Robinson were also sweetly concerned in testimony.... But to return to the Meeting for business - there was a very distressing case among us, with which my mind was seriously exercised, & I apprehended it to be my place to speak of it, but by setting too long the Matter was concluded upon & returned to the women directly opposite to what I apprehended to be right, & for my unfaithfulness after it passed from the Meeting my mind fell into a very distressing weakness which continued the remaining part of the Meeting ... I now have to believe, if I had have given up to submit my prospects to friends, it would have been concluded more to the honor of truth & society then it now is, as it hath appeared from conversation with several friends after meeting, that their prospects were exactly similar to mine.



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My mind has been grievously exercised & burdened with my unfaithfulness in this case, & greatly hope it may arouse me to greater care in the future.

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

1 day 3 of 2 M 1805 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with J & D Austin in a Sleigh, to meeting, where we set in silence. & I witnessed but little of that refreshing life which I wished for After meeting I went to Holder Almy's who has been unwell for sometime, but is now on the recovery, & took dinner, & spent the time very agreeably till 3 O Clock when I went up to the widow Shermans where were my abovementioned companions, & set a little while. then came homeward, & took tea with Jethro Mitchell & to me it was a sweet & precious time I do really love them & much desire our Mutual groth in the best things In the corse of my being there I read part of my letter from T Bringhurst with which his wifes Sister Caty was much affected - the conversation turned on several important subjects & I found Jethro & his wife much further advanced in religious experience than I was aware of.... There certainly is, & in this visit I was renewedly confirm'd that there is real advantage to be reaped from young friends visiting one another, & maintaining that Brotherly intercourse which will tend to unite us in the best things After I had taken tea & spent part of the evening at Jetho's we went to see his father who is much unwell, from there we rode home, & althho some part of the visit was not attended with that precious savor of life which I could wish yet I believe no loss has been sustained by it, & that friends whom I visited were glad to see me...

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

4 day 6 of 2 M 1805 / Owing to the langor of my mind, I am but poorly quallified to insert any thing as it ought to be. But the sufferings of the Town, & even Continent are so numerous as to cause oppression in the Minds of many - & it seems to be my lot to feel without being able to do much for the relief of the indigent, & believe it may not be amiss to commit a little to writing for my own use, that if I should live to see another Winter as distressing as this, & be better able to relieve the necessities of the poor. I may on that I had a disposition once to do it & thereby be stimulated to benevolence if my attachment to wealth should clash with my disposition The weather has been so extreemly cold & the rivers so froze as to prevent the importation of wood whereby many have become



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extream sufferers – Snow has lain on the ground for several weeks, which made it the more tedious, as necessity obliges the poor people to go abroad, & if they stay at home they will be likely to perish I have heard of some who have froze themselves at home, which is truly affecting, & ought to stir the rich to a faithful discharge of their stewardship

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

5 day 7 of 2 M 1805 / I consider when my mind is under any exercise, or in any ways religiously affected, however distressing my feelings are, it is a favored time. This has been my lot, last evening & this morning, Oh! what shall I say, it seems as if my mind was so deeply affected that I know not what to do with my self, & was it not that I feel the Lords hand to be underneath my tryals, certainly I should let go my hold, & sink beneath the weight of my discouragement– I am now going to meeting & hope to be favord with the refreshing streams of life ...

Attended Meeting which was a comfortable time tho life was not so much in dominion as is some times but I was comforted in the opportunity

Oh Lord God Almighty, it is under an humbling sense of my own weakness, yea wickedness, that I approach they holy presence at this time knowing that my own work's are nothing unless in cooperation with thy holy Mind & will immediately & graciously dispenced to the mind, which I acknowledge I have been abundantly favord with & abundantly rebelled against.

It is under these sensations that I am engaged to crave thy help that I fall not by the way, but be streanghtened to hold out a little longer, & the truth be not wounded by me & my mind saved from total destruction, which from its low condition seemingly awaits me, from within and without.

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

3 day 12 of 2 M 1805 / "More are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife saith the Lord".

My mind is in so low a condition at present, from my extreamly tried state, that as I have many times said was it not that the Lords hand was made known to me I should inevitably sink under it. This morning as I have been pondering over some things, the pressre has been renewed, & seemingly increased. Oh the strong cries, which have been raised in my spirit to the Lord the Everlasting God, for preservation when it hath felt to my poor mind that it was surrounded with almost insurmountable



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difficulties....

How long Oh! Lord Holy Just & true, shall this be my condition.
arise for my relief I intreat thee, but why am I thus emboldened?
Has not my sins & transgressions been so extensively multiplied
against the manifestations of thy will, as to forfeit all claim
to thy assistance? This reflection is hard to bear -But hope
keeps the heart whole.

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

5 day 14 of 2 M 1805 / In our meeting this day was sweetly felt
the extendings of divine goodness, for which my heart was truly
thankful, as for many days I have been (as it were) on the brink
of dispair, may all within me bow before the Lord, & all that
is opposed to the manifestations of Him the preserver of Men,
be destroyed by the fire, that no reprobate Silver be found, &
may that which is a consumer continue to have its thorough work
in my heart untill no alloy be found – how I have felt as one
forsaken for many days, & how "thankfully has my spirit received
the refreshing shower of celestial rain this day ...
I desire to adopt this language in sincerity "For all I bless
thee, most for the severe" what an happy experience is this, &
how few there are, who really are able to adopt it, or rather
but few whose lives are so devoted to their God as to experience
it wrought in them – It seems as if I can hardly stop writing,
without adding that I never remember to have experienced a more
quiet & satisfactory meeting, or one wherein the life flowed
more freely than to day.....

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February 15, Friday: In Massachusetts, an amendment to the US Constitution was considered, respecting
Slaves. (When the Governor of Massachusetts would on June 8th issue a message recommending this, the state
of Connecticut would respond that it was there considered to be "inexpedient," whereas the state of [Maryland](#)
would simply oppose the proposition.)

"Resolve requesting the Governor to transmit to the Senators and
Representatives in Congress, and the Executives of the several
States this Resolution, as an amendment to the Constitution of
the United States, respecting Slaves." MASSACHUSETTS RESOLVES,
February, 1805, page 55; June, 1805, page 18. See below, March
3, 1805.

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INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

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

6 day 15 of 2 M 1805 / I have but little to insert except that



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after a long season of deep exercise I am now favored with precious incomes of life, under which my spirit bows in thankfulness under a sense of my unworthiness Oh! how joyful it is to have the Devine Masters presence, to feel him to be moving in my mind, with his holy love and life, teaching the way we should walk in & intelligibly discovering to us the way we should go ... I feel at this time desires to be preserved under his law, beyond what words or pen can describe....

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➡ February 18, Monday: At this point Carlisle, which had been “set off” as a district independent of [Concord](#) in 1780, as a district instead of its other neighboring town, the town of Acton MA, officially became a town in its own right. This would allow the residents there to send their own representative to the General Court instead of sharing a representative with Acton, as had been the case for the prior 25 years.

On the 6th of June, 1804, the district voted, that “it is expedient to be disconnected from the town of Acton.” Jonathan Heald, Esq., was chosen to present the subject to the General Court, and an act was passed, February 18th, 1805, conferring on the district all the privileges of a town.¹⁸

These were the appropriations made in this year by the town of Carlisle:

	1785	1790	1795	1800	1805	1810	1815	1820	1825	1830
Minister	£91	90	85	\$285	290	280	320	275	320	500
Schools	36	30	60	360	300	360	360	450	360	360
Roads	60	45	60	300	480	350	400	400	350	400
Town Charges	74	60	50	300	500	550	550	700	600	600
County Tax	—	11 ³ / ₄	22	58	—	117	72	99	56	22
State Tax	484	48	64	227	—	210	130	180	—	65

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

2 day 18 of 3 m 1805 / For the lack of suitable feeling, I have omitted writing for several days, but can now say, that yesterday I was at meeting, (after skiping four by means of indisposition) In the forenoon yesterday, our friend D Buffum,

18. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)’s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
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bore a Zaelous testimony against the Doctrine of Predestination, much to the satisfaction of my mind, & hope to the confirmation of some others who have been in doubts respecting it – a few words were spoken in prayer by L Dennis & the meeting ended with a short testimony from H Dennis – in the afternoon I had a pretty good time in silence. After meeting in company with J Austin, walked down to J Dennis's – took tea & spent the evening to my solid comfort & satisfaction –towards the close of it we drew into silence and Dear Hannah was concerned to express a few words, lively & prescious, exorting us to keep on the watch as the enemy was ever ready to devour the good, desires that may be raised in our minds – which left such a savor on my feelings as have not yet been erased, but several times in the corse of the day have been revived – which I desire may be kept alive, untill all opposition to the prescious life be effectually done away. –


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 February 23, Saturday: Publication of the Twelve Dances for piano op.16 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the Wiener Zeitung.

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

7 day 23 of 2 M / My feelings are much as of yesterday

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 February 25, Monday: Anna Melvin died in [Concord](#).

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

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

2 day morning, 25 of 2 M 1805 / Yesterday attended Meetings, both were silent, & very sweet to my mind, but was a little tried in the afternoon with the rovings of mind, the jostling of the mind –After meeting walked with J Austin to Sam'l Thurston's & took tea & spent part of the evening. – Then came to C Rodmans & set the remander. –

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 March 1, Friday: [Harrison Gray Dyar](#) was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, a son of Jeremiah and Susanna Wild Dyar (he would grow up in [Concord](#)).

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



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6 day 1 of 3 M/ Last forth day evening, rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the M Meeting the next day. Lodged at the Chases- At the meeting I was brought under an exercise, apprehending it to be my duty to speak to Some matters before us, & was favored with streangth to do it beyond my expectation - but when I returned home in the evening was never sensible of feeling more nothingness of mind.

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March 3, Sunday: Samuel Lee died at the age of 56, at Shediac, on his return from Halifax to Ristigouche.

Samuel Lee [of [Concord](#)], brother of the Rev. Joseph Lee, was born March 28, 1756, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1776. During the revolution he was a merchant at Castine, and after the peace at Tracadache in Canada and Ristigouche in New Brunswick on Bay Chaleur. He held various offices, civil and military, under the government of that province, and died March 3, 1805, aged 56, at Shediac, on his return from Halifax to Ristigouche.¹⁹

The federal congress declared Buffalo, New York to be an official port of entry to the United States of America.

When Louis Spohr gave his first concert in Berlin, he asked the young virtuoso Jacob Beer (Meyerbeer) to take part and this caused the audience to swell with interested Jews.

The federal House of Representatives took under consideration the proposition originating with the government of the state of Massachusetts, that the national Constitution be amended to provide the federal government with instructions as to its proper response to the import portion of the [international slave trade](#). The proposal was immediately tabled, that is to say, killed.

Mr. Varnum of Massachusetts presented the resolution of the Legislature of Massachusetts, "instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives in Congress, from the said State, to take all legal and necessary steps, to use their utmost exertions, as soon as the same is practicable, to obtain an amendment to the Federal Constitution, so as to authorize and empower the Congress of the United States to pass a law, whenever they may deem it expedient, to prevent the further importation of slaves from any of the West India Islands, from the coast of Africa, or elsewhere, into the United States, or any part thereof." A motion was made that Congress have power to prevent further importation; it was read and ordered to lie on the table. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 8th Congress, 2d session, V 171; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 8th Congress, 2d session, pages 1221-2. For the

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original resolution, see MASSACHUSETTS RESOLVES, May, 1802, to March, 1806, Vol. II. A. (State House ed., page 239.)

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

1 day 3 of 3 M 1805 / In the morning meeting J Austin appeared in testimony, & D Buffum closed very sweetly by a few words - in the afternoon J Austin was again concerned in testimony, to me they were good meetings - attended a funeral & spent the evening at C Rodmans, to whose house I can but acknowledge, I am very fond of going, believing that from his edifying conversation on religious subjects I have been usefully improved, & also from the company of his valuable daughters Hannah & Ruth, the privilege of whose company I consider as a valuable acquisition -

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

3 dy [sic] 6 of 3 m 1805 / Notwithstanding my outward business calls my attention, yet believe it may be best to stop & insert my feelings. - When I went to my dinner was informed of the arrival of my unkle John Stanton in New York, & think I can use these words, with as much safety, as in any case I ever did use them in - "My mind bowed in humble thankfulness before the Lord" for his safe return to my dear aunt It exerted feelings, the savor of which remained for some time - May we with renewed fervor, ascribe unto Him thanksgiving & praise for the numberless & unmerited blessings, which we received at his Allbountiful hand -

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

3 day 19 of 3 m 1805 / I find a truth that times & seasons are in the Lords hand, & that we can not feel his holy enlivening presence without his assistance, which he is ever ready to lend if there is but a willingness cultivated in our minds to receive it, & there is something on our part to do, which is, to turn our minds to him, whenever we feel his holy power working in the heart, & that with all our strength laying our Wills at his feet. Then we shall receive streangth to overcome the suggestions of the Adversary, which at times pour into the mind as water on the wheel from the flood gate, & is ready to swallow up the good seeds sown in the heart, by the good Sower - Thus when we feel our minds disposed to a godly seriousness we must cleave to it. There is nothing in the nature of it which can or ever will hurt us - tho' some may take it to be the effect of melancholly, yet



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if we abide under it, in due time we shall be healed of all the wounds and diseases with which our minds may be afflicted –Oh that I had been more faithful to those heavenly inclinations, which have so often wrought in my heart, if I had I have no doubt, but by this time the pearl of great price would have been more fully enjoyed, than it now is, & my mind staid on the everlasting rock of Ages– when now Alass, barrenness of soul & dimness of sight is often my painful experience – Yet may I not say blessed be the Lord, he is still gracious, renewing the visits of his heavenly love to the consolation of my mind & I am sometimes encouraged with an hope that I am more faithful than formerly.

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March 24, Sunday: Prince Alois I of Liechtenstein died and was succeeded by his son, Johann I.

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

1 day 24 of 3 M 1805 / After Meeting in the Afternoon, walked out to see my cousin Alice Gould & family, where I believe the evening was spent to our mutual satisfaction. –

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

5 day 28 of 3 M / Attended our M Meeting with but little life – in the last I was appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting at [Greenwich](#), which I hope may prove a season of more animation than this, or I shall be but little more than a burden to my friends there.

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

*1 day 31 of 3 M / With leaness, much as usual of late I have closed this M
But was a little quickened from the lively testimony of our friend D Buffum on the right improvement of our time, took tea at Sam Thurstons I spent the Remaining part of the evening at C Rodmans –*

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

*5 day 4 of 4 M 1805 / I am now going to meeting under dwarfishness of mind
Returned from meeting, & tho poor when I went, yet when there was favored with arisings of life. –*



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

7 day 6 of 4 M 1805 / From a want of care to be on the watch tower my mind has suffered barrenness of late, but perhaps it may be best now to insert, that this afternoon my mind has been humbled under a prospect of attending our Quarterly Meeting – I have felt my own littleness, & desires has been raised, that I might not become a stumbling block among inquirers, & that my example may tend to encourage tender Minds. –

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

3 day 9 of 4 M 1805 / I am now going on board the packet for [Greenwich](#), & greatly desire a good measure of the same covering may attend me in my absence, that has been graciously vouchsafed this Morning altho it has been accompanied with poverty yet I have felt that moving in my spirit which has been strengthening I desire to be improved by visit & that my deportment may correspond with my profession, & move [?] to friends that I am not there, nearly as a spectator, but as one who is concerned for the cause.

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

6 day 12 of 4 M 1805 / After a pleasant tho' long passage of six hours returned from [Greenwich](#) with nearly the same company that I went with, which consisted of Twenty two females & about ten Males, we all conducted in a becoming manner, & I trust to the honor of the cause that we were abroad in – There was the largest number of sober young people, (especially women) that ever I saw together at such a time.

Thanks & everlasting praises with humble adoration, be ascribed, beyond what my tongue or pen can describe to the Lord our God for his manifold favors which I have experienced at this time – having felt the operation of his holy spirit at work in my mind I trust I have seen it in others to my great encouragement — I felt on our passages up and down the river, deep seriousness to cover my mind, also in my visits to the several families which I called upon in [Greenwich](#), accompanied with a concern that my appearance & conversation might not wound any tender mind or my



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own peace, a compliance therewith has produced the effect of peace, tho' I might not have been quite so watchful in some instances as would have been best.

The testimonies at the Quarterly Meeting were by James Greene David Buffum, Sarah Greene, Jeremiah Austin, Anne Smith, Rowland Greene, & David Buffum the second time - Rowland Greene visited the womens meeting

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April 13, Saturday: Mary Morgan, a 17-year-old, was [hanged](#) at Presteigne in Radnorshire two days after being found guilty of murder (seduced and abandoned by a member of the gentry there, she had disposed of the illegitimate child). Her body was given for dissection (children are now informed in that locality that her lawyer had ridden to London to obtain a reprieve and had returned an hour late).

OTHER WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1805

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
18/03	Ann Heywood		York Castle	Murder of child
25/03	Elizabeth Barber	53	Maidstone (Penenden Heath)	Murder
03/05	Ann Davis (Gordon)		Sussex	Murder of child
12/08	Betty Hulee (Rogers)		Exeter	Murder
13/11	Mary Parnel		Newgate	Forgery

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

7 day 13 of 4 M 1805 / Last night was spent in Watching with Christs Champlin It was very tedious, he being very ill & requiring close attendance. But it was a time wherein my mind was much instructed: from looking at him in his extream bodily distress, & we are about to lanch [launch] into eternity, & appear before the awful judge of all flesh, the king immortal who reigns in heaven, & receive from him a reward according to our works. -

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

1 day 14 of 4 M 1805 / Owing to the fatigue of last night, I omitted our forenoon meeting, but went in the Afternoon to but little proffit, being very sleepy, then took a refreshing walk as to the body, tho' but little of mind, & towards the close of



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the evening call'd at the late dwelling of our J Hadwen, & spent about an hour in company with several valuable young women, in some interesting conversation

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April 16, Tuesday: [William Emerson Faulkner](#) was born in South Acton, Massachusetts, son of [Francis Faulkner](#) of Acton and [Mary Wright Faulkner](#) of [Concord](#).



Eight months after reaching Nagasaki, Russian envoy Nikolai Rezanov was finally able to meet with representatives of the [Japanese](#) government. They proceeded to categorically reject his request for relations.

In the dispute between the United States of America and the [piracy](#)-oriented Barbary States of the Mediterranean coast of Africa, American forces captured Derna (Darnah).

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

*3 day 16 of 4 M 1805 / My mind has for several days been sorrowfully affected, on finding, one of my beloved young friends & intimate acquaintances had joined a society called a society for the promotion of literature, not so much from its name, as the corruption of its members as I believe many of them are infected with deistical principals, from which I conclude their Questions for discussion will be generally such as will, amuse or rather confuse the head, & not rightly affect the heart, but by degrees tends to lead a seeking mind from the truth, & imperceptibly bring us to assent to things which the truth never did nor never will own
And very clear I am that a mind (as his has been) seeking after best things will not proffit from such investigations, but at every interview will sustain great loss & thus go behind hand, till finally landed on such ground as will be very hard if possible to retract from
These considerations have induced me in a degree of brotherly*



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affection, & may I not say Gospel love to labor with him in order to turn his much beloved mind from what I conceive to be a gross error & again to abstract it from the confusions of the world, & its vain pursuits to the pursuit of the one thing especially needful to be known & possessed, which is Experimental Religion in the Heart

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

*5 day 18 of 4 M 1805 / Through the corse of the Morning I have felt an exercise on account of the low state of society with this Querie "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" & was led to view the many stumbling blocks there are among us which greatly arise from the inordinate persuit of Wealth – I have thought that many of the inconveniences & perplexities which await us thro' time might be avoided by attention to the inward principal in our first advancement, for if we begin wrong we are liable to intail evil consequences on our selves of long duration: an example of the children of Isriel has been brought very instructingly to the view of my mind, as I have been musing at my labor in my shop this morning before Meeting, as well as at many other times, which was the crafty conduct of the Gibeonites [Gideonites] towards them, we find them representing themselves as Strangers from a far country with their old clothes & mouldy bread, & for the want of a timely attention to the Urim Thumin [small precious stone in the center of the breastplate (hoshen) of the high priest, being the source of light and truth. Urim thummin = Lights and perfections. Alluded to as lost following the Captivity.] they were so blinded as to close in with their proposals, whereby mischief was intailed on them & their posterity, for altho they were to serve but as hewers of wood & drawers of water yet when Israel had still further neglected their God, they fell to marrying wives of strangers, & into other habits of intimacy offensive in his sight
Thus young friends when they are about to enter on the stage of tribulated actions become darkened, & perplexed in their propects, & instead of reverting to the holy Urim Thumin, they press forward with egar [eager] pace after the pearl which perisheth with the using, & intail on themselves, & even their posterity, grevious afflictions, & dishonor to their God tho at first they may intend to do well being as yet innocent in their intentions, flattering themselves that their money shall be but a servant to them & not they to that, & perhaps carving out some great good they will do with it when they have it in possession, yet by going on step by step, they get rooted in the love of it till finally they loose sight & become callous to the effect of truth in their Mind. – I have been deeply impressed with reflections similar to these at various seasons, & I trust, they*



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may be of use to myself [myself], as well as applicable to others, for I have clearly seen the necessity of closely adhering to the voice of the Lord, in the beginning of our time, & continuance in obedience to his holy calls thro' the whole of our lives— for many have I seen, who have run on from one step to another untill they have almost lost sight & sense of that which their souls craved in the beginning of their carrier. Being willing to adopt the language in sincerity, "I am the clay thou art the Potter make of me what thou wilt" This was assuredly the case with me & oh the hard afflicting struggles my poor mind has had, to keep in view the main chance, & have many times nearly lost sight of it. But thanks & praises be ascribed on my part to the father and fountain of all good. There are seasons in which I have found an evidence that the kind hand of the Almighty is still with me to the humbling of my soul – But how long it will continue I know not, as I see many snares & gins of satan very sublilly [subtilly] laid for my too often unwary feet——

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

6 day 19 of 4 M 1805 / Last night was spent in watching Christopher Champlin, thro the corse of which exercises on different subjects were the companions of my mind, - a renewed concern for my right stepping along thro' time was felt, & was also dipt into a lively sensibility on account of a young man of my acquaintance who lives in Lynn & is about to undertake the momentous performance of Matrimony which is a subject that often attends my mind with a degree of living concern, & even breathings to the Almighty for individuals who are about to engage therein, as well as for my self, that I may be favored to know the time, place & person, with whom I am to be united. Tho' I have no prospect of such an union at present I know not that ever it will take place with me, but married or single, my strong desires are at seasons that I may fix on the Lord for my portion, & the God of Jacob for the lot of mine inheritance & serve him faithfully all my life long
And now to return to the sick room, I can say that I never was sensible of spending a night of more solid instruction, than the last. I was much affected in the Morning on seeing some of his family come into the room, & particularly his servant a black woman, who in a very affectionate feeling manner took him by the hand, & the emphasis with which they both enquired after one anothers wellfare was wont to draw tears from mine eyes – I have no wish to write useless detail of matters, but trusting this may never be perused by many besides myself, am willing to insert my feelings in another instance.
The wife of the Moravian Minister being one of his watchers,



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towards day after a tedious struggle, being still he called to her & wished her to tell her husband to pray for him, to which she reply'd O yes my dear Sir, yes I will

It so affected my mind that I felt it to bow down with mental breathings that he might yet see further, & find [crossed out] and experimentally witness that the prayer of man was of no avail, unless offerd in cleanness of heart, & fervancy of Spirit that it may assend as sweet insence before the throne of grace, where all true prayer will ever find a most gracious acceptance, but the lifeless & formal must be rejected tho' claothed with sound words, yet lacking the life & Spirit of mental prayer is offensive in his holy eye sight

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

1 day 21 of 4 M 1805 / Our meetings were silent, but measurably favored opportunities to my mind – after tea called to see Rouse Taylor – then spent the evening at John Early where were several of my young acquaintances & among the rest my valued friend Susannah Barker – immediately on entering the room I had a sense of the solidity there was among them, & that I was concerned to communicate something in a religios way among them -we soon drew into a solid quiet, & after a few minutes Susan spoke to individuals in a very sweet & encouraging manner

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April 23, Tuesday: [Augustus Addison Gould](#) was born at New Ipswich, New Hampshire, a son of the music teacher Nathaniel Duren Gould (who had in the previous year been instrumental in forming the 1st military band in that portion of New Hampshire and who would eventually be able to provide well for his family through sponsoring the fine art of penmanship.)



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

3 day 23 of 4 M 1805 / From several afflicting circumstances my mind is affected with thoughtfulness, & a question arises, whether from the present low state of society here away, there is living enough to bury the dead whether we possess sufficient power in our M Meeting even to disown a member that has deviated from the rules of discipline - for while we see some who are making profession & standing forward in society, & not living up to the spirit of our holy profession - what? shall we say of them? are not they more subjects of dealing than some of the young men who go out from society with little or no profession at all - Alass for the times how are some falling on one hand & some on the other - the bane of wealth the bone of contention

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how they have made their way among us – there is cause of mourning among the sincere hearted, as between the poorest & the Altar.

Oh may my soul keep out of the mixture of false spirits -may all that is in one bow down in deep humility, & acknowledge the Lord is good & worthy to be praised - may the standard be supported & made firm as its props are but weak now –

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

4 day 24 of 4 M 1805 / I have this morning been thinking, & really believe its true that many who are practicing one form of religion, who preach, sing & pray from book & note at stated times are absolutely more acceptable in the divine sight, than hundreds of our dry lifeless [Quakers](#) who are holding up to the world the profession of spiritual religion, when they possess, not half the sincerity or devotion of the class above mentioned Hence I believe the offerings of such tho under a fair shew with a sanctified face instead of being a pleasant smell are an offensive sink [stink] to the Almighty.

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April 25, Thursday: The French ambassador in Lisbon presented the Portuguese regent with a demand, that Portugal declare war on Great Britain.

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

5 day 25 of 4 M 1804 [sic] / Our Monthly Meeting was this day held at [Portsmouth](#) - I had a wish to attend [smudge, two words illegible] viewing the matter, thought my place was more at home than abroad at this time - I have just been informed that they were favored with a good meeting In the first Abigail Robinson was extensively concerned in testimony, & in the last business was transacted to the comfort of some who attended

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

6 day 26 of 4 M 1805 / Yesterday about fifteen minutes past two in the afternoon Departed this life Christopher Champlin in the 76 year of his age. I may add that it was been a favored day with me. - Oh saith all that is alive within me may my mind be more & more sanctified by the powerful operations of the Lord's spirit - it is a time



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of inward & outward discouragement but few that hold out to run the race acceptably that is set before them many turn to the right hand & to the left, & some not only look back, but actually go back into spiritual sodom

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April 30, Tuesday: La jeune femme colère, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Claparède after Etienne, was performed for the initial time, in the Hermitage, St. Petersburg.

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

3 day 30 of 4 M 1805 / I have this day been streanghtened in welldoing - a man came to my shop, who was here in the M Meeting last, & expressed to me the peculiar satisfaction he felt at conversing with me & on reading the pamphlet that I gave him I remember he came in at a time when my mind was under deep religious impressions - & our conversation turning on those subjects I spoke pretty freely on some points, which at this time I can not recollect, but am fully persuaded what I did say was seasoned with the right savor - My mind has been led to believe that there is nothing lost by submitting to right religious impressions at any time - It was the result of a strong sense of duty which made me have those pamphlets entitled Watch Unto Prayer, Ye, reprinted, they were brought from England by our friend Elizabeth Coggeshall on her return from her religious visit - &, on reading one of them it reached the witness of life in my heart, & every time I read it, it was renewedly edifying Therefore after much deliberation, concluded to have it reprinted, tho under allmost every discouragement, I thought as I was very young, some people would be making remarks upon me which was very trying, but that was not the most so for I thought if I should fall into reproach & become a cast away, my books would slay me wherever they found me or I found them, & there is generally worse consequences attending the fall of one that has been making a profession than one that has not But the outward means were also much wanting - tho I had a watch worth about ten Dollars which I told the printer I would give him if he would strike of such a number, which he acceded to - & Altho at first I could not sell a sufficient number of them to gain the first cost yet I believe they have been more advantage to me, even in my outward interest than Double the cost of them, & I trust they have served to edify many in the best sense, which ought to be a double satisfaction. Therefore there is great encoragement to trust in the Lord who in his unsearchable wisdom, brings to pass many things for us, that we could not expect, if we are but faithful to the calls of his spirit within. —

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May 1, Wednesday: Duke Wilhelm IX of Hesse-Cassel became Elector Wilhelm I.

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

1 day of 5 M (4 day) 1805 / General Election is this held in town - my very spirit has been burdened within me to see the vanity & wickedness that has appeared among the people - Drunkenness & fighting has been the order of the Day I have been led to consider the very great inconsistency there is in friends dressing up their Children & sending them where they can behold the wickedness that prevails at such times - some weeks ago as I was sitting in my shop in a serious frame of mind -anticipating the confusion that would probably take place on this day, I wrote the following address -tho' not with a view to make it publick - The object of the writer is to arrest the Attention of youth generally, & particularly those of the Society of friends, & those who generally attend our Meetings, to examine the inconsistency of publick appearance at times of general Mirth, & particularly at times of general Election at which time, there are generally great numbers of giddy youth who are involved in various scenes of vice, such as drunkenness, Swearing, Gaming &c - Whether the appearance of those acts of Abomination ought not to raise seriousness of mind rather than to promote an inclination in us to appear in the streets or at our windows with countenances which bespeak an assimilation of mind with those who indeed have concord with Belial.-

How much better would it be for us to retire into the closets of our minds, & with humble contrite minds, bow before the God of Heaven, & breath forth our supplication for His help -who of a truth takes no delight in seeing his creature man, walk with outstretched neck, & wanton eyes, but deplores their miserable condition, & is wooing us by gentle visits of his love, to become true followers of a Meek & crucified Saviour. Therefore let us rather than join in such offensive scenes, retire from them, sincerely craving, that holy knowledge of pleasure which is only known to the heavenly minded, it will last beyond the grave, when these bodies shall put on immortality, which the sensual pleasure at such time will not do but in the Awful hour of Death will prove a sting & condemnation -

How often have I seen the poor miserable & forlorn objects carried home dead drunk bearing upon serious wounds which they have received from their falls, others half killed from the brutal degrading practice of fighting and kudzeling -none of which I feel my mind authorised to say are pleasing to the Almighty, but are highly offensive in his sight & what his controversy is deeply against

Now let us ponder these things, feel & see, how much more of the balm of heavenly peace would be witnessed from inward retirement, than to deck our bodies with the finest apparel & exhibit them at windows, or in the streets among the Multitudes

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It is particularly those that are members with myself that I am concernd for, that you do not dishonor the plain garb worn by our worthy forefathers, as to appear as abovementioned - for what an affecting sight it is to see a plaidressed person walking the streets assimilating with the rude and drunken at such times, as I have often seen it & even to follow after the Military Companys -

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

3 day, 7 of 5 M 1805 / I have not had time to insert my excursion to [Portsmouth](#), where I went last seventh day on foot & staid at Cousin L Chases - the next day being rainy I rode to meeting in their Chaise - the women side of the house was but thinly occupied their number but seven - some degree of life was witnessed by me but the enemy was very buisy, as is his generall rule with me

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May 9, Thursday: Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller died of [tuberculosis](#) at the age of 45 in Weimar, Germany.

The Portuguese regent Dom João rejected the French ultimatum of April 25th and redeclared his country's neutrality.

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

5 day 9 of 5 M 1805 / Our meeting was small & on some accounts a dull time to me, yet on observing several of my brethreren with very sleepy countenances, all the Zeal that I was possessed with was moved

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May 11, Saturday: Lord Horatio Nelson decided to sail west across the Atlantic Ocean in search of the French-Spanish fleet.

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

7 day 11 of 5 M 1805 / Attended the funeral of my old School Master John Coit

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

1 day 12 of 5 M 1805 / The Adversary was very buisy about my mind, yet I trust I rather gain'd the assendecy over him, after meeting I took tea at San Thurstons & spent the evening at C Rodmans

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

5 day 16 of 5 M 1805 / In the forepart of the meeting (which was but small) the overshadowings of divine favor was sweetly felt in my mind, & is cause of renewed humbling thankfulness to the father of all sure mercies that he was pleased to manifest his inlivening presence among a few – Hannah Dennis was concerned to exort friends to attend to the motions of truth at home then the circulating Sap of life would be more felt in our assemblies than it now is – In the corse of the meeting I was led to reflect on the workings of the Adversary in the minds of those who are just entering the line of religious experience, & believe he is more apt to attack such, than those who are more advanced, as he knows that his time, for if he can but shake the foundation when newly laid, & set us to doubting, he thinks his work may be affected the easer [easier]. Therefore it is more necessary for the young & inexperienced to be watchful against his intreagues, & endeavor to lay hold of that which will ever discover who he is tho he may come in the form of an Angel of Light

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

1 day 19 of 5 M 1805 / This morning, on reading an old book which I met with at my indeared Aunt Martha Gould before Meeting, which contains some account of various Virtuous young people & their dying sayings, among which was the early toil & labor of our friend Edward Burroughs & others in the primitve days days of our society. I was led to contrast the difference between the state of things now & then - the power of their Meetings & force of their ministry with godly deportment, struck the loose & irreverent with Awe, & many were made to confess to the operations of the light within.- while now there are many who even go foremost in the rank are but stumbling blocks to honest enquirers. My mind is often sincerely desirous that I may walk uprightly, & Zealously after the example of those who bore the



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burden in the heat of the day ... While I was thus musing, inward breathings of soul were raised to the Almighty, that his holy lifegiving presence, might ever shaddow us in our meeting this day, that, that as sincere & lively devotion might be met felt, which our venerable prediccursors were favord with in their day - & on my part can humbly acknowledge that it was measurably granted, & appeared to be spread in the whole meeting - untill a woman fainted which set us into disorder by a greater number leaving their seats than was really necessary -. in the afternoon a good measure of the same spirit covered my mind as did in the Afteernoon.

After tea I walked out into the Suburbs of the town - in which excersion deep & serious reflections arose in my mind, respecting the beauties & wonderful order of creation My mind expanded on viewing the mercy & loving kindness of God the Almighty father, who created Man, & all things here below for his use but not Abuse - Spent the remainder of the evening at C Rodmans where I do delight to go.

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May 20, Monday: Publication of Familiar Airs, in Various Styles, for the Piano Forte no.3 by John Crotch and William Crotch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

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

2 day 20 of 5 M 1805 / This forenoon we received a letter from Aunt Mary Wanton at New York which stated that my brother James who went from home on the 10th month last to work at his trade in Charleston, had arrived in N York, & had shipped on board the Ship General Hamilton, for Liverpool Which news was affecting to my mind. May the Lord Almighty preserve him, & shield his mind from all evil.

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

5 day 23 of 5 M 1805 / In our meeting to day my mind was deeply engaged for our right assembling together, that those who may drop in to set with may feel the power of Truth to go over them, & acknowledge the Lord to be God over all - Two strangers came in after we had been gathered some time one which appeared as if he had never been to a friends Meeting before, & on their taking their seats the above reflections took place in my mind. But still more was I affected, when after a short space Joshua Bradley The [Baptist](#) Minister came in, - a deeper concern was



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witnessed, that we might dwell deeper & deeper in the spirit of truth, & our assemblies be so owned by the Master himself as to spread the beauty, & efficacy of our high & holy profession over those who may call to set with us as to evince to them that God may be worshiped in Silence, & must be worshiped in spirit & in truth - David Buffum was concerned in testimony much to the purpose -

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May 26, Sunday: The Emperor Napoléon I was crowned as King of [Italy](#) in Milan Cathedral. Among the pieces of music was the initial performance of a Te Deum by Johann Simon Mayr for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra.

The Lewis and Clark expedition caught a dim distant glimpse of the Rocky Mountains.

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

Middletown 1 day 26 of 5 M 1805 / Owing to the increased derangement of my cousin Wm Gould I came here last evening, to be for company to the family who are affraid to be alone - & thought it more my place to be with them today, than at meeting.

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May 28, Tuesday: Ridolfo Luigi Boccherini died in Madrid of a “respiratory complaint” at the age of 62 (the body would be placed in the crypt of San Justo, Madrid).

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

*3 day 28 of 5 M 1805 / I find the weaknesses of nature cling fast to me yet - tho' of late it seem'd as of they were in some measure overcome - but Alas my mind is often severely tried, & hardly ever able to keep on the ground of true watchfulness, long at a time.
Thy aid I crave Oh father strengthen and confirm me in everlasting truth*

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

5 day 30 of 5 M 1805 / Attended our M Meeting held in town, which was silent & to me a very dry barran time, scarce any life was witnessed - but little buisness in the last, a dry time



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I am led to crave my future well being in humility of mind as it is often, in my way to see the extream frailty of mortal man, & have often expressed it in the corse of my journal

I know some who have begun well & run so for a time, but alas when they have placed themselves in a situation to acquire wealth, the love of it has drowned nearly all desires for the possession of truth, or if it has not drowned the desire, wealth has stopt the persuit after it –

My soul does bow in humble desires that I may be enabled to acquire wealth sufficient for the boody [body] without loosing sight of the main object...

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

6 day 31 of 5 M 1805 / This morning my young friend A B of [Tiverton](#) has called at the Shop & paid me a very pleasant visit -from his conversation he appeared to be one who is beginning to run well - his Ideas appear to be sound founded on some experience, he appears to have a concern for the promotion of the good corse & may it continue not only for a time but increase to the end of his days.

While I thus write my mind has bowed with cravings desires that I may hold out to the end & by close adherance to the heavenly Motion, I may be encoraged, not to dispare, tho my present discouragements are many, both in spiritual & temporal concerns -but little advancement in either has, as yet been witnessed - but the holy all preserving hand & arm hath often been near to support & sustain my drooping mind thro' many trials many of which seem at this time to present with renewed force – My feelings of this kind has not been written for some time, yet my situation has been no better in any respect – tho I think I have learnt to bear Crosses & disappointments with rather more patience ...


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 June 1, Saturday: Succession of the deacons of Lincoln:²⁰

Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
Benjamin Brown	Aug. 20, 1747.	April —, 1753.	—.
Joshua Brooks	April 18, 1749.	June 26, 1768.	80.
John Gove	April 18, 1749; was in office about 40 years.		
Samuel Farrar	Dec. 28, 1763.	April 18, 1783.	75.
Joshua Brooks, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1763.	March 8, 1790.	70.
Edmund Wheeler	May 6, 1784.	June 1, 1805.	74.
Samuel Farrar	May 6, 1784.	Sept. 19, 1829.	93.
Eleazer Brooks	Nov. 6, 1794.	Nov. 9, 1806.	80.
John Hartwell	April 9, 1804.	Nov. 2, 1820.	73.
Thomas Wheeler	Sept. 2, 1805.		
James Farrar	April 27, 1812.		
Eleazer Brooks	April 27, 1812.		

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

7 day Morning 1 of 6 M 1805 / My mind has felt an ingagement on behalf of an individual of my acquaintance, who is not in membership with us at present, but who I trust may be 'ere long if the Cross can be sufficiently borne. I believe she is called to a life of holiness & is designed for a conspicuous station in the Church — Mental prayer has been breathed forth to the Almighty on her behalf, that she may rise superior to those giddy circles in which she sometimes moves — but happy for her, she has expressed to me that they are often a burden to her tender mind. — My spirit craves on her behalf that her whole soul may center in an entire dependence on our God, for in him is safety. & none that put their trust in him was ever made affraid, but feel their mind hedged about by the immutable fortress of Christ our Saviour. Here I am brought to view the glorious result of living at all times & on all occasions faithfully in our profession & principals

For was this generally the case, there would be many, by our example brought to the holyness of Truth, & be made willing in

20. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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*the day of Gods power to join heart & hand with us in promoting the cause of righteousness in the earth. They would see the comly order of us as a Society, & tho they may as yet be far from seeing as we do, yet in time, they would be wrought upon & many would flock to us as doves to the Ark – and truth would flourish even now as in Ancient times. – But Alas for the want of this how poor & dwarfish have we become – many of the pillars instead of standing as correct way marks, have become stumbling blocks to honest enquirers of the way Lion-ward
But for all this I believe there is great encoragement for the honest laborer to take fresh corage & be up & adoining, & many, in this day both within & without society appear to be seeking the true & living substance –*

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

1 day 2 of 6 M 1805 / Again left meetings & spent the day at cousin Alice Gould from a belief, that it was more my duty to be there than at home, seeing worship is not confined to either time or place, but this should not so far actuate us, as to begit negligence in assimbling ourselves for that purpose

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

2 day commenced our meeting for buisness, which opened with edifying testimonies by Rowland Greene Richard Jordan & Daniel Howland – the buisness of the day appeared to be well conducted, –Epistles were received from all the Yearly Meetings except Virginia, the contents of which were Salutory & edifying, particularly by the general & private ones from London – In the afternoon we entered on the state of society as represented by the queries which were sorrowful, & occasioned deep travel [travail] & exercise among the burden bearers many deep & feeling remarks were made by Wm Crotch, R Jordan, [Moses Brown](#) & others. The meeting ended with but little further buisness. Rowland Greene & Tho Anthony took tea with me & soon after we drew into silence – a sweet & precious opportunity it was as ever my soul witnessed – a most solemn covering was over us – & all that was alive in me was brought down – was humbled – & laid in the dust. & the Lords glorious power was marvelously witnessed in my mind –after we had remained quiet sometime dear Rowland dropt some salutory counsel & sweet sympathetic expressions, greatly to my comfort & encoragement – we parted in indeared affection one towards another feeling our hearts (I trust) united in that bond of love which knows no bounds, but




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
when felt towards any, even if a Stranger will remove all strangeness of mind & even countenance & make him feel like an old acquaintance – Altho Dear Rowland was almost an entire stranger to me yet he felt like a Brother as he several times expressed I did to him – may we both strive to walk in the path of holiness & virtue as reciprocally to merit each others love & Brotherhood.

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 June 4, Tuesday: France annexed the Ligurian Republic (this included Genoa).

A Treaty Of Peace and Amity between the United States of America and the Bashaw, Bey and Subjects of Tripoli in Barbary ended the 6-year conflict between the United States and the [pirates](#) of Tripoli.


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 June 5, Wednesday: Simon Mayr's farsa Di locanda in locanda e sempre in sala to words of Buonavoglia was performed for the initial time.

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

*4 day 12 of 6 M 1805 / From inattention & unwatchfulness, I have experienced much leaness for several days – but thro favor the animating influence of the Spirit has been once more shed in my heart
I feel at times strong desires to have the masters presence at the Approaching Y Meeting that so much langor & poverty may not be my lot as was the last Year –*

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 June 13, Thursday: Il fonte prodigioso di Orebbe, a cantata by Giovanni Paisiello to words of Rota, was performed for the initial time, in Piazza del Pendio, Naples.

The Lewis and Clark expedition reached the Great Falls of the Missouri River.

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

5 day 13 of 6 M 1805 / As I am sitting in my shop it seems that perhaps it may not be amiss to insert that I am going to meeting, & the spring of life is very low in my mind, & what for time it will be with me at meeting I know not. – A Question arises which



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is, What use is there in my writing the state of my mind, will there be any proffit arising from it? & tho' I see but little, yet it seems as if it would do no hurt – therefore if these lines should ever be inspected by any but my self – let them remember that it has given me great satisfaction to look over my journal, & see what has been my experience from time to time. Many times have I been deeply affected & even bowed under the consideration of the very slow progress which has been made on my part in the line of religious growth –

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

1 day 16 of 6 M 1805 / This day commenced our Yearly Meeting, which was this morning very large & highly favored with stillness & quietness – Our friends Richard Jordan & Elisha Thornton were the trumpets thro' which the word was chiefly sounded.

In the Afternoon the meeting was very still tho' more crowded than in the morning – Our Ancient truly honorable & much beloved friend Mehitable Jenkins from Dover in Salem Quarterly Meeting & A Jordan were the chief laborers, it was thought to be the most still meeting of any for some Years, considering there was but little preaching

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June 21, Friday: [Charles Thomas Jackson](#) was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts to Charles Jackson and Lucy C. Jackson.²¹

Lieutenant Gabriel Moraga, on his initial exploratory expedition from the San Francisco Bay area into the great Central Valley of California, traversed Pacheco Pass over the Diablo Range.

GO AHEAD, TAKE THIS TRIP

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

6 day / Our friends have now all left us, & may I proffitably reflect on past favors

Yesterday afternoon meeting a friend whom I love & has felt very precious thro' the Y Meeting took me aside, & proposed for my consideration a subject of importance, which was Matrimony.

I have become seriously affected & am involved in some doubt respecting it, tho his judgement was that it was high time, yet I am not able to discover any open vision at present how or in what manner to dispose of myself.

I hope to be guided by the Lords Spirit in matters small & great – & clear I am there is no case wherein it is more necessary to be favored with discovering of it than in this, as in my opinion

21. In this year American physicians were using [ether](#) to treat pulmonary inflammation!



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it is something that is liable to affect us in this, & the world to come.

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

1 day 23 of 6 M 1805 / Our meetings were rather small, for a want of Zeal. the rain stopped many – In the forenoon D Buffum was largely concerned to bear testimony against the preposterous tenets preached be up by [?] the hirling priests, particularly that of Election & reprobation, which according to my sense of feeling was savory & came with Authority – The Yearly Epistle from London was also read – About 9 oclock this morning Dorcas Williams wife of our Dear friend O Williams, quietly & composedly departed this life, after a gradual decline of health for twelve months & more than six was confined to her room in a consumption

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June 25, Tuesday: Concerto for Organ no.3 by William Crotch was performed for the initial time, at Oxford.

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

3 day 25 of 6 M 1805 / At 4 OClock this afternoon we met at the late dwelling of our departed friend Dorcas Williams, & from thence a large concourse of people followed the corps to the Meeting house – where after we were seated a few Minutes David Buffum rose in a very solemn manner addressed the audience in a few words from the Scripture "Be ye ready also" he said he had at several times set in the chamber with this our departed friend in the corse of her confinement & never remembered to have been with one from whom the gloom of death was more removed or less concern about launching into an endless eternity being intirely resigned to the disposal of the Lord Almighty – therefore he apprehended it was safe to adopt the language "Be ye also ready" having no doubt but that she was now in the Mansions of neverending felicity – Hannah Dennis very sweetly added a few words of consolation, & a remarkable solid quiet season it was. Some who were opposed to carrying the corps to the Meeting house, from a suspicion that it might be offensive the weather being warm – said when the funeral was over, they were glad it was done, & that they spent their time proffitably.–

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



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5 day 27 of 6 M 1805 / Rode in the Stage to [Portsmouth](#) & attended the MY Meeting stopt at Holder Almays, took some refreshment & walked to meeting, where in the first my mind was centered in solemn Silence, witnessing the renewal of covinant. I can say that at that time I felt my mind bound to the cause of truth – Oh saith all that remains within me – May the animating warmth of the everlasting truth so expand in my heart as to fit me for the Masters service in what ever Station he may see meet to place me even if it be but door keeper – & preserve me chaste therein, with a willing heart to obey the divine requirings – Abigail Robinson appeared in a sweet testimony part of which was peculiarly adapted to my state, & I was edified & instructed there from –

In the last meeting there was but little business, & what there was we were favored to transact in fellowship

It was a blessed opportunity with me & I feel cause of renewed thankfulness for my many favors received at the All bountiful hand – & humbled under a sense of my great unworthiness – After meeting walked in company with Rouse Taylor & John Rodman to Richard Mitchells, where we dined & spent part of the Afternoon with Jethro & his precious Wife – then went into Richards part of the house again, & took tea with the rest of the company, but the time was not spent so profitably as at Jethros for their being much young company of us together we gave way to some light conversation which allways tends to destroy the inward Life –

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

7 day 29 of 6 M 1805 / My feelings have this Morning been deeply afflicted with a view of human frailty – My very spirit has trembled on reflecting, & in some measure practically knowing that the paths of Youth are extremely slippery – & however fair our lives & conduct may be among men, & even for a time meet the approbation of heaven – yet unless we keep our feet forever on the watch tower we are liable to stray from the holy enclosure of peace, & become as outcasts of both God & Man – May all that is alive within me be alarmed from a circumstance which has lately come to my knowledge of a young man P W who removed from R Island some years ago a member of society, & while with us was esteemed promising, & likely to become a useful ornament in society & continued so for some time after his removal to Virginia, but having given way to the unwearied stratagem of satan, has fallen into the ruinous practices of drinking, & is now here on a visit to his relations a pitiful object, my very spirit was humbled within me while sitting with him this morning, & reflecting, how the fairest of men may fall away & become as burdens to the earth – May it be an Alarm to me – may it teach me wisely & profitably to improve my time & talents to the best advantages – diligence double diligence.



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June 30, Sunday: [Emeline Hubbard Flint](#) was baptized in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, daughter of the Congregational [Reverend Timothy Flint](#) and [Abigail Hubbard Flint](#).²²

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

1 day 30 of 6 M 1805 / I must needs acknowledge that I attended our meeting with but little life – & surely my mind at this time recoils at it, but the clogs of human nature are such that I know not whether I am ever to be divested of them – Our morning meeting was silent, & quite large, many not in the habit of coming to our meetings were there – In the afternoon D Buffum spoke very lively & authorative on the subject of watchfulness, & toward the close of meeting, I felt a degree of life to arise in my mind, & was led to reflect on what was expressed in our meeting some Years ago by our friend Rebecca Wright from the Jerseys when I was very young & then took fast hold of my mind & has never wholly quit it since tho' I can not repeat it fully yet the savor of what she said & the empasis [emphasis] with which she repeated it is still in my remembrance – it was of a young woman who she visited when near the final close of time – Oh (says she) What a woman I might have been, had I but have strove to serve my God & been faithful to his divine requirings And I was led to consider how much more of a proficient in the School of Christ I should have been had I but faithfully have given up & submitted my neck to the Yoak & shoulders to the burdens in every instance – I am often brought to view my short comings & light touches of Known Duty – & to see what a growth in divine knowledge I might have attained to had I have been faithful to every manifestation

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

*3 day [sic] 3 of 7 M 1805 / Under a sense of my weaknesses oh! Father I am engaged to implore thy holy help in this time of great need Oh! how poor how low is the state of my mind as to the living sap of divine life, & there never was a time wherein it was more needful to feel the hedges of truth to encompass my mind than the present
Nothing but unfaithfulness or unwatchfulness stares me in the face from all Quarters, & tho' matters stands thus as to my own particular yet I am favord with so much sense of feeling as to be burdened in spirit on account of some who are persuing lying vanities to their wounding of the precious life in their mind, & it is to be feard the forfeiture of their future happiness –*

22. Again we don't have a birth date, because the reverend daddy didn't bother to write it down.



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May I take due warning to bound my desires & not be over anxious about the things of tomorrow, which we know not that we shall live to posses, & yet have a prudent care to provide a competency not to be burdensome to others

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Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Thursday:²³ The toasts at a Republican 4th of July banquet in Washington DC described their politician [Thomas Jefferson](#) as “the penman of the declaration of Independence” and noted that it was their candidate’s “hand that drew the declaration of Independence.” The [National Intelligencer](#)’s lowercasing of this word “declaration” (on July 6th and then again on July 16th) suggests that the task of inscribing the words on the face of the document itself was being regarded as separate from the creation of the revolutionary idea of national autonomy, was being regarded as a clerical honor rather than as a full authorship.

Meanwhile, however, in Boston, Ebenezer French, at a gathering of “Young Democratic Republicans,” was praising President Jefferson as “the immortal author of the DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.” French was granting to this politician far more than scribal status and also was reifying the [Declaration of Independence](#) document Jefferson allegedly had authored by conflating it with the achievement of American autonomy. He was coming perilously close to averring that his politician had by a stroke of a pen won for us our Revolutionary War.²⁴

As a follow-up for this amplitude and grandeur, on this night Boston offered its 1st municipal fireworks display.

In Charleston, South Carolina on this day, the American Revolution Society and the Society of the Cincinnati met at St. Philips Church.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



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

5 day 4 of 7 M 1805 / I feel so poor & barran that I hardly know how to write any thing respecting the day – I had a prospect before meeting of being favord with a good time, but from some cause or another, help was very much withheld It has been a day of much noise, of Drum & fife, being Independence day as I was walking to meeting, I met the Solders under parade, & thought I was livingly sensible that their conduct was an offence to the Almighty, & that he took no delight in what they were doing Oh may my mind be more & more drawn from the spirit & perishing

23. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)’s, or [Hathorne](#)’s, 1st birthday.

24. AN ORATION, PRONOUNCED JULY 4TH, 1805, BEFORE THE YOUNG DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICANS, OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE



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things of this world, for sure I am, yea indubitably clear, that there is no other way to reach the haven of rest than by an entire surrender of all which the controversy of heaven is against –

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

1 day 7 of 7 M 1805 / Our meeting, this morning, was favored with the living testimony of D Buffum – he spoke upon the necessity of unreserved obedience to the divine call, that we must not keep any thing which is required to be slain as Saul did when he was commanded to all that was of the Amalikity, he contrary to special command kept the best of the sheep under the pretence of sacrifice to the Lord, but afterwards when questioned by the holy prophet confessed that he feared the people. David observed that we must not fear the people but slay all that is offensive & appointed for destruction – In the afternoon we sat in silence but Alas for me my mind was poor & barran tho' favord to witness the precious life to arise for a season, then taken away again, and I left in the old condition. I took tea at D. Williams in company with E Huntington, & spent the forepart of the evening there agreeably. Then went to J Earls & joined a sweet little company of my young acquaintance – we all centered in silence & had a precious opportunity & Dear Obadiah Williams was concerned in a few words by way of testimony upon the necessity of gathering our minds unto Shilo for by it we are prepared for every good work of service.

It ended to my entire satisfaction & was comforted and thankful for the opportunity – I am led to see the precious use there is in young people's rightly gathering, & soberly conversing together – & if we do not exceed the right bound of conversation I believe we may often witness the life & savor of truth to arise among us which will unite us in the best sense & quallify us for service in the Church.

I often deplore the manner in which young people generally spend their time together, they think if they cannot enjoy mirth the happiness of one anothers company is frustrated But Alas they are mistaken for I verily believe there is more true solid & lasting happiness in one hours conversation or even silence than in ten of light airy talk.

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

5 day 11 of 10 Mo 1805 / Attended meeting & while there was led to reflect on my present state of mind –Oh I long to be kept



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under the holy banner of truth, that all my actions may be in the true spirit of it.

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

3 day 16 of 7 M 1805 / My feelings for some time past have been so void of life that I have thought it hardly safe to insert any thing in my journal, but feeling a little exercise to arise am led to view the many ways which error subtilly creeps into the mind some in running too fast & some too Slow, & to keep pace with knowledge is the only way to stear our barks safe thro' time.

I sometimes fear that I shall run too fast in religious concerns, & be more active in our Monthly Meeting than is required of me, & thereby wound the very cause I desire to promote. A false fire will not do; but it will consume the offerer as it did the Sons of Aaron formerly. It must be the holy fire of the Lord kindled on the alter of the heart that will burn Acceptable Sacrifice, & as we offer any thing out of this inward life becomes dead.

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July 18, Thursday: Luigi Cherubini departed from Berlin for Vienna.

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

5 day 18 of 7 M 1805 / The unwearied enemy was busy around me in meeting.

But truth was over him, & do I not feel thanksgiving & praise to spend unto the source & fountain of all good that he was pleased to be very near my spirit— My soul bowed in humble desires that none present might be sent empty away, but that life might be difused from vessel to vessel untill all became full, & be made to say "It is good for us to be here" —For some months I have not been so sweetly favor'd with the living evidence of truth as I was in meeting this day — it seemed as if my cup was full, & I was ready to say within myself — I now experience that "An hour in thy presence Oh God is worth a thousand elsewhere" —May my heart become renewed & all that is opposed to the living truth be crucified. My very soul at this season craves beyond words to be made new, & all that is flesh be done away.

The same current of life has run thro' my mind this Afternoon — How precious & altogether lovely it is to feel the Lord to be near.—

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July 21, Sunday: The lands of Parma were ceded to France.

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

1 day 21 of 7 M 1805, after meeting in the morning] Our meeting has been large, & to me a very favord opportunity. D. Buffum was largely in testimony to my instruction & particular satisfaction as he touched upon a subject which I believe was necessary to be revived among us, which was "That if friends did not live up to their profession & principals they were as stumbling to the sincere inquirers after truth, & that if we had but have remained faithful from the time of our first coming forth as a people, the nations of the earth would have flocked to us as the dove to the window, not finding elsewhere, rest to the sole of her foot &c." he exorted us in a lively manner to seek the one thing needful, & said what proffiteth it a man if he gain the whole world & loose his own soul..

Since dinner I have called to see an ancient friend of mine Meribeth Hall who is near the close of time in a consupraption [?] – My very spirit was touched within me while sitting silently with her, with strong desires to be ready to meet the solemn time when the flesh shall be Amaciated, & the blood flow slowly thro' the veins, & the powers of the mind reduced with age & infirmity –how solemn is the prospect be fore my mind at this time, it begets living desire that my account may be prepaid my light burning & my lamp trimmed that when I am called to meet the bridegroom I may go with readiness & not have to answer as the foolish Virgins did "Our lamps have gone out" I dont recollect ever to have been more sweetly & feelingly touched in a sick room– May it be lastingly teaching, & not as the early dew vanish with the Sun, but like the tender plant, florish & grow more strong when its genial rays are afforded. –

In the afternoon our meeting was silent & to me a precious opportunity Oh the tender emotions of my heart, how joyful it is to see the clouds disperse when they have a long time darkened the hemisphere.–

After tea I went to David Buffum's with him, his wife & daughter Wait in agreeable conversation.

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July 22, Monday: A Boston establishment famed as “The Beehive” (because it was where the honnies were) was raided by “outraged citizens” and the madam there, “old marm Cooper,” and her working women, the “nymphs of Ann Street,” were sent scurrying out of their Boston House of Erection to avoid being offed to the Boston House of Correction. This must have been a night to remember, as the “outraged citizens,” having organized themselves as for a “2d Tea Party,” had come attired, again, as Mohawk warriors. Let us hope that a good time was enjoyed by all.

When British ships met a combined French/Spanish fleet off El Ferrol, Spain, Spain lost two of its vessels.

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

2 day 22 of 7 M 1805 / This evening took walk with my near and dear friend OW & fell into conversation on several subjects particularly that of unfaithfulness in not doing our duty when we are concernd to treat with individuals who deviate from the spirit of truth. he said he had experienced his mind to sink into leanness and poverty by puting by such concerns – I then told him that I could set my seal to it, & mentioned a circumstance where I was constrained to visit a brother who was older than myself but weakness prevailed & I fell in leanness & discouragement – & also for not speaking to a matter in the M Meeting that presses heavily on my spirit, but let it pass by, & then perfect death insued, & painfully attended me the whole meeting & an heavy exercise for several days. – Says he Stephen, Stephen, I warn thee by the Roes & by the Hinds that thou let the time past suffice & give dilligent heed to be faithful in little things. I observed that he was confirmed that those who are faithful in a little shall be made rulers over much – My spirit & all that was alive within me was called up & willingness wrought to serve the Lord in the way of his requiring with unreserved dedication.

I went to his home & passed the remainder of the evening with him in company with several of my young acquaintance, but the savor of our past conversation was so fresh in my mind, that I felt that I had little inclination to join in conversation – so set nearly silent that whole of the evening believeing it would tend most to my strength.

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

3 day 23 of 7 M 1805 / The effusions of the holy spirit are upon me to day & I am ready to cry unto the Lord that I may dwell forevemore on this spot – I have had deeply to sympathize with some who have to walk thro’ mournful paths & desolate ways – May the Lord by with them, may his Almighty power protect them & enlarge them in the mysteries of Godliness & teach them patiently to endure the turnings of his holy refining hand, for when he afflicteth it is for our Good.–



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

M Meeting 25 of 7 M 1805 / Towards the close of the first meeting D Buffum spoke a few words – he said the Apostle Paul rose to great eminence in the Church, & thro' faithfulness near the close of life was enabled to testify, that he had fought a good fight kept the faith &c henceforth there was laid up for him a Crown of Glory. he said he would have us individually give up to what was required & manifested to be our duty, for how could they, formerly have enjoyed the good wine, if they had not obeyed the directions of the Mother of our Lord, to fill the Waterpots, & consulted flesh & blood & queried why it was so – it is probable the design would have been frustrated. I preserve the heads to help my memory & desire to retain the savor

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

6 day 26 of 7 M 1805 / Last night I spent in the room with a dying Man his groans peared my heart – oh may I learn wisdom, lasting wisdom from such affecting scenes. how Awful to be with a man stupid & speachless & the last feeble taper of life about finally to be extinguished [two and a half lines blacked out] & the spirit to take its Mansion in eternity & appear before its God to receive its doom of Come ye blessed or go ye cursed – Awful were these considerations to me while sitting in the room & may they leave a lasting stimulous to faithfulness in all things – It was brought feelingly to my remembrance, that there was nothing else under heaven among men, that would be comforting when on an Agonnizing pillow but an hope in Jesus Christ, that having submitted to his yolk we may look forward with assurance to a seat in his kingdom. The person with who I watched was Joseph Wiseman the Spanish Consul, & being a man of note, I was further led to view the vanity of distinctions among men so common & so foolish [half line blacked out] – because a man hold a popular or rich post in the world why should he be more carressed than one in meaner life. Death & sickness levels all – when the pale messenger is sent to our habitations – Our length & breadth is all we can have – we then return to our Mother earth & are forgotten by those who once did us homage –

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July 29, Monday: Alexis de Tocqueville was born in Paris and would spend his early childhood in a château at Verneuil, near Paris, where his father, Herve, was mayor. The family was one acquainted with political



violence. His family, members of the petite noblesse, had been targets during the French revolution in 1789; his grandfather and an aunt had been guillotined and his parents imprisoned. His father had regained his position only after the rise of [Napoléon](#). As a child, Alexis would be tutored by the Abbe Leseur. Later he would live in Normandy.



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

29 of 7 M 1805 / Last seventh day evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#) staid at Cousin Chases & the next day went to meeting where I felt very poor & miserable. we sat in silence & some were so insesible as to fall asleep. I was led to reflect on the miserable example it is to the youth who attend our meetings for them to behold elderly friends with their heads falling, who ought to be fresh & lively – what can the honest enquirer gain by attending our meeting, surely they will not feel that animating spirit & power which was felt in our meetings when our ancestors presided, but will go away either disgusted or as they came, like the door on its hinges none the better but rather the worse.

After dining at cousin Chases walked homeward & called at cousin John Gould a few minutes, then to cousin Mary Gould, then went to cousin Alices & took tea – So to town to spend the remainder of the evening at J Earles.–

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August 5, Sunday: [Francis Faulkner](#) died in Acton at the age of 77, “after a long life of piety and publick usefulness in Church and State.” The body would be placed in Lot 233 of Section C at the Woodlawn Cemetery of Acton.



The fulling mill at “Mill Corner” in South Acton would be operated by his son [Winthrop Faulkner](#).

Louis Spohr was appointed Konzertmeister in Gotha, the youngest person ever to hold that position in Germany.

An inaugural concert took place on the organ of St. Peter’s Church in Salzburg, newly rebuilt by Georg Joseph Vogler (Michael Haydn was moved by the majestic sound).

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

1 day 5 of 8 M 1805 / Although I have been very weak & poor much of the time last week & prevailed with insensibility, Yet there has been seasons when the presence of the master has been witnessed –

Our meetings this day were silent & I think I may say they were profitable opportunities, being preserved under a good degree of quietness thro’ them both.

Went with Clark Rodman to Sam’l Thurstons & took tea where we spent the evening very agreeably – D Buffum was with us part of the time. I do sincerely love the company of such friends, & esteem it a very great favor to be conversant with them. it is a privilege which ought to be prized & profited by – I have considered how much better it would be for young friends frequently to join in the company of experienced friends, than to follow & assimilate with the giddy circles.

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

3 day 6 of 8 M 1805 / Consider in my state & condition I have thought it a favor that I am kept alive. my heart is at this time touched with the life of truth. –

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August 7, Wednesday: Adrien Boieldieu's opéra comique Abderkan to words of Dégligny was performed for the initial time, in the Peterhof Palace, St. Petersburg.

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

4 day evening 7 of 8 M 1805 / I walked to [Portsmouth](#), & lodged at Zachery Chases where I found a large company of friends who were there for the same purpose that I was – to attend the Quarterly Meeting to be held the next day. I spent the evening & next Morning very agreeably with them, & I trust to a degree of improvement. Sylvester Wikes & wife, Joseph Harris & wife, Wm Anthony & Joseph Congdon (whose father was killed by lightning at the same house at the last Yearly Meeting time) [rest of line blacked out] & several of my young acquaintances were [there]

Before meeting I walked up to Holder Almy's & spent a little time there then to meeting where we had a very favor'd time, yea truly favor'd time, tho' our friend Wm Crotch in his testimony was lead to express himself very closely to divers states, & particularly those who are at ease in Zion, & had to mourn for the church which he said was in the Wilderness, yet spoke very comfortably to many present whom he apprehended as they walked into meeting had the seal in their foreheads that they had been with Jesus. to those he administered comfort & encouragement to continue in the way of well doing, he was also concerned to address some who were not under our name that he apprehended were in the way to the kingdom, & if faithful would come forth as bright lights to the world – The youth of society he was deeply concerned for & spoke to their states reaching & humbling many of our hearts – may his Ministry be as a lasting seal on my mind is what I crave, fully believing his testimony was delivered in the dread, power & authority of truth. it resembled the Idea which I have of the testimonies of our valient & powerful friends in former days sharpe & sharper than a two edged sword

At the close of the meeting he addressed the Young people on the subject of going out of meetings & requested them not to do it without a particular, necessity, which had a good effect as I never remember to have observed less of it in a Quarterly Meeting.

In the last meeting business went on very pleasantly & solidly Obadiah Williams was appointed Clerk & Jonathon Dennis assistant



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for the year insuing, whose service & solid countenances added dignity to the Meeting.

After meeting took dinner at Cousin L [Z?] Chases then came on to Middlton & visited my cousin Alice Gould & family, where I trust my visit was in some measure useful – then came homeward & met with some of my beloved acquaintances & spent the evening at D Williams.

Altho' from weakness & a degree of insensibility I have not felt the force & weight of the Meeting as at some other times, yet I can thankfully add that I have been greatly favor'd with quietness of mind, & at times thro' the corse of the day, have been reached to the very heart, all that was alive in me was quickened with desires for my lasting preservations, & my spirit has been bowed, on behalf of some of my acquaintance who is under religious exercise, & is ready to adopt the language "My soul is athurst after Thee O God" I do believe there are some who are desirous to become sanctified & purified from every defilement, & if They are but faithful to abide the refinement by fire will come forth as bright & shining ornaments in this part of the Lord's Vineyard, & may their streangth incese thro'

faithfulness, which will build them up as strong & skillfull workman – My mind been peculiarly exercised for a precious female youth of my acquaintance who does not stand within the pale of the outward Church but of latter time hath steadily attended our, first, & weekday meetings, with solid concerned countenance, & hath this day taken the pains to go from [Newport](#) to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the meeting there. May the everlasting hand & Arm of the Almighty be with her, & support her thro' every conflict is at times the Ardent breathings, & anxciuous solicitude of my spirit. Often when sitting in company with her, observing her pensive disposition my soul has been reached with unutterable sensations on her behalf, my prayer hath been Secretly & Solemnly poured fourth, that by the operation of the holy spirit in & upon her, she might come forth fair as the moon clear as the Sun, & terrible as an army with Banners Oh Gracious father be with the youth, that we may be encoraged to come up in the way of holiness & fight willingly & nobly under thy banners, enlarge us & deepen us in thy mysteries of Thy kingdom, Oh Lord prosper thy work make us useful in the world, that Zion may florish in her ancient splendor.

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August 9, Friday: In reaction to the emperor [Napoléon](#) having proclaimed himself King of Italy and having annexed Genoa, Austria adhered to the Anglo-Russian alliance.

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

6 day 9 of 8 M 1805 / This day receiv'd a very acceptable letter from my ancient beloved friend Jamy Bringhurst of Philadelphia whom I am glad to find in every way alive



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

1 day 10 of 8 M 1805 / Wm Crotch is here & was at our meetings this day. In the Morning he expressed that it was often his lot to be discouraged in getting along, having to see & feel the low state of society in different places where [he] has been, which he had peculiarly felt in this place & was ready to adopt the language "Oh that mine eyes were a fountain of tears, that I might weep day & night for poor Zion["] he said there were a number among us who did weep for her desolation, & wished they might be strengthened, but he had been so low in his mind that he did not feel it to be his place to say much among us at this time so with a few more words expressed in divine Authority & sweetness, he sat down. In the afternoon we sat in silence, & were much discomposed by an hard thunderstorm which lasted nearly all the meeting tho' nearly all of us kept our seats many were much aggitated the more owing to the house being struck several times by lightning one young woman nearly fainted away and had to go out.

In the evening after a small walk, I went to J Earls, & staid about an hour in which time we drew into silence & Dear Obadiah spoke a few words in testimony which were truly comfortable & instructing to me. He said that just before we center'd into stillness he felt a language gently to run thro' his mind, little thinking that we should so soon be favor'd with solid quiet she the words were "Zacheus come down for this day I must be at thine house" no doubt but he received it with alacrity of mind it being an important opening to him he then intimated that it was thro' faithfulness to come down when required of us, that we are favor'd to enjoy the presence of the Master.

Spent the remainder of the evening at C Rodmans. —

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

5 day 15 of 8 M 1805 / Our endeared friend Wm Crotch after being at Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) yesterday returned & has been at meeting with us to day — He is a delightful friend, & if there were more among us as faithful as he is, neither we nor the strangers who sit with us would go away as empty as we often do. I think I feel no scruple to say that his testimony to day was living and Powerful & I trust reached the witness of truth in many minds present. I have attended no meeting with him wherein my spirit has felt so relieved as this day it now seems as if I am willing to part with him. & may & may that holy Baptizing influence go with him wherever he goes to the reaching of many



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hearts, which he hath evinced to us is now with him Sam Towle the Moravian Minister, & C Greene a New-lite preacher who are members of other societies, & were well satisfied.

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

16 of 8 M 1805 6 day of the week/ This morning our worthy Honorable & Dignified instrument Wm Crotch left town to visit Sam Elam from there he will return & dine with Richard Mitchell, & then go to [Tiverton](#) & [Swanzy](#) & so to [Providence](#) in the work & service of his Master who has doubtless sent him from his native land to this country as an instrument of great Good....

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August 18, Sunday: Hersey Bradford Goodwin was born.

The Rev. HERSEY BRADFORD GOODWIN was born at [Plymouth](#), August 18, 1805, graduated at [Harvard College](#) in 1826, and at the Theological School in Cambridge in 1829. The first child he baptized bears his name. He married Lucretia, daughter of Benjamin M. Watson, Esq. of Plymouth, June 1, 1830. She died greatly lamented, November 11, 1831, aged 23, leaving one son.²⁵

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

1 day 18 of 8 M 1805 / Our Meeting silent & much as usual for life – took tea at Sam Thurstons in company with Jeremiah Austin Junr & O Williams & spent the evening to my instruction – Oh the many favors which I enjoy in the company of good friends may they be duly prized while I have them, as the time may come, when those invaluable priviledges may be denied me.....

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

3 day 20 of 8 M 1805 / We have this day received letters from Aunt M. Stanton in N York stating the arrival of her husband – also one from Brother James which unkle brought from Liverpool stating their health.

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



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

22 of 8 M 1805 5 day of the week/ It has been an excessive hot day, the Thermometer has stood this afternoon at 83 degrees At Meeting we had the company of Willet Hicks & wife from N York Willet was concerned in testimony. He said the divine Masters querie to his immediate followers "Children have ye any meet" had been so impressed on his mind that he was made willing to stand on his feet & express it, with the miracle of the draught of fishes. he wished us to lanch [launch] out into the deep, & let down the net on the right side of the ship, & then we should have meet & to spare, and recommended that we do not dwell in shallow waters & toil all night & take nothing as they did. his testimony was acceptable & I hope may be useful among us ... It was a good quiet meeting, & may it be remembered, by the youth who he particularly addressed...

I spent the evening at J Earls in company with about twenty persons chiefly young friends, where we center'd into stillness, & dear Willet was concerned in testimony I trust to our edification -he sweetly addressed the youth & encoraged us to persevere in the way of truth intimating that it is a day wherein we are singularly visited -during the time of silence my mind was brought to a sense of its weakness & desires were raised to be more firmly established in the living substance - but it was a time of favor to me witnessing the power of truth in my heart, which made me tremble as I sat in the chair.

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

1 day 25 of 8 M 1805 / Our meetings this day were silent, but in them my mind witnessed the renewal of life & sincere breathings were begotten in my soul to be wholly dedicated to the Lord. my spirit cried in secret unto him for help that I might be delivered from the boody of death with which I have so been so long cover'd. It seems as if I was alive with desires that our Zion might again flourish in her ancient splendor. I mourn'd to see so many among us so dull & lifeless as to religion, & felt desires that I might get into that quickening spirit which will go over & animate those who are at ease. I don't recollect when I have had a more edifying meeting. I took tea with my precious Aunt Martha Gould, & in the evening called to see several of my friends.



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August 29, Thursday: At the Episcopal Church in Cambridge, the Harvard College commencement listened as the [Reverend T.M. Harris](#) delivered a poem on Patronage of Genius.

Abandoning the idea of invading Britain, the Emperor Napoléon ordered his three army corps at Montreuil, St.-Omer, and Bruges to march east.

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

5 day 29 of 8 M 1805 / I am thinking this morning of going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our M Meeting but there is such a weight of discouragement attends my mind that I hardly know what to do. After laboring under much discouragement both from within & without I rode in the Stage to the M Meeting It was a remarkable solemn quiet time Abigail Robinson was concerned in testimony to the comfort of many there. The last meeting held but little time & I dont recollect as I ever felt so small in any meeting that ever I attended I was willing to scruch [scrunch?] behind the back of any boody so as not to be seen, considering my self the very least & hindermost of all the flock present It was not that dry hard lean & barran state with which I am so often tried – So on the whole concluded it was a proffitable meeting & worth spending my time to attend it...

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

7 day 30 of 8 M 1805 / I have this day met with a committee appointed at last My Meeting for the purpose of concluding on some suitable regulating for funerals &c, & tho' before I went I felt, but small & feeble, yet when we were all solidly seated in the meeting house I was never more quickened, or alive to any subject, that ever I was concern'd in. & thought myself wonderfully favor'd to express my prospects & I desire to be humbled under it, & not attribute – any thing to myself, but ascribe all to the honor & praise of the Lord who I trust was near my spirit & did assist me to my admiration. It was a season wherein I was the most deeply instructed of any of the kind that ever ever I was in, & feel this evening a sweetness of spirit which richly compensates the sacrifice of my time from the shop.

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

1 day 8 of 9 M 1805 / I have spent this day chiefly at home having taken this morning some physick for boils which I have had on my face & throat & feel somewhat unpleasant at the mission of Meeting, for had my boils been dosed seasonable I might have gone this afternoon, without inconvenience from my physick. This evening went out & spent the evening at C Rodmans, & believe believe as I walked the streets that I felt a degree of Cains guilt, when he thought every man that met him would slay him. I was affraid people would think if I was able to be out in the evening I might have gone to meeting

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September 9, Monday: In the final resolution of the Ludwig van Beethoven/Artaria squabble, the lawyers of the two sides signed an agreement that Beethoven would not need to publish any retraction, and the Artaria company would in conjunction with a Paris company publish a future quintet (Beethoven would never compose this quintet, but Artaria would take no further action against him).

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

2 day 9 of 9 M 1805 / I fell into an error this morning which was insued by the baptism of repentance. This afternoon departed this life in the 72 year of her Age Meribeth Hall after some years infermity, & about eight weeks confinement. She was a woman whom I have loved from my childhood and now hope, & believe there is reason to believe that her change is from pain & affliction in this world to the enjoyment of perfect felicity in the world to come.

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

5 day 12 of 9 M 1805 / At meeting my mind was sweetly cover'd with the influence of The holy Spirit. And think I may say it was a time of favor to many. When we came out of the house John Rodman told me that he thought it was good for him to be there. How glad I was to find that he had felt his mind instructed, & diped into sweetness in a Silent Meeting. May he be still comforted & encoraged in the right way. My spirit has often breathed in in secret for his preservation. This afternoon attended the funeral of Meribeth Hall & felt a good degree of the same covering to be upon me as at Meeting.

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

7 day 14 of 9 M 1805 / I have written but little of late in my Diary either of the state of my mind or of common occurrences. But feeling an uncommon pressure of exercise, which I went to bed with last night, & rose with this morning, am free to say that it is a time where in my hands are ready to hang down & my knees smite together. A living fresh concern is now weightily on my spirit, that the holy ever blessed cause of Truth and righteousness may be exalted in the minds of the people, that they may know the Lords power to do away in them all that is unholy. It surely is a time of great trial in this Land both from within and without. It is a time of inward trial, because the harvest is great & laborers are few, & because of gainsayers of whom this land abounds; Oh for the sincere hearted burden bearers, may I be found among them, & may their hands be strengthened to do with diligence whatever they may find to do, tho' they may have to travel as in the night when fear cometh. It is a time of outward trial because of the contagion which is spreading in our Towns & Cities, especially in N York & Philadelphia & whatever may be attributed to natural causes, I do believe the Lords hand is in this, & that his judgements are sent abroad that The Inhabitation may learn righteousness. Even this town this healthful situation is not wholly exempt tho' the people have boasted of the salubrity of the air, & that contagions could not originate nor live among us, yet there are two people who have lately died of very putrid complaints called by some The Yellow Fever – & several others have been suddenly taken & are alarmingly sick...

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September 15, Sunday: Lord Horatio Nelson, commanding a British fleet, sailed from Portsmouth with much fanfare.

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

1 day 15 9 M 1805 / This morning took Chaise with Daniel Austin & went to [Tiverton](#) & staid at Thos Barkers till Meeting time after meeting we returned & dined in company with Jonathan Dennis & two others from Town – we all crossed the ferry together. I took tea & J Bordens & Daniel at Preserv'd Fishes & on our passage home stop'd at the Widow Thurmans. it was an agreeable visit.

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September 17, Tuesday: Muzio Clementi's 20-year-old wife Caroline died in Berlin nine days after giving birth to their son.

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

3 day 17 of 9 M 1805 / Last night I spent in watching with Rouse Taylor who is alarmingly Sick with putrid fever.

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September 19, Thursday: [Venture Smith](#) had been suffering from blindness and ill health. At the age of 76 he died.



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

5 day 19 of 9 M / My dear Aunt Martha Stanton & her daughter Niobe has now come on shore, after having performed Quaranteen from N York - She has come on Account of the Sickness which prevails there - May she find safe Assylum among us This morning my mind is quickened & tendered, & seems to be in a favor'd state, may it continue thro' the day & may our Meeting



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be blessed.


At Meeting my mind was brought into a state of Stillness, & cloathed with sweetness. it was a time of refreshment for which I desire to be thankful. Towards the close Asa Russel was concern'd in a short testimony.

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

5 day 26 of 9 M 1805 / I have fallen into such a deathly state of mind since last first day that I have not felt streangth even to insert that I attended Meeting, & David Buffum was largely in testimony from these words "The leaders of the people cause them to sin. in the afternoon we were silent & after meeting I went with Obadiah Williams & took tea with Jon Dennis & wife.

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 September 27 or 28, Friday or Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*I feel this Morning strong desires to be favor'd with Wisdom & streangth in our M Meeting held this day.
Returned from meeting Our publick laborers were Holder Almy & Asa Russel it was a remarkable solid time.
In the last there were four couple published their inentions of marriage Viz Walter Cornell & Lydia Hadwen, Asa Russel Mehitable Earle, Isaac Mitchell & Sarah Gould, Asa Sherman & Elizabeth Mitchell. ——— Anthony wife of Gideon was received into membership.*

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

*1 day 29 of 9 M 1805 / A very rainy day small meetings, & to me poor ones. my mind was in rather a confused state the whole day with that satisfactin which I wished
Oh that life may again rise for it has been with me a barran time for some days, so much so that it is even a burden to me to write as much as I have.*

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



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5 day of 10 M 1805 / The funeral of Luke Bliven has this morning passed my shop, he was drowned some days ago in the Harbor.²⁶ There has two accidents of this kind happened in the corse of ten days.

I am now going to meeting & hope to be favor'd with an improving season.

Our meeting was small, but to my mind a pretty solid time, tho' I underwent some roving of Mind.

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

6 day 4 of 10 M 1805 / I have just returned from the funeral of Wm Tillinghurst who departed this life Yesterday aged —— & this day between 10 & 11 OClock in the Morning was inter'd in the Clifton burying ground. he has left 6 small children & a wife to bear his irreparable loss. he was a man much esteemed by all who knew him, & may be consider'd a loss to the community at large, for several years he has been a very constant attending of friends meeting in first days, & sometimes on week days. he allways brought several of his children with him, & sat in a very exemplary manner by the side of them. & even a severe storm of rain or snow did not prevent his coming. He departed out of time in an Awful manner, being sick but a few days, of a severe fever which was thought terminated in the Yellow fever & was deprived of his reason allmost the whole time of his illness. I do not feel in a state of mind to make many remarks upon it but hope it may tend to awaken me to a sense of mortality, & how soon & sudden we are taken from this to another world.

It may be truly said that it is a time of great alarm to the inhabitation of our town, as it is a very sickly time, & indeed so it is all about this country. The news paper of Yesterday announced that in some parts there was not well enough to take care of the sick.

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October 7, Monday: The Grand Armée crossed the Danube River.

Having crossed the Continental Divide, the Lewis and Clark expedition arrived at the Clearwater River.

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

26. Luke Bliven had been a friend of a Captain on a ship quarantined in the harbor, and had tacked out in a small sailing craft. A gust of wind capsized his boat. It seems this was witnessed from the shore and rescue was attempted. However, the corpse was not found until four days later, at the shore by Fort Adams.



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2 day 7 of 10 M 1805 / Last seventh day I met at the meeting house with the committee from the M Meeting (of which I was one) to confer on the subject of friends funerals & burying places & after a long sitting from 9 till half past 12 OClock we agreed on a report.

This as well as at our other opportunities together, were seasons of very great instruction, & even enlargement to my mind. & I think young people like myself should esteem it a great favor to have the privilege of being with experienced friends at such times, as I believe if a right use is made of them, furtherance & advancement in expereince will be the result.

In the Afternoon I rode to [Portsmouth](#) with L [? OR Z] Chase & the next day went to meeting where I may justly say it was to my mind a season of uncommon favor. it is some Months since I have experienced any thing near equal to it. I was centered in humble waiting before the Lord, & earnest breathings of Spirit was raised for my own preservation, & even the preservation of the little band there assembled. how did I humbly crave that they might be strengthened, & more faithful pillars raised up to support & do honor in the Church. It seemed as if I was ready to call on my young bretheeren & sisters to join heart & hand, & come up to the house of the Lord, the mountain of his holiness that his great & excellent name may be exalted in the Earth. I continued in this susceptible frame of mind till I came home & went to bed at Night. in the evening & went to C R's where E R & M C were sitting alone. (The rest of the family from home) with whom I joined in conversation, & found the Latter in such a tender exercised frame of mind as claimed my affectionate sympathy. We were conversing on our meetings' & I mentioned it to be a favor'd time with me at [Portsmouth](#), that I was almost at a loss to know whether to shed tears or not, to which she replied, that in the morning tho' it was a silent meeting, she did, & they were the tears of repentance too. I told her them were good tears. we then went into some weighty & deep conversation which confirmed me in the belief which I have long had that she was a youth that is tenderly visited with the day spring from on high, & if she is faithful will ere' long come forth among us much brighter than some who now stands as members of society.

I felt for her in her tried situation much more than I was able to express. And may the preserving hand of the Almighty be with her is my earnest prayer of spirit.

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October 11, Friday: Austrian troops almost trapped 4,000 French in the vicinity of the village of Albeck. But, not quite.

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



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11 of 10 M 1805 / We have this day received a letter from my brother James mentioning his arrival in New York from Liverpool

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

1 day 13 of 10 M 1805 / This morning before I went to meeting my mind was in a very favor'd state, which continued with me through the whole day, the morning meeting was a memorable time, my mind was in good subjection & the truth was witnessed in an eminent degree. Our friend Benjamin White from Pensylvania was at meeting & preached in the demonstration of the power & spirit of Truth, I believe many tender minds were mightily reached by his testimony, & may it have a lasting effect. I have not been so reached by any friend for a long time if ever. The meeting was disturbed in the morning by a drunken man who came in & talked very loud at times while Benjamin was preaching. I desire to receive with thankfulness every favor which is vouchsafed by the Giver of all good Gifts & may now say that, tho' I have not written the state of my mind so frequently of late as in times past, yet it hath been a time wherein I have often witnessed the renewal of life & frequently had to suffer much poverty, but even in times of poverty the spirit has been with me as a comforter, & my mind at times has been fervantly engaged for the wellfare & prosperity of the everlasting & unchangeable truth. may my spirit be brought more & more under its dominion, & be made acceptable to him who is alone worthy of all honor & praise.

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

3 day 15 10 M 1805 / Tho it is now an hard time with me, yet my mind has this day as well as at many other days become seriously concerned & affected for the wellfare of divers of my young acquaintance. May the Lord the Almighty God preserve them & be near to them in times of deep trial. how has my best life been nearly affected, & drawn into sympathy with some who are now entering the School of religion Oh! it is a precious school, my very soul can bear witness to it. all that I ever learnt that was worth having was obtained here....& may it never be forgotten, but daily improved upon. was it in my power to express what I feel it might be some relief; but neither my tongue or pen is able to do it & may only add that my spirit is deeply bowed within me, & my mine eyes nearly brought to weeping as I write.



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October 16, Wednesday: The Lewis and Clark expedition reached the Columbia River.

The emperor [Napoléon](#) ordered his artillery to bombard Ulm.

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

4 day 16 of 10 M 1805 / I have had this day to witness inward peace & innocence in a time of outward perturbation, & am ready renewedly to acknowledge that I believe all true peace & comfort is only derived from virtue & religion. how sweet, how comfortable, beyond description, it is when we are visited calamity to feel our hands clean & can lift them up in the midst of it & say in sincerity, Lord it is not I that has offended thee. Oh! this innocence I feel it to be a precious thing, & may I be more & more to gain possession of it. my spirit is more affected with a sense of Gods goodness at this time than usual. I desire to be preserved in this tender frame of mind which I now experience beyond the power of words to express.

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

5 day 17 of 10 M 1805 / Our meeting to day was sweet & precious. I was favor'd soon after I took my seat with the incomes of Divine life, & to keep within the holy enclosure most of the meeting. I desire to thank & praise the Lord for his goodness vouchsafed this day, & am ready to believe that others beside myself was sensible that it was a good meeting. there was much solemn quiet over us, & dear Abigail Robinson was sweetly concerned in testimony which I have no doubt came from the fullness of an exercised mind, & was instructing & moving to my feelings

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Austrian forces in Ulm agreed that they would surrender to the French should no help arrive by October 25th.

Behind the Schönbrunn bei Wien palace of Österreich in Vienna, in the Mauer des Schlossgartens, the young German who had attempted to stab the Emperor [Napoléon](#) on October 13th, Friedrich Staps, shouted “Long live freedom! Long live Germany!” just before the volley from the firing squad.



(There was nobody back there to hear him, of course, except Frenchmen, none of whom seem to have been particularly impressed.)

Napoleon und Staps

*Wie vor Varus, den Römer, so trat im geknechteten Deutschland
Vor Napoleon auch mahnend die Nemesis hin.*



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*Hätt' er den Jüngling verstanden, der, ohne zu zittern, das Leben
Vor die Füße im warf, als er's ihm wieder geschenkt:
Nimmer hätt' es der Völker bedurft, ihm die Lehre zu geben,
Daß der germanische Geist immer den sittlichen rächt.*
— Friedrich Hebbel



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

18 of 10 M 1805 / 6 day I can acknowledge that my mind is affected with a concern for my own wellfare, & a longing is witnessed for that exaltation of truth & righteousness, that men & women may no longer follow fables of mans device, but cleave to the inward teacher which teacheth in secret as never man taught in public. I have been persuaded this day that there was hardly ever a time when Preast craft more generally & hurtfully prevailed, or more of the Babylonish form of religion among men, for they will come forth under some impressions of religion, & the Ministers of the day will hear that such & such are under conviction as they call it, & will run to persuade them to adopt their doctrine, drownd. confuse & affright them with terror. & after a time they lead the poor things into the Water, so after they are baptized they think, they are members of Churches, & the workd is compleat. & thus by being in haste to get relief from their first excess[?] which is but the beginning of the furnace they fall short of that holy refinement which they might have attained too by patiently in during the cross for a season. But alas alas my Soul has this day mourned over those poor concerned creatures, & if they would but patiently wait as it were at Jerusalem until endued with power from on high they would come forth with renewed lusture, & even exceed their teachers for money & be brought to see that their preaching is an offence & a perversion of the ways of the Almighty, & their prayers instead of assending in sweet incence before the throne of Grace, is a stink in his nostrils, & their doctined tho' cloaked & painted like religion, yet they blaspheme the Great & holy name of the Lord.

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October 19, Saturday: According to a church record, Sally Lawrence, dau'r of Widow Lawrence of Groton, died aged 18.

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

7 day 19 of 10 M 1805 / It is a time of blessed favor, my mind keeps to the center & is not easily jostled about with every passion to which our natures are incident. I desire to be renewedly thankful, as for several days successively I have witnessed the renewal of light & life afresh to shine on my tabernacle. Blessed be the holy name of our God, it is a great mercy when he is pleased to unvail his countenance to the comfort &



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refreshment of his creature man. A fervant Zeal accompanies my mind thro' this time of visitation that Our holy profession may not be laid to waste but that sons may come from far & daughters from the ends of the earth to build up & adorn the waste places of Zion.

Oh may the beloved Youth of this town & Island distinguish themselves in this work – I often breathe to the Almighty for our furtherance & advancement in the cause of righteousness.

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November 4, Monday: The Austrian Imperial Court evacuated Vienna.

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

2 day 4 of 11 M 1805 / Last seventh day afternoon I crossed the ferry to Connanicut in company with Asa Russel of [New Bedford](#) & D Williams I lodged at cousin Greenes & they ar P. Weedens the next day we attended the meeting held on the Island which was an highly favor'd opportunity Asa was concerned in testimony which I believe was living & powerful reaching the witness in many minds present, his supplication lively, fervantly craving that the standard of truth might be raised in this land. I can say I was glad of my being there After meeting we returned to cousin Greenes. And after dinner we had a precious time in conversation & cousin Anne droped some excellent advice which would not hurt the best of us. we returned across the ferry with a pleasant sail – & thro the corse of the evening my mind was thankful for a deep seriousness of mind, feeling desires to be preserved under the holy sanctifying influence of truth.

While I was drinking tea this afternoon all that is alive within me was moved at hearing that My brother James was taken by the press gang when in Liverpool & kept by them all night, he was taken by his collar & dragged from the house in a very trying manner & what took particular hold of my feelings was that when they were carrying him away the woman with whom he boarded very affectionately told him that she would send him some breakfast in the morning, & as he was going thro' the streets, a young woman acquaintance of his landladys daughter with who he had become some acquainted, ran out as he passd by where she lived. & in a very affecting manner & seeing him in distress said to him, "James May God keep thee & preserve thee James." She was a Methodist & used the plain language. as he expects to follow the sea fairing business for a lively hood, renew'd desires are fervantly raised on his behalf to the Lord of heaven Sea & Land that he may acquaint him of his ways, that when he is far seperated from his friends & Aged parents he may look to him for help in times of outward & inward calamity may his mind be stayed upon the rock of Ages the only sure foundation.




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 November 7, Thursday: Lewis and Clark 1st sighted the Pacific Ocean and discovered the mouth of the Columbia River, just in time. (It had been right there waiting for them all along.)

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

5 day 7 of 11 M 1805 / This day was married at our Meeting house in [Newport](#) Asa Russel of [New Bedford](#) to Mehitable Earle Isaac Mitchell son of Richard to Sarah Gould daughter of John both of Middletown

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 November 9, Saturday: Russian troops effected an escape across the Danube River.

Rumors of impending financial collapse so worried French citizens that troops needed to be called in to keep order among investors.

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

7 day 9 of 11 M 1805 / There has been two Suicides in this town two days running one of a man who drowned himself, the other a woman who cut her throat. It seems as if Satan had beset the mind of some with corage & success.

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 November 13, Wednesday: French troops marched into Vienna, unopposed.

The [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) got married with Mary Morrill, a daughter of Deacon James Morrill of Boston, in Boston or in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. It was probably at about this time that the house the Reverend Packard had built in Chelmsford was purchased as his parsonage. The couple would produce five boys who would grow to maturity: James Morrill Allen, Charles Hastings Allen, John Clark Allen, Nathaniel Glover Allen, and Wilkes Allen. Three of these would attend college.

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

4 day 13 of 11 M 1805 / This day my brother James has sailed for NYork expecting to go to sea. My mind is often drawn forth in supplication for his preservation & enlargemnt in the best things. may the All protecting hand go with him wherever he goes & may he be obedient to its directions

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November 14, Thursday: Napoléon took up residence in the Schönbrunn Palace of Vienna.

Fanny Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg, the first of four children born to Abraham Mendelssohn, a banker, himself the son of the Enlightenment philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, and Lea Solomon, daughter of the Prussian court jeweler and granddaughter of Daniel Itzig, a financial advisor to King Friedrich II of Prussia and one of the most affluent citizens of Berlin.

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

5 day 14 of 11 M 1805 / Asa Sherman & Elizabeth Mitchell, Walter Cornell & Lydia Hadwen will be married in our Meeting today, with the latter I expect to sit, & after meeting to return to be at their wedding, & I humbly crave to be favor'd to keep on the watch tower that my mind be not drawn aside into levity, but to endeavor to let my example be of a good savor to those around me Oh Lord be with my spirit this day & let all things work together for thy honor & Glory.

In meeting my mind was favor'd to witness a good degree of quietness, & favor Obadiah Davis of New Bedford was there & was very extensive in testimony I believe to good satisfaction, & I am sure to my edification. I returned to the house with Walter & Lydia & thro' the course of the day & evening, the company (tho large) were all remarkably solid. There was no unwarrantable conduct or conversation. - & for my own part I was very far from feeling any inclination to lightness, for instead of feeling myrthdom (as the saying is) my heart was in my shoes, & weeping of spirit was my lot, & it sometimes seemed as if I was ready to cry aloud my depression was so great, which occasioned such a seriousness that I was at times wholly unable to join in, or introduce conversation, but on the whole it was a very agreeable opportunity & I believe none that were there, were sorry for it but rather went away proffited.

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

1 day 17 of 11 M 1805 / Soon after I took my seat in meeting this Morning my mind became favored with the rising up of life, & I was apprehensive that we should have a favored opportunity, & so it proved for a general solemnity prevailed over the gathering. Soon after we were gathered D Buffum was concerned to address us in a feeling powerful testimony, then Abigail Robinson rose & was very large in the Ministry, I trust to reaching the dormant witness of truth in many hearts present. Thanks be to God & father of all things that he is still pleased to follow after us with reproofs of instruction, tho' we daily walk counter to his will my mind has often for several days been



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bowed under a sense of his goodness to his creature man, & have been made sensible that without his immediate assistance we are as marriners destitute of the compass to direct our barks on the tractless deep, but if we have not this unerring guide it is our own fault, as he is ever graciously willing to help us if we are but obedient to the manifestations of his holy spirit in our hearts.

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

5 day 21 of 11 M 1805 / I have but just streangth to insert that at Meeting Obadiah Davis was large & lively in testimony – he addressed the Youth sweetly.

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

4 day 27 of 11 M 1805 / I seem to have my feelings over-cast with heaviness both on my own account, & on the account of some others, for whom I am almost ready to to think it will be no mockery for me to say that my spirit travels for their wellfare, their groth & perminent establishment in the everlasting truth. And while I am concerned for others I trust I am in some degree thoughtful of my own wellfare tho' things from within & without are far from being as I could wish them, & are so that I cannot easily alter them at present, yet am encouraged to hope that ere long they will be different. I greatly long to be differently situated in life as to my manner of living. And still more earnestly crave to be founded & grounded in that which will last to all eternity

I am very weak & poor at times & find that the continual watch is necessary to be kept up, or Satan is as busy as ever he was to ensnare & destroy the life of the mind.

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

6 day 29 of 11 M 1805 / I have had this day peculiarly to feel, & labor under great weakness, but am favor'd with a belief that the streangthening hand is ready on conditions of my faithfullness to heal all my infermitites, under which I am often borne down & even ready at time to sink.

In our Monthly Meeting held Yesterday in town I was beset in the forepart of it with a wordly matter which I Strove hard to get my mind raised above, & after wrestling a while I felt it to



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*vanish, & the blessed truth came into dominion in my mind, & in this state I sat for some time, & was then sweetly edified by the testimonies of Holder Almy & Anne Greene.
In the last meeting we had but very little business, & rather a low time.*

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December 3, Tuesday: President [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s 5th Annual Message.

The Emperor Franz I of Austria called on the Emperor [Napoléon](#), to sue for peace.

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

3 day of 12 M 1805 / Tho' I have been much engaged in outward business for some days past, yet the pure witness has often in the midst of it been raised, so that when my hands have been on my labor my heart has enjoyed the life, & thanks be to the Author of every blessing, things as to an outward living seems to increase, & I desire that the lure of wealth may not draw my mind from an entire dependance on the Lord, & that my feet may never stray from the holy enclosure, that neither heights nor depths or any thing else may lay waste the seed of life in my heart.

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

*5 day 5 of 12 M 1805 / For several days I have been emersed in business & had severael cloging things in my mind, but the prcious life had not been whooly neglected, it has often risen & sweetly difused itself over the whole man, & I am thankful that I feel the precious covering at this time. I seems as if I am ready to crave on the bended knee of my spirit that I may not be left in the barran desart at our meeting today.
In meeting the spirit was near me but it did not rise into dominion as at some times, owing to some things of an outward nature being more uppermost that I could wish.
Since I have returned from meeting my spirit has been brought low, & I have thought the enjoyment of every outward thing was taken away, & have been Baptized afresh with a sense of my own weakness- "Oh may all my faculties be bent to the service of my great Creator; for he is the only sorce from whence we are to attain the enjoyment of the streangth & ability which will work for us peace & hapiness, & quallify us for every work & service."*

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December 11, Wednesday: News of the victory at Austerlitz reached Paris and the financial markets, so recently desperate, began to turn around.

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

11th day of 12 M 1805 / I have been led this evening to consider (as I often am) the weakness & poverty there is among us as a society & I have queried why it is that there is not that Zealot firmness among us that there was in former days, & it hath clearly appeared to me that it is because there are so many dwarfs in this our day & time. The sincere laborers have not only to travel for those who are affar off, but have many hindering burdensome things of their own household, & I think in this the old saying becomes verified, that a Mans enemies are those of his own household, were it not for those drownish unconcerned members who are but stumbling blocks in the way of honest enquiries, it would not be such a time of Mourning in the Land as it now is, -but were we as mighty in streangth as we are in numbers, what a time it would it be surely the nations of the earth would come unto us for safety, & the Mock Babylonish form of religion would be done away & we should be distinguished above all the famillies of the earth. I am often concerned in mental supplication, that I may stand the storms of temptations, & not suffer my feet to be drawn aside, from daily seeking that bread which norisheth the soul.

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

*13 of 12 M 1805 } "A few unwary words"
6 day of the week } "More mischief make than twice so many swords" are poetical expressions or maxims which I have experienced the verity of this morning, as I have fallen into some unguarded expressions which I am very sorry for, & hope by repentance at this time to avoid similar trouble in future.*

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

5 day of 12 M 1805 / At meeting Dear Hannah Dennis was concerned to call our attention to watchfulness, that we might labor acceptably for him who created us for a purpose of his own glory, adding that it needed continual watchfulness to keep away the enemy, & that we could not expect to accomplish our warfare but by labor, & sometimes so close that we might have to build the walls of Jerusalem with one hand & keep off the enemy with the other. As for my part thro' inattention to that Power which can



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preserve us out of the snares of the enemy I have suffered him to predominate to my hurt of late, & I have feared that he hath even taken down part of what I have built, but I feel desirous at this time to renew the conflict & try to regain what I have lost.

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December 23, Monday, 6PM: [Joseph Smith, Jr.](#) was born in Sharon, Vermont, 5th child of Lucy Mack and Joseph Smith, Sr. He would grow up to be a religious influence, like another newborn baby of that year, [Frederic Henry Hedge](#) of Cambridge, Massachusetts, but unlike Hedge would not be a seer on the model of Maimonides. He would be six feet tall and would work in the mode of Elijah or Moses, or perhaps Geller, and would marry at least 49 women.

Harold Bloom, in his 1992 treatise on the American Religion and on the emergence of the US as a post-Christian nation *THE AMERICAN RELIGION: THE EMERGENCE OF THE POST-CHRISTIAN NATION* (NY: Simon & Schuster), refers to [Waldo Emerson](#)'s sharing with Joseph in the creation of our unholy, fatuous faith in our American selves:

Ralph Waldo Emerson, visiting Mormon country in Salt Lake City in 1871, dismissed the Latter-day Saints as "an after-clap of Puritanism." Born just two years before the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith, Emerson survived his fellow New Englander by some thirty-eight years. As contemporaries, they possessed nothing in common, and scarcely could have been further apart in moral character, personality, social class, education, intellectual sophistication, indeed in intellect itself. Their largest difference is an immemorial one: between sage and prophet. Emerson, sage of Concord, remains our national oracle of cultural wisdom. Smith, prophet of Kirtland and Nauvoo, remains the religion-making founder of what began as a scandalous heresy and now is an eminently respectable established church, wealthy, vaguely Christian, and mostly right-wing Republican.

Had they met in their lifetimes, the Transcendental sage and the Mormon prophet could not have talked to one another. Smith's visions and prophecies were remarkably literal; the subtle Emerson, master of figurative language, knew that all visions are metaphors, and that all prophecies are rhetorical. And yet Emerson and Joseph Smith alike pioneered in creating the American Religion, the faith of and in the American self.

The [Mormon](#) prophet was just as influential as Emerson in the shaping of our new American Religion of self-



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worship — although, Bloom suggests, in an entirely different manner.²⁷



The largest paradox concerning the American Religion is that it is truly a biblical religion, whereas Judaism and Christianity never were that, despite all their passionate protestations.... If there is already in place any authentic version of the American Religion then, as Tolstoy surmised, it must be Mormonism, whose future as yet may prove decisive for the nation, and for more than this nation alone.

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

23 of 12 M 1805 2nd day [sic] / Since the last date I have experienced a want of exertion to raise the inward life to keep away the enemy, but it has sometimes seemed as if there was never more real Zeale in my heart against the Babylonish forms of religion, never more earnest breathings to the Lord for my own firm establishment on the everlasting foundation, & many times has all that was alive & quick within me been engaged in supplication that Sons may be brought from far, & daughters from the ends of the earth. to acknowledge ther Goodness, & Glory of our God. I am often concerned that the precious youth of my acquaintance may not follow after cunningly devised fables, by going to hear the false teachers of the present Age; many of whom it is often sealed on my spirit are up & down in this country who are raising sparks of their own kindling, and warming others by them which will do them no good, but rather tend to blend them to that pure inward principal which of its self well work for them, all that is necessary; without the help of Man.

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December 26, Thursday: A treaty of peace between France and Austria was signed at Pressburg (Bratislava). Austria ceded Dalmatia and Venetia to the Kingdom of Italy. Tyrol, Vorarlberg, and other Alpine lands went to Bavaria, a French ally, and Swabia was ceded to Württemberg. Bavaria and Württemberg were made kingdoms while Baden was created a Grand Duchy. Würzburg was made an electorate under Ferdinand Joseph Johann Baptist of Austria.

Gli americani, a melodramma eroico by Johann Simon Mayr to words of Rossi, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice.

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

27. The worship-of-a-book of the Southern Baptists, Bloom comments, consists largely of attention to the writings by and about “Saint” Paul, whereas the worship-of-a-book of the [Mormons](#) consists largely of attention to “an American set of replacement Scriptures.” (Along the way he indites American psychoanalysis, as being a worship-of-a-book of the authorized edition of the works of Saint Sigmund.)



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5 day 25 [sic] of 12 M 1805 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my beloved friend A Greene to attend our MLY Meeting. Holder Almy & David Buffum was acceptable in testimony. David rose with the text "Be not deceived God is not mocked, if ye sow to the flesh, of the flesh ye shall of the flesh reap corruption but if of the spirit ye shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." It was to me a good meeting, & in the last my heart was much reached at the reading of the London Epistle for the present year & was almost ready to conclude it was right for me to stand up & make some remarks on the part of it respecting Slavery & War but fearing the People as Saul did when he neglected to slay all that was appointed for destruction, I let it pass by, but D Williams was concerned to speak excellently on the subject of Slavery, endeavoring to awaken the minds of friends to a sense of the dreadful situation of the poor black held in bondage, & desired that our testimony against the traffic might not relax, but be maintained as far as possible, & said he believed that the exertions of society was not at an end. On the whole I was well paid for my expence & pain at going & hope it may prove lastingly useful to my mind. we dined at Richard Mitchells where were a precious company of friend both young & old.

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

1 day 29 of 12 M 1805 / Last evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#) to visit my cousin Z Chase & family, & on my journey there I had profitable reflections. Owing to a very heavy storm of wind & rain I was obliged to stay there through the forenoon as I could not get to meeting which I was desirous of – so I spent the time mostly in reading the Life of our ancient worthy friend Thos Ellood, when it clear'd up in the afternoon I came homeward & stop'd at cousin Alice Goulds took tea & set awhile with them, then came to town & went to J Earles where my very spirit became very deeply affected insomuch that I could not join in conversation & setting under much exercise, I came home & am now writing this account –When I consider my own weakness Oh what inability do I feel but nevertheless, there are times when my heart is enlarged, & craves on the bended knees of my soul the prosperity & permanent growth of some who are as yet much unacquainted with the operations of truth. It seems to be such a discouraging time that I am almost ready to give up & conclude it will never be better, for there are some who have run well & continue hopeful for a time, but when the rains descend & the storm comes to beat against them they turn back from whence they came, & their last state is likely to be worse than the first. I am often ready to weep for them for it is harder to go back to the right ground than it was for them to leave the bad in the beginning. Oh what



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a state of barraness will they have to wade thro' if ever they return to their first love. I often feel concerned for my young friend & some others of my acquaintance that they with my self may experieince our hand to be made strong, & be enabled to keep our ground against the enemy of our peace, now in this time of dearth & famine.

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

2 day 30 of 12 M 1805 / This day compleats the 24th Year of my Age & tho' I have not improved my time perhaps in any sense to the best advantage yet I trust I have done generally for the best, & have several times thro' the day felt my heart drawn to give thanks to the Author of my being, that he hath helped me thus far & is still graciously pleased to give me an evidence that he is still with me & is often working in me, & for me beyond what I deserve. I do feel sincerely desirous at this time that a more full surrender of my heart may be made to the Father & fountain of all Good.

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

3 day 31 of 12 M 1805 / This is probably the last minute which I shall make in this year, & am not desirous to invent many words to bed adieu to it, but may say that it has been a year of many viccissitudes particularly of mind, & I am willing to hope if I am permitted to close another, it may be still more to my own peace & the honor of my God... But Alas I am yet but young, & there are many snares for my feet, which requires watchfulness to shun, - & there are some concerns of moment which have for a long time been weightily before my mind, & claims all the discession & discernment which I am capable of attaining too, to assceraint which path to persue - if whether I shall be favor'd clearly to discover the right is yet a matter of uncertainty. I desire thro all that I may meet with to retain my love for the unchangeable truth, & closely in all things, (both inward & outward) to consult with it, & if I do my present faith & even firm beliefs is that I shall never want for the best counsel tho' I may be often left in the dark & be striped



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& tried even to an hairs breadth, yet I believe it will be for a trial of my faith & patience to see if my desires are still to be a true follower, willing to endure suffering.

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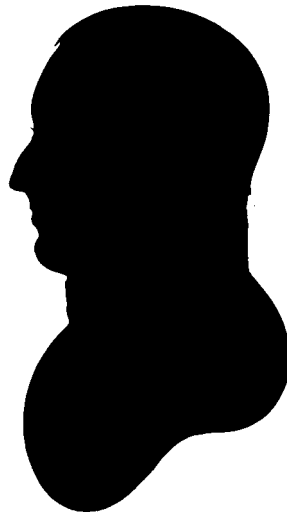
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May 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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7 day 3 of 5 M – 1806 / It has been a day wherein my mind has witnessed some refreshment by being tender'd & (at seasons) nearly [nearly?] melted with a sense of divine goodness being still near & ready to help. For a long time it has felt as if all that was good was withdrawn & no tender feelings spot remaining, but am led to believe there is a way to avoid this barrenness which I am tried with, which is by watchfulness & obedience. I am often sensible of suffering much loss & weakness by entering into conversation which tho' innocent in itself tends to destroy the Life, the precious Life in the mind. Oh that I may be more watchful, & search daily to see how far I have lived up to knowledge.²⁸



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28. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1806: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 6 Folder 6 for January 1, 1806-May 1, 1806 and Folder 7 for May 3, 1806-December 30, 1806; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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

*1 day 4 of 5 M / Before meeting this Morning was refreshed with a sense of good being near, but was rather uneasy, & could not get centered in meeting as I expected
In the Afternoon life rose & a better Meeting. Our precious A Robinson was concerned in a living & powerful testimony which I have fully to believe reached the witness in many minds, her testimony was fitting many states, but particularly one who hath known the visiting arm of the Lord from season to season, but hath been halting, or not closed in with it so fully as was required, "Return unto me & I will return unto thee" was a scripture she repeated several times.*

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May 5, Monday: The Elector Karl Friedrich of Baden-Durlach became the Duke of Baden-Durlach.

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

2 day 5 of 5 M / My mind of late has been much exercised about, & engaged in a matter which has labor'd in MY Meeting, & from an examination of my conduct am ready to conclude my motives for acting were pretty good tho' I have differed in sentiment from some who are older & much more experienced than myself

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May 6, Tuesday: Johann Simon Mayr opened his new music school, Lezioni Caritatevoli, in Bergamo, in order to provide musicians for the local church. Among the students would be Gaetano Donizetti.

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

*3 day of 5 M / My mind was brought under a right feeling last evening which remained 'till after I went to bed, & sleep for a while departed from mine eyes. I feel a desire to be thankful for every favor, Oh Father be with me a little longer try me yet a little longer
The supplication of my heart this morning was graciously answered, it has been a precious day for tho' I have been much engaged in my business, yet the current of divine life has run*



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thro' my mind very sweetly, & desires were earnestly raised for strength to stand the beating storms of temptations, the besetments of satan which are incident to our passing thro' this world

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

4 day 7 of 5 M / The town is full of Muster & much Military parade owing to its being Election day. I have been favor'd with quietness of mind & to feel raised above the sound of the drum and fife. While I have sat musing have remembered a saying of our Venerable Ancestor Wm Penn "The vanities of the Wicked world" says he "would clothe a naked one to see the excess of food & clothing that has appear'd in our streets this day is really affecting Philip Dunham from Little Compton called into the shop to see me with whom I had some agreeable conversation. he feels near to my mind as one who is endeavoring to live in the Truth This evening walked out to Sam'l Thurstons with D Rodman & came home with E & P Earle.

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

5 day of 5 M / While walking to Meeting, I began to reflect on the weak state of my mind, & was ready to conclude it would be to me a barren meeting, & on going into the meeting house yard & finding it late was almost on the point of turning to come home, but from a little further reflection went in, & was well paid for it, for immediately on taking my seat I felt the sweet & precious incomes of divine life to arise in my mind, & those deathly feelings to vanish, which greatly refreshed my mind. Oh may I bear those seasons of favor in remembrance, & not give over the pursuit, even when things appear so dark & discouraging that no way may appear to be cast up for our escape from the enemy, on how or from where help may be derived. for many times has a way been made when none has appeared, & the fountain unsealed when to all human appearances none could unseal it, & the waters thereof have refreshed my mind when weary & ready to faint for which I desire to be humbly thankful & render praise where it is alone due This Afternoon my dear friend Clarke Rodman called to see me, we had a very precious time together his counsel & excellent



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remarks I hope may be long remembered.

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

*1 day 11 of 5 M / Our meetings were silent & seasons of deep thoughtfulness with me ... particularly this afternoon mine eyes were led to look around & behold the gloomy prospect there is among us, & was almost ready to despair of its being better. some who have known at least good from evil, & been very desirous to walk in the path which leads to everlasting peace & happiness, feeling at seasons the humbling hand of Almighty Power to operate on their hearts & draw them with the cords of his holy love unto his fold of rest, are ready to give out the path proves too narrow, the terms too hard for them. All that was alive within me often of late has been moved & drawn into mental & even vocal earnest prayer that they may yet come to know a being cleansed from all uncleanness, come forth with brightness, & as ornaments to the Church, but Oh how few there are that there are is much to be expected from. I was this Afternoon ready to sink with discouragement & conclude All hopes prayers, & labors were in vain.
Spent most of the evening at D Williams afterward called at J Er & C R.*

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

3 day 13 of 5 M / Since the last date my mind has labor'd under much exercise & I trust I have been a mourner in Zion. The extream discourageing prospect which has been almost continually before me has brought me nearly to despair whether there are any that will hold out to the end in welldoing some who have known the work of truth well begun in them, & convincingly heard this language sounded in their spiritual ears "come ye out & be ye separte from them" are halting & do not come up faithfully to the standard; my spirit has been sorely exercised on this acct & was there any thing which I could do to establish them most gladly would I do it, but the work must be wrought out in them selves. The help of others will serve but to stir up the mind, & unless they are faithful to what is made manifest labor will



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

4 day 14 of 5 M / Tho there are some things left deficient, yet I consider it has been a favor'd day as I have been in a tender susceptible frame, & whenever this is my state I desire to be thankful, as it is often such that it feels as if good was not to be come at or as if when I cryed unto the Lord he was affar off

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

5 day 15 of 5 M / Our meetings were silent & probable was favor'd to some, but as to me dry & hard. was tried with drowsiness which is uncommon

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May 16, Friday: A limited blockade on France against neutral shipping was imposed by Great Britain. Named after the Foreign Minister, this was referred to as the Fox Blockade.

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

6 day 16 of 5 M / Face much swollen & head out of order from an heavy cold, yet have written a letter to my friend J. Austin & family

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May 17, Saturday: Etienne Nicolas Méhul's opéra comique *Malvina* to words of Saint-Victor after MacPherson (*Ossian*), was performed for the initial time, in Théâtre Feydeau, Paris. (It would later be called *Uthal*.)

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

7 day 17 5 M / My head continues much out of order & my mind depressed, yet feel something like thanksgiving to arise that I have been helped as I have & am able to keep in my shop.

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

7 [?] 18 of 5 M / Our morning meeting was silent, in the afternoon DB was concerned in a very lively testimony on the necessity of watchfulness. Took tea with D. Williams Am in hopes nothing has been lost today tho' perhaps but little gained

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May 19, Monday: The Free School Society opened the first Lancastrian school, in New-York.

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

2 day 19 of 5 M / My head being much affected, & some other things weightily on my mind, was on as low a spot as at almost any time in my life. My earnest prayer at seasons is that I may be watchfull over my conduct & be enabled to discharge every duty allotted me with clean hands & to the acceptance of him who assigneth them – face rather more comfortable but quite sore & painful

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May 20, Tuesday: Birth of John Stuart Mill, a mind which would return “time and again to the idea of improvement”²⁹ as if it were a law of the social universe — the way a dog returns to its vomit.

Gott hat unter uns aufgerichtet das Wort von der Versöhnung by Johannes Herbst was performed during the consecration of the Moravian church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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

29. BOOKS THAT CHANGED OUR MINDS, ed. Cowley, Malcolm and Bernard Smith. NY, 1939, pages 247-8



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*3 day 20 of 5 M / This day exercise of mind has been very great,
Oh! how goes my poor soul go mourning on its way.*

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

*4 day 21 of 5 M / My face broke last night & is very comfortable
this morning*

*While setting silently just now my mind was humbled under a sense
of the many unmerited favors which are bestow'd on me – I long
to dwell nearer & nearer to the fountain of life, for from it
is all true Strength & wisdom derived.*

*My exercise thro' the day has been much, tho' perhaps the time
not so well improved as might have been.*

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

*5 day 22 of 5 M / Gave way to too much laughter this morning
which is a weakness I'm much subject too: nevertheless my
feelings of yesterday were renewe'd, & went to meeting under
them & sat pretty well composed, tho' life did not arise as I
wished or even expected If I was favor'd with a right sense of
the state of the meeting, It was a very low & even suffering
time with those who were watchmen on Zions Walls.*

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

*day 23 of 5 M / I wish not to stamp my exercise higher than it
really is but it is as much as I can well get along with.*

*It being near the close of the day & looking over what has past,
cannot find but that I have kept pretty near the Life, or rather
the Life has kept pretty near me.*

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 May 24, Saturday: The Principality of Guastalla was attached to the Kingdom of Italy.

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

*7 day 24 of 5 M / Tho' the watch may not have been kept up so
carefully as it might have been yet a degree of living concern*



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has been witnessed in my spirit – I have longed that I might dwell nearer & nearer to the holy spirit, & that Zions border may be enlarged is at present my chief concern. Oh the mourning of my spirit for those who have felt the opperations of Truth in their mind & do not surrender to what it mannifests should be done. there are some of these within my circle for whom day after day for many days together have I been deeply Baptized for. & I long beyond the power of words to express that they may come forth with their garments clean.

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 May 25, Sunday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 3rd birthday.



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

*1 day 25 of 5 M / Our meetings were Silent & to me seasons of Deep wardings tho in the midst of it I felt the mercy at work Oh the exercise & suffering of my poor mind in these days, words fall far short to tell it all
Took tea with Saml Thurstons in company with Jon Deenis. Spent the remainder of the evening at C Rodmans*

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 May 26, Monday: [Lewis Cass](#) got married with Elizabeth Spencer.

The Emperor Napoléon decreed the dissolution of the Republic of Dubrovnik.

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

2 day 26 of 5 M / In a pretty guarded State of mind & the pressure of exercise not so great, tho' not free from it

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May 27, Tuesday: Ansbach, currently under French occupation, was annexed to Bavaria.

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

3 day 27 of 5 M / Rather a want of religious life. This Afternoon seriousness has cover'd my mind, & I have seen that watchfulness us still necessary for me & others – I have been compairing the prospect in society to the state of the present weather – it has been for some time very dry, tho' there are frequent appearances of rain, the wind lashed [?] & heavy clouds hang around, yet rain does not come. & so it is with some they appear hopeful for a time & as far as can be seen & even felt, have begun well, & gone on so for a time, but do not surrender themselves wholly up to be led & guided by that inward principal which is striving within them, & would increase their strength even to strong men & women, & greatly does my very heart fear & tremble on account of some who have often known & felt the living power of truth in a very convincing manner, but from their flexible disposition are in danger of being carried off the ground entirely....

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

4 day 28 of 5 M / Scarcely a day passes but there is something that might have been better'd – yet I have felt the Lord to be gracious & long suffering to all – Things have appear'd very dismal & discouraging respecting what was hinted yesterday. It is a time when the ways of Zion do most assuredly Mour

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May 29, Thursday: The Prime Minister, Lord Grenville, presented evidence to [King George III](#) of the various indiscretions of [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), and the monarch authorized a Secret Commission of cabinet ministers to examine the witnesses who had provided the damning testimony. The matter would come to be referred to as the “Delicate Investigation.”

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

May Meeting in town 29 of 5 M / In the silent part of our first meeting my mind was uncommonly favor'd to keep from roving thoughts & near to the sorce of life. I beg to be duly sensible & thankful for all my favors which are many It is a precious enjoyment to feel an easy access to the fountain Dear Abigail was sweetly concerned in supplication, Whereby I felt inwardly



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*helped & it seem'd as if my spirit join'd with hers in a remarkable manner
In the last meeting the business labor'd. & I feel very thankful for not having said any thing to wound my own mind or the cause tho' I had like to have spoken once as would have done me much hurt.*

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

6 day of 5 M / Spent the evening at D Williams in company with Susanne Barker, tho' my company was agreeable yet felt but little inclination to join with them in conversation my mind being dipt into an exercise which hath attend it closely for some time...

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June 1, Sunday: Bavaria officially became a kingdom under the terms of the Treaty of Pressburg.

The "Delicate Investigation" into the indiscreet conduct of [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), estranged wife of [George, Prince of Wales](#), formally began.

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

1 day 1 of 6 M 1806 / It has been a day of deep exercise, even deep trial... In the morning meeting D Buffum deliver'd a short testimony impressing the necessity of the improvement of our time from the Parable of the ten Virgins... In the afternoon we were silent & after meeting went in company with Obadiah Williams Phebe Earle & Mary Ann Smith out to D Buffums, & tho' my company was agreeable & of the best kind yet could not join much in conversations.

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

2 day 2 of 6 M 1806 / My exercise continues so that I could not sleep till late last night, & feeling a renewal thereof this morning, was induced to send for the individual (on whose account it chiefly is) to a friends house where I apprehend I



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was favor'd to discharge my duty as far as I can feel (as yet pretty much to my own release & satisfaction) It was a memorable season which I hope not to forget, the individual was much tendered, even to tears by what I found to say, I desire not to attribute any thing to my own works, but what ever is done thro' me may be ascribed unto him who fits & quallifies for every work & service.

This afternoon went to Narragansett, & on passing both ferrys there was not a man on board (except myself) but was the worse for liquor; it occasioned a search in my mind, & I was ready to thank God that I was not like them... In crossing the Narragansett ferry there was a young woman on board whose innocent countenance took my attention tho' I did not speak to her while in the boat – when we got over it was quite dark & late in the evening & the poor thing told me she had to walk some distance before she could get to her lodgings which gave me some concern for her – She went on a little distance & returned to the ferry house affrighted which put me upon noticing her a little further, as he looked reputable & dressed something like a friend, there being many lodgers previously engaged at the ferry house she could not stay there, & a man on horse back offer'd to take her along but he appearing to be intoxicated she prudently declined, so I seeing her in a great streight, offer'd to go with her to the next house, about half a miles distance. & as we walked our conversation turned on religious subjects – she appear' to be one who was desirous to walk in the right way, & had, as she expressed been almost bewitched by the Newlites in Narragansett but had lately lived with a friend & had contracted a love for them & their ways, tho never fully conform'd to any of them, but was convinced of their ways of worship. Her mentioning the effect the Newlites had upon her mind led me into some expression – I answer'd to her that the effect they had upon her was the workings of her passions & that true religion was found in the silence of all flesh, therfor She must not depend on them for much of their preaching & praying was but a mear form of words with out the true life & power, & then appealed to her judgement if she had not often been burdened with it & found them as empty vessels, to which she very feelingly reply'd "O yes I have found them so" She appear'd to be very tender & I was glad it fell in my way to converse with her, often having to feel much on the account of those who are in a seeking state & feel the power of truth to strive in them but have not arrived to a state, clearly to know what it is that thus affects them. My mind was humbled & brought into desires for her advancement & establishment

After finishing my business at Narragansett came home the next day, & it was remarkable that in both going & coming there was some on board the ferry boats that were the worse for liquor. it is really cause of mourning to see what destruction there is among mankind, by spirituous liquor.



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

4 day 4 of 6 M / Felt some disposition to levity, yet very serious thoughts have attended my mind (at times) thro' the day, & trust a good degree of watchfulness – This morning a young man who has been absent from home for several years came to see me, when he went away his conduct was a grief to his friends, but has now returned with a plain dress & uses the plain language, & appears to be under much concern to do right, while I was with him my mind was brought into sympathy & desires were raised for his preservation it seems remarkable that I should be so often dipt into feelings with people of this description – Oh that my conduct may be such as to encorage the honest seekers, & those who know the power of truth in their hearts, to come forth & profess it nobly, & in sincerity, for such there are, & I am led sometimes to fear that the reason more of them does not come forward, is that they meet with stumbling blocks in those who they might expect would be helpers on their journey.

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 June 5, Thursday: The [Emperor Napoléon](#) transformed the Batavian Commonwealth into the Kingdom of Holland, making his brother Louis the monarch there. The Principality of Benevento was created, subject to France.

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

5 day 5 of 6 M / I'm going to meeting where I hope to get to the center, having felt this morning a renew'd engagement lie [be?] in the line of religious improvement. In the forepart of the meeting felt pretty lively but grew dull before the conclusion – This evening had an agreeable visit from my beloved & intimate acquaintance A Barker, he felt very near to me. Should he continue faithful he bids fair to be of use to Society.

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



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6 day 6 of 6 M / This evening called at a friends house where I met with a beloved acquaintance, & finding her to be in a sweet state of mind & apparently under a right concern for her own furtherance in well doing, it was a great comfort to me. I believe it will be from the heart when I say "May the Lord bless her, may his gathering Arm be around her & keep her from the follies & vanities of Youth".....

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

7 day 7 of 6 M / A want of watchfulness but a degree of favor...

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

1 day 8 of 6 M / In our morning meeting A Robinsons bore an encouraging testimony. She observed that her feeling had been far from joyous in our religious meetings for some time past yet she had been comforted in this, with a belief that the Lord would feed his people himself, & went on to menage [mention?] those who were deprived of the company or acquaintance of those who were helpers & sympathizers, believing that however destitute they were as to the outward, by obedience the Lord would be a present help in every needful time, & wished them to lift up their heads in hope as he knew the most secret thoughts of all, & would help all who look unto him. It appear'd to be a solid meeting, but with me as Doc Rutty says "The coles were under the ashes" -spent the evening at C Rodmans.

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

2 day 9 of 6 M / Tho' I have had a considerable reduction of mind of late, yet I find the unweried Adversary is still working



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in me with an abundance of craft, he hath tried me hard this day, & whether ever I shall subdue him is hard to tell, but I believe & find by degree of experience, that strength is mercifully afforded in proportion to what we have to undergo.

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June 10, Tuesday: A DISCOURSE, DELIVERED BEFORE THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, JUNE 10, 1806 BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS](#)... (Boston: Printed by E. Lincoln).

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

3 day 10 of 6 M / A sweet current of life this morning, but the day does not conclude with that savor which I could wish...

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

4 day 11 of 6 M / I have had very deeply to feel my own weaknesses & have even groaned under them this morning. This afternoon our dear friend R Mitchell called & set a while with me in the shop, his company & conversation was very interesting & encourageing – Also dear J R-n called, & our minds were humbled together under a sense of the continued visitation of our dear Lord & Master, it is a season of humbling affliction with him, & my heart prays that he may be faithful even to the parting with a right hand or a right eye or as he expressed himself to offer up Isaac the only son, or that which is as near & dear if required he is one for whom my spirit hath groaned for deliverance & travelled for his furtherance Oh the deep exercise which I have had of late on account of several may it all tend to deepen me in the root of wisdom.

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June 12, Thursday: John Augustus Roebling was born in Mühlhausen, Thuringia, Prussia, now Germany, the youngest son of Christoph Polycarpus Roebling and Friederike Dorothea Mueller Roebling.

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

5 day 12 of 6 M / My cousins Henery [sic] & Abigail Gould were this day married. The meeting was remarkably solemn & quiet, and



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*as to my own particular state I know not when it was better...
At the conclusion Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short but
lively supplication which I believe was felt by some present in
a low state...*

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

7 day 14 of 6 M / Many friends have come to attend our Yearly Meeting Sacrifice which commences in Town tomorrow I can truly say my spirit seems revived at the sight of some of them, but some that have passed by occasion a very different sensation, & from their appearance had better have kept at home... Had the company of Our beloved friend Micajah Collins from Lynn this evening whose conversation was truly sweet & encouraging to my mind. I love him much & wish there were more of his cast.

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

*1 day 15 of 6 M 1806 / Our Meetings this day have been very large, & little or no disturbance which is uncommon when the House is crowded in every part. they appeared to me much favor'd & the heavenly wing of divine love was marvelously stretched over them. The ministers aparently laboured with much power & their testimonys appear'd to reach the minds of many & satisfy all. I have felt thankful & even humbled in believing that the day has closed in a good degree to the Honor of our God. Wm Crotch Isaac Bonsall & Naoime Halstead were the public laborers of the day
This afternoon was gratified with the company of divers of my dear friends to take tea, & had a little precious conversation with Dear Rowland Greene which I hope may prove strengthening.*

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

2 day / Owing to the great Eclipse of the Sun which happened this morning & was nearly total, the meeting began buisness [sic] after a solid silence of about fifteen minutes which is much sooner than is common – at near eleven O Clock the meeting broke, as it was very dark & adjourned to three in the Afternoon – In the afternoon we met & entered on the State of Society as represented by the Queries which drew forth the testimonys of divers living members among whom were Wm Crotch, Enoch Dorland,



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Isaac Bonsall, Daniel Quinby & others.

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A total [eclipse](#) of the sun was visible from San Diego, California to New-York. In the Indiana Territory, the Shawnee prophet Tenskwatawa accurately predicted this eclipse. As a result of observing this eclipse from Kinderhook, New York, José Joaquin de Ferrer came up with the name “corona” to designate the faint outer glowing atmosphere of the sun visible only during such a total occultation. On Boston Neck the grazing cattle began their evening walk home at noon as the eclipse blackened the cloudless sky. Observing this phenomenon, [William Cranch Bond](#) determined to become an astronomer. In the garden behind his home on Chestnut Street³⁰ in Salem sat Nathaniel Bowditch with a [telescope](#), and a lantern by which to consult his watch.

*“The moon was seen like a black spot in the heavens surrounded by light like that of twilight.
Several of the fixed stars were visible to the naked eye.
At 11h 32’ 18” the light burst forth with great splendor.”*

SKY EVENT

HARVARD OBSERVATORY

Many years later, a description of this event belatedly recollected by [James Fenimore Cooper](#) in about the year 1831 would belatedly appear in 1869 in [Putnam’s Monthly Magazine](#) (Volume 21, pages 352-359):

THE ECLIPSE. FROM AN UNPUBLISHED MS. OF JAMES FENIMORE COOPER.

Note by the Editor.— During Mr. Cooper’s residence at Paris, he wrote, at the request of an English friend, his recollections of the great eclipse of 1806. This article, which is undated, must have been written about the year 1831, or twenty-five years after the eclipse. His memory was at that period of his life very clear and tenacious, where events of importance were concerned. From some accidental cause, this article was never sent to England, but lay, apparently forgotten, among Mr. Cooper’s papers, where it was found after his death. At the date of the eclipse, the writer was a young sailor of seventeen, just returned from a cruise. At the time of writing these recollections, he had been absent from his old home in Otsego County some fifteen years, and his affectionate remembrance of the ground may be traced in many little touches, which would very possibly have been omitted under other circumstances. S.F.C.

THE eclipse of the sun, which you have requested me to describe, occurred in the summer of 1806, on Monday, the 16th of June. Its greatest depth of shadow fell upon the American continent, somewhere about the latitude of 42 deg. I was then on a visit to my parents, at the home of my family, among the Highlands of Otsego, in that part of the country where the eclipse was most impressive. My recollections of the great event, and the incidents of the day, are as vivid as if they had occurred but yesterday. Lake Otsego, the headwaters of the Susquehanna, lies

30. Now 12 Chestnut Street.



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as nearly as possible in latitude 42 deg. The village, which is the home of my family, is beautifully situated at the foot of the lake, in a valley lying between two nearly parallel ranges of heights, quite mountainous in character. The Susquehanna, a clear and rapid stream, flowing from the southeastern shore of the lake, is crossed by a high wooden bridge, which divides the main street of the little town from the lawns and meadows on the eastern bank of the river. Here were all the materials that could be desired, lake, river, mountain, wood, and the dwellings of man, to give full effect to the varied movement of light and shadow through that impressive day. Throughout the belt of country to be darkened by the eclipse, the whole population were in a state of almost anxious expectation for weeks before the event. On the eve of the 16th of June, our family circle could think or talk of little else. I had then a father and four brothers living, and as we paced the broad hall of the house, or sat about the family board, our conversation turned almost entirely upon the movements of planets and comets, occultations and eclipses. We were all exulting in the feeling that a grand and extraordinary spectacle awaited us – a spectacle which millions then living could never behold. There may have been a tinge of selfishness in the feeling that we were thus favored beyond others, and yet, I think, the emotion was too intellectual in its character to have been altogether unworthy. Many were the prophecies regarding the weather, the hopes and fears expressed by different individuals, on this important point, as evening drew near. A passing cloud might veil the grand vision from our sight; rain or mist would sadly impair the sublimity of the hour. I was not myself among the desponding. The great barometer in the hall – one of the very few then found in the State, west of Albany – was carefully consulted. It was propitious. It gave promise of dry weather. Our last looks that night, before sleep fell on us, were turned toward the starlit heavens. And the first movement in the morning was to the open window – again to examine the sky. When I rose from my bed, in the early morning, I found the heavens serene, and cloudless. Day had dawned, but the shadows of night were still lingering over the valley. For a moment, my eye rested on the familiar view – the limpid lake, with its setting of luxuriant woods and farms, its graceful bay and varied points, the hills where every cliff and cave and glen had been trodden a thousand times by my boyish feet – all this was dear to me as the face of a friend. And it appeared as if the landscape, then lovely in summer beauty, were about to assume something of dignity hitherto unknown – were not the shadows of a grand eclipse to fall upon every wave and branch within a few hours! There was one object in the landscape which a stranger would probably have overlooked, or might perhaps have called unsightly, but it was familiar to every eye in the village, and endowed by our people with the honors of an ancient landmark – the tall gray trunk of a dead and branchless pine, which had been standing on the crest of the eastern hill, at the time of the foundation of the



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village, and which was still erect, though rocked since then by a thousand storms. To my childish fancy, it had seemed an imaginary flag-staff, or, in rustic parlance, the "liberty pole" of some former generation; but now, as I traced the familiar line of the tall trunk, in its peculiar shade of silvery gray, it became to the eye of the young sailor the mast of some phantom ship. I remember greeting it with a smile, as this was the first glance of recognition given to the old ruin of the forest since my return. But an object of far higher interest suddenly attracted my eye. I discovered a star – a solitary star – twinkling dimly in a sky which had now changed its hue to a pale grayish twilight, while vivid touches of coloring were beginning to flush the eastern sky. There was absolutely no other object visible in the heavens – cloud there was none, not even the lightest vapor. That lonely star excited a vivid interest in my mind. I continued at the window gazing, and losing myself in a sort of day-dream. That star was a heavenly body, it was known to be a planet, and my mind was filling itself with images of planets and suns. My brain was confusing itself with vague ideas of magnitude and distance, and of the time required by light to pierce the apparently illimitable void that lay between us – of the beings who might inhabit an orb like that, with life, feeling, spirit, and aspirations like my own. Soon the sun himself rose into view. I caught a glimpse of fiery light glowing among the branches of the forest, on the eastern mountain. I watched, as I had done a hundred times before, the flushing of the skies, the gradual illuminations of the different hills, crowned with an undulating and ragged outline of pines, nearly two hundred feet in height, the golden light gliding silently down the breast of the western mountains, and opening clearer views of grove and field, until lake, valley, and village lay smiling in one cheerful glow of warm sunshine. Our family party assembled early. We were soon joined by friends and connections, all eager and excited, and each provided with a colored glass for the occasion. By nine o'clock the cool air, which is peculiar to the summer nights in the Highlands, had left us, and the heat of midsummer filled the valley. The heavens were still absolutely cloudless, and a more brilliant day never shone in our own bright climate. There was not a breath of air, and we could see the rays of heat quivering here and there on the smooth surface of the lake. There was every appearance of a hot and sultry noontide. We left the house, and passed beyond the grounds into the broad and grassy street which lay between the gates and the lake. Here there were no overhanging branches to obstruct the view; the heavens, the wooded mountains, and the limpid sheet of water before us, were all distinctly seen. As the hour for the eclipse drew near, our eagerness and excitement increased to an almost boyish impatience. The elders of the party were discussing the details of some previous eclipse: leaving them to revive their recollections, I strolled away, glass in hand, through the principal streets of the village. Scarce a dwelling, or a face, in the little town, that was not



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familiar to me, and it gave additional zest to the pleasure of a holiday at home, to meet one's townsfolk under the excitement of an approaching eclipse. As yet there was no great agitation, although things wore a rather unusual aspect for the busy hours of a summer's day. Many were busy with their usual tasks, women and children were coming and going with pails of water, the broom and the needle were not yet laid aside, the blacksmith's hammer and the carpenter's plane were heard in passing their shops. Loaded teams, and travellers in waggons, were moving through the streets; the usual quiet traffic at the village counters had not yet ceased. A farm-waggon, heavily laden with hay, was just crossing the bridge, coming in from the fields, the driver looking drowsy with sleep, wholly unconscious of the movement in the heavens. The good people in general, however, were on the alert; at every house some one seemed to be watching, and many groups were passed, whose eager up-turned faces and excited conversation spoke the liveliest interest. It was said, that there were not wanting one or two philosophers of the skeptical school, among our people, who did not choose to commit themselves to the belief in a total eclipse of the sun – simply because they had never seen one. Seeing is believing, we are told, though the axiom admits of dispute. But what these worthy neighbors of ours had not seen, no powers of reasoning, or fulness of evidence, could induce them to credit. Here was the dignity of human reason! Here was private judgment taking a high stand! Anxious to witness the conversion of one of these worthies, with boyish love of fun I went in quest of him. He had left the village, however, on business. But, true to his principles, before mounting his horse that morning, he had declared to his wife that "he was not running away from that eclipse;" nay, more, with noble candor, he averred that if the eclipse did overtake him, in the course of his day's journey, "he would not be above acknowledging it!" This was highly encouraging. I had scarcely returned to the family party, left on the watch, when one of my brothers, more vigilant, or with clearer sight than his companions, exclaimed that he clearly saw a dark line, drawn on the western margin of the sun's disc! All faces were instantly turned upwards, and through the glasses we could indeed now see a dusky, but distinct object, darkening the sun's light. An exclamation of delight, almost triumphant, burst involuntarily from the lips of all. We were not to be disappointed, no cloud was there to veil the grand spectacle; the vision, almost unearthly in its sublime dignity, was about to be revealed to us. In an incredibly short time, the oval formation of the moon was discerned. Another joyous burst of delight followed, as one after another declared that he beheld with distinctness the dark oval outline, drawn against the flood of golden light. Gradually, and at first quite imperceptibly to our sight, that dark and mysterious sphere gained upon the light, while a feeling of watchful stillness, verging upon reverence, fell upon our excited spirits. As yet there was no change perceptible in the sunlight falling upon lake and



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mountain; the familiar scene wore its usual smiling aspect, bright and glowing as on other days of June. The people, however, were now crowding into the streets – their usual labors were abandoned – forgotten for the moment – and all faces were turned upward. So little, however, was the change in the power of the light, that to a careless observer it seemed more the gaze of faith, than positive perception, which turned the faces of all upward. Gradually a fifth, and even a fourth, of the sun's disc became obscured, and still the unguarded eye could not endure the flood of light – it was only with the colored glass that we could note the progress of the phenomenon. The noon-day heat, however, began to lessen, and something of the coolness of early morning returned to the valley. I was looking upward, intently watching for the first moment where the dark outline of the moon should be visible to the naked eye, when an acquaintance passed. "Come with me!" he said quietly, at the same moment drawing his arm within my own, and leading me away. He was a man of few words, and there was an expression in his face which induced me to accompany him without hesitation. He led me to the Court House, and from thence into an adjoining building, and into a room then occupied by two persons. At a window, looking upward at the heavens, stood a figure which instantly riveted my attention. It was a man with haggard face, and fettered arms, a prisoner under sentence of death. By his side was the jailor. A painful tragedy had been recently enacted in our little town. The schoolmaster of a small hamlet in the county had beaten a child under his charge very severely – and for a very trifling error. The sufferer was a little girl, his own niece, and it was said that natural infirmity had prevented the child from clearly pronouncing certain words which her teacher required her to utter distinctly. To conquer what he considered the obstinacy of the child, this man continued to beat her so severely that she never recovered from the effects of the blows, and died some days after. The wretched man was arrested, tried for murder, condemned, and sentenced to the gallows. This was the first capital offence in Otsego County. It produced a very deep impression. The general character of the schoolmaster had been, until that evil hour, very good, in every way. He was deeply, and beyond all doubt unfeignedly, penitent for the crime into which he had been led, more, apparently, from false ideas of duty, than from natural severity of temper. He had been entirely unaware of the great physical injury he was doing the child. So great was his contrition, that public sympathy had been awakened in his behalf, and powerful petitions had been sent to the Governor of the State, in order to obtain a respite, if not a pardon. But the day named by the judge arrived without a return of the courier. The Governor was at his country-house, at least eighty miles beyond Albany. The petition had been kept to the last moment, for additional signatures, and the eighty miles to be travelled by the courier, after reaching Albany, had not been included in the calculation. No despatch was received, and there was every appearance that there would be no reprieve. The day



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arrived — throngs of people from Chenango, and Unadilla, and from the valley of the Mohawk, poured into the village, to witness the painful, and as yet unknown, spectacle of a public execution. In looking down, from an elevated position, upon the principal street of the village that day, it had seemed to me paved with human faces. The hour struck, the prisoner was taken from the jail, and, seated, as is usual, on his coffin, was carried to the place of execution, placed between two ministers of the gospel. His look of utter misery was beyond description. I have seen other offenders expiate for their crimes with life, but never have I beheld such agony, such a clinging to life, such mental horror at the nearness of death, as was betrayed by this miserable man. When he approached the gallows, he rose from his seat, and wringing his fettered hands, turned his back upon the fearful object, as if the view were too frightful for endurance. The ministers of the gospel succeeded at length in restoring him to a decent degree of composure. The last prayer was offered, and his own fervent "Amen!" was still sounding, hoarse, beseeching, and almost despairing, in the ears of the crowd, when the respite made its tardy appearance. A short reprieve was granted, and the prisoner was carried back to the miserable cell from which he had been drawn in the morning. Such was the wretched man who had been brought from his dungeon that morning, to behold the grand phenomenon of the eclipse. During the twelve-month previous, he had seen the sun but once. The prisons of those days were literally dungeons, cut off from the light of day. That striking figure, the very picture of utter misery, his emotion, his wretchedness, I can never forget. I can see him now, standing at the window, pallid and emaciated by a year's confinement, stricken with grief, his cheeks furrowed with constant weeping, his whole frame attesting the deep and ravaging influences of conscious guilt and remorse. Here was a man drawn from the depths of human misery, to be immediately confronted with the grandest natural exhibition in which the Creator deigns to reveal his Omnipotence to our race. The wretched criminal, a murderer in fact, though not in intention, seemed to gaze upward at the awful spectacle, with an intentness and a distinctness of mental vision far beyond our own, and purchased by an agony scarcely less bitter than death. It seemed as if, for him, the curtain which veils the world beyond the grave, had been lifted. He stood immovable as a statue, with uplifted and manacled arms and clasped hands, the very image of impotent misery and wretchedness. Perhaps human invention could not have conceived of a more powerful moral accessory, to heighten the effect of the sublime movement of the heavenly bodies, than this spectacle of penitent human guilt afforded. It was an incident to stamp on the memory for life. It was a lesson not lost on me. When I left the Court House, a sombre, yellowish, unnatural coloring was shed over the country. A great change had taken place. The trees on the distant heights had lost their verdure and their airy character; they were taking the outline of dark pictures graven upon an unfamiliar sky. The



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lake wore a lurid aspect, very unusual. All living creatures seemed thrown into a state of agitation. The birds were fluttering to and fro, in great excitement; they seemed to mistrust that this was not the gradual approach of evening, and were undecided in their movements. Even the dogs – honest creatures – became uneasy, and drew closer to their masters. The eager, joyous look of interest and curiosity, which earlier in the morning had appeared in almost every countenance, was now changed to an expression of wonder or anxiety or thoughtfulness, according to the individual character. Every house now gave up its tenants. As the light failed more and more with every passing second, the children came flocking about their mothers in terror. The women themselves were looking about uneasily for their husbands. The American wife is more apt than any other to turn with affectionate confidence to the stronger arm for support. The men were very generally silent and grave. Many a laborer left his employment to be near his wife and children, as the dimness and darkness increased. I once more took my position beside my father and my brothers, before the gates of our own grounds. The sun lay a little obliquely to the south and east, in the most favorable position possible for observation. I remember to have examined, in vain, the whole dusky canopy in search of a single cloud. It was one of those entirely unclouded days, less rare in America than in Europe. The steadily waning light, the gradual approach of darkness, became the more impressive as we observed this absolutely transparent state of the heavens. The birds, which a quarter of an hour earlier had been fluttering about in great agitation, seemed now convinced that night was at hand. Swallows were dimly seen dropping into the chimneys, the martins returned to their little boxes, the pigeons flew home to their dove-cots, and through the open door of a small barn we saw the fowls going to roost. The usual flood of sunlight had now become so much weakened, that we could look upward long, and steadily, without the least pain. The sun appeared like a young moon of three or four days old, though of course with a larger and more brilliant crescent. Looking westward a moment, a spark appeared to glitter before my eye. For a second I believed it to be an optical illusion, but in another instant I saw it plainly to be a star. One after another they came into view, more rapidly than in the evening twilight, until perhaps fifty stars appeared to us, in a broad, dark zone of the heavens, crowning the pines on the western mountain. This wonderful vision of the stars, during the noontide hours of day, filled the spirit with singular sensations. Suddenly one of my brothers shouted aloud, "The moon!" Quicker than thought, my eye turned eastward again, and there floated the moon, distinctly apparent, to a degree that was almost fearful. The spherical form, the character, the dignity, the substance of the planet, were clearly revealed as I have never beheld them before, or since. It looked grand, dark, majestic, and mighty, as it thus proved its power to rob us entirely of the sun's rays. We are all but larger children. In daily life we judge of objects by



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their outward aspect. We are accustomed to think of the sun, and also of the moon, as sources of light, as etherial, almost spiritual, in their essence. But the positive material nature of the moon was now revealed to our senses, with a force of conviction, a clearness of perception, that changed all our usual ideas in connection with the planet. This was no interposition of vapor, no deceptive play of shadow; but a vast mass of obvious matter had interposed between the sun above us and the earth on which we stood. The passage of two ships at sea, sailing on opposite courses, is scarcely more obvious than this movement of one world before another. Darkness like that of early night now fell upon the village. My thoughts turned to the sea. A sailor at heart, already familiar with the face of the ocean, I seemed, in mental vision, to behold the grandeur of that vast pall of supernatural shadow falling suddenly upon the sea, during the brightest hour of the day. The play of light and shade upon the billows, always full of interest, must at that hour have been indeed sublime. And my fancy was busy with pictures of white-sailed schooners, and brigs, and ships, gliding like winged spirits over the darkened waves. I was recalled by a familiar and insignificant incident, the dull tramp of hoofs on the village bridge. A few cows, believing that night had overtaken them, were coming homeward from the wild open pastures about the village. And no wonder the kindly creatures were deceived, the darkness was now much deeper than the twilight which usually turns their faces homeward; the dew was falling perceptibly, as much so as at any hour of the previous night, and the coolness was so great that the thermometer must have fallen many degrees from the great heat of the morning. The lake, the hills, and the buildings of the little town were swallowed up in the darkness. The absence of the usual lights in the dwellings rendered the obscurity still more impressive. All labor had ceased, and the hushed voices of the people only broke the absolute stillness by subdued whispering tones. "Hist! The whippoorwill!" whispered a friend near me; and at the same moment, as we listened in profound silence, we distinctly heard from the eastern bank of the river the wild, plaintive note of that solitary bird of night, slowly repeated at intervals. The song of the summer birds, so full in June, had entirely ceased for the last half hour. A bat came flitting about our heads. Many stars were now visible, though not in sufficient number to lessen the darkness. At one point only in the far distant northern horizon, something of the brightness of dawn appeared to linger. At twelve minutes past eleven, the moon stood revealed in its greatest distinctness — a vast black orb, so nearly obscuring the sun that the face of the great luminary was entirely and absolutely darkened, though a corona of rays of light appeared beyond. The gloom of night was upon us. A breathless intensity of interest was felt by all. There would appear to be something instinctive in the feeling with which man gazes at all phenomena in the heavens. The peaceful rainbow, the heavy clouds of a great storm, the vivid



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flash of electricity, the falling meteor, the beautiful lights of the aurora borealis, fickle as the play of fancy, – these never fail to fix the attention with something of a peculiar feeling, different in character from that with which we observe any spectacle on the earth. Connected with all grand movements in the skies there seems an instinctive sense of inquiry, of anxious expectation; akin to awe, which may possibly be traced to the echoes of grand Christian prophecies, whispering to our spirits, and endowing the physical sight with some mysterious mental prescience. In looking back to that impressive hour, such now seem to me the feelings of the youth making one of that family group, all apparently impressed with a sensation of the deepest awe – I speak with certainty – a clearer view than I had ever yet had of the majesty of the Almighty, accompanied with a humiliating, and, I trust, a profitable sense of my own utter insignificance. That movement of the moon, that sublime voyage of the worlds, often recurs to my imagination, and even at this distant day, as distinctly, as majestically, and nearly as fearfully, as it was then beheld. A group of silent, dusky forms stood near me; one emotion appeared to govern all. My father stood immovable, some fifteen feet from me, but I could not discern his features. Three minutes of darkness, all but absolute, elapsed. They appeared strangely lengthened by the intensity of feeling and the flood of overpowering thought which filled the mind. Thus far the sensation created by this majestic spectacle had been one of humiliation and awe. It seemed as if the great Father of the Universe had visibly, and almost palpably, veiled his face in wrath. But, appalling as the withdrawal of light had been, most glorious, most sublime, was its restoration! The corona of light above the moon became suddenly brighter, the heavens beyond were illuminated, the stars retired, and light began to play along the ridges of the distant mountains. And then a flood of grateful, cheering, consoling brightness fell into the valley, with a sweetness and a power inconceivable to the mind, unless the eye has actually beheld it. I can liken this sudden, joyous return of light, after the eclipse, to nothing of the kind that is familiarly known. It was certainly nearest to the change produced by the swift passage of the shadow of a very dark cloud, but it was the effect of this instantaneous transition, multiplied more than a thousand fold. It seemed to speak directly to our spirits, with full assurance of protection, of gracious mercy, and of that Divine love which has produced all the glorious combinations of matter for our enjoyment. It was not in the least like the gradual dawning of day, or the actual rising of the sun. There was no gradation in the change. It was sudden, amazing, like what the imagination would teach us to expect of the advent of a heavenly vision. I know that philosophically I am wrong; but, to me, it seemed that the rays might actually be seen flowing through the darkness in torrents, till they had again illuminated the forest, the mountains, the valley, and the lake with their glowing, genial touch. There was another grand



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movement, as the crescent of the sun reappeared, and the moon was actually seen steering her course through the void. Venus was still shining brilliantly. This second passage of the moon lasted but a moment, to the naked eye. As it ceased, my eye fell again on the scene around me. The street, now as distinctly seen as ever, was filled with the population of the village. Along the line of road stretching for a mile from the valley, against the side of the mountain, were twenty waggons bearing travellers, or teams from among the hills. All had stopped on their course, impelled, apparently, by unconscious reverence, as much as by curiosity, while every face was turned toward heaven, and every eye drank in the majesty of the sight. Women stood in the open street, near me, with streaming eyes and clasped hands, and sobs were audible in different directions. Even the educated and reflecting men at my side continued silent in thought. Several minutes passed, before the profound impressions of the spectacle allowed of speech. At such a moment the spirit of man bows in humility before his Maker. The changes of the unwonted light, through whose gradations the full brilliancy of the day was restored, must have been very similar to those by which it had been lost, but they were little noted. I remember, however, marking the instant when I could first distinguish the blades of grass at my feet – and later again watching the shadows of the leaves on the gravel walk. The white lilies in my mother's flower-garden were observed by others among the first objects of the vegetation which could be distinguished from the windows of the house. Every living creature was soon rejoicing again in the blessed restoration of light after that frightful moment of a night at noon-day. Men who witness any extraordinary spectacle together, are apt, in after-times, to find a pleasure in conversing on its impressions. But I do not remember to have ever heard a single being freely communicative on the subject of his individual feelings at the most solemn moment of the eclipse. It would seem as if sensations were aroused too closely connected with the constitution of the spirit to be irreverently and familiarly discussed. I shall only say that I have passed a varied and eventful life, that it has been my fortune to see earth, heavens, ocean, and man in most of their aspects; but never have I beheld any spectacle which so plainly manifested the majesty of the Creator, or so forcibly taught the lesson of humility to man as a total eclipse of the sun.



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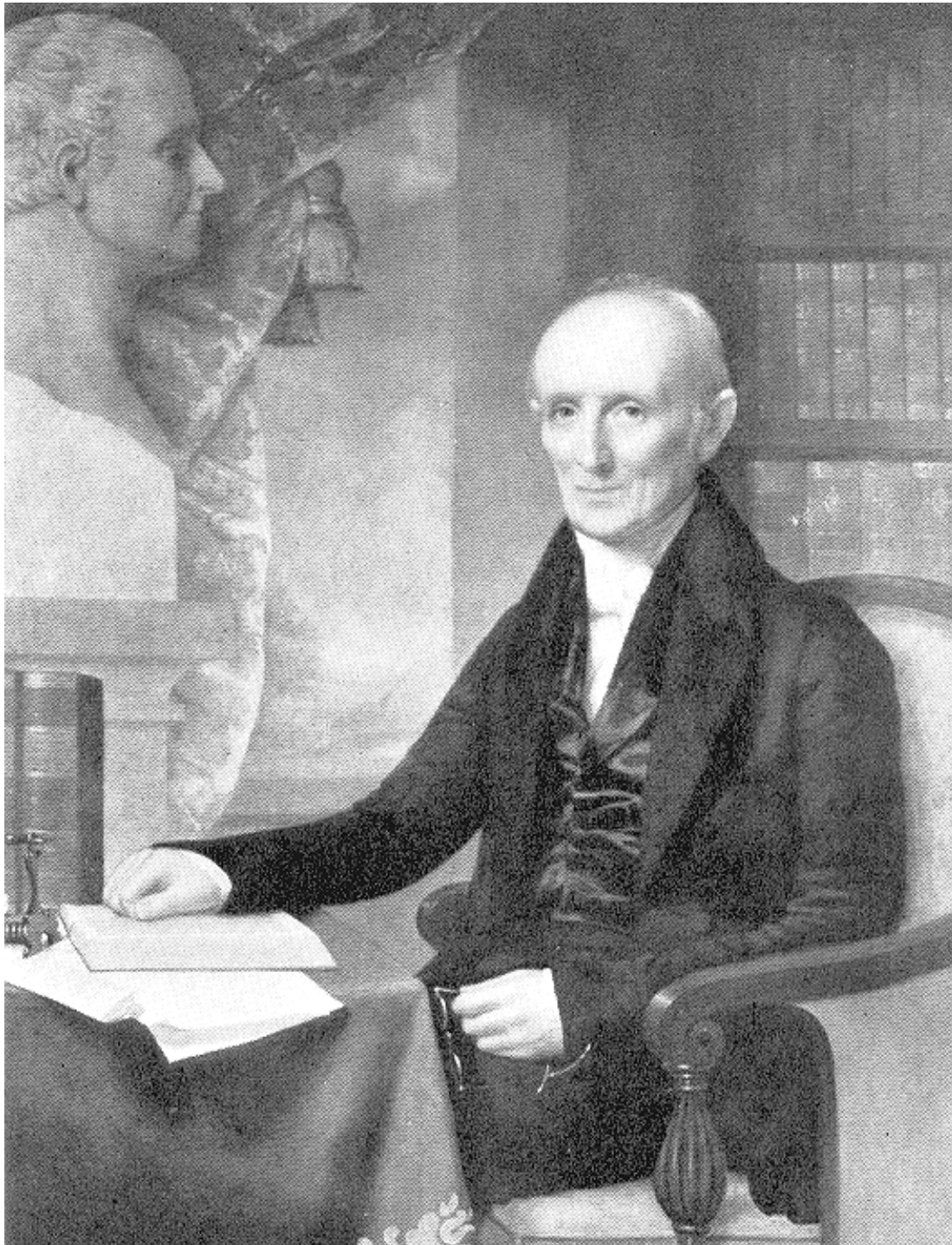


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When quite young, there was a total eclipse of the sun in June. That event made a deep impression on me. I heard much about it for weeks beforehand. I knew not what it was to be like, except that it was to be dark about mid-day. I was hoeing Indian corn, with two older brothers. They sent me off on an errand, and as I passed to the place, I could see the woods becoming dingy. I started to return, and by this time, birds and beasts began to be in extraordinary excitement, rushing to the roost and the lair. The woods became dark and gloomy. I was in the midst, and night seemed to drop down upon the scene in the midst of daylight. The forest had the same gloomy appearance which it had at night. The sun had an appearance I never saw before; it seemed to be in a process of going out, till, for a moment, it was all gone. I knew where I was, and the way out of the wood, and what was the matter, and had no fear. I stood still in the woods, and contemplated the scene with wonder. It soon passed, and I went on my way; but an awe was on my spirit long afterwards, whenever I saw the heavens by day or night.



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

3 day / buisness was conducted with brotherly love & condescention. I never remember more favor'd meetings. the young people very quiet, & many appear to be bound to the good cause

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

4 day / There has been the most cordial unanimity prevailing in the minds of friends in conducting the concerns of Society thro' the setting of this meeting, & altho three have been some of a trying nature before us today which hath occasioned much exercise & some debate among the bretheren yet all was done in love, & condescention, & no jar or discord appear'd in any. The youth have in every setting, been encoraged with much seasonable caution & counsel, by our friend Wm Crotch, Enoch Dorland, John Casey, Isaac Bonsall, Daniel Quinby & Brownell Swift, & at the close of our meeting this Afternoon Lydia Rotch paid us a visit & particularly address the young men.

For my own part, I have not been favor'd with the arisings of the prescious seed of life as at some seasons owing to many concerns I was obliged to attend too such as visiting the boarding houses &c, Yet it has been a strengthening time & the company of my friends was very grateful & I have reason to be humbly thankful that things have gone on as well as they have

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

5 day 19 of 6 M 1806 / Our friends have now nearly all left us, tho' they are absent in boody yet I trust they will remain present in spirit with some, having doubtless left precious seals behind them. Our meeting to day was large & the testimonys of those concern'd were lively & powerful

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

6 day 20 of 6 M / Seem to be pretty much like the dry bones as to inward & spiritual life, yet at times I have thought it was operating in my mind in the corse of the day & at others doubtings & fears have been let in whether by my unfaithfulness I have not frustrated the design of Providence concerning me

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

1 day 22 of 6 M / I am hardly able to determine whether any improvement has been made today. My mind in meetings was either dull or floating on the surface. I could not keep to the center long at a time. In the Afternoon O Williams delivered a short testimony nearly in these words "It seems to be my place to say to this people improve your time, you that have known the divine visitation improve your time, thousands have missed of those blessed mansions for which they were designed," which appear'd to bring solemnity over the meeting

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 June 23, Monday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) sailed from Livorno, for England.

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

2 day 23 of 6 M / Very barran, & life hard to come at.

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June 24, Tuesday: The Bologna Accademia Filarmonica admitted the extraordinary vocalist Gioachino Rossini without charge.

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

3 day 24 of 6 M / There seems to be a precious revival of life in my mind this morning. This afternoon there arose a violent thunder gust attended with violent wind (tho' not materially felt in town) the storm appear'd to run in a vain [vein] especially the wind acrosst [sic] the neck, the lightning struck the four chimney'd house, did much damage to the roof threw down two stacks of its chimneys, part of the bricks falling on the top of the house penetrated thro' all the floors into the cellar. It is remarkable & displays an hand of providence that there were eleven persons in the house & none of them hurt a woman standing with a door in her hand had it taken off the hinges & knocked against the wall & she not hurt, a spinning wheel was split to peaces which a girl had left but a minute before & nearby [?] hog troth which a boy was sitting on & left but a minute before was split to peaces by the lightning. The wind or lightning or both tore up fourteen large Apple Trees in the Orchard near the house. The hail in the same gust broke many windows in the neck, Connanicut & Narragansett

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

5 day 26 of 6 M 1806 / I'm going this Morning to [Portsmouth](#) in company with my precious young friend John Rodman to attend our MY [monthly] Meeting, where it hath been for several days the concern of my spirit that I may be preserved from saying or doing any thing which may wound any or injure the good cause, & that buisness of Society may be conducted in the wisdom of truth & the honor of its cause. Oh Lord keep me humble keep me low, keep me watchful

Our first meeting was silent, & buisness in the last went on better than I expected considering it appear'd to be a low time among us. We dined at Holder Almays, took tea at Jethro Mitchells, & rode home pleasantly.

I felt a wish that when things are pleasant as to the outward, that we may not enter into the enjoyment of them so much as to hurt the life or strength which we may have attained by inward suffering, which is often the case, which I fear was something so today, but on the whole am glad I was there.



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June 27, Friday: Fearing that the Emperor Napoléon would soon usurp the Spanish throne, English troops landed at Buenos Aires and occupied the town. The Spanish governor fled to Córdoba (local forces would expel the British in August).

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

6 day 27 of 6 M 1806 / This Afternoon attended the funeral of my cousin John Wanton who was drowned 12 of 4 M [April] last & has not been heard of since till last evening when he was found at point of trees in the neck.

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June 29, Sunday: Das Fest des Dankes und Freude, a cantata by Johann Nepomuk Hummel, was performed for the initial time in Vienna.

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

1 day 29 of 6 M / This morning my mind was touched with the precious spirit of life which measurably continued thro' the morning meeting, tho' while I was setting I was reduced very low & almost began to conclude my case was so bad that I had never done any thing good in my life. Abigail Robinson was concern'd in testimony, to encourage those who had set their feet in the path of Religion, & exhorted such to press forward that they might touch the hem of Jeusu's Garment & thereby be healed of their infermities, & observed that she was of the belief that he did not ask who it was that touched him because he knew not, but did it in order to bring the woman more into public notice that others might see her faith, infering from thence, that those who are desirous to follow the Master must do it as well publicly as privately

Our Meeting this Afternoon was silent & my morning afflictions were repeated & greater than in the morning for I fear'd I had carried more sail than ballace [ballast] or was more in profession than perception & was in great danger of becoming a reproach & a castaway. I often breathed to the Lord in these words which was all I could utter "Oh God help me, save me." Went to Dennis's & took tea with J Rodman in the evening we drew into silence, & it was doubtless good for us to be there

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

5 day 3 of 7 M 1806 / After several days derth & keen poverty or leanness, my mind is again once more favor'd to feel its beloved to arise with his life giving presence, tho' there has been much of the time since the last date in which I was unable to witness that refreshment which is trylu deletibles Yet there was seasons wherein the Masters presence was felt, tho' not long at a time. I am in measure sincerely desirous to return thanks for this days favor in particular. Our meeting was silent, perhaps laborious to some Yet to me it was a precious season feeling an earnest engagement to remew my covenant. Oh saith my spirit at this season may my ears be boared to the Posts of the doors of my masters house that I go no more out. Spent the evening at Tho Robinsons in company with D & J Rodman

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

1 day 6 of 7 M / Was favor'd this morning with the precious flowings of life & therein fresh desires were raised that my mind might be purified from all uncleanness, which continued in good measure thro' our morning meeting, but in the afternoon leanness again enter'd for the want of labor to get enough down to that spring from whence flows the waters of divine life. Oh the very great loss I have sustained in the corse of my time for the want of timely diging & searching after that which give strength in weakness & enables to overcome the enemy tho' ever so strongly beset.

Took tea & spent the evening at my cousin Henry Gould, for the first time since he has commenced house keeper, which was in the forepart of last week. Their pretty convenient situation almost made me wish mine was like theirs, but when or ever will it be cannot tell, therefore desire sincerely to be content with my lot whether Married or single, Rich or Poor so that I keep my place in religious duty, for this soul is often concern'd, & feel at this moment renew'd fervant desires to dwell deeper & deeper in spirit, for I am confirm'd beyond a doubt that there is no real enjoyment in this life without it or acceptance in the life to come.

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

2 day 7 of 7 M / Tho' disputes with deists are seldom or ever



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proffitable yet this Afternoon I had a little with one which I thought pretty much to the purpose. We did not dispute Pro & Con, or enter into metaphysical reasoning, but I endeavor'd to [speak to] him to that certain something within him, which he acknowledged, had many times told him when he had done wrong. he acknowledged he was often in much doubt respecting the truth of his sentiments & wanted to feel more certain. what little I said to him appear'd to Sober his mind, & I really thought was reached but strove to conceal it. The sincerity & anxiety which I manifested for his restoration & welfare, he appear'd to take affectionately tho' I spoke very plainly. Oh that the poor child may timly see his error for I must say it is an effecting sight & did move me to the heart to see a youth as he is possessed of uncommon tallents & devoting them to such ruinous principals.

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

4 day 9 of 7 M / This morning my mind is brought into desires to be more faithful, & have had to remember an observation of our friend Richard Jordan when here the first time in an highly favor'd testimony, speaking to the youth he said, "beware of the snares & intreagues of satan, & one of the most dangerous is that of his diverting the mind from the life by presenting vain thoughts, & lulling it into a state of ease, for, says he his first blow is to root out the life in the mind, he strikes at that first, & if he can kill it he matters not how much we are in outward performance of religion, for he know, unless we possess as well as profess our profession is vain." My mind has felt the necessity of an increase of watchfulness to maintain this inward life, for I feel the truth of Richards expressions & know the enemy is continually let work in my mind to lay waste the precious seed there sown.

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

*5 day 10 of 7 M / Tho' attended with much weakness & discouragement yet feel a degree of humble thankfulness to the tender father of mercies that he hath vouchsafed this life giving presence to my mind this morning. I am favor'd beyond what I deserve, concidering [sic] my small advancement, & sometimes fear my unfaithfulness is so great that the sorce of help will be taken away.
At meeting my life was nearly taken away but was favor'd with a*



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little strength to wrestle against the enemy, who strove hard to overthrow me. All I could breath forth in the midst of my conflict was "Do help me Oh Lord" & that arose but feebly. Thro' divine favor there are divers hopeful young men & women in this town who at present appear to be under religious exercise, which affords a prospect that the Great Head of the Church will not leave himself without living witnesses to his holy name & Power, & tho' it is my lot to experience much leanness, & conciousness of my short attainments in religion yet my heart is often under deep exercise & travel [travail] for their advancement & I have been brought to sympathise with divers this afternoon.

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July 12, Saturday: By a treaty signed on this day in Paris between France and 16 German princes, a "Confederation of the Rhine" consisting of Bavaria, Württemberg, Baden, Hesse-Darmstadt and other smaller states was created. Carl Theodor, Baron von Dalberg, Archbishop of Mainz became the Prince-Primate of the confederation.

The Duchy of Cleves and Berg was made into the Grand Duchy of Berg. Duke Joachim Murat was created Grand Duke.

The County of Hohengeroldseck became the Principality of Hohengeroldseck. Philipp Franz Wilhelm Ignaz Peter, Count of Leyen and Hohengeroldseck took on the title Prince of Leyen and Hohengeroldseck.

Liechtenstein became a sovereign principality under Prince Johann I.

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

7 day 12 of 7 M / My mind is tried on various sides. I have endeavor'd to investigate my conduct thro' life & do not find but my intentions have been Sincere, with a wish to be in my place whether rich or poor, I find hard rubings in my outward circumstances, which is almost a discouragement, & I am ready to give (at times) & fear I have not exerted myself as much as would have been best. I frankly acknowledge I could have done more buisness & made larger calculations than I have done, but from my early life having felt a desire to possess a large share of the One thing needful, & that desire increasing with my groth, have never felt freedom from the best discernment that I have been favor'd with to lanch out into the world so largely as is common for young men to do when first entering the Stage of action. I humbly trust that hitherto my life & conduct has been preserved in a good degree of innocency, & that the main bent of my Spirit is faithfully to serve the Lord in the way of his requiring, & if I can keep under this precious influence to the end of my days, But Oh the darkness, the dimness of Sight which has been my portion this day in this painful State if I cried



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unto the Lord it seemed as if my prayer was unavailing & my heart not right before him. I have groaned under these sensations with bitterness. Oh my God I feel myself in need of thee, purge me, purge me that all offence be removed.

This days barraness has not been without its use for in my Silent waitings this evening the Sweet incomes of divine love life & favor has sweetly flowed into my mind. I feel thanksgiving beyond expression.

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

1 day 13 of 7 M / In the forenoon Hannah Dennis David Buffum & Abigail Sherman were concerned in testimony. David was large & all were acceptable. Afternoon silent & a good degree of life arose in my mind. for several days past my mind has been under close exercise & a search witnessed even into holes & corners with lighted candles. Took tea at D Buffums in company with John Rodman, & on our way home we stopt at D Williams where we met Russel Davis, who after a few minutes pause addressed me, but from the witness I thought I felt of my own state & condition He came far short of true sight of it, tho' some things which he mentioned was just and necessary but what he mentioned respecting the gain of wealth I thought premature & apprehended if he had tarried at Jerusalem a little longer he would have known better how to divide the Word perhaps his testimony on the whole will have a good effect as my mind was deeply humbled.

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

3 day 15 of 7 M / The two last were days of deep search, trial & discouragement. May the search continue & Jerusalem be searched even as to holes and corners with lighted candles. In my silent waiting this evening, my spirit was comforted with a lively hope that I should yet attain to a place of religious stability. it seemed while setting in my shop in Awful profound Stillness before God this evening, that if my whole mind & boody was filled with divine life & animation, May thanksgiving & praise assend unto him.

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

5 day 17 of 7 M / Several of the last have been days of great conflict trial & exercise of mind. it seems to be a visitation from the Almighty for which I am thankful believing it is permitted for my refinement
I am led deeply to search into & examine myself, & find defects where I little suspected them. in the time of my conflict I have almost doubted whether I had ever known any thing of religion, & felt so discouraged that I have been ready to sink, & really believe I should had not the divine hand been kindly manifested in the midst of proving Oh the deep inward cries of my spirit to the Lord for preservation how have I longed to be made clean if preserved from bringing reproach to the precious testimony, which I do sincerely love & at time am willing to spend & be spent in its cause "A Saviour or I die a Redeemer or I perish".

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July 18, Friday: The Emperor Napoléon created Giovanni Paisiello a member of the French Legion of Honor.

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

6 day 18 7 M / Hardly assurance to say Lord have mercy on me a sinner

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

2 day 21 of 7 M Last seventh day evening rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Daniel Austin, lodged at Cousin Chases & in the Morning went to [Tiverton](#) & attended meeting where we had the company of Asa Russel who spoke a few words which might fully apply to all present & encourage to a stedy perseverance in the line of religious duty.
Tho' very low & depressed in my mind, yet was comforted by my visit We din'd at Thomas's & took tea at Joseph Barkers, & in the evening came home.

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

2 day Morning 27 [sic] of 7 M / My feelings for some time past were such that I durst not attempt to insert anything of them. it is a time of Singular & deep Baptism even the Baptism of suffering wherein I have had to go back & search into holes &



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*corners, & see how far my life has been consistent with, & sincere in what I have long made profession of. Oh the Stripedness, the nothingness to which I have been reduced. May I be reduced till all which is of the reprobate kind be done away, for I am sensible there is much remaining that hinders my growth in the truth. My soul has often craved in deep humility to be made a true self denying follower of Christ, but my unfaithfulness so stares me in the face I have feared the day was over & that I should never attain to any stability in the truth. I have not dared to look out at others either for example or precept, but find the most peace in dwelling in my own tent, nor dare I to advise others as my concern has been on my own account, that my heart may be renewdly washed & cleansed from the hurtful things & spirit of the world
I am thankful to be able to say that I had good meetings Yesterday, & trust it was a day of some profit.*

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

4 day 30 of 7 M 1806 / My sufferings still continue, & trust they are necessary that I may be taught in the School of Christ. daily experience teaches me there is much to be reduced. I greatly desire patiently to abide under every dispensation however trying to flesh & blood.

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

5 day 31 of 7 M / Our M Meeting is held in town. Before meeting inward desires were raised in my heart to the Lord for help in my weak condition, & under a thankful sense of his goodness may now acknowledge that it was a remarkable favor'd time to me. my mind was inwardly & sweetly gather'd to the right sorce. I have not witnessed such a refreshing season for a long time. The testimony of our friends Anne Greene & Holder Almy were truly sweet & comfortable Holder concluded the meeting in supplication & those who were affar off in heart from the truth were sweetly remembered.

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August 1, Friday: The Emperor Napoléon declared the Holy Roman Empire to be no longer in existence.

Bentheim and Steinfurt were annexed to Berg. The County of Salm-Horstmar was also annexed to Berg.

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

6 day 1 of 8 M 1806 / Last night watched with a sick friend who was in great extremity of pain & required constant attention. It was an awful scene which moved all within me. Oh Lord prepare me for my final Awful change.

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

1 day 3 of 8 M / Our morning meeting was thought to be measurably favor'd with sweet quiet but my mind was tried with rovings, tho' not so much as at some times. In the Afternoon I was pretty well gathered, tho' under a sense of my unworthiness. Anne Greene was with us, & had a few sweet & comfortable expressions to those that were tried, saying these is no discouragement to those that are tried for the Lord will have a tried people.

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August 8, Friday: At a concert given by students of the Accademia Filarmonica of Bologna, Gioachino Rossini made his final appearance as a soprano.

An advertisement for pianos:

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corner of Short and
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ly opposite the
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VON HAGEN, &
CO. a large assort-
ment of
NEW PATENT PIANO FORTES.
(by the last arrivals from London) with addition-
al keys; some an octave above the common
Piano; made by *George Astar & Co.* and *Riker
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Also—a grand English, and a few American,
Piano Fortes; Barrel Organs; French Concert
Horns; Hautboys; Clarionets; Flutes; Vio-
lins; Strings; and Instruction Books.
Piano Fortes Let, and tuned in town or
country, as usual. Aug. 1.



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

6 day 8 of 8 M / On forth day evening walked to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Quarterly Meeting the next day. we said [stayed] that night at Z Chases, & in the morning went up to Holder Almy's where we found a number of agreeable & valuable friends, from there we went to meeting which was a quiet favor'd one to me Our friend Elisha Thornton rose with these words "beautiful in prospect substantially comfortable in practice, & preeminently glorious in effect is a truly religious & pious life" & went on with much lively & pertinent matter. Stephen Buffington was also favor'd in his public appearance with something in the prophetic line. he said, he apprehended the time was approaching when the foundations of many present would be nearly tried. The last meeting was much crowded with buisness, which kept us sitting till past 4 OClock, yet the meeting kept much in patience, & much condescention was manifest in conducting the concerns before us. John & I dined at Z Chases, & then walked



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home, I trust with no loss by our absence from our buisness & concerns at home

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August 10, Sunday: Johann Michael Haydn died in Salzburg of consumption at the age of 68.

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

1 day 10 of 8 M / Our meetings were large, but not so still as at some times. And my poor mind was on a very barran spot, tho' there were intervals when some gleams of life arose, but "like the visits of Ghosts short & far between". Of all the states I have ever had to pass thro', that of leaness or absence of Grace is the most painful. I am so extreamly destitute as not to be able to breath for help or to say, Lord have mercy on me. I have scarcely dared to write in my journal, nor felt that openness towards my friends as at other times, but my mind has felt hard & unsurceptable of that precious love which I sometimes am favor'd with.

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

5 day 14 of 8 M 1806 / Last evening while setting alone in my shop endeavoring to turn my mind as much as my lean condition would admit, to him who is Merciful, & able to deliver out of every straight, I was favor'd to feel that painful state to vanish, & for a season my mind was raised above it & experienced the inflowings of life & the good presence of the Master. this morning the heavenly visitant has again appear'd to the comfort of my poor mind. I had a good meeting, but for the want of watchfulness in the forepart of it, it did not end so well as it began. I am in measure thankful for this favor, & hope & really desire that I may be so reduced as to be more livly & fervant in spirit.

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August 18, Monday: The Ottoman sultan deposed the rulers of Moldavia and Wallachia, replacing them with pro-French monarchs.

Kantate zur Geburtstagfeier von Liebmann Meyer Wulff by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) was performed for the initial time.

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

2 day Mornng 18 of 8 M / My old state of leanness has return'd & is as trying as ever. Meetings were so very dry yesterday that I was ready to conclude it would have been as well if I had not gone. In the Morning O Williams was concerned in a short testimony to this import "Every true servant will be occupied in his Masters service or watching at the door of the tabernacle untill he appear" which appear'd to reach the minds of some. D Buffum was also concerned in a short testimony, from these words "Blessed are they which hunger & thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Altho very lean & dry when writing the Above this morning, yet soon after was favor'd with the arisings of the sweet & precious life, & tho' I have been uncommonly engaged in outward concerns, the precious current has flowed so sweetly that my labor has gone on easily. My mind is bowed under an humble sense of thankfulness to the Lord for the present favor & beg to be found worthy of a continuation thereof.

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August 24, Sunday: [George Augustus Thatcher](#) was born, who later would become [Henry Thoreau](#)'s cousin by way of his marriage to a Thoreau descendant, Rebecca Jane Billings.

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

1 day 24 of 8 M / Owing to heavy storm of rain our meetings were small, but three women met this afternoon

At a few times in the corse of the week my mind was favor'd with a little ray of divine life & sweetness, but for the most part, Oh how painfully dead & barran. Called at a friends house this evening, but my mind was in such a condition that I could scarcely think a good thought. it seem'd as if rottenness had enter'd my bones, & every time I spoke the sound of my voice was a burden to myself & if I sat still my mind was so vacant of good that I fear'd my presence would burden others. This was my condition at meeting tho' I strove hard to center down into life, yet could scarce feel a ray of it. Why I am thus left I know not, except it is for my unfaithfulness & extream depravity of heart. I some times think my heart is as unsurceptable as a stone. If I am not wholly forsaken I desire to keep patient that I may not provoke the Almighty still further, so that he withdraw himself entirely.



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

3 day 26 of 8 M / Thro' divine goodness I am one more favor'd with a comfortable degree of life, as it has been so long shut out, I can enjoy its sweetness the more. I desire to be thankful, & watchful that I may merit the continuance of divine regard. I believe the bitter cup is often dispensed to our portion for our refinement & to fit us for his service.

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

6 day 29 of 8 M / On fourth day evening J Rodman & I walked to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the MY Meeting to be held the next day, where my mind was mercifully covered with the Wing of Ancient goodness. in the first meeting Holder Almy & Abigail Roninson were much favor'd in testimony, & Holder & O Williams were very livly in their testimonial remarks on the buisness which came before us in the last which was much & several trying subjects. All appeared to be discussed with much condescension & I hope to the honor of the Good Cause. I trust my mind is humbly thankful for the favor experienced at meeting yesterday, & hope what I gained may not soon be lost.

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August 31, Sunday: [Stephen Elliott, Jr.](#) was born in Beaufort, South Carolina.³¹

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

1 day 31 of 8 M / Silent meetings & to me but low seasons as to life, scarce able to think a good thought, & if there was any of the precious seed beginning to work it was not long before the enemy, or the little foxes would rush in & nip the buds of the tender vine. this is a very distressing discouraging dispensation thro' which I'm passing. But why should I expect it better? when there is not that faithful submission in my mind to divine requiring which is requisite to insure eternal happiness. I am desirous at this time not to be feeding on yesterdays manna, but to conform to the daily dictates of Truth, & to be more abstemious & more watchful for I believe I am called to both

31. This [Stephen Elliott, Jr.](#) born in Beaufort, South Carolina was not the [Stephen Elliott](#) of South Carolina whose botany textbook Henry Thoreau would consult, but his son.



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

5 day 4 of 9 M 1806 / Thro' divine favor I am once more (in measure) released from that heavy cloud of death which hath so long & painfully encompassed my mind. the precious life is so scarce with me that evry spark of it feels near & relishes like delicious food to an hungry man.

This day David Rodman & Joanna Mitchell were married at our meeting house in [Newport](#). David Buffum was concern'd in a lively testimony wherein he enforced the necessity of our making an individual enquiry like the young man formerly who came to Christ asking "What good things he should do to inherit eternal life" & desired none might neglect to do what he should command, tho the Cross be ever so great.

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

2 day 8 of 9 M 1806 / Since the last date I trust I have been rather more watchful, & favor'd with a little Life, tho' some distressing circumstances await me. In our meeting yesterday my mind was favor'd with quiet & brought into deep reflection. In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short but lively testimony. She said it was much in the cross that she stood among us at that time, but soon after taking her seat it was sounded in her mind Prepare Prepare Oh house of Israel to meet thy God & observ'd it was necessary for us to be on the Watch have our thoughts & works tried by Him whose right it was, for we knew not how soon the summons might be sent by the pale messenger to our dwellings "Stewards give an account of thy stewards life for thou may be no longer Steward."

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

3 day 9 of 9 M / This afternoon went to Jonathon Dennis's took tea & spent the evening. to me it was a sweet visit & do not regret spending the time, tho' I left my shop under some disadvantage



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September 11, Thursday: [John Brand](#) died at the age of 63. He had risen in his apartments at the Society of Antiquaries as usual at about 7AM and gone to his study, and his female servant had delivered the breakfast egg which he usually had before walking to Somerset Place. She went into an adjoining room as was her custom, and was waiting for him to come along after having eaten so that she could as usual brush his coat or tie his shoes for him. When at last she ventured into his study, he was lifeless on the floor with a head injury received by falling.

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

5 day 11 of 9 M / Our friends John Baley from Hanover & Micajah Collins from Lynn are with us on a religious visit & were at our meeting today, their testimonies were lively & pertinent & Micajah's deeply affecting to my mind. they appear'd to have a low time among us but were comforted with a belief that tho' the Ancient standard bearers were removed from among us, & those still remaining would soon be removed, yet there was an hopeful succession among the Youth whom they encoraged to hold on their way.

Oh that I may be renewed, that my mind may be fresh & green in religion, for what is the world without it? it is all nothing & worse than nothing.

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

1 day 14 of 9 M / Our meeting this morning was very full & D Buffum was concern'd in a livly testimony from these words "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you not as the world givith give I unto you" In the Afternoon O Williams deliver'd nearly the following "The preparation of the heart & the answer of the Tongue are of the Lord every Sacrifice must be by fire & every offering season'd with salt" As to my own state it was barraness.

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September 15, Monday: The free city of Nürnberg was attached to Bavaria.

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



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2 day 15 of 9 M / Called to see my beloved young friends D & J Rodman who have this day commenced house-keepers. I found them comfortably settled, I was given to believe that the Masters promise was to them as to his followers formerly "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" While setting with them my mind was so forcibly impressed with this passage that I was ready to offer it for their encouragement, but weakness or unfaithfulness getting the upper hand, I omitted the expression of it.

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

1 day 21 of 9 M / Silent meetings, & to me rather more favor'd with quiet than at some others.

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September 23, Tuesday: The Lewis and Clark expedition reached St. Louis two years and four months after setting out from it.

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

day 23 of 9 M / This Morning my friends James Brinhurst & wife sailed sailed for NYork intending for Philadelphia. I parted with them in a sweet degree of love I tenderness.

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September 24, Wednesday: The body of [John Brand](#) was buried in the chancel of his church. (I do not have an explanation for the unusual length of time between the death and the burial, except to speculate that due to the nature of such a head wound the constabulary would obviously have needed to assure themselves that this death had not been due to any robbery.)

The Reverend had accumulated a very numerous and curious library, with an immense mass of manuscript collections for the augmentation of his work on folklore. The 1st part, consisting 8,611 articles or lots of printed books exclusive of 243 lots of manuscripts, would be sold by a bookseller, Mr. Stewart, during May 1807. The 2d part, containing 4,054 articles of duplicates and pamphlets, would be sold during February 1808. Much of this material would wind up in the hands of Mr. (afterwards Sir) Henry Ellis, who would incorporate them into a new edition entitled OBSERVATIONS ON POPULAR ANTIQUITIES: CHIEFLY ILLUSTRATING THE ORIGIN OF OUR VULGAR CUSTOMS, CEREMONIES, AND SUPERSTITIONS and published at London in two volumes in 1813. The British Museum now holds a copy of this edition which possesses numerous interleaved additions, and holds also another copy of this edition which has been annotated by the Reverend Joseph Hunter, FSA (Additional MSS 24544, 24545, in case anyone is interested).

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

4 day 24 of 9 M / My mind for several days has been in a weak condition, but am favor'd to feel tender & the sorce of life is not so hard to come at as at some times.

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

5 day 25 of 9 M / At our Monthly Meeting my mind was favor'd with a degree of life. In the first H Almy was concern'd in testimony & much favor'd in supplication. In the last he couched much excellent advice & tender caution to the Youth. The buisness went on heavily tho generally ended well.

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September 26, Friday: An ultimatum went out from King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia to the Emperor Napoléon, demanding removal of all French troops beyond the Rhine River, French acquiescence in a North German Confederation, and oh yes a few other mentionables (the Emperor's forces were, however, already on the march).

Würzburg became a Grand Duchy under Grand Duke Ferdinand Joseph Johann Baptist of Austria.

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



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6 day 26 of 9 M / Much engaged in buisness, & but little time to think in religious concerns, but believe the has passed pretty well.

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

3 day 30 of 9 M / Last seventh day went to Narragansett on buisness Lodged at cousin J Hazards, & in the morning rode with cousin Nathan to Wickford, we got there late to meeting but went in & was favor'd with a precious opportunity. our friend Anne Smith was concerned in a lively & authoritiative testimony. After meeting we dined at John Smiths & called to see his Sisters Avis & Ann, then returned to meeting where my mind was again favor'd with a sweet covering for which I was very thankful Our friend Ann Smith appear'd in supplication which felt to me fervant & livly. we took tea at Avis & Ann's & then returned to cousin Hazards I trust with a trully thankful heart at being made to set once more at the table of fat things, tho' unworthy

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October 1, Wednesday: Georg Joseph Vogler bought into a printing company in München.

Jan Ladislav Dussek wrote to his publishers, Breitkopf and Härtel, to advise them that he was departing for war in the company of his employer and friend, Prince Ludwig Ferdinand of Prussia.

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

4 day 1 of 10 M 1806 / I desire to be thankful for the many favors which I receive inwardly & outwardly, tho' much leanness & weakness has been my lot of late, yet feel an hope some enlargement of experience has been witnessed This Afternoon I went to view the corps of an old black woman who deceased yesterday, & said to be an hundred & four years of age She looked remarkable pleasant & did not bear the marks of [?] as I expected tho' appear'd very old, her name was Barry [Bany?] Malbone

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

7 day 4 of 10 M / Some exercise to dwell on the right foundation, but rather to much lightness in my conduct.



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October 5, Sunday: James Morrill Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

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

1 day 5 of 10 M / To me meetings were rather dull but better than at sometimes. In the forenoon O Williams spoke nearly the following "My mind has been introduced into deep exercise & travel [travail?] of spirit before the God of mercy & truth, that he would be pleased to open the understandings of the peoples for it has appear'd to me to be a time of great insensibility, as every one looking at, or leaning on his Neighbor"

Took tea at J Denniss in company with John Rodman, in the evening we drew into silence & dear Hannah was concern'd in supplication. The wing of ancient goodness seemed to spread over us, & our minds experienced the refreshing dew, for which I desire to be thankful & keep in remembrance

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

on 2nd day finished my buisness & took a walk in the woods which was the first time I had viewed so wild a scene in nature, the tall trees, lofty & majestic rocks, clearly evinced to my understanding the hand of a Great Creator, & to any one capable of description would afford a copious theme. after dinner came to the ferry & crossed it, but being late before the boat went off & the wind light, could not reach Connanincut till after dark, which obliged me to stay at cousin J Greenes all night had a pleasant visit with cousin Anne, & this Morning came home & believe my journey has not been unprofitable.

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October 12, Sunday: [William Henry Brisbane](#) was born in Beaufort County, South Carolina, a son of Adam Fowler Brisbane (1783-1830).

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

1 day 12 of 10 M / For the week past I have had but little strength or disposition to write, nor do I feel enough at this



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time scarcely to say that our forenoon meeting was silent, & in the afternoon O Williams was concern'd in a short but sweet testimony on the necessity of watchfulness

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October 14, Tuesday: Invading French forces encountered the Prussians and Saxons at Jena and Auerstädt, near Weimar, and left 32,000 dead [German](#) bodies on the battlefield. As the battles raged nearby a professor at the University of Jena, [G.W.F. Hegel](#), was laboring over his monograph THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF MIND.

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

3 day evening 14 of 10 M / For sometime past my mind has been in such a situation that I have hardly known how to describe it. Sometimes in a very dry barren state not a capacity to think a good thought, nor authority to speak a good word, which I am sensible is the result of sin. & when favor'd to draw nearer the fountain of divine help & feel the precious light & life to arise in my mind, then my unworthiness stares me in the face & I am ready to blush that I have not attained to a greater degree of knowledge in divine truth, for I see that I have missed of much good which was intended for me by neglecting or not submitting to bear the cross in younger years but to my great consolation there are seasons when I am favor'd to feel that infinite mercy & goodness is yet extended & that on the grounds of obedience I may yet be advanced to a greater degree of religious experience. I felt this morning entirely destitute of every good qualification not even power to raise a sigh – but the latter part of the Afternoon & evening I can hardly vent them fast enough. My spirit is led to pray for mercy & forgiveness, ability to do good & strength to retain my ground for I clearly see that there is no true help but that which cometh from the Lord who giveth all that is necessary for us – Oh that I may be preserved in humble thankfulness to to him the Author of every good for the many favors which he is pleased to bestow on me a poor unworthy worm.

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October 16, Thursday: The Prussian command reorganized its forces and retreated towards Magdeburg while the pursuing French were capturing Erfurt.

In response to Turkish action of August 18th, Russian forces invaded Ottoman territory across the Dniester River.

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

16 of 10 M / For the want of watchfulness before meeting suffered



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much barraness while there.

This Afternoon my mind has been introduced into an exercise which hath at times been very weightily, & long, on my mind & I trust sincere desires are raised that it may be clearly manifested what is best for me to do – it is that of changing my single state to a married one. for a long time I have apprehended the time would come when it would be right for me to disclose my prospect to a young woman with whom I am acquainted, & of late have begun to think it has nearly arrived, tho' do not yet see it clearly. I am desirous to know & wait for the right time be it longer or shorter & if it should appear to be my place to live a single life, may I quietly acquiese & fill my station with propriety, if to mercy, may I be enabled to discharge my duty faithfully, not murmuring in adversity, or rejoicing above measure in prosperity

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

7 day evening 18 of 10 M / Oh that I may increase in watchful care over every part of my conduct, I desire to dwell deeper and nearer the spirit of life, for I see the necessity of it & feel myself to be a poor empty creature.

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

1 day 19 of 10 M / Our meetings were silent & the morning an empty season but by deep digging retired in my chamber between meeting, was favor'd with more life in the Afternoon Took tea at Sam' Thurstons & spent most of the evening, favor'd with quietness, tho' under deep exercise Oh it is a trying season to me

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

5 day 23 of 10 M / Cold suffering meeting with a roving mind. O Williams Abigail Robinson & D Buffum were concern'd in livly testimonys, & I doubt not but some minds were comforted therfrom, but I seemed to be shut out from the enjoyment of good.



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October 24, Friday: French forces reached the suburbs of Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) instanced in his journal that he had been fined for his failure as a [Quaker](#) to participate under arms in the local militia and that the penalty had been unfairly exacted through the tax seizure of his hat, that had cost him considerably more than that penalty:

*6 day 24 of 10 M / James Chappel has just taken from me an Hat
what in the 6 M last cost me six Dollars for a Militia fine
amounting to only 2 Dollars & 5 cents including fees – by order
of Charles C Dunham the Capt. The warrant dated 6 day of October
1806 & signed by Robt Taylor Just Peace.*

THE QUAKER PEACE TESTIMONY

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE



October 26, Sunday: French forces occupied Osnabrück.

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

*1 day 26 of 10 M / Favor'd with rather more animation at meetings
than of late, dear cousin Anne Greene was concernd to leave with
us in the morning a few words of warning & exortation to those
who continue in evil practice, & concluded with an affectionate
address to the Youth. Took tea with D Rodman & wife, in company
with cousin Anne & two of David's precious sisters, on the edge
of evening we drew into silence & Anne was engaged to speak to
our several states in a very sweet & encoraging manner, from
there I waited on her to J Earl's where we again drew into
silence, & she found much to communicate to our several states.
in these opportunities my mind was much solemnized & favor'd to
witness the extendings of divine goodness to be spread over us,
for which I desire to be thankful & retain the savor that it may
not vanish like the early dew.*

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October 28, Tuesday: A Prussian army, surmising itself to be surrounded by a French force ten times its size (it was not), surrendered at Prenzlau northeast of Berlin.

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

*3 day 28 of 10 M / While setting alone this morning in company
with my endeared friend & old companion Isaac Austin with our*



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minds inwardly retired, we were favord to feel our love renewed & I trust reciprocal desires were raised for each other that we might be firmly grounded on the sure foundation of truth & as we grow in years we may grow in the knowledge of the best things, my heart was truly humbled & brought to crave on the bended knee of my spirit that I may not suffer the surfeiting things of this world to engrose my attention to the prejudice or hurt of my spiritual wellfare. Oh Lord keep & preserve me thro' all.

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

6 day 31 of 10 M 1806 / Fourth day evening went to [Portsmouth](#) in company with my dear J Rodman & lodged at cousin Z Chase's, next day went to meeting where I trust my mind was favor'd with the fresh extendings of divine life. Holder Almy & David Buffum were concerned in livly testimonys – I know not when I was favord with better meetings

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November 2, Sunday: New Jersey appoints a commission consisting of Lewis Conduct, Alexander C. McWhorter, Aaron Ogden, James Parker and William S. Pennington, to settle the state's border with New York. The dispute would nevertheless remain unsettled at this time.

SERMON PREACHED AT Dorchester ON THE FORENOON OF THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 2D, 1806 TO THOSE WHO ASSEMBLE IN THE SOUTH MEETING HOUSE IN DORCHESTER. BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS](#), MINISTER OF DORCHESTER (Boston: Belcher & Armstrong, 1806).

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

1 day 2 of 11 M 1806 / In the forenoon a poor roving meeting, in the Afternoon more composed & more life O Williams was concernd in in a short tho' livly testimony as follows "John preached unto the people the Baptism of repentance & remission of sins, he was declared unto them to be a bright & shining light to teach them the way of the Lord & to make his paths streight, this we must be brought into before we can know the Kingdom of the Son"

Took tea at Saml Thurstons in company with Clarke Rodman from there we came home & I took a very affecting leave of my most endeared friend Isaac Austin who expects to leave us tomorrow morning for Easton NYork where his parents now reside. I love him beyond the power of my tongue or pen to describe. May he be preserved from evil, may the Lord be with him & bless him even to the end of his days. – I spent the remainder of the evening at D Rodmans our minds were so affected in parting with Isaac



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*that we found but little to converse upon & set mostly silent.
My mind was engaged in in secret fervant prayer for our
preservation & that my dear Isaac might witness the protecting
arm of divine Power thro' every allotment in passing along this
vale of tears*

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November 4, Tuesday: The County of Hanau was placed under French administration.

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

*3 day afternoon 4 of 11 M / I am now going to [Portsmouth](#)
expecting from thence to go to [Swanzey](#) to attend our Quarterly
Meeting. I leave home under much inconvenience, but believe it
best to go hoping to get a penny by it, tho' feel very
undeserving of any reward. Lodged at cousin Zachary Chases & the
next morning set out with him in his Chase we crossed [Bristol](#)
ferry, rode thro' [Bristol](#) & [Warren](#) & went to [Swanzey](#) & lodged
at John Gardiners who is not a member but entertained us kindly.
next morning we rode to meeting, & I was favor'd with a composed
mind tho' but little life. James Green opened the Service with
a few words & was succeeded by Obadiah Davis in a very lengthy
& Authorative testimony whereby I trust truth lost no ground &
the meeting ended well. — Buisness in the last went on pretty
well & the London Epistle for the present Year was read to our
edification we dined at Wm Reads who is not a member but married
a woman that was & is very kind in entertaining friends at the
Quarterly Meeting time Here my mind was brought under exercise
& sympathy for the woman, & desires were raised that she may yet
return to her birth right with brightness. we crossed Slaid's
ferry the same night & I lodged at Daniel Buffingtons in Trory
next morning we came to Thomas Barkers & made a pleasant visit
then came homeward & reached cousin Chases about 2 OClock After
tea I came home on foot, it rained nearly the whole way & walking
against an high wind made me very wet & fatigued. — I went to
this meeting under discouragment with a prospect of much inward
suffering, & it has proved as I expected. And what has tended
to augment my sufferings was being so much at the houses of those
who were not members, tho' they were very kind. yet I could not
feel towards them as I wished, feeling under such restraint that
it seemed as if I could scarcely endure it. I felt killed to the
very heart — perhaps it was best for it so to be that I may learn
to bear all things, & I am far from thinking it to be an
unproffitable visit tho' but little inward enjoyment came to my
lot.*

*After meeting on fifth day while standing in the meeting house
yard I fell in with my dear friend Rowland Greene with whom I*



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had a sweet opportunity which in measure compensated for my other sufferings.

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November 12, Wednesday: [Edward Horatio Faucon](#) was born in Boston, the son of Catherine Dawes Waters and a French instructor at [Harvard College](#), Nicolas Michel Faucon.

Muzio Clementi arrived in Vienna from St. Petersburg. He would meet [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) and purchase the rights to some of his works.

French troops occupied Hildesheim.

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

4 day 12 of 11 M / Since my return from Quarterly Meeting I have had to labor under much discouragement feeling at seasons borne down with the weight of my sins & manyfold transgressions insomuch that I have not dared to write in my journal. Oh the grievous death which the mind is brought into by unwatchfulness or a want of care to dwell at all times in the valley of humility. May I more and more come down & be humble, may all that is yet opposed to the powerful workings of truth be done away. Often when I view my self & see how little of the right thing has grown & flourished within me tho' often watered & nourished, I am ready to blush at not furnishing a better example than I do.

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

1 day 16 of 11 M / In our meetings today my mind was closely proved & especially in the Afternoon with the suggestions of the enemy, but thro' divine favor I was enabled to say with him with such Authority "Get thee behind me Satan" that he vanished & I met with him no more while setting in meeting. Many are the trials and buffetings of Satan which I have to pass thro' in these days

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November 19, Wednesday: French forces occupied Hamburg.

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

4 day 19 of 11 M / Tho' encompassed with infermity yet feel a degree of divine favor yet extended. There is a necessity for me to dwell deeper & deeper in Spirit that at the conclusion of time I may be found acceptable to the holy head – and in passing along this vale of tears exhibit an example worthy to be imitated by my brothers & sisters, for I find as I grow older more is expected of me & not an increase of ability equal to the expectations

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November 20, Thursday: Birth of Henry Bradford Greenleaf Webster, 7th child of Rebecca Greenleaf Webster with [Noah Webster, Jr.](#)

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

5 day 20 of 11 M / On taking my seat in meeting I felt my mind animated by the arisings of life, & looked forward to a favor'd season which was measurably permitted by a pretty composed mind & rather easier access to the fountain than at sometimes – but could not attain to that state which I wished or at first expected.

Susanna Barker broke silence in a few words of encouragement to those who were wrestling for life, observing to those who know an overcoming of themselves should be given a White Stone & in it a new name written. which was succeeded by Abigail Robinson in an encouraging testimony to the same effect.

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

1 day 23 of 11 M / Not tried with barrenness as much as common, yet my meetings were exercising seasons, owing to a subject which has been at times very mightily before my mind for some months past. Oh that I may be Rightly directed & protected thro' the many difficulties which attend poor mortals in passing along this probationary State – After meeting in the Afternoon went to visit Edward Sissin who is confined to his house with an heavy cough & fever After tea we drew into Silence & D Buffum & O Williams were concerned in lively testimony. it was a season of instruction to me & I hope to some others present.

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

*27 of 11 M 5 day / At our Monthly Meeting this day held in town
I was favor'd (in the first) by watchfulness & striving, to
attain to a pretty good spot – but in the last was very
destitute, & it appeared to me that a generall prevailed,
buisness went on dull*

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December 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 1 of 12 M 1806 / It is to me a times of deep suffering &
want – I often feel as tho' I was forsaken & no more to be raised
from my miserable condition. When I endeavor to turn my mind
inward & wait for the arisings of life to strengthen & animate
the Inward man, there is as it were the confusion of tongues,
nothing can be clearly understood. Oh that there may be more
indwelling & closer attention to the inshinings of heavenly
light for the want of this I am often sensible of suffering much
loss, but thro' divine mercy & favor there is yet at times a
lively concern remaining to be more faithful in every sense & in
particular that of a better government of my natural will.*

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

*1 day 7 of 12 M 1806 / My mind has been favor'd to keep near the
sorce of life this day & had good meetings, for which I feel
humbly thankful Oh that I could attain to more fixedness in the
life of truth, yet there is a great want of watchfulness
Spent most of the evening at C R's called at D's where I met
with his sister H & found an opportunity to put into her hand a
paper signifying what had long been on my mind towards her which
I did in much fear & trembling & believe whatever may be the
Issue it was right for me to do it. I trust my mind has been
sincerely engaged to seek for the direction of best wisdom in
the matter. May that wisdom direct her in the termination is my
earnest desire.*

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

2 day 8 of 12 M / I have undeavord to look at my own state & situation, both inward & outward & feel it to be very trying, but hope thro' infinite mercy & goodness, hedged about as my way now appears, yet to witness a way made in the deep & a path in Mighty waters – Oh Lord enable me to keep up the warfare & teach me in times of streight to enquire in thy holy temple, how & in what manner to conduct thro' this probationary scene.

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December 10, Wednesday: In a meeting at a mansion on Blennerhassett's Island in the Ohio River between Ohio and Virginia, a proposal was made by persons associated with former Vice-President Aaron Burr (not himself present) to assemble a military force to wage war against the United States of America (this discussion would become the specific basis for a later treason trial against Burr).

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

4 day 10 of 12 M / My mind is reduced into an humble frame this morning, & I must crave that it may be kept so. "Oh Lord help mine infirmity."

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

1 day 14 of 12 M 1806 / My mind was roving at meeting but toward the close was favor'd to get pretty well settled –Our friend O Williams was engaged in testimony twice in the forenoon & twice in the Afternoon, in a few words at each time & much to the purpose in my small opinion.

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December 15, Monday: In the federal House of Representatives, a bill was discussed that would prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, beginning with January 1st of the year 1807. House Bill #148 would become merged into a bill in the US Senate.

"A bill to prohibit the importation or bringing of slaves into the United States, etc.," after Dec. 31, 1807. Finally merged into Senate bill. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 9th Congress,



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INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

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

2 day 15 of 12 M 1806 / Spent the evening in a very agreeable circle at D Buffums, but my mind was occupied in a way which prevented the enjoyment which I sometimes have at such opportunities. We sat a little time in silence & O Williams expressed a few words by way of testimony very sweet.

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

1 day 21 of 12 M 1806 / Our meeting this Morning was a quiet solid time & I was more than commonly favor'd to enjoy the sweets of silence, for which I desire to be preserved in humble thankfulness. D. Buffum was concern'd in a short but livly testimony from these words "What proffiteth it a man if he gain the whole world & loose his own soul." – In the Afternoon we were silent & equally favord with solid quiet – Oh that I may dwell nearer & nearer the holy inshinings of truth in the mind & be enabled to meet the cross occurances of time with christian patience, for this my mind is often solemnly engaged in secret prayer to Almighty God.— Took tea at D Williams, his wife's sister Betsy Woodward was there, she is one that I was never acquainted with nor never saw before, but I love her & believe she is one who is endeavoring to live up to our profession & meet with heavy conflicts therin. Spent remainder of the evening at C R's with as much enjoyment as the state of my mind would admit.

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December 26, Friday: Two engagements between French and Russian troops took place near Warsaw. At Pultusk north of the city this had no impact. At Golymin northwest of Pultusk the French gained a slight advantage.

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

6 day 26 of 12 M 1806 / On forth day evening John Rodman & I rode to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at cousin Z Chases next morning we called to see our friend Holder Almy whose conversation was truly comforting & edifying from there we went to meeting & in the first my mind was truly & sweetly favord with flowings in of Life for which I was bowed in humble thankfulness to the Author & giver of all Good that men can receive. May his great & glorious name be exalted more & more in the Earth saith my



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soul at this time, & all the doings of proud man abased & laid in the dust. Holder Almy (to my feelings) was authoratively & edifyingly engaged in public testimony & supplication. Also D Buffum in a few words – In the last meeting the buisness labor'd unpleasantly & had not the savor of the first kept in my mind. I should have been nearly ready to sink, but strength was afforded to my admiration

We dined At Isaac Almy's with a pleasant company of my young acquaintance, I rode him with my dear H R which afforded me an opportunity to speak with her on the subject which I committed to her consideration sometime past the manner in which we conversed was I trust in reverence & fear not leaning to our own understanding in the matter, but "seeking to him who in all things directeth to an hairs bredth" after having duly weighed the subject for sometimes past, & some conversation explanitory & preliminary, at the time she in a very weighty manner informed me that she so far acquiessed with my proposal to leave me at liberty to consult our parents on the subject – the importance of this undertaking hath many times been very exercising to my mind but when we had this interview it was doubly so, tho' much of the doubts & fears as to our Living in the world was removed, & a faith was begotten in my heart that as we kept our plans in the truth we should not lack the necessaries of life but be who cloths the lillies & feeds the sparrows would bless our endeavors & make us useful to one another, & that it may [be] so is often the fervant prayer of my heart

It was a day wherin I was confirmed of my being in the right line, & most earnestly crave that it may be lastingly blessed

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December 27, Saturday: The Ottoman Empire declared war on Russia.

Samuel Wesley's third setting of Dixit Dominus, for three voices, was performed for the initial time, at a meeting of the Concentores Society, London.

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

7 day 27 of 12 M 1806 / The day having closed feel a disposition to write a little, & am thankful to feel able to say that it has been a week wherin my mind has been stenghtened with a refreshing Stream of divine favor, & an hope is thereby raised that the Good hand is still reached forth for my help & deliverance from the bond of sin which I too often feel myself incompassed with & groan under.

Since writing the above my dear friend D R came in & read a letter which he has received from NYork from my beloved J Austin which states that Wm Crotch had cut his throat with a razor at the house of Alexander Wilson in Philadelphia in the 24th of this M & was inter'd on the evening of the same day – This is a shocking account, that one who hath been so highly favor'd in the gift of the Ministry & given such undeniable proofs of his



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Authority & clear prophetic discernment of the state of the people should be left miserably to end his own existence, but it is as clear a proof of the weakness of human nature, & that without our continued watchful care we are ever in danger of falling victim to the wicked deceiver of men, the higher we rise the lower we have to fall (if we do fall)

Notwithstanding there are many distressing occurrences which have recently happened concerning this poor man which may induce some to question whether he was ever anything more than an imposter, yet it is quite different with me, for I have too often seen & felt the Baptizing effect of his Ministry in myself & others to admit a doubt of this, but am rather persuaded that we may be highly favor'd & at the same time have many weaknesses which are not overcome which suppose to be his case

I am at this time firm in the faith that the Truth is great & Powerful & that there is no deception in it, & as its power is abode under it will clearly discover to the understanding what we should do & what we should leave undone...— Oh that all that is within me bow & surrender to its holy guidance.

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December 28, Sunday: Adrien Boieldieu's opéra comique *Télémaque*, to words of Dercy, was performed for the initial time, in the Hermitage, St. Petersburg.

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

1 day 28 of 12 M 1806 / Good composed meeting to my mind, for which i trust I am truly thankful. Spent the evening very sweetly at C Rodman's.

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

30 3 day of 12 M 1806 / With the day compleats the 25 year of my Age & it is a very humbling consideration to my mind that I come so far short of what the truth points out, but what avails complaint in this way? surely nothing further than perchance I may view it at some other time when it may serve to quicken & alarm my mind to greater vigilance — Tho' I cannot find but on the main there is something of an increase of care in my mind, yet a view of my short comings is often painful & this evening am reduced to much poverty & is often stripped of all, which I consider to be a proffitable state, believing those that would be rich in the best sense must first become striped of all human dependances.

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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1807



January 1, Thursday: After Joseph Bonaparte gathered all Neapolitan music students into the Santa Maria della Pieta dei Turchini, he turned it into a school exclusively for the study of music and renamed it the Collegio Reale di Musica.

The lease of the Burgtheater and the Kärntnertortheater, held by Baron Peter von Braun, was turned over to a group of noblemen including the Princes Esterházy, Schwarzenberg, and Lobkowitz and the Counts Palffy, Zichy, Lodron, and Franz, and Franz Nicholas Esterházy.

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

5 Day 1 of 1 M 1807 / Our mettings was rather small & to me but a dull time tho' I was not quite as destitute as at some others -D Buffum was concern'd in a short & feeling testimony, he said "Many were the afflictions of the righteous, but they all tended to our refinement, if they were rightly abode under,["] & said his feelings were such that he apprehended himself authorised to revive the passage to an afflicted tribulated number present "Fear not little flock, it is your fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom" O Williams also spoke as few words testifying that tho' we were or might be accounted simple in the eyes of the world for thus assembling in the middle of the week, yet they were often to us seasons of favor & renewal of strength.³²



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

6 day 2 of 1 M 1807 / The longer I live the more I see the cunning craft of the wicked deceiver of Men & find he has latly [sic]

32. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1809: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 6 Folder 8 for January 1, 1807-July 23, 1807 and Folder 9 for July 24, 1807-April 30, 1809; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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been very buisy in the minds of some repectin me in stiring them up to fabricate & circulate a false report inorder [sic] to take away my reputation in the world. The thing in itself is of such a nature that none who who have been acquainted with me from my childhood would suppose me guilty of, therefore shall make no enquirey after it, but treat it with its merited reserve but I can but observe the workings of Satan in it, & hope it will prove teaching & learn me wisdom, & to be humble Oh my God be with me for thou knows the care I have long & often felt not to dishonor or reproach thy name, help me Oh father for without thy holy aid we are ever liable to subk into ruin.

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

1 day 4 of 1 M 1807 / Our friends Peter Hoxie & D Buffum were concern'd in livly testimony in our morning meeting, which I hope may be of use to but my poor mind was not in a state to be benefited being under a painful state of leaness Having for sometime found it necessary for me to go to Middletown to visit my Cousin Alice Gould & family, left the Afternoon Meeting & went there where from some circumstances I was much instructed, & was favord to keep my place in Conversation, not to say too much or too little. I was also favor'd with a refreshing current of the precious life to flow into my mind, which I am truly thankful for

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January 11, Sunday: Ezra Cornell, who would found Western Union Telegraph and who would help endow Cornell University,³³ was born.

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

1 day 11 of 1 M 1807 / Silent meetings & to my mind tolerably composed seasons. Spent the evening at C Rodmans in company with divers young friends, & towards the close had an interview with my precious H. on the account of matrimony which I had intimated to her before & obtained our parents consent. It is a subject which hath long engaged my attention & trust have duly weighed it on all sides under a propper & weighty sense of its importance, & whatever my be the Issue it is sealed on my mind that the thing (thus far) is tight & that I have moved it nearly in the right time & manner. My mind is often bowed in much

33. In conjunction with others such as the son of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould (1781-1838), John Stanton Gould (1810-1874).



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humility when I consider the littleness of my abilities in performing the duties relative to a married State, but when I am led to view the great Goodness love & condesention of our God to the children of men, that he cloths the lilleys & feeds the sparrows & the many blessings which he bestows on those that are unworthy my mind if strengthended with an hope that as I am faithfully dedicated in my heart to do & suffer what ever he pleases to require at my hands he will not leave nor forsake me, but cast up a way where no way may appear, & not only give me South land but also Springs of water. I am not looking for miricles [sic] but expect to use my own endeavors, & as they are exerted within the limits of truth, my present faith is that I shall get forward in peace to my own mind, & the honor of the good cause, to which the older I grow the more I feel bound with fervant desires to promote. Oh that nothing may work in either from the love of gain or Self exaltation to retard the groth of that precious tender plant which I sometimes feel to be growing in my mind, but that a constant watchful care may be faithfully maintained to guard my heart as at every avenue from the subtil stratigems of the old deceiver, for I have often found him to be a very buisy medling creature striving by the most artful means to overthrow all good to establish his own kingdom. Therefore Oh my soul be on thy constant watch.

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

3 day 13 of 7 M / Attended the funeral of Henry Potter, it was a quiet favored time. Our friend Holder Almy was there & favor'd to declare & explain the truth, particularly divine revelations & the consistency of our mode of worship to satisfaction & with a good degree of Power, was also lively in Supplication

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

1 day 18 1 M / Last night watched with a sick friend which prevented my going to meeting in the morning. In the Afternoon I went, but being much unwell came out soon after we were gathered went home & went to bed early in the evening.

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

5 day 22 of 1 M / To me a barran meeting, & in the preparatory meeting the answering of the queries was very laborious. My mind was so vacant or void of life that I dared not to put forth my hand to steddly the tottering Ark.

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

1 day 25 of 1 M / Silent meetings in the forenoon I was rather unsettled, in the afternoon more composed

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

2 day 26 of 1 M / Had a sweet visit from my dear friend Holder Almy his conversation was truly encouraging & stengthening to hold on the way.

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January 29, Thursday: The Ottoman Empire extended its declaration of war on Russia to include Great Britain.

The infant Henry Bradford Greenleaf Webster, 7th child of Rebecca Greenleaf Webster with [Noah Webster, Jr.](#), died after two months of existence.

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

5 day 29 of 1 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was held in town & was a pretty good time in the first H Almy appear'd much engaged in testimony for the welfare of society expressing a desire that Zion might arise & shake herself from the dust of the earth & put on her beautiful garments. And Abigail Robinson Arose with



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these words "Put thy shoes from off thy feet for the ground whereon thou standeth is holy" pointing out the necessity of our having clean hearts & hands in the administration of Church discipline, for if we attempt it in our own wills the mind of the individual will not only become more darkened but will bring pain & death over the meeting.

Some exercising cases were before us in the last meeting but I apprehended things terminated well in the end. It seems to be a time of labor & exercise among the homest hearted, a time that calls for dilligence & watchfulness. May every part of my conduct be so, & may my neck not be spared from the Yoak or shoulders from the burden

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February 1, Sunday (or August 20, Thursday depending on which source we believe): [William James Hubbard](#) was born in Whitchurch Shropshire or Warwick, England, to William Hubbard and Catharine Hall Hubbard.

Henry Clay warned that "death alone can check the career of this modern conquerer" [Napoléon](#) who had come to control so many of the governments of Europe, such as now even the Prussian.

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

1 day 1 of 2 M 1807 / Out Meeting this Morning was but a dull time to me. O Williams was concerned in a few words, "Expressing the great fear of our loosing [losing] divine favor by dallying with mercy, & the necessity of continual watchfulness". In the Afternoon I was favor'd to be more more settled but not so much as I could wish. Between meetings while setting by my dear father who is much unwell & often in much pain, my mind was brought into deep seriousness & I was led to crave in secret that he might be favor'd with patience to endure his weakness & when the thread of life may be cut he may enter into the blissful regions of happiness, all that was alive within me was quickened.

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

2 day 2 of 2 M 1807 / Much takne up this morning with buisness which took me out of the shop. Called with O W & J C at Elisha Anthonys who deceased last night to answer our appointment in the case of funerals.

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February 3, Tuesday: The French army attempted to trap the Russian army at Ionkovo. They defeated the Russians but, during the night, the Tsar's forces escaped.

British forces occupied Montevideo.

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

3 day 3 of 2 M / Attended the funeral of E Anthony which appeared to be a pretty favor'd time, the people sat quietly.

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February 5, Thursday: French forces caught up to the Russian rear guard at Hoff (near Górowo Ilaweckie) south of Königsberg (Kaliningrad) causing 4,200 total casualties. The Russians retreated to Eylau (Bagrationovsk) to the northeast.

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

*5 day 5 of 2 M / Our meeting today was to me a pretty favor'd time, being able to get nearer the root of the matter than common of late, for which I desire to be thankful, as I am alomst continually in a dry unfeeling state, so that when I am favored with an income of the pure tendering spirit, it feels the more precious
Our friends who are absent at [Providence](#) have a pleasant day for the Quarterly Meeting, & my desires are that they may be proffited by the journey.*

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February 7, Saturday: A skirmish between French and Russian outposts escalated into a major engagement at Eylau (Bagrationovsk) south of Königsberg (Kaliningrad). After eight hours of heavy fighting and 8,000 casualties, the forces called it a night.

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

7 day 7 of 2 M 1807 / Most of the time of late I have been so very barran of good that I have felt burdensome to myself &



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*scarcely able to think a good thought or raise a sigh for help. But when I awoke this Morning my mind was feelingly struck with this query & Answer "Oh where is peace for those its path have trod? In poverty retirement & with God" which made such an impression that before I arose my mind became sweetly retired & enabled to pray for help from the Almighty, & I may thankfully add that I have been helped & enabled to keep near the sorce of life thro' the day. Oh dearest father my heart is engaged in prayer before thee at this time, that thou in thy infinite goodness may be pleased to draw me by the shepperds crooke of thy power into thy heavenly fold & enable me there to dwell secure from all bussel of the world that tho' my boody be surrounded therewith my mind & spirit be retired & enabled to enjoy sweet union & communion with thee to whom belongs & be ascribed glory honner & praise forevermore
Our friends have returned from [Providence](#) & express much satisfactiion from the meeting & visit Elisha Thornton & Ann Smith were favor'd in testimony & Elisha T in supplication.*

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February 8, Sunday: Dawn on the 2d day at Eylau (Bagrationovsk) found bitter cold and constant snow. Russian advances were countered by French cavalry which in turn were countered by the arrival of the last Prussian troops which were in turn stalemated by French reinforcements. After two days of fighting no strategic result would be produced. Casualties figures are not known, but could have been as high as 40,000. Russia quit the field.

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

1 day 8 of 2 M / Favor'd to be pretty quiet at meetings, in the forenoon OW spoke a few words & Hannah Dennis took up the subject & enlarged very acceptably.

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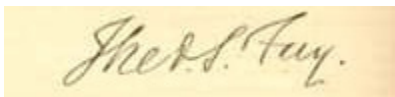
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February 10, Tuesday: The US Congress authorized a survey of the nation's coasts and harbors:
"An Act to Provide for Surveying the Coasts of the United States."

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[Theodore Sedgwick Fay](#) was born in New-York, a son of the attorney Joseph Dewey Fay (1779-1825). Like his father, who had studied law in the office of Alexander Hamilton, would study for the law, although he would never practice, going instead into the field of diplomacy.



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

3 day 10 of 2 M / Our friend Asa Russel of [New Bedford](#) called at the shop this afternoon, with whom I had much conversation on a subject which has deeply affected the minds of many & caused the Land to mourn for the wound which Zion has felt from the fall of a late dignified Servant
Asa spoke feelingly on the subject & hoped it might be a warning to those who think they stand to take heed lest they fall.

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

5 day 12 of 2 M 1807 / I feel very thankful at being able to insert that to me it was a precious meeting my mind was sweetly overshadowed with divine favor, if my mind got a little from the center I could easily return. This state is so different from the very barran situation in which I often am, that it has caused me to bow in spirit in humble reverent thankfulness for the present favor & pray for strength to hold on my way in the line of religious perseverance. OW & S Barker had living testimonys to bear among us.

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

1 day 15 of 2 M / Our meetings were Silent & I thought the seed appear'd to be under suffering, but the life flowed in a sweet current thro' my mind. Yet had to combat satan as he presented doubts of various kinds to my mind but did not succeed in his attempt to implant distrust.

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February 19, Thursday: Attempting to bring Turkey into the alliance against France, a British fleet forced the Dardanelles and sank five Turkish ships.

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

5 day 19 of 2 M / Our meetings passed in silence & to my mind I consider'd it a favor'd time, being free from that hard unaccountable state of barraness with which I am so frequently tried. I had feelingly to lament the very low State of our poor drooping society, it seems as if we are just upon the brink of sinking. The many stumbling blocks which appear among us & the few that are skiled in removing them is cause of fear & Mourning.

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

1 day 22 of 2 M 1807 / Meetings today were pretty good, being enabled to strive for a little help. O williams & D Buffum were livly in testimony

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

*5 day 26 of 2 M / Rode an horse back from [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting wherein my mind was favor'd to experience a good degree of life. Holder Almy & D Buffum livly in testimony encoraging the tribulated ones to hold on their way, & describing the path for such to walk in. Also warning those who are at ease to be up & doing while the day lasts, for if the righteous are scarcely saved where shall the sinner & ungodly appear
In the last meeting I sat mostly as a silent mourner, for my mind was much affected from various circumstances.
Dined at cousin Z Chases & stopp'd on the way home at cousin Alice Goulds.*

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



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7 day 28 of 2 M 1807 / Desires are raised at this time in my mind that I may be preserved from the many snares of satan either in getting too high or too low for there is danger in both sides particularly in getting too high. I trust I have felt a solemn warning in my mind on this head, & oh that it may have a desirable effect, for the higher we stand the lower we have to fall (if we do fall) I feel my mind invested with a care to walk humbly & not attribute my good standing to any thing that I have done or can do for myself, for if this kind of boasting or reasoning is given way too it is allmost a shure means of falling, for pride will have a fall. May the many sorrowful heart pearcing circumstances which have happened within my knowledge, teach more wisdom Oh Lord keep me little, keep me low suffering no exaltation of self to arise.

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March 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 1 of 3 M 1807 / Our meetings were silent. in the morning it was a pretty composed favor'd time to me, but more unsettled in the afternoon. I looked over the meeting and thought there were more Idle countenances than mine, which is no excuse for my being so, but ought rather to be Stimulous to be digging deeper

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March 3, Tuesday: A British fleet again forced the Dardanelles, hoping to intimidate Turkey into the war. The Turks, their defenses newly strengthened, sank two British ships killing 600 seamen.

Article I of [the Constitution](#) had granted the new federal government a power to “suppress insurrections.” A federal legislative act of May 2, 1792 had implemented this by authorizing the President to use the militia to suppress insurrections upon notification by a federal associate justice or district judge that the execution of the laws was impeded by combinations too powerful to be suppressed by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings. Then an act of February 28, 1795 had enlarged this by authorizing the President, on application of the legislature of a state, or of that state’s Governor if the legislature could not be convened, to call forth the militia of other states to suppress an insurrection against the government of that state. On this day the federal legislature finalized the Insurrection Act of 1807, laying down the procedures by which the federal Administrative branch might federalize local law enforcement in order to suppress an insurrection: first the President was to order the “insurgents to disperse” — then if this did not happen, whatever force the armed agents of the federal power needed to apply would be legitimated. The federal military could considered itself



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to be part of a *posse comitatus* and act to enforce domestic law: “[I]n all cases of insurrection or obstruction of the laws, either of the United States or of any individual state or territory, where it is lawful for the president of the United States to call forth the militia for the purpose of suppressing such insurrection, or of causing the laws to be duly executed, it shall be lawful for him to employ, for the same purposes, such part of the land or naval force of the United States as shall be judged necessary, having first observed all the prerequisites of the law in that respect,” these “prerequisites” being first the notification of an associate justice or district judge that the execution of the laws was being obstructed, and second the application of a legislature or governor. (Further procedures to put down insurrections would not be needed until 1861.)

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

3 day 3 of 3 M 1807 / It has been a favor'd day, a current of the precious life has attended my mind for which I desire to render thanks where they are alone due.

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

4 day 4 of 3 M / This morning the corps of George Burdeck was found in the water in Job Shermans dock. The looks of the poor creature was sorrowfully affecting it was said he went a few evenings ago from home a dram shop on the Ferry Wharf much in liquor but whether he was murdered or drowned by accident is a question in many minds the marks on his face appear'd to be more of violence than accident but be it what it may I hope it may prove a solomn warning to those miserable creatures who sell liquor, for it appears to me the guilt or ruin of many will lay heavily to their charge. The jury found a verdict of accidental death

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

*5 day 5 of 3 M / Pretty good Silent meetings I desire to be thankful for every favor
The case of G Burdeck being doubtful & many of the towns people greatly dissatisfied with the Verdict join'd by the Jury yesterday, another 24 was summoned this forenoon which 20 to 24 found a Verdict of Willful Murder*

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

1 day 8 of 3 M 1807 / In our morning meeting my mind was painfully barren, & no capacity to get into a better state, but the meeting was uncommonly still & appear'd to be a Solemn favor'd time to others.

David Buffum was unusually lively in testimony from these words "Oh foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth impressing the necessity of not stifling the witness in our hearts but to give up to whatever it teaches or manifests to us, adding his desire for himself & us that we may thro' obedience become heirs to the kingdom. H. Dennis was also very lively from these words "Are there not twelve hours in a day wherein a man may labor & do all his work but behold the night cometh wherein no work can be done," impressing therefrom the very great necessity of working while time & opportunity is graciously lengthened out to us, and expressed her fear of their being a lukewarm indifferent state among us, & apprised those of this indifferent class, of the very great offence th[e]y were in the divine sight, even to be spewed out of the Mouth.

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

5 day 12 of 3 M 1807 / If there were none at meeting that performed more acceptable worship than I believe I did, I fear there might as well have been no gathering, for my mind was continually on the fly from one frivolous thing to another, & had not power to raise the pure life in the least degree, if I turned my thoughts towards good things they seemed to rest merely in imagination, there was nothing in my mind which was capable of true enjoyment

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

6 day 13 of 3 M 1807 / Depression seems to be my lot this evening, nothing but discouragement is before me

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

1 day 15 of 3 M / Our meetings were silent in the morning, had some degree of life in the afternoon it rose by intervals, but thro' the day death seemed to have the ballance. I often lament my unprogressing state, but a mear lamentation without exertions to have it otherwise will avail nothing & perhaps only augment the guilt

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March 16, Monday: Publication of Prelude and Air for the Piano Forte by William Crotch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

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

2 day 16 of 3 M / Spent part of this evening at J.E. Junr very pleasantly as to the outward but little alloy in the inward; my mind was gathered & enjoyed some sweetness, it is a favor to have the priviledge of agreeable society, & to a rightly disposed mind may be a sorce of much benefit, but when young people assemble & give way to light conversation it is quite the reverse. in my favor'd moments I have had to lament over a certain clas, & reflect how much good they miss of by chusing companions whose delight is intrifling conversation & vain amusements

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March 18, Wednesday: 5,000 British troops disembarked in [Egypt](#), intent for a 3d time that they were going to intimidate the pasha. They would capture Alexandria (El Iskandariya) but nothing else.

French troops began to surround Danzig (Gdansk).

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

4 day 18 of 3 M 1807 / While setting this evening in a sweet company of my youngerly brethren & sisters at my beloved friend DR's my mind was favor'd with ability to breath in secret to the Almighty for his holy help. And the language of my heart was Oh Lord keep me low, suffer no exaltation of self to arise. Some



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distressing occurrences which have happened, of those who have begun well & made considerable progress in the line of religious duty, & after runing well for a time, then by unwatchfulness have let go their hold & lamentably slidden from the right foundation, was very feelingly brought to my remembrance & a sincere desire was raised that others harms may prove a warning to me

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

19th of 3rd M 5 day / Our meeting was silent & to me a precious opportunity for which I trust my mind was humbly thankful before I went I was brought into a feeling state & reflected on my unworthiness, & queried with myself what benefit so poor & dry a thing as I was could expect to gain by going to meeting, but soon after I was seated, the precious life arose & difused itself sweetly in my mind. The passage which Peter mentions of the Spirits being preached unto in prosin was the chief subject of my contemplation & I trust my mind was a little introduced into its meaning. There are many whose spirits are bound & imprisoned in wickedness of various kinds, but that which I had chiefly to lament was those whoo are bound down to the riches of this wor[l]d. Oh that they may be Preached unto by the baptizing power of Christ & aroused from that letergic stupor, which prevents their enjoyment of the liberty which is in Christ Jesus. My mind was engaged to pray for my own deliverance & for preservation from the bond of sin & death

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

7 day 21 if 3 M 1807 / My mind this Morning is in a pretty feeling state & whenever that is my lott I consider it a favor, for I dread that barran unfeeling condition with which I am so frequently tried. it seems to be the result of unfaithfulness, for I believe was I more faithful in times of clearer discernment, I should avoid much of it. In those times when my mind is so entirely void of good, I have no capacity to do any thing & even to look unto the Almighty for help seems like Mockery, but sometimes when I have no expectation, I am suddenly relieved from it by the arisings of the life when I can scar[c]ely tell when or how it comes



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

1 day 22 of 3 M 1807 / Our meeting this Morning was but an insensible time to me, but it was large & very still Anne Greene was favor'd in a livly testimony which affected Some present In the afternoon my mind was more favor'd with the animating influence & to get into a state of feeling, for which I was very thankful

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March 23, Monday: French siege guns opened fire on the Prussians and Russians in Danzig.

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

2 day 23 of 3 M 1807 / Last night I was called to watch with a sick friend, whose religious remarks in the corse of the night was very comfortable. he appear'd to be in a contrite disposition, expressed a sense of his short comings, & regretted his want of obedience to light & knowledge which he said had been thro' his whole life abundantly afforded. he said the public station in which he had stood had exposed him to many snares & temptations, the grocer [grosser] part of which he had been mercifully favor'd to withstand, but had fallen into many omissions, which on a sick bed had given much uneasiness, & he had seen they were incompatible with a religious life, which was the only thing that would stand us in stead & be as an Anchor at the solemn final change, & in short is all that will render lifesweet & comfortable.

I never more regretted my defect of memory, for there were many observations & remarks, with much solid counsel which he particularly imparted to me, that I should be glad to commit to writing. But one of them were so impressive that I cannot easily forget it "Speaking of the emptiness of profession with out a possession of religion, he said "religion suffers from its empty professors, for the world sees from their conduct that they are not what they profess, & it is that which gives libertineism keenness & weight against the truth.

I was glad of my being with him & sincerely hope if he is restored to helth again that he may be favor'd to put in practice



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the good resolutions which he has now formed

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

*3 day 24 of 3 M 1807 / My mind this Afternoon labors under much discouragement from a view of my numerous infermities - indeed they are so many that the language of the poet is pretty well adapted to my condition "Some are flau'd & some flau'd all oer"
Oh dearest father sanctify my heart sweeten & clense it by thy redeeming love.*

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March 25, Wednesday: Although in 1805 the British House of Commons had passed a bill that made it unlawful for a British subject to capture and transport [slaves](#), that measure had been blocked by the House of Lords. In February 1806, Lord Grenville had formed a Whig administration. He and Charles Fox, his Foreign Secretary, were opponents of the [slave-trade](#). Fox and [William Wilberforce](#) led the campaign in the House of Commons for a new Abolition of the Slave Trade bill, while Grenville was leading that campaign in the House of Lords. Grenville criticized his fellow Lords for "not having abolished the trade long ago," offered that it was a practice "contrary to the principles of justice, humanity and sound policy." The vote in the House of Lords carried by 41 votes over 20. The vote in the House of Commons carried by 114 votes over 15, and the international trade in slaves was outlawed as of March 1, 1808 by "An Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade" (STATUTE 47 GEORGE III., 1st session, Chapter 36). British captains caught continuing the trade would

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be fined £100 for each slave found on board.



The Slave Trade Act outlawing the slave trade in the British Empire immediately received royal assent. However, it would not stop the British slave trade. If slavers were in danger of being captured by the British navy, captains might reduce the fines they had to pay by having the slaves thrown off the far, hidden side of the vessel to be pulled down by the weight of their chains. Some people involved in the anti-slave trade campaign, such as Thomas Clarkson and Thomas Fowell Buxton, would begin to argue that the only way effectively to end the suffering was to make slavery itself illegal. One month later, Parliament would pass the Slavery Abolition Act that gave all slaves in the British Empire their freedom. (Note that this was occurring 16 years after the Danes had abolished their trade. Note that the US had abolished its participation in the international slave trade on March 2d. Note also that British colonial slavery would continue until 1833, and US slavery would continue until toward the close of our Civil War.)

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: At the beginning of the nineteenth century England held 800,000 slaves in her colonies; France, 250,000; Denmark, 27,000; Spain and Portugal, 600,000; Holland, 50,000; Sweden, 600; there were also about 2,000,000 slaves in Brazil, and about 900,000 in the United States.³⁴ This was the powerful basis of the demand for the slave-trade; and against the economic forces which these four and a half millions of enforced laborers represented, the battle for freedom had to be fought.

Denmark first responded to the denunciatory cries of the eighteenth century against slavery and the slave-trade. In 1792, by royal order, this traffic was prohibited in the Danish possessions after 1802. The principles of the French Revolution logically called for the extinction of the slave system by France. This was, however, accomplished more precipitately than the Convention anticipated; and in a whirl of enthusiasm engendered by the appearance of the Dominican deputies, slavery and the slave-trade were abolished in all French colonies

34. Cf. Augustine Cochin, in Lalor, CYCLOPEDIA, III. 723.



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February 4, 1794.³⁵ This abolition was short-lived; for at the command of the First Consul slavery and the slave-trade was restored in An X (1799).³⁶ The trade was finally abolished by Napoleon during the Hundred Days by a decree, March 29, 1815, which briefly declared: "À dater de la publication du présent Décret, la Traite des Noirs est abolie."³⁷ The Treaty of Paris eventually confirmed this law.³⁸

In England, the united efforts of Sharpe, Clarkson, and Wilberforce early began to arouse public opinion by means of agitation and pamphlet literature. May 21, 1788, Sir William Dolben moved a bill regulating the trade, which passed in July and was the last English measure countenancing the traffic.³⁹ The report of the Privy Council on the subject in 1789⁴⁰ precipitated the long struggle. On motion of Pitt, in 1788, the House had resolved to take up at the next session the question of the abolition of the trade.⁴¹ It was, accordingly, called up by Wilberforce, and a remarkable parliamentary battle ensued, which lasted continuously until 1805. The Grenville-Fox ministry now espoused the cause. This ministry first prohibited the trade with such colonies as England had acquired by conquest during the Napoleonic wars; then, in 1806, they prohibited the foreign slave-trade; and finally, March 25, 1807, enacted the total abolition of the traffic.⁴²

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

4 day 25 of 3 M / Called this Morning to see J.L. who yesterday opened an hat shop in this town, & spent a little time with him, as he is young in years & experience his situation claimed my affectionate sympathy, & my mind was affected with desires for his preservation, beyond my capacity of expression

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

35. By a law of Aug. 11, 1792, the encouragement formerly given to the trade was stopped. Cf. *CHOIX DE RAPPORTS, OPINIONS ET DISCOURS PRONONCÉS À LA TRIBUNE NATIONALE DEPUIS 1789* (Paris, 1821), XIV. 425; quoted in Cochin, *THE RESULTS OF EMANCIPATION* (Booth's translation, 1863), pages 33, 35-8.

36. Cochin, *THE RESULTS OF EMANCIPATION* (Booth's translation, 1863), pages 42-7.

37. *BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS*, 1815-6, page 196.

38. *BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS*, 1815-6, pages 195-9, 292-3; 1816-7, page 755. It was eventually confirmed by royal ordinance, and the law of April 15, 1818.

39. *STATUTE 28 GEORGE III.*, ch. 54. Cf. *STATUTE 29 GEORGE III.*, ch. 66.

40. Various petitions had come in praying for an abolition of the slave-trade; and by an order in Council, Feb. 11, 1788, a committee of the Privy Council was ordered to take evidence on the subject. This committee presented an elaborate report in 1789. See published *REPORT*, London, 1789.

41. For the history of the Parliamentary struggle, cf. Clarkson's and Copley's histories. The movement was checked in the House of Commons in 1789, 1790, and 1791. In 1792 the House of Commons resolved to abolish the trade in 1796. The Lords postponed the matter to take evidence. A bill to prohibit the foreign slave-trade was lost in 1793, passed the next session, and was lost in the House of Lords. In 1795, 1796, 1798, and 1799 repeated attempts to abolish the trade were defeated. The matter then rested until 1804, when the battle was renewed with more success.

42. *STATUTE 46 GEORGE III.*, ch. 52, 119; *47 GEORGE III.*, sess. I. ch. 36.



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5 day 26 of 3 M 1807 / I am going to meeting, & wish I had not talked so warmly as I did just now about a matter which might have been finished with but a few words & no warmth of Spirit. I believe every thing of this kind weakens a man in his spiritual condition

No day without exceptions in my conduct, but thro' mercy was favor'd in meetings with the precious influence of the good spirit which rose to an unusual height, for which I trust I was very thankful, & desired to be more & more faithful to the pointings of truth, so as to merit a continuance of heavenly favor. In the first meeting O Williams was concern'd to bear a short testimony among, & in the last several times spoke feelingly & pertinently to buisness. Tho' my mind was favor'd yet I apprehended life to be low & the Seed under Sufferings among us. There was several cases of deplorable delinquency which we had to dispose of, & which cause exercise & pain to Some who travel for Zions Prosperity [travel in the ministry]

Received this Morning an affectionate letter from my beloved friend Susanna Barker which was very comforting & encoraging.

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

6 day 27 of 3 M / Nothing material has occured thro' this day worthy of insertion: more than my mind has been pretty much a blank as to religious impressions. My mind is frequently alarmed at the very swift passing of time, & it seems as if it never was more rapid than at present, to look back three months ago I can scar[C]ely realize the loss, or tell how it has gone, or what improvement I have made in any sense, it seems silently to have fled & left nothing but a blank behind.

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

2 day 30th of 3rd M / Last seventh day I set out to [Portsmouth](#), & when I had travelled near a mile I was so fatigued that I was ready to turn & come home but pretty soon a cart came up the owner of which readily took me in & carried me to my journeys end. here I reflected how unexpectedly we are sometimes provided for, even when things appear very dubious & we are ready to conclude we must give out, no way appearing to advance forward, in the midst of discouragement deliverance comes to our humbling admiration, & I was not a little thankful & even humble for this little assitance I lodged at Cousin Z Chases, & in the Morning



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went up to John's & from there went to meeting in a pretty severe Snow Storm where I had but little life, & if I should judge of the state of the Meeting it was but a dull time After Meeting returned to Cousin Z Chases where I was obliged to stay all night as the Storm continued & increased, therefore did not think it prudent to come home till this Morning, on my way stop'd at Cousin Alice Gould & got home about Noon This visit has not been a time of much religious improvement & I hope have not sustained any material loss, it has been very pleasant as to the outward, feeling an open & or freedom, which reminded me of my juvenile visits to [Portsmouth](#).
This Afternoon my friend Loyd Greene called to see me, I feel a love for him

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April 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 1 of 4 M 1807 / I have to acknowledge myself to be a poor hatting [hating] thing, & feel the very great loss which I have sustained thro' disobedience & unfaithfulness

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

5 day 2 of 4 M / I am just going to meeting with but little prospect of setting more than a cypher, as I feel nearly void of good, or of the means of attaining to any feeling in a religious way.
In the forepart of the meeting I seemed to feel a little animation, but soon sunk into dull frame & was unable to rise out of it

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April 3, Friday: Mary Carpenter was born in Exeter, England.

[Henry William Herbert](#) was born in London, a son of the Honorable and Reverend William Herbert, Dean of Manchester.⁴³ He would be educated at Eton College and at Caius College of Cambridge University, and evidently in the process would run up a considerable amount of debt.

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



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4 OClock 6 day Morning 3 of 4 M 1807 / While I am at watching with a sick person, at this dead hour of night, my mind is introduced into sensations which banishes drowsiness from mine eyes.

Oh! the uncertainty of time & the inevitable certainty of death. How desirable is the object, to be prepared & enabled to meet with calm resignation Such an Awful Scene as is now before me, when the boody reduced by racking pain & parching fever is brought nigh unto death, then to take a retrospect of our past life & find it has not been so fully dedicated to the service, cause & honor of our God as he has required, but have rejected his tender calls to holiness from season to season, lovingly & mercifully vouchsafed in our hearts, having lived even to grey hairs in a dead & flat profession, without a lively profession of religion, & now tremblingly to stand as at the threshold of eternity deploring our past omissions in life. How dread, how Awful, how awakening to the heart. Awake Awake Oh! my soul & be thou on thy Strictest Search & Watch, "catching each ray" & obeying the smallest monition [cognition] of divine truth, that when called to resign thy clay tenement, & to appear at the tribunal of Justice & Mercy thou may feel the sweet consoling reward of peace for thy faithfulness here & an Assurance of happiness in the regions of celestial Abodes

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

7 day 4 of 4 M 1807 / I am but a poor blank, & hardly fit to be compaired to a blank sheet of paper, for that is clean & white, capable of receiving useful & spiritual matters from the pen of the inspired, & conveying it to others - but that is not my case

43. The Honorable and Reverend William Herbert, as the head of the Diocese of the Manchester Cathedral of Manchester, England, has set his name down in the history books by having in 1837 given a flower a name. He designated a flower of the *Amaryllidaceae* as "*Hippeastrum*" or "Horseman's Star" — and since he was a specialist in medieval weapons this has been claimed to have been in reference to a mace-like weapon swung by horsemen during the 14th Century known as the "Morning Star" or "Holy Water Sprinkler." Here is an image of the knightly weapon in question, and of the bloom in question:



It would be my opinion that if the Reverend Herbert did actually name this bloom after this device, he must have named it thus not because of any resemblance between the flower and the weapon, but because of the resemblance between the flower and a **wound** that might result from the use of that weapon.



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*for I am not clean, nor in my present State capable of receiving the livly impressions which Sometimes result from a Spiritual communication, being in a dead unsusecptable State. - And the reason of my being thus left is clear to my understanding, it is for the want of Fasting & Watching
Called this evening to see my dearly beloved Aunt Martha Gould who last fourth day was taken very unwell with an heavy cold attended with a pain in her head, & neack & fever. - while Setting with her I was favor'd with a tender feeling & more life than before thro' the day - but after I left there I went to a friends house where by entering into conversation, which was very innocent, yet I evidently felt my strength diminished thereby & a loss sustained*

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

1 day 5 of 4 M / Our Meeting this mornng was large & much favor'd. D Buffum was also favor'd in public testimony, lovingly & pertinently to apprise us of the necessity of our believing in the Light & walking in the light that we may become children of the light & of the day. & at a second Standing, Solemnly impressed the necessity of our thankfulness for every favor from the divine hand, & observed if we kept our ranks in the truth, our lives would Shine among men & we should be flocked unto as doves to the window of the Ark O Williams spoke a few words In the Afternoon OW was again concern'd in a few words which I apprehended left a good savor on the meeting indeed I do not recollect when it felt to me that there was generally a better covering over the meeting. & in the Afternoon especially, my mind was in a tender feeling frame, & I trust it has been a day of some little refreshment to my poor starving mind. I went toward night with several friends to visit the Work & Alms House which afforded sufficient scope for reflection - took tea with R Taylor & spent the remainder of the evening with my precious H

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

2 day 6 of 4 M / Tho' in a pretty insensible frame most of the day, was this evening brought to a state of feeling & while



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setting at a friends house a book was read containing, some humorous Anecdotes, which excited an innocent mirth, (if any mirth is innocent) but what was contained in an excellent letter which I have read many times much to my edification was feelingly presented to my mind, & enabled me to draw from an assimilation therewith the words are as follows "Carefully avoid books of entertainment that divert & make one laugh for be assured, the more they please the natural mind, the more they displease & grieve the spirit of God. Oh turn them out of your dwelling, let them not come into your hearts, they are poison to the soul, & if followed after, with other jaiding [wearying] enjoyments, will lead down to the shadow of Death

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

3 day 7 of 4 M / I feel & really am a poor inanimate thing, in every sense of the word. Oh that there was more of the precious sap of life circulating in my mind, where shall I find it, how shall I obtain it?

The above was written in the morn[in]g since which my feeling have been much different, it has seemed as if the seal of the fountain of life was a little broken & the waters thereof had issued out to the tendering & refreshing of my heart. Oh that I may be preserved in an humble thankful spirit for every favor is at time the ardent breathing of my Soul - Spent part of the evening at Sam'l Thurstons, very pleasantly, with some of my female friends among whom, was my precious H.

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

4 day 8 of 4 M / This evening walked over on the Point, thinking to call at Thos' Robinsons to see our Dear Rowland Greene who is here on a religious visit & is visiting familys, but when I got there my mind was so weak that I walked by & feared my company would be a burden to their minds. I know of no time when I was more incompassed with weakness, I apprehended I felt a degree of the same consciousness as Adam did when the Almighty called "Adam where art thou," feeling, sensibly feeling that I was far from that sweet & precious state of innocence which I



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might have been, had I not from time to time, against the express command of the spirit of truth partaken of forbidden pleasures which had often reduced & impoverished the soul of that divine life & strength which I might have enjoyed.

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

5 day 9 of 4 M / At Meeting Our Dear Rowland Greene was favor'd to bear a short testimony suiting the low state of Society. he said that "no people stand more in need of deep seriousness & watchfulness than we do, because none make so high a profession, & therefore we are culpable without it, & queried whether our minds were not placed on things that are visible when we are Assembled for the purpose of Worshipping the Almighty God, & ought to be centered on things that are invisible. he expressed that he had not a prospect of many words & concluded, with these words which he said had been repeatedly sounded in his mind "To thy tent Oh Israel"

My mind is so burdened & oppressed with my sins that I seem to be secluded from the enjoyment of the precious life & liberty in the truth. I long that the bond maybe broken, & to be created entirely anew, for tho' I have at times long strove to be good, yet I find much of the old nature remaining, & am ready to fear that I shall never be healed of my infirmity

Spent the evening at Sam'l Thurstons in company with R Greene whose company was very pleasant to me & can safely say I love him Dearly

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

6 day 10 of 4 M / Was engaged this mornng in notifying Several familys that our Dear R Greene would visit them in a religious way in the corse of the day

This afternoon Rowland & his companion took tea at our house, & soon after we drew into Silence, from his instructing, & truly Authorised communication in our family I was abundantly confirmed, that he is one that is Skillful in the ministry. He said that soon after he took his seat Noah was brought to his remembrance, & he d/had been led instructivly to view him, that



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he was commanded to build an Ark for which he was buffeted by his neighbors around him, they wondering for what such a Machine was built, but he regardless of their scoffs persisted in the undertaking, having received sufficient testimony & confirmation that the time was soon hastning that it would be necessary, & accordingly followed the exact dimentions prescribed therefor, & soon the floods come which destroyed all but those who were conformible to the divine direction, here he pointed out the necessity of our preparing a spiritual Ark to sustain & support us in the solemn & trying time that was hastning on all flesh, advising us to be regardless of what may be said of the singularity of our appearances in performing what the Lord may direct, enduring the Cross, dispising the shame &c I was truly thankful for the opportunity, as perhaps my mind was more covered with a covering of the right thing than I ever remember it to be before "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth Salvation; that Saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth"

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April 11, Saturday: When Spanish soprano Isabella Angela Colbran performed in Bologna, this was Gioachino Rossini's first glimpse of his future mistress and wife.

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

7 day 11 of 4 M / When the buisness of the day was over, towards night went to Connanicut with R. Greene & J Lankson to be at meeting tomorrow. we lodged at Cousin J Greenes, & the next mornng took a memorable walk with my dearest R in which he was very communicative on Subjects which interested my feelings as well as instructive to my mind. he gave some particulars of his present journey, & visits to some of the familys in [Newport](#), some pleasant some painful, but on the whole a pleasant prospect among the Youth of our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. & some hopeful who are not members. The meeting was large and favor'd. Rowland first sympathisingly addressed the little remnant of that meeting that were members with himself, incoraging them to hold on their way saying "Fear not little flock it is your heavenly fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom" - then to the People he preached the Cross & the necessity of bearing it, dispising the Shame, & at a second Standing he affectionatly addressed the Youth, shewing the preference between a pious life & beauty of Vanity & the necessity & beauty of an early dedication to the requirings of truth we dined at J Greenes & after dinner Rowland feeling his mind at liberty to proceed



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homeward we walked toward the ferry. we had a little sweet conversation, & parted at the wharf in much love & I trust true affection. in this little opportunity my mind seemed doubly united to this my very endeared friend, with whom I have been some Years acquainted & allways found him to be a near sympathising friend, one that is deeply gifted in the divine Mystery having a word of comfort in due season to Such as are afflicted, & to those who are traveling Zion ward, & a Skilful reprover of unfaithfulness May he with myself be preserved in the truth & finally become so established as never to depart therefrom After parting with him at the ferry returned to Cousin Greenes & spent a little time with them in a greeable conversation, particularly with cousin Anne. - Then crossed the ferry home, with a large company of rude young men & boys. Several of them were drunk, & used very bad language. I pittyed them & felt thankful that I was not like them. Spent the evening with my precious H - relating to her the occurences of the day & wished she could have partook of our Zest

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

2 day 13 of 4 M / A dull day in every sense, indulged in eating too much which is a weakness I'm subject too & wish I could get the better of it, but what good does wicking when there is no exertion to mend

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

3 day 14 of M / This mornng fell into light conduct which has since caused inward Suffering, but I fear not so deep as to prevent my giving way to the Same again. - Oh what a poor weak thing I am, what abundant cause for weeping & lamentation to be set up
This evening made a short call at a friends house where my mind was Suddenly dipt in Sympathy, & covered with a precious sweetness Thus now & then I get a season of favor tho very unworthy, for which I desire to be thankful



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

1 day 15 of 4 M / Occupied as usual & nothing Material to insert, in the evening made Several calls, to see my friends which was pleasant.

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

*5 day 16 of 4 M / This morning was handed me a printed sheet portraying the cruel sufferings of the Poor Africans both in their passage from their native land, & after they get to the West Indies, the perusal of which affected my mind & aroused an old concern which I have long felt but never gave up to conform to it is that of abstaining from the produce raised or cultivated by this poor afflicted race of beings. I hope if it is required of me to bear my testimony in this way that it may be clearly manifested, & that I may be faithful thereto.
We had a good silent meeting my mind was favord with quiet, tho' now and then inclind to rove, & now & then discouraging Prospects presented to my view, but on the whole it was a good time, for which I desire to be truly thankful. in the afternoon wrote to my friend M C if Lynn*

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

6 day 17 of 4 M / A sweet visit from my dear Cousin A Greene this morning, her conversation & remarks were instructing This Afternoon much unwell with an heavy cold, & this evening under considerable weakness walked out to D Buffums. on the way there my mind was led into serious reflections on the loss & misuse of my precious time, the eveng was Spent in social converse sweet & innocent, but my feelings were Such that I




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thought best not to enter much into it, & I was not without my apprehensions that an example of silence might be useful to some present.

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 April 18, Saturday: The Principality of Anhalt-Dessau became the Duchy of Anhalt-Dessau and, hey presto, Prince Leopold III was Duke Leopold III.

The County of Schaumburg-Lippe became a principality under Prince Georg I Wilhelm.

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

*7th day 18th of 4th M / But little gained in Purse or Spirit.
I'm a poor thing*


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 April 19, Sunday: [Luther Lapham](#) was identified as one of those who, making a publick Profession of their Faith, owned the Covenant in the West Church in [Boston](#).

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

1 day 19 of 4 M / Too much lightness of mind this Mornng before meeting, but was more quiet than I expected. we sat in silence, & a pretty solid meeting. - In the Afternoon O Williams delivered a short testimony. - after meeting took a walk round the Hall - roving thoughts & fruitless castle building. Oh that I could but attain to a greater degree of religious firmness, my mind is often humbled under a sense of my short comings.-

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 April 20, Monday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) signed a contract with Muzio Clementi in Vienna giving Clementi sole printing rights in Britain for the Rassumovsky Quartets, the Symphony no.4, the Coriolanus Overture, the Piano Concerto no.4, and the Violin Concerto.

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

2 day 20 of 4 M / This eveng called at a couple of friends houses, at the first our conversation turned on the subject of simplicity, & my mind was pretty zealously engaged to inforce the necessity of our keeping to planess in our furniture & apparel, believing that many who begin pretty well & feel that their peace depends much on their dwelling low, after they have lived a little while & their outward circumstances beginning to



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grow more easy, They begin to query why, such a little thing may not be got, & another & another till at length, our houses & persons can hardly be distinguished from those who never did profess plainness, & am often impressed with the danger there is in gratifying our inclinations with what may be called little nonessentials, & feel an ardent desire that I & my brethren may be preserved in the pure Simplicity, when we are first called to bear testimony to truth the mind is generally in a little humble frame, & we grow scrupulous of many little things in dress & address, which wounds our tender feelings & are willing to bear the cross in renouncing them. but by & by, the cross of them is taken away, & here the enemy takes the advantage, & suggests this little thing & another till we become calous & forget the days of our espousals, the days when we were humble & low, & were willing to be led out of the Wilderness as by the hand of our God, on whose arm Alone was our only dependance. That I may ever keep in humble rmemberance those precious & blessed days is at times the most anxious breathing desires of my soul

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

3 day 21 of 4 M / Occupied in trade, & finished a letter which I had begun some days before to my friend MC, tho' very destitute of a right quallification

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

4 day 22 of 4 M / Met with a newly published Book entitled, The Penitential Tyrant or Slave Holder reformed which wuted my taste so well that I spent more time in reading it this Afternoon than was concistent with my income. I love to see a fervant Zeal manifested against that henious traffic. it is a subject into which my mind has more than commonly been dipt for some time pst, & indeed ever since I have arrived to the years of maturity I have felt much about it, & had I have borne a more Zealous testimony against it, believe it would have tended more to my Strength, but alaw like many others who are halters, have shunned the Cross, & having lived so lond hardly know where to



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begin to take it up.

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

5 day 23 of 4 M / Attended preparative meeting, in the part of worship H Dennis was concerned in a short but acceptable testimony - In the that [?] for buisness my feelings were somewhat awakened particularly at Some of the Queries Several of which bore sorrowful testimonies of our weakness, & that concerning sleeping I apprehended was answered more full than our state would admit which drew forth a few stammering expressions from poor me

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

6 day 24 of 4 M / Thro' favor I am kept alive in spirit, & as I was walking the Room this evening, thought I never more fully felt & understood the meaning of "Bearing the Cross for Christ's sake."

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➡ April 25, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal of having recently encountered a former school classmate, hardened, who "had just come on shore from a [Slave](#) Voige to the Coast of Africa":⁴⁴

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7 day 25 of 4 M / My mind still under livly impressions & tho' they lead me in the line of the Cross as to the natural part, desire to endure all with patience, if I can but insure to myself the presence of the Lord which is my delight to feel, but Oh my weakness. I'm afraid of falling. Help [?] me Oh Lord. keep me in the hollow of they all preserving hand. This forenoon H Almy called at the shop & after a little pleasant conversation, he appeared inclin'd to sit still, & I willing to join him therein. So after a pause which was attended with a good degree of

44. This may have been the brig *Three Sisters*, whose [slaves](#) would be auctioned at the US Customs House in October, or it may have been one of the [negreros](#) *Eagle* bringing a cargo of 180, the brig *Nancy* bringing a cargo of 94, the schooner *Nancy* bringing a cargo of 73, the *Neptune* bringing a cargo of 140, the *Factor* bringing a cargo of 85, the *Lark* bringing a cargo of 95, the *Concord* bringing a cargo of 48, the *Alfred* bringing a cargo of 84, the *Hiram* bringing a cargo of 105, the *Flora* bringing a cargo of 80, the *Ann & Harriet* bringing a cargo of 145, or the *Baltimore* bringing a cargo of 80 — that we know of. There were so many Rhode Island vessels still engaged in this traffic — it was like it was going out of style or something!





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solemnity, Holder was concerned to make a few remarks on the excellency of a pious life, & the wretched disconsolate State of such who have lived to old age without having conform'd to the dictates of truth, being favor'd from time to time with the visitations of Gods love in their hearts, & now when on the graves edge to look back on their past omissions & commissions thro' time not to feel the enlivning hope of peace & rest in the life to come, observing "The child shall die an hundred years old, but the Sinner, being an hundred years old shall perish" he concluded by observing "that tho' our trials might be Severe & our disappointments hard to bear, yet by faithful obedience we may experience a way to be made where no way may appear & hard things rendered easy & bitter things sweet." The above remarks appear'd to reach the heart of poor old G.W who was present with us, so that after Holder left us he appeared quite contrite even unto weeping.

This afternoon a young man whose initials are J.S called in with whom I had a little conversation, & tho' it did not turn naturally on religious Subjects yet it was very pleasant. I believe him to be a young man who has retained a good degree of innocence, thro' a considerable exposure to the vices of the world We Sometimes meet with Some who, tho' they are not in membership with us, yet feel pleasant, & our hearts become drawn into nearness with each other As I believe was reciprocally the case between us. I could but contrast the difference between him & some of my other old School fellows, who in their Younger days were in a pretty good state of innocence, but since they have come to man's estate have run into the various wickednesses of the present day. My mind was not a little affected not long since at meeting a young man with whom I formerly went to School, & then was an innocent lad. he had just come on shore from a Slave Voige to the Coast of Africa, his countenance bespoke a mind exactly suited for the purpose he had been about, he looked so hardened that I could scarcely endure to look at him, & so affected my feelings that I have frequently reflected on his situation with painful sensations many times since

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("There, but for the grace of God, go I!")



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April 26, Sunday: In the Convention of Bartenstein, Russia and Prussia agreed to pool their forces to drive French troops out of [Germany](#).

Death of 3-year-old [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s brother John Clarke Emerson.

I might as well record this material here as anywhere: At some point during Waldo's early boyhood, his Aunt [Mary Moody Emerson](#) took him and [Charles Chauncy Emerson](#) to Malden and showed the boys the grave of their great-grandfather [Joseph Emerson](#) who had died in 1767. Polly later would inform [Ellen Emerson](#) that "Your father ... was a little boy then, and skipped about among the graves."

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

1 day 26 of 4 M / Pretty good meetings in the afternoon D Buffum bore a lively [testimony] to the necessity of our preparing for the final change, God being just and equal in all his ways would afford sufficient means to enable us to attain a seat in the Kingdom.

Between meetings finished a letter began the day before to my friend J Austin [of] [Nantucket](#)

Took tea at D Williams where my mind was cover'd with the precious life. Oh I love to feel it & desire to be found worthy more & more to receive the heavenly Bounty.

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April 27, Monday: On the Feast of Peregrino Laziosi, Franz Joseph Haydn was carried to the Servite Monastery, Vienna (there was a chapel in the monastery dedicated to that saint and the composer was hoping for a cure for his swollen legs).

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

2 day 27 of 4 M / But little life For the evening called at J E's & Spent a bit of time very agreeably

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April 28, Tuesday: 14-year-old Friedrich Günther replaced Ludwig Friedrich II as Prince of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt under regency.

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

3 day 28 of 4 M / More feeling this morning than Yesterday. led into sympathy with an acquaintance in affliction This afternoon about 4 OClock died Saml Brown, which occurrence has spread "a gloom profound" over my mind, to reflect on the



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truly afflicting & disconsolate situation of the Poor widow who is now confined to her room unable to see him whom She has lately wedded, Alas now a cold corps - she is an acquaintance whom I esteem, & believe She has known & felt the living power of truth in a remarkable manner to reach & convince her mind. May she be supported thro' all, & may the present affliction prepare her mind for a more full surrender of heart to the pure living & substanceal truth, & may my mind be also awakened to greater dilligence, at the Awful Scene presented to view.

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April 29, Wednesday: The French completed their fortifications surrounding Danzig (Gdansk).

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

4 day 29 of 4 M / Nothing material to insert. The day passed as usual Sinning & repenting

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

5 day 30 of 4 M 1807 / At [Portsmouth](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting [the following phrase inserted above the line] in company with a certain young woman. The first was silent & to my mind a very favor'd time, quiet & solid - the part for discipline was also a pretty good time considering the abundance of buisness before us, but poor me was buisy, & made a bad shot, was severely retorted upon, & very kindly helped out of the difficulty. I hope it may teach me wisdom in the fiture. We dined with Isaac Mitchell & came home.

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May 1, Friday: Completion of locks around a 45-foot drop in the Merrimack River known as the Amoskeag Falls and consequent opening of New Hampshire's Manchester Canal enabled the river system to handle barge traffic all the way up from Boston to Hooksett, New Hampshire.

CANAL

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

6 day 1 of 5 M 1807 / At trade & but little brought to pass,



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*prospects gloomy. but little to say for myself, weakness in
flesh & spirit abounds --*

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May 2, Saturday: The first New-York city tour guidebook, Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill's THE PICTURE OF NEW YORK, was published.

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

*7 day 2 of 5 M 1807 / Pretty dilligently at trade & but little
life in religion.*

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

*1 day 3 of 5 M / Good new from NYork, my Brothers James & David
have both arrived safe from sea, & also Uncle Stanton James staid
but a few days on shore Shipt again in the same vessel & with
Same crew for New Orleans, from there to Liverpool, & was to
Sail the 27 of last M. The above good news excited in my mind a
degree of thankfulness, but was far from raising me from a very
dejected state. my faith is almost gone, & my patienve all most
exhausted. glooms surround me, & discouraging prospects present
to my view, arising both from within & without, & whether I shall
ever attain to any degree of religious firmness, or be so
Situatd in my outward circumstances, & as to under it prudent
to alter my condition in life is yet hid. Oh that I may guard
against an uneasy or repining disposition, & be enabled to meet
the cross occurences of life with christian meekness
Our Meetings were both Silent & tho' my mind was not tried with
a certain kind of death to all religious Sensibility as it
frequently is, yet that was a trying low, depressed season,
being under various exercises, & among the rest was introduced
into concern for an individual who has many times caused much
concern for her Spiritual advancement, but of late has appeared
to go off from friends, & dwindle in that precious growth In
which she once promised an hopeful increase*

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

2 day 4 of 5 M / Pretty dilligently at buisness, tho' but little brought to pass
Spent the evening in company with my friend SB at D H's, & while setting there reflected on my short comings, & thought what a poor creature I was & the little prospect there is of my being better But was a little comforted at reading a letter which they had received from my friend J Bringhamst wherein he Says,
"Remember me to Dear Stephen Gould, & tell him to strive to hold out to the end in good earnest, then all will be well"

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

3 day 5 of 5 M 1807 / This Morning went on board the packet in company with a large & agreeable company of friends bound to [Greenwich](#) to attend our Quarterly Meeting we had a long but on the whole agreeable passage. when we arrived I called with others at J Caseys & took a little refreshment then proceded out to Thos Howlands where JR & I lodged after breakfast the next morning we came to town & visited most of our fellow passengers, my time thro' the day was much taken up in obtaining subscriptions for a friend who has latly had his house consumed by fire & nearly all his furniture & close [clothes] - took tea at J Caseys & in the evening went over to Hopkins Cooks where We fell into Silence & a most reaching season it was to some present. Dear Lydia Weeks spoke powerfully to a State present among the Youth who had Seen the way minutly Pointed out in which they should walk, & encoraged them to comply with the terms, & they would then be made to rejoice in Judah in Jerusalem - then Rowland Green encoraged us to Strive to be willing, Sincerely to say "Thy Kingdom come thy will be done" & said he apprehended however amible the disposition if we followed on to know the Lord we should be led much in the way of the Cross, & Said he had felt much for the Youth Present & concluded with encoragement to press forward & to hold ou our way - pretty soon after the conclusion of the Sitting we retired to bed, but for a Season sleep was gone & my mind was engaged in earnest desires for an increase in the root of life. I know not when I have more forcibly felt desires of this kind - took breakfast at HC & was occupied Most of the time before meeting in obtaining Subscriptions

At Meeting we had a precious current of testimonies in rotation as follows Peter Hoxie Rowland Green D Buffum J Casey. then L Weeks in supplication. Daniel Howland & John Baley. Tho' there were many public appearances Yet they all seemed to be well timed & an uncommon degree of Power attending the whole of them. in



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the meeting for discipline, many pertinent & feeling remarks were made on the answers to the queries, & other business by [Moses Brown](#), J Casey, Rowland Green, Peter Hoxie, D Buffum & O Williams It is Rarely the case that the life continues so sweetly to run along with the buiness in meeting as at this – at the close of the meeting I stoped to receive Subscriptions for the friend affore mentioned, & was enabled to pay him D112.75c which in the corse of today & yesterday was given me for his releaf - after dining at N Greens, took tea at H Cookes - then called at the Widdow Mumfords where I met a precious company of Young friends, we soon drew into Silence & dear L Weeks was again concerned in a precious testimony which I know reached the hearts of Some present - -then Susanna Barker was concerned to address the Widdow in a few encoraging Senteces After which we parted, & I again Lodged at H Cooks, & took breajfast the next morning, then again embarked with our company for home & got here in about two hours & an half

The satisfaction & precious tender feeling which I have enjoyed at this Quarterly Meeting has exceeded any thing that I have ever witnessed before when from home at any Quarterly Meeting, & I desire to be truly thankful for the little spiritual norishment received at this time, & at parting with my friends there this morning, my mind was deeply affected, & I Said in my heart "I love [Greenwich](#), I love many that are there & some that are not joined in membership with myself"

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

7 day 9 of 5 M / Pretty dilligently at Trade & ruminating on my late visit. Spent the evening with my endeared H who expects to leave town tomorrow, for [Portsmouth](#), where she intends keeping a School the insuing Summer. I may here acknowledge, what diffidence will prevent my doing more publicly that tho' the distance is short & may be easily & frequently traveled, yet it is much more of a trial to my feelings to part with her than I had contemplated, but feeling a belief that it may be for the best Shall endeavor quietly to Submit. May she be kept in holy remembrance

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May 10, Sunday: Russian troops disembarked at Neufahrwasser (Sopot) to reinforce the defenders at Danzig (Gdansk).

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

1 day 10 of 5 M / My mind is this Morng quite dull, but have Sweetly ruminated on my late visit, & desires is raised that



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there may not be too much of a feeding upon it, but that the mind be drawn more & more from the outward even from the outward Instrument to him who is life & Substance it self, Christ Jesus in the heart

At Meeting this Morning, my mind was roving, but not in so bad a condition at as some times, O Williams stood up & Observed that 'The righteous live by faith, & that it was by faith that we shall see him that is invisible & queried how far we had been occupied this morning in search of this precious faith that works by love to the purifying of the heart' Dear H Dennis then kneels in supplication, & prayed that our hearts might be broken into deep contirrtion before the Lord, & that we might be favored to render unto him thaksgiving & praise Honor & renown" This supplication Sensibly reached my heart - oh that it may be kept tender, for I love to feel tender & humble, but Alass it is too often hard & obdurate

At the Afternoon Meeting my mind was more settled, but was unable to attain to that precious life which I much stand in need of - It was Silent Took tea & spent the evening at Saml Thurstons in company with CR & LC & as circumstances were should have given way low Spirits, bout Cousin L by his droll remarks frequently occasioned merriment which Served to divert the mind from a theme rather trying at present

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

*2 day 11 of 5 M / Pretty successful at Trade, made a good bargain by Selling a Clock & taking the pay in Crystals, mainsprings & the promise of a ballance in Cash Think I feel thankful for the favor, & hope the disposition may be cherished
Spent the evening at DRs & felt too much warmth in conversation, but believe there was no material damage done - We may hurt a good cause by an injudicious management & at the same time our words may be entirely correct, but for the wont of properly timeing them we sometimes frustrate a good purpose*

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

3 day 12 of 5 M / Pretty dilligently at Trade. In the corse of the Afternoon have endeavord to make a just estimate of temporal things & find "there is but little worth living for" The illls of life has appeard to overballance the good, but the best way is to seek ability to pray to be supported thro' all tryals, & not repine at any, but meet them as instruments sent to prepare us for the full enjoyment of a better country. May all that is



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within me be earnestly engaged to seek an inheritance, where none can say "I am sick". My weaknesses are numerous, & I may often acknowledge as with my mouth in the dust that I have been highly favord of the Lord, but I have not been So faithful as is required, yet feel encoragement to press forward a little longer. Oh Lord enable me to hold my confidence in thiee.

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

*4 day 13 of 5 M / Our last monthly meeting was adjourned to this day at [Portsmouth](#) to accomodate Matthew Barker Junr that he might publish his intentions of Marriage with Ruth Anthony. As I was a representative it became my duty to have attended, & this morning my mind was brought into a streight on the account which occasioned much exercise, believing I should hardly know how to frame an excuse for my absense but fearing my Shop had been left quite as much as was reputable for one in my dependant circumstances - at length concluded to Stay at home tho' I felt Somewhat condemnd therefor
Could I feel as if any thing Substantial had been gained today most gladly would I insert it
Made several calls in the eveng, but to little amount as to inward life.*

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

5 day 14 of 5 M / No public offering at Meeting. The forepart of it was a pretty favord time to me, but before it closed my mind got to roving.

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May 15, Friday: Russian troops attempted to break through to the defenders of Danzig (Gdansk) but were beaten back with heavy casualties.

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

6 day 15 of 5 M / Pretty dilligent at Trade. In the evening walked towards Green End with Holder Almy & Stoped at his brother Job's. While walking it seemed as if I could hardly enjoy the scene enough. The Medows are beautifully green, the air mild, with the singing of the birds, renderd the walk highly delightful, & afforded scope for sweet contemplation



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

7 day 16 of 5 M / My mind is a little impressed with a tender feeling & desires are raised that there may be a more full dedication of heart to the all important Concern. Met this Afternoon with the committee to provide for Friends at the Yearly Meeting time. I'm just going to [Portsmouth](#) where I expect to take Meeting tomorrow my mind is disirous that the precious life may attend my visit

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

1 day 17 of 5 M / Just returnd from [Portsmouth](#). Our meeting there was silent, but to my mind a livly opportunity. I thought divine help was near to that little gathering Lodged last night at Cousin Z Chases & took breakfast. Then called at cousin John's from there went to P Lawtons where I found my precious H in good health & satisfied with her new employment, which was cause of thankfulness in my heart After meeting returnd to PL; & spent the Afternoon. Then walked home & am the least fatigued that I ever remember to be from walking so far in one day. It is now nine in the evening & I am writing this in my shop.

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

2 day 18 of 5 M / Not without some little sense of religious feeling, but the spring is low at best.

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

*3 day 19th of 5th M / I have been setting a little while between day & dark in my shop, endeavoring to turn the mind inward & see if the beloved could be awakened, & find that he is Still near, tho' he hath apparently long withdrawn his precious life giving presence
Oh Dearest father remove the Stony heart & give me a tender feeling heart of flesh, enable me Oh dearest Lord to draw near unto thee.*



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

4 day 20 of 5 M / I hardly know what to write except that I have been pretty dilligently at work, & the mind at time brought into sympathy with an individual under suffering. Called this evening to visit my cousins H & A Gould


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

5 day 21 of 5 M / In our meeting for worship my mind was sweetly covered by the precious life, & was favord to get deeper than common. Oh that ever favor may be thankfully & humbly acknowldeged.

In the preparative Meeting OW menioned his intentions of publishing his intention of Marriage with R H at next Monthly Meeting. A A was also reported by the overseers as a delinquent in not attending Meetings & using profane language. both cases sent forward. The latteer excited Some tenderness in my mind, but dare not stand up to express it

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 May 22, Friday: The trial of former Vice-President Aaron Burr began in Richmond, Virginia. He was charged with the treason of "assembling an armed force ... to seize the city of New Orleans ... and to separate the western from the Atlantic states."

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


6 day 22 of 5 M / Not without a little feeling of the right feeling, but on the main a poor destitute thing. Spent an hour at the Couch House to no proffit, but loss of strength & time. In the evening called at D Williams's & passed an hour to good Satisfaction

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

7 day 23 of 5 M / As usual occupied at Trade, attended with a little degree of life

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 May 24, Sunday: After Napoléon placed his brother on the Spanish throne, Spaniards rose in revolt throughout the country.

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



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1 day 24 of 5 M / From the effect of a pain between my shoulders & a portion of Physic thought most proper to omit meetings, but should have been glad to have been with them & partook of the little bread that perhaps was broken - understood OW was concern'd in testimony forenoon & Afternoon, Also DB in the Afternoon. Spent part of the forenoon in writing the Marriage certificate for M B & R A & the Afternoon in reading S Grub's journal, from which I trust my mind was proffitably instructed. As it has cleared away pleasant, feel a disposiotion to walk out a little this evening to enjoy the Sweet air & the comapny of my friends but as I have not attended meetings feel most easy to keep at home

And now while I'm writing my mind is a little introduced into desires that I may be preserved from the Spirit & Polutions of this wicked world, & the language which arises is Oh Lord renew in me a right Spirit, my many weaknesses & dificiencies are allmost continually before me & are Sometimes So magnified that a fear arises that they will never be brought into subjection to that which enables to rise superior to all vain & sublunary [earthly] enjoyments, & nothing short of the baptism of the Cross will work the clensing operation, many times my mind is in so unfeeling a condition as to religion that I fear a State of insensibility will be the final issue. & from the effect of such a state which I have observed in some (that it is to be feared are very stupid) I can say of a living truth. I have dreaded exceedingly. Oh that the sweet enlivining Spirit of truth may not be withdrawn tho' [through] my own unwatchfulness, but by my constant care, from day to day be replenished, & my mind strengthened & established on the never failing, all supporting Arm of them that are faithful & Obedient.

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May 25, Monday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 4th birthday.



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

2 day 25 of 5 M / Occupied as usual at Trade. favord this evening with a revival of tender feeling, & while setting at a friends house had deeply to feel my own weaknesses, & was so much engrossed therewith that I had but little or no inclination to join a conversation



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

*3 day 6 of 5 M / Feel but little to rejoice in but weekness, & tho I feel but poor in every sense, there is something under neath that affords comfort.
I have been taking a view of my present State this evening, & have had to believe that before a further advancement can be attained there must be more of a reduction of Self. The mind that is active in its own Strangth must know a being Still, that judgement may pass over the transgressing nature, & Oh that all that is offensive be perged away in my mind I really long that it may*

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May 27, Wednesday: Prussia surrendered Danzig (Gdansk) to the encircling French.

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

*4 day 27 of 5 M / Another day gone & little or nothing gained.
I Called this evening at CRs [Clarke Rodmans, Hannah's parents house] & spent the time pleasantly*

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May 28, Thursday: Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz ([Louis Agassiz](#)) was born in Motier, a village on the shore of Lake Morat, [Switzerland](#), the son of the Protestant pastor there.⁴⁵

WALDEN: The mice which haunted my house were not the common ones, which are said to have been introduced into the country, but a wild native kind (*Mus leucopus*) not found in the village. I sent one to a distinguished naturalist, and it interested him much. When I was building, one of these had its nest underneath the house, and before I had laid the second floor, and swept out the shavings, would come out regularly at lunch time and pick up the crumbs at my feet. It probably had never seen a man before; and it soon became quite familiar, and would run over my shoes and up my clothes. It could readily ascend the sides of the room by short impulses, like a squirrel, which it resembled in its motions. At length, as I leaned with my elbow on the bench one day, it ran up my clothes, and along my sleeve, and round and round the paper which held my dinner, while kept the latter close, and dodged and played at bo-peep with it; and when at last I held still a piece of cheese between my thumb and finger, it came and nibbled it, sitting in my hand, and afterward cleaned its face and paws, like a fly, and walked away.

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LOUIS AGASSIZ

This is the Vaudois region of Switzerland in which many followers of Pierre Waldo, Waldenses, had holed up during the Middle Ages. The Agassiz family could trace its Protestant roots back into the 13th Century in the canton of Vaud adjacent to Fribourg, and Louis's father was the 6th in an unbroken succession of pastors. –In all likelihood Louis had remote ancestors who had attempted to lead a life like that of Jesus!

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

5 day 28 of 5 M / Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was held in town, the part for worship to my mind was a time of quiet & I trust a degree of strength was acquired. Holder Almy was concerned to encourage those whose minds were also in a Situation to say "teach me the right way & guide me therein". Also enfor[ced] the necessity of our faithfulness in little things & said they that were faithful in the little should be made ruler over much. & at a Second Standing appeared much engaged to encourage us to the use of the plain language & simplicity in dress

The part for discipline was a season of labor some trying cases were before us, but generally appeared to end pretty well Matthew Barker & Ruth Anthony had their Answer & were at liberty to marry marry. Such a poor tool as I am was appointed with a better to oversee their Marriage Obadiah Williams & Ruth Hadwen published their intentions of the same kind. Oh that I may be favior to dwell deep in the Spirit of my mind, Surely the present low State of things require that,

45. One explanation for the unintelligibility of the popular song "Louie, Louie," in which the only words on which people have been able to agree are "Louie, Louie," is that it was written by little Jean Louis Rodolphe's papa, who spoke only an obscure Swiss dialect, to sing to him in the evenings in his cradle.



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the Youth as well as those more advanced should strive to support the tottering fabrick. I desire to be kept humble & low that nothing of the creature may move me to be active in Society. & from my present Standing there is abundant need that I get often to the watch tower, & even to the place of fasting, that every particle of the creaturly will may be Subjected.

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May 29, Friday: The Ottoman Sultan Selim III was deposed by Mustafa IV, son of Abdulhamid I.

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

*6 day 29 of 5 M / What shall I Say? another day past & a want of the Substantial food is Still witnessed
Labor under some inconveniences with a pain in my side for Several days & do not find it to be materially better, or much worse, it has occasioned Some anxiety, but hope to be favord with patience & resignation come what may come*

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May 30, Saturday: According to an article in the Caledonian Mercury of Edinburgh, Scotland for June 8, Monday, 1807, copied from the London Gazette, the “WAR-OFFICE” had released on May 30th a list of the names of officers being posted to various military formations. This appointments list was lengthy, but we note that the “Ensign John Thoreau” who had been posted to the “4th Foot” on November 3, 1804 was appointed

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to be “Lieutenant, without purchase” in the 40th Regiment of Foot.



(His Majesty's 40th Regiment of Foot had for instance fought to drive the forces of General George Washington off of Long Island and away from the port of New-York.)



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Without purchase means what it says, that Ensign John had not purchased this position for cash or received it through court influence as an English gentleman might do in this timeframe but instead was an ordinary bloke who got it awarded to him merely because of demonstrated military abilities. Since the image portrays an officer of the 30th Regiment of Foot during that timeframe, it will do very well as an illustration of our newly minted young Lieutenant of the 40th Foot named John Thoreau. He was a redcoat.

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

7 day 30 of 5 M / After writing the above last evening the pain in my side came on & was more severe that had ever been. it occasioned me to look around & consider that if I should be repatience & the anxiety that such a fit of sickness would accasion [occasion?] who is now at [Portsmouth](#), was by no means the least consideration, but tho' [through] mercy I am much relieved & favord to be in my Shop today, but not able to use much exercise.

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

1 day 31 of 5 M 1807 / At meeting this Morning I was but a poor barran peace [piece] of earth & fear arose & has continued tho' [through] the day whether there was any quality remaining in me that was capapble of being so far improved as to Yeald a little increase, to reward the good husband man for his many cares & watering. I was ready like the janduced Man to think others had the complaint beside myself, tho' D Buffum appeared livly in testimony, from the Scripture "Steward give an account of thy Stewardship" -owing to the weather's being wet & the wind raw, & my side much complaining, thought best to omit Meeting this Afternoon but have thought since it might have been as well to have ventured it

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June 1, Monday: The Principality of Anhalt-Köthen became the Duchy of Anhalt-Köthen. Prince August Christian Friedrich became Duke August Christian Friedrich.

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

2 day 1 of 6 M 1807 / The day passed as usual at Trade -Somewhat affected at seasons with desires that the work of regeneration may be revived. And Oh Saith my soul at this season, may it be revived, may all that is within me that is opposed to the operations of truth be totally annihilated. My health is Somewhat improved from Yesterday, which is to be numbered among my many favors



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

3 day 2 of 6 M 1807 / A degree thankfulness arises in my heart at being able to insert that it has been a day of divine favor, being released in measure from that hard unfeeling state with which I am so long & frequently tried. A state wherein it seems as if the Streams of divine life wherby a little refreshment from the fountain of life may be obtained - & no capasity to labor for it. My heart this day has been more tender & ability given to turn inward, & pray to the Lord for help. & may my heart be truly thankful for the little Strength afforded Was comforted with the presence of a precious youth who spent a little time in the Shop, he appears hopeful, & of a truly can say my soul was engaged in secret supplication for his preservation thro' paths of Youth

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June 3, Wednesday: Çelebi Mustafa Pasha replaced Hilmi Ibrahim Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

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

4 day 3 of 6 M 1807 / The day had passed as usual at my occupation, with now & then a little of the precious influence to arise in my mind, but near the close of the evening was favord with a more free access to the Spring. I desire to be thankful therefor Spent the evening at J Earls to satisfaction. & perhaps to some improvement.

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



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4 of 6 M 1807 / In consequences of an appointment from Moy [Monthly] Meeting I expect to attend the Marriage of Matthew Barker & Ruth Anthony which will be Solemnized this day desires are raised that I may so conduct myself as to add dignity to my appointment. Oh Lord help my Spirit.
I had a pretty good meeting & the Marriage was conducted in a becomming manner. I Scarcely remeber to have been at so quiet a Meeting or to have heard s couple speak more Audible - The company at the house was small & orderly. How beautiful is the appearance to see young people conforming to the good & wholesome rules of Society

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

6 day 5 of 6 M 1807 / "Little things are little things but faithfulness in little things is something great". & for want of faithfulness in little things, or things hid from the view of the world, things which are nearly between God & me I fear I shall become a dead lifeless professor. I often experience my Spiritual condition hurt by either omissions or commissions in this way, as has been the case this day, for this morning my mind was in a favord state.

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June 6, Saturday: Envoys from the rebel Spanish government in Asturias landed in England requesting assistance.

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

7 day 6 of 6 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with A Barker as far as the meeting- house - from there walked down to P Lawtons Spent a little time with my precious H & then went to Cousin Z Chases & lodged the next morning returnd to P L; & from there went to meeting, where it was a precious refreshing Season to my spirit, a season of renewd favor for which my mind was bowed in humble thankfulness. what I have written is not extravigant for I know not when I have had so Sweet a meeting. H Almy was very livly in testimony
Din'd & spent the Afternoon at PL's with her with whom my heart is nearly & tenderly iunited.



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On my way home called at J Brightmans for J Stevens who walked home with me & was an agreeable companion

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

2 day 8 of 6 M / The day has bee passed much as usual - rec' a letter from my dear friend J Austin in Albany.

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

3 day 9 of 6 M 1807 / It is under an humbling sense of my great unworthiness that I insert the favors of this day. Plenty of employment at my trade & still more abundantly to be thankful for; a quiet mind favord with a livly flow of that spirit which quallifys us for prayer. Oh that I may so walk as to merit a continuation of this precious feeling with which I have been favord this day. In the evening called at Several frineds houses & was still favord with this precious influence. Be thankful Oh my soul & render unto God thanksgiving & praise for he hast done much for the[e] Youth to the present day

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June 10, Thursday: French forces attacked the Russians at Heilsberg (Lidzbark Warminski) but were repulsed with heavy losses. Total casualties were 18,000.

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

5 day 10 of 6 M / Silent meeting, & a pretty composed mind, but now & then wandered a little. on the whole it has been a pretty comfortable day. Got a little acquaintance with Robt Bragton of [Nantucket](#) & believe him to be a friend of the right kind.




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 June 11, Friday: Bayreuth passed from French to Austrian administration.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 11 of 6 M 1807 / I have not felt much of the force of religious exercise but have had a degree of thoughtfulness & feeling thereon. Several friends of the Ministerial class have come to town to attend our Yearly Meeting. The desire of my heart is that we may be favord together & the visitors & visited be proffited

My dear H came to town this afternoon with whom I spent a precious bit of time this evening

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 June 12, Saturday: As the Russian army retreated, the French took control of the field at Heilsberg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 6 M 1807 / It is now nine in the evening. I have just returnd from my buisness of placing friends at their boarding houses who have come to attend the Yearly Meeting. it is an arduous task but one that is necessary to be performed, which reconciles me to do my endeavors in promoting good order at those places. It is pleasant to see our friends, & very pleasant to see those on whose faces is the mark of desipleship of this mumber there are some that I have seen this afternoon both Young & old, & there are also some who appear to have but little of the [Quaker](#) in them which causes a very reverse sensation from the former

It is the desire of my heart that my conduct may be so guarded as not to afford cause of stumbling in any & a desire is raised while I'm writing that I may be favord to deepen in my spirit & be some little support to those who are concern'd for the Church's prosperity Oh that I may be favord at this our Yearly Meeting with a fresh Spring of life - to feel my mind strengthened to hold on my way in the line of relegion, for with our it What are we? but poor blind & destitute creatures

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June 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 13 of 6 M 1807 Yearly Meeting / Our meetings this day have been large & favord with Stillness but according to my sense was not so much favord with the Spring of life as many yearly meetings that I have known. In the forenoon the public laborers were, first Peter Hoxie then James Greene then Sarah Talbot then Richard Mott in an eloquent testimony of one hour & five minutes, which was very pleasing to the people, but according to my sense was not very encoraging to some who are engaged to walk in the Streight & narrow way. In the Afternoon we had but little preaching but considering the largeness of the gathering it was a very quiet time tho according to my sense less favord with the arising of the precious spring of divine life than in the morning. The public laborers were first Sarah Talbot, then Mehitible Jenkins both acceptably. Then a few words by James Greene. Then the meeting was disturbed by the talking by way of preaching by one that was not a member but was Soon Stopped by O Williams who sat near him. The meeting concluded after a lengthy supplication by Richard Jordan the latter part of which was attended with the Baptizing evidence but according to my sense the fore part of it labored & was couched in such manner that I could not comprehend it. This days service as well as many other circumstances tend to convince me that the greatest preachers are not allways favord alike
As to my own mind considering the many concerns I have had to attend to, has thro' divine mercy & help been favord beyond my expectations*

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June 14, Monday: A combined force of French, Poles, Saxons, Dutch and Italians attacked the Russian defenders of Friedland (Pravdinsk) southeast of Kaliningrad (Königsberg) with disastrous and costly consequences for the Russians. Total casualties numbered 26,000 to 28,000.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day / Our meeting [Yearly Meeting] this morning opend with but little preaching only a few words by D Buffum & a few by E Thornton, but there appeared as E expressed it "a sweet screane over the gathering" under which we proceeded to buisness & it went on to every appearance pretty well. Our company at dinner was small, & as it happened was well it was so, as the young woman who lives with us is unwell not able to wait on many
Our Afternoon meeting was a precious favor'd opportunity. we entered into the State of Society as represented by the Answers to the Queries - which acrt[?] of some painful departures from the law & Precious Testimonys given us as a Society to bear, The appearance of the want of care to bring up our tender offSpring in a guarded manner & the complaint of the too frequent use of*



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Spirituious liquors was mentioned in all the answers, occasioned a deep exercise in the minds of many friends & was very powerfully spoken too by our friends Moses Brown Richard Mott, Matthew Franklin & Thos Rotch. Had a few agreeable friends to take tea among who were Estes Newhall a friend from Lynn that I was never acquainted with before but feels near to my best life I love him much. In the evening walked out & stoped at the door of my friend CR & found them setting in Silence staped in & was favord with them to feel that the Shepherd of Israel had encompassed them with his Holy crooke. M Collins spoke very sweetly to a tried state present R Green's testimony was also fraught with comfort & consolation. The Setting concluded in an humble petition to the Almighty for help & preservation by Sarah Fish

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June 15, Tuesday: Cheered by the news from Spain, Foreign Secretary George Canning declared in the House of Commons that "any nation in Europe that starts up with a determination to oppose ... the common enemy ... becomes instantly our essential ally."

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3 day The meeting [Yearly Meeting] yesterday was adjourned to the third hour this Afternoon. We were favord to transact the buisness that came before us in a good degree of love & condescention. some excellent remarks were made by many friends & in particular by our friend R Mott & M Franklin. We had several of our Lynn friends to tea & with some of them I was never before acquainted, I love them much, & believe they loved me. Our much endeared friend John Casey called in the evening whose company is allways strengthening to me My mind thro' the day has been favord to witness the extendings of the wing of Ancient goodness to my comfort & incoragement - & in particular this evening desires have afresh arisen that my heart may be renewed, old things done away & new ones brought into dominion But notwithstanding the favor before mentioned my heart hath often been pained under much depression from circumstances which may not be best to insert here circumstances which are but little known to others but often keenly felt by myself

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June 16, Wednesday: French forces occupied East Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day Engaged this morning with a brother committee man in visiting the boarding houses in consequence of some misbehaviour among the young people yeasterday it was reported that some went to the Theatre & others in a Sailing party which occasions much exercise to the minds of well concernd friends -it is a lamentable circumstance that young men & women should come here under pretence of attending the Yearly Meeting & at the same time enter into acts which disgrace our Christian testimony, such had much better keep within their own meetings for instead of being a Strength & comfort to their friends, are sorces of much afflictions - my mind is brought under the precious influence of truth the mind tendrd under aconcern that I may maintain my testimony faithfully & increase & deepen in the root of religion

Our Meeting [Yearly Meeting] yesterday was adjourned to the tenth hour this morning, reading the epistles was the chief buisness our friends R Mott & Matthew Franklin were largely engaged in testimony, & I hope their testimonies were useful - they are both friends of a very easy & agreeable delivery which require their strecit watchfulness lest the creature become exalted - Our friend WmFlanner & R Jordan have had but little to communicate thro' the Settings of the Yearly Meeting We closed under a Solemn sense of the favors mercifully vouchsafed to us at this season & I hope it may [be] to us as bread cast upon the waters to return in due time, for as to my own part I have not been able to feel so much of the sweetening influence of the precious truth in my mind as at seasons of more abstraction, being much in cumbered with cares at the boarding houses as well as cares at home, which obstructs the circulation of that Spirit so desirable to be felt -

Happened in the evening at Anne Carpenters where was a large circle of my acquaintance & friends, among whom was my precious H it was a pleasant opportunity -

The Satisfaction taken in the company of those to whom we feel ourselves united in pure love is truly delectible. I have had a large share of those of this description in the corse of this Yearly Meeting & been favored to entertain them as much to my satisfaction as perhaps at any time in my life - for this with my many unmerited mercies & blessings I desire to be humbly thankful & render unto the Lord the tribute of thanksgiving & praise Oh that all the reprobate nature may be purged away by the power of the Cross, for I am confirmed that there is no other way for us to Deepen in the path [?] plot [?] of truth by coming to the Apostles experience, to "die daily"

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June 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day [Yearly Meeting] / Here endeth our Yearly Sacrifice - Several of the ministers of the different congregations attends but the meeting was not very large Elizabeth Varney & Sarah Talbot opened the Service & R Mott carried it on in a very lengthly testimony wherein he very clearly proved our doctrine of Perfection & several other points much to my satisfaction. I thought him much favored & hope his labor may be with effect - After dinner called at D Rodmans to take leave of my dear friends M Purinton & wife -them to C Rodmans to part with Micajah Collins & wife all of whom are very near & precious to my best life, & found it not a little affecting to part with them. Oh may the tenderness excited on the ocasion remain with me as a Sweet savor. -

At 5 OClock this Afternoon our friend S Talbot appointed a meeting for Servants of every description I thought of going but considering it was not particularly for people of my description (tho' in one Sense I am a Servant) & feeling my mind to be under great weakness have omitted it. understand it was rather a Small meeting but a favored one -- Spent the evening with my precious H my love has been renewed & Strenghtened toward her in the corse of this Y Meeting She is indeed truly precious to me & may she so remain "til time is done"

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June 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 19th of 6 M 1807 / Our friends having all left us, have begun to today apply myself a little to buisness, which has been allmost totally neglected thro' Y Meeting

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June 20, Saturday: A Piano Sonata in G by Leopold Kozeluch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 20 of 6 M / Last evening took Chaise & rode with my precious H to [Portsmouth](#) where she again commences the School (I lodged at P Lawtons Jr.) -This mornng rose at 4 OClock & reached home before all our family were up. it was a pleasant ride, & on the rode this mornng my mind was introduced into an exercise on acct of one that has many times claimed my anxious Solicitude for her establishment in the everlasting truth, & the secret Supplication of my heart was that she may be faithful to the offers of divine mercy & tender regard Been much occupied this afternoon closing the Accts of those who boarded friends at the Yearly Meeting time. Spent the evening at C R's, & felt more open in conversation than common & believe I kept myself in pretty good Subjection,



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except once speaking with out sufficient deference.

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June 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 21 of 6 M / In the forenoon meeting Anne Greene preached a little in a very livly manner - I in the Afternoon D Buffum was concerned in a few words at the necessity of a preparation for Death It was a dry day with me as to the spirit of life - Took tea & Spent the evening at Jon Dennis's. it was very agreeable time, but I was unable to feel that precious influence in my mind, which gives the highest relish.

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June 22, Monday: Off the Virginia coast *HMS Leopard* demanded the return of four British “deserters” by the *USS Chesapeake*. When the *Chesapeake* refused the *Leopard* opened fire killing 3 and wounding 18, then proceeded to seize the four sailors in question (this would almost produce a war between Great Britain and the United States).

Since, except for the avoidable defenses of Fort Columbus on Governors Island, the city of New-York was unprotected from the cannon of sea invaders, there were mass meetings of the citizenry in this coastal population center, expressive of a “fortification fever.” John McComb Jr.’s [Castle Clinton](#) would be created as a cannon emplacement at the lower tip of Manhattan Island.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 22 of 6 M 1807 / Much occupied at Trade, but more life that Yesterday This Afternoon as the Soldiers were passing by the Shop my feelings were arrested with feelings which I hope



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*ever to retain a sense of. I said in my heart surely the Lord
has no delight in this, the Drum, the fife & all martial
preparations are an offence in his holy eye sight*

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June 23, Tuesday: An armistice between France and Russia went into effect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 23 of 6 M 1807 / Much engaged at work, but can add with a
degree of thankfulness that a precious little current of life
has accompanied my mind, so that I have in measure witnessed the
Apostles word to be true - "Dillegent in buisness fervant in
Spirit serving the Lord" I have this afternoon been arrested
with reflections of a serious nature, such as the rapid progress
of time, how one day after another goes in quick succession, &
we appear regardless of its loss, & many continue in this
insensible condition till visited by the pale Messenger, & even
then seem careless & unconcerned to the effect of his visit. My
mind is not a little affected at the approach of night, the
setting of the sun, & desires are lovingly raised that my sun
may go down in brightness in that no cloud may eclipse it in its
progress.*

*Spent the evening in I trust to some proffit. Called at J Greenes
to see cousin Anne - from there went to CR & spent the remainder
agreeably.*

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June 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 24 of 6 M 1807 / Tho' nothing new or of much importance
occurs in the corse of my stepping along from day to day, yet I
do not feel quite easy to omit inserting a line or two every
day, tho' it may not be of much use to myself [the clause &
I am clear it never will be to others is crossed out]
& I dont expect it ever will to others, yet this I can say, that
it is a Satisfaction to my own mind & in some instances a real
benefit*

*Spent the eveng at D Rodmans under serious reflections - I have
had this Afternoon & evening closly to inspect my own standing,
to look & indeavor to discover whether there is any growth in
the truth, & am lead to fear that I am short of what is requisite
I should be. Desires have lovingly risen in my mind that I may
be increasingly watchful over my own conduct that I may never
wound the precious truth for the cause remains dear & I hope
ever may.*

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June 25, Thursday: The Emperor Napoléon and Tsar Alyeksandr met for the initial time, on a raft in the River Nieman (Nemunas) at Tilsit (Sovetsk) northeast of Königsberg (Kaliningrad).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day mornng 26 of 6 M 1807 / I'm just going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the moy Meeting desires are fresh in my heart that it may be a proffitable season in the best sense -

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June 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day mornng Our meeting yesterday was a pretty good time. Cousin A Greene was concernd to address an afflicted state which she apprehended was present, but for my own part could not get to the root in my mind, tho' I labor'd for it - concerns in the last meeting was conducted with a good degree of love tho' Some of them were much debated, & perhaps might be too active but do not feel as yet much pained by it -

Owing to its being very stormy I went with Several friends in the stage directly to the meeting house It was so uncommonly wet & cold for the season that we had fires & set in the little meeting house.

After meeting I walked to Peter Lawtons & dined & took tea, & had a precious interview with my precious H then came homeward, & stopped at Elijah Anthony's & lodged, & this morning walked home

Occupied thro' the day at Trade, & the mind at times dipt into cogitation not very proffitable -

Went towards night on bussness to the house of a man who had all things to appearance very agreeable as the the outward, but while I was there my feelings were brought to reflect deeply on the very great insufficiency of these outward for conveniences & gratifications with out the one thing needful to accompany them, & if my feelings did not very much deceive me, there was but very little or none of this real escencial to be witnessed under the roof - & I was ready to cry out in my soul Oh Lord renew a right spirit within me

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June 27, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was at Cambridge, where he met Hobhouse and Matthews and said farewell to John Edleston.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 27 of 6 M / Occupied at trade thro' the day, & pretty much a death as to the best life, but was unexpectedly favord this eveng while Sitting at my dear Aunt Martha Goulds with a little



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bread which was of a nourishing kind. O may I be thankful for it -

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June 28, Sunday: [Richard Hildreth](#) was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, where his father the [Reverend Hosea Hildreth](#) was principal of the Deerfield Academy (his mother was Sarah McLeod Hildreth). The father would continue to teach, rather than serve as a Congregationalist minister, throughout Richard's boyhood (he would teach for instance at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire, where Richard would prepare before entering Harvard College).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 28 of 6 M 1807 / I'm a poor unredeemed thing, the mind much under a cloud - Our meetings were Silent & my mind in Such a State that I am unable to tell whether they were favored seasons or not
Took tea af[ter] with my cousin Henry Gould & in the course of the evening called at DWs & CR's*

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June 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 29th of 6th M / Tho' favor my mind has this afternoon & evening has witnessed the tendering effect of the good Spirit for which I desire to be thankful, but Oh my weakness & want is great. I am ready to fear that I do not advance one Step in religion, but am fast losing ground. Oh the Great care & deep inward watchfulness that requisites on my part. I daily feel the necessity of indwelling but do not practice it as I ought
Spent the evening at a friends house where I hope I was a little benefited*

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June 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 30 of 6 M / Trust I have been favored to keep nearer the life than at some other times
Received a letter from a friend to whom I felt a concern to write at the Yearly Meeting time, (tho' an entire Stranger) by which I felt encouraged to attend to the intimations of truth tho' ever so Small, as it appear'd from his answer that mine was well accepted
Spent the evening at the Monravian Ministers where was their Bishop & his wife from Germany who are visiting their brethren in this Country. There is a meekness & simplicity in this people correspondent with Spirit of Christianity. & I apprehend I felt a good degree of Sincerity & Sweetness in the mind of the Bishop & his wife with which I could cordially unite - I am abundantly confirmed that true religion is not confined to any sect or*



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denomination, but that they that fear God & work righteousness are accepted of him, & that their reward is in proportion to their Sincerity & faithfulness to the light within.

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July 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 1 of 7 M 1807 / My mind is this morning brought into breathing desires that I may be preserved from falling. Oh! that I may be enabled to make any Sacrifice, for the promotion or arising of truth in my own heart. I'm sure as far as I know my own heart, at times, it is the primacy of it to become redeemed from all carnal will, which I too frequently feel to present itself in religious concerns, the enemy with or by his subtilty introduces a Spirit of this kind which in appearance much resembles the Spirit of truth, but not in nature & effect, therefore it becomes the needful care of all to have their eyes annointed with a holy eye salve of the Kingdom that we may not only see men as truly[?] walking, but to see them perfectly as they are.

The day has passed I hope to some proffit my mind has been favord to witness the arisings of life to a degree of consolation, & while I'm writing this evening feel a degree of thanksgiving in my heart to the giver of every precious gift for his mercy this day

I don't know that ever I had a more full knowledge of the depravity of mans heart than this afternoon a very trying circumstance occurred in this neighborhood. - Doctor H who has parted with his wife has long had a will to have the child, & this afternoon found it playing at its Grandfathers E door. he took it home with him but was soon followed by his wife & her father, who was greatly enraged, they soon began to quarrel, & from high words proceeded to blows in the Scyffle the child was in danger of being hurt the cry of murder issued from the Mother which collected a large number round the house in addition to what were there before, & it promised to be a Scene of carnage, but tho' [thro'] favor was prevented as the child was soon taken & brought out of the house -The circumstance is a very disgraceful one & has much affected my mind. Here we see the effects of unhappy marriages. Oh that I may be preserved from Such depravity of mind a Secret prayer is begotten in my soul that I may be preserved from ever giving way to passion - All the time of the noise I remained still in my shop. I was not an eye witness to any of the occurrences -

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July 2, Thursday: Responding to the events of June 22d, President Thomas Jefferson ordered all British shipping to leave US waters and dispatched a ship to England to demand satisfaction.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 2 of 7 M 1807 / At our meeting this day were Married Obadiah Williams & Ruth Hadwin, it was a Still meeting & I thought a favord one to me it was quite so, for which I trust I am measurably thankful D Buffum was concernd in a Short but livly testimony, he appeared desirous that "If we eate or drank or whatever we did it might be done to the honor & Glory of God" Spent the eveng at the wedding house there was a precious little company Setting around the room. I do not recollect when I felt more Sweetness to pervade my mind than at taking my seat among them

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July 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 3 of 7 M / The day has passed pleasantly without any painful occurence, save a sense of my want of faithfulness in concerns of my Souls peace. made Several calls this evening, & among the rest on the new married pair who both appeared to be in a pleasant frame of mind. I wish them all happiness, & desire they with myself may be found in the faithful discharge of our duty

My precious H has been renewedly brought near to my best life this evening & I am led to crave - with a degree of bowedness of Spirit that the dew of the everlasting Hills may rest upon her. How Sweetly have I anticipated future happiness when made one by Hymens Silken tie & still closer united by the three fold cord of divine love. My heart is bowed under the consideration with humble thankfulness, that the prospect brightens when we Shall be made one - But Alass how faiding & trancient are all things here? we know not what to build our hope upon save the immutable foundation of Truth, a very Small matter may frustrate all our plans of life

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Our national birthday, Saturday the 4th of July:⁴⁶ In AN ORATION, PRONOUNCED AT BROOKFIELD, UPON THE ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1807; BEFORE A NUMEROUS ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLICANS OF THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, Levi Lincoln, Jr. applauded [Thomas Jefferson](#), “the sublimity of whose mind first ken’d American Independence and whose pen impressed the solemn Declaration.”

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In Richmond, Skelton Jones delivered a funeral oration over the men of the USS *Chesapeake* who two weeks earlier had lost their lives due to an attack by the British warship *Leopard*.

In Petersburg VA, people marched through the streets with an “effigy of George III on a pole” and later burned their effigy on Centre Hill.

The new eagle decoration crowning the gate of the Navy Yard in Washington DC was unveiled to a federal salute and the sound of music.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



In Nizza near Nice, which at the time was part of the French empire, [Giuseppe Garibaldi](#) was born (he would be baptized as “Joseph Marie Garibaldi le” at the church of Saint-Martin-Saint-Augustin in the district Vieux-Nice).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 4 of 7 M 1807 / There has been much noise about our Streets of Guns, Drums &c as they have passed along my mind was affected with Seriousness under the consideration of the depravity of the human mind. I consider all this parade & extravagance as the result of depraved minds, & many times when I have Seen Such conduct I have Said in my soul "Surly [Surely] the Lord taketh no delight herein" - Towards evening walked to Portsmouth & lodged at Cousin Z Chases. - The next mornng walked up to P Lawtons where I found my precious H in good health & satisfied that she is in her right place, which to me is cause of greatful acknowledgements of thanksgiving - from there to meeting where I sat under much leaness & want of ability to get to the right sorce till a few minutes before it concluded when the precious life arose & was like a Sweet morsel to my poor roving mind, & I concluded I was not Sent quite empty away. I dined at Joseph Motts & after dinner went into the chamber to see my dear old cousin Elizabeth whom I have long wanted to see, for She is one that I loved when a boy & well remember her when I lived with my Aunt Martha Gould, & also her excellent testimonies in our public meetings She

46. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s 3rd birthday.



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recited Some Anecdote of my boyhood which were very interesting to my feelings, her conversation in general was very instructing which made my visit a truly proffitable Season. She Said she was thinking of me the day before but did not expect so soon to see me. She appeared to be much pleased with my coming, & I am Sure I'm glad I went & hope Some of her excellent remarks may never be forgotten but treasured up in my mind as long as I live Spent the remainder of the afternoon with my precious H & in the evening walked home

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July 6, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was at Gordon's Hotel, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 6 of 7 M / The day has passed with but little religious exercise, tho' not so much pained with death to the sense of it as at Sometimes. Spent the evening at D Williams in company with Mary Morton whose company of humble redeemed deportment was very sweet & instructing to my mind I could but feel a Strong desire excited that I might be more & more drawn from the Spirits of this world & become entirely engaged to do my masters will while time here is mercifully lengthened out to do it in Oh that as thorough renovation of heart may be wrought in me for I daily see the necessity & advantage resulting from it

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July 7, Tuesday: The Peace of Tilsit was signed by emperors Napoléon and Alyeksandr. In secret agreements, Russia was given a free hand against European Turkey and Finland. Russia joined the Continental System against Britain and pledged support of France against Gibraltar.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 7 of 7 M / This mornng my feelings a[re] in a degree sweetened by the arising of that precious life which I love to feel & a prayer is renewedly begotten in my heart that I may center to the Spirit of life on all occasions & at all times As the day is nearly closing & the feelings attendant on my mind in the Mornng are Still with me I may insert that a degree of thankfulness arises in my heart for the present favor. Oh my soul may it be thy increasing care to dwell deep & humble - may nothing be ascribed to unsanctified-self but a true sensibility of mind be maintained that all good cometh from God Alone Spent the evening at a friends House where the time might have been Spent agreeably, & to proffit, but was prevented by other visitors not very congenial So it is we are frequently disappointed in our prospects, & perhaps its for the best

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July 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 8 of 7 M 1807 / Another day is gone & my mind is somewhat affected at the loss of it under an apprehension that it has not been so well improved as is consistent with will of heaven but however remiss I have been, it has not been the worst of days to me, my mind was sweetly visited this morning by the incomes of truth a Small current of which has attended it thro' the buisness of the day

Made several calls this evening first at O Williams for the first time since he & his new wife have kept house found them pleasantly settled & apparently well suited with each other – then stopt few minutes at CR's – then went to D Rodmans & found he had received an excellent letter from our mutual friend B Purinton the reading of which was very salutary to my feelings especially as she remembered me & mine in very affectionate terms.

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July 9, Thursday: A treaty was signed between France and Prussia at Tilsit. Prussia was restored to its 1772 borders but Hesse-Kassel and all Prussian possessions west of the Elbe were incorporated into the new Kingdom of Westphalia. Prussian possessions in Poland were joined into the Duchy of Warsaw in personal union with Saxony. Danzig (Gdansk) was declared a free city with a French garrison.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 9 of 7 M 1807 / Favord with the precious life early in the Mornng, had a good meeting tho' silent. This afternoon had a mind to meet with the committee who were appointed to consult about building our meeting house larger for the accomodation of the Womens Yearly Meeting – Recd a precious Letter from my H & answerd the Same.

It has been a day that has excited very serious & tribulative reflections – The minds of the people are much exasperated at the conduct of the British Ship of War toward one belonging to the United States & the President has issued a proclamation prohibiting the people from furnishing any British Ship of War with Supplies of provisions; in consequence of which A town meeting was this day called by the beating of two Drums & two fifes & have voated a cooperation with the Presidents proclamation – When the Drums & fifes passed by my dwelling my heart was deeply affected within me at the Sight, & a fervant prayer was raised that the glorious day may be hastened when Swords may be beat into Plowshares & Spears into pruning hooks, & nations learn war no more, but if it please the Almighty to visit us with the desolating Sword & Spear, may he be near to his depending ones, those who know that their only help & Shure defence is in his All Powerful Arm – My heart is rent with the Awful prospect of being surrounded by war & carnage, but as



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*Strength is Mercifully given in proportion to our trials I am comforted with the hope that we shall be favord to place our confidence in Him that Over ruleth the heart of Things
In the evening walked a little & made several little calls-*

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July 10, Friday: Serbian revolutionaries signed an alliance with Russia. They agreed to support the Russians in return for money, guns, medical supplies, and personnel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day day 10 of 7 M 1807 / Rose earlier than common & took a pleasant walk. gs [?] loiter'd thro' the day & had my evil propensities much to war against, & have with Sorrow to Say, the victory was not accomplished but more favord with Strength than at Some times - Staid in the Shop in the evening engaged in letter writing

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July 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 11 of 7 M / I cannot boast of much Spiritual Strength, but on the contrary can acknowledge my abundant frailty & weakness, I'm a poor thing & fear it will be my lot to remain So - In the evening made two very agreeable calls, the first at DR, the other at J Earls

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July 12, Sunday: Silas Casey, who would become a Major General of Union volunteers, was born.

A letter from Jesse Hawley to Erastus Granger expressed a projection of an [Erie Canal](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 7 M / At meeting this mornng Matthew Franklin was with us & preached full an hour & an half in the Afternoon we Sat in Silence My mind has been in quite a destitute situation as to life, & have hardly been able to obtain a morsel of bread - took tea & spent most of the evening at Sam Thurstons

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July 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 13 of 7 Mt 1807 / The times as to the outward Seem to be Alarming preparation for War is making in our land, orders are received from Government to raise an hundred thousand Militia-



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I have had a little to examine my own standing to see whether I am able to stand my ground, should I be pressed as a soulder, & have a hope that should I be tried on this head I shall be favoured to give a convincing reason for my refusal to bear Arms. It is the desire of my heart while I write this, that I may be favoured to bear up the Christian testimony in a Christian Spirit, & bring no reproach on that testimony which our Worthy forefathers Suffered so much for. Had the company of JS a young man not of our Society but an attender of meetings, he appears to be an innocent young man, & desires are raised that he may experience the Sanctifying power of truth effectually to opperate in his mind

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July 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 14 of 7 M / My mind has been at times in the corse of the day dipt into seriousness on various accts The Alarm of war is continued, various reports in circulation, but the language of my mind is "be ye not troubled" which hath been a sweet resort when persons have come in & Spoke Alarmingly of the Situation or our Country. Oh that I may center down deep, that I may be founded & grounded on that rock which is never moved at the clashing of the potsherds of the Earth - I desire to acknowledge my many favors & not to be puffed up, but humbled under them, I have a plenty of buisness at my trade which is cause of encouragement, but dont discover my purse to increase. - Spent the evening at J Earls in a Sweet circle of my female acquaintance & some mails, it was indeed a precious season, my mind was in a very tender frame & I was lead to commemorate some similar opportunities at the Same house when the Stream of divine Life has risen high in our minds Oh that the desire of my Youth may be remembered, & often renew'd

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July 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 15 of 7 M 1807 / Went to bed last night under a depressive sense of my Sins & unfaithfulness. The first testimony that ever our Ancient deceased friend Nicholas Davis delivered, were allmost continually sounded in the ear of my mind "Disobedience makes a long wilderness, but Obedience cuts the work Short" -- The day has passed, a pretty good care to dwell near the life, but on turning over the leaves of my conduct find some that ought to have been better There is not a day passed but this is the case. Shall I ever attain to more fixedness? Surely if I do "it must be thro' much suffering & as I feel now think I should be willing to undergo a considerable Share, if it would make me



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better, but suppose if it Should come, like the children of Israel, I should remember the flesh pots of Egypt - Spent the evening at CR where there was a young woman not in membership, but an attender of meetings toward whom I felt a degree of Gospel love to flow in my heart & aspirations of spirit were raised on her behalf - towards persons of this discription my mind is often drawn forth in much love & tender concern that they may perfer [prefer] Jerusalem to their chiefest Joy - to me it was a precious opportunity & the feelings there experienced I pray may be often renew'd - Oh that there may be a tender watchful Spirit carefully maintained in my heart that I may go forth daily in search of spiritual nourishment for it is clearly my opinion from Sad experience that if there is not a renewd daily concern of this kind we shall dwindle in Substance & be come mere formalists, this state my soul dreads, & Oh! Saith my very Soul at this season Search me Oh God & prove me by thy refining power, that I may be preserved alive in the Truth

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July 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 16 of 7 M 1807 / Went to meeting under much want of religious life & tho' I strove to get Settled & center'd could attain to but very little enjoyment - This afternoon A young man from L Compton whose name is Adam Manchester came on buisness to my shop & while there introduced the subject of religion, on which I felt but poorly quallified to discorse, but he continued his enquiries & spoke a little of his own experience, before I Said much to him I made a little pause & turned my mind inward & said in my heart, What a poor creature I am to Speak on points of this nature? & felt a little prayer to arise in my heart for help which was mercifully vouchsafed to my own amazement. it seemed as if my understanding brightened, & I could speak with uncommon conciseness & perspicacity. My mind I trust was clothed with a living concern that he might find the true & living way of which he appear'd Sincerely desirous but had heard Such winds of doctrines that his mind had become clouded with doubts & fears of various kinds

It was to me a memorable season as it was a renewed proof to my own mind that the Lord was yet with me & that I was not forsaken by Him atthe[?] my mind was so painfully destitute for sometime before that I had allmost begun to conclude that his face was his & the light of his precious countenance would never be lifted up on me any more - this seemed to be a fresh extension of divine regard, & tho' I spoke much yet I did not feel any Zeal to arise against the different persuasions that we were speaking of, but on the contrary love & goodwill predominated in my heart toward all -I believe he is a tender speaking young man & may by attention to that Spirit which he is possessed of, be lead & guided into all truth. I lent him the Manuscript acct of the



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life of Elizabeth Ashbridge & Some religious Tracts, & gave him the pamphlet Watch unto prayer &c & we parted under a good degree of love toward each other

Spent the evening at D Williams - & M entertained me with Some interesting Anecdotes of the journey of MM & EC in the Southern States & particulrly at Virginia Yearly Meeting -

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July 17, Friday: Bayreuth passed from Austrian to French administration.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Stuttgart where a position awaited him (he had been spending the 5 months since leaving Carlsruhe on an impromptu concert tour).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 17 of 7 M 1807 / Not without omissions & commissions, but I trust divine mercy & regard hath been measurably extended for I have felt in a tender Susceptible frame of mind, & have endeavored to turn to the right object - In the evening called to see my Cousin A Greene who is over to attend the Select meeting tomorrow, & closed it at CR's very preciously -

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July 18, Saturday: Robert Fulton described his torpedoes for the benefit of New-York officials.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 18 of 7 M 1807 / Much engaged in business, but not so much so as to preclude a thankful disposition of heart, my mind has been turned inward & favored with a refreshing Stream from the fountain of life, I trust - In the evening rode on horse back to [Portsmouth](#) t& lodged at Z Chases

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July 19, Sunday: France demanded that Portugal adhere to the continental blockade and close its ports to British ships, arrest British subjects, seize British property, and declare war.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day / My horse traveled hard which induced me to walk to meeting. on my way there called at P Lawtons where I found my precious H in good health & after a little pleasant converse went to meeting, where I was favored to have my mind in good measure gathered & centered to the spirit of life for which my heart was often engaged to breath forth thanksgiving to the Author of every blessing - The passage of scripture which afforded me instruction was "Jesus wept" - Wm Almy was at Meeting



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& preached a little very sweetly - Dined at J Chases then returned to P L & spent the remainder of the Afternoon in the Company of my precious H who I found under the refining power of truth, passing thro' deep & close baptisms, my heart according to its measure is lead into Sympathy with her & the breathing desire is that She may be Supported & sustained by the everlasting never failing hand & Arm of God - She feels preciously near my best life & Oh dearest father wilt thou help her - took my horse from where I left him & rode comfortably home by nine O'clock

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July 20, Monday: In New-York harbor, Robert Fulton demonstrated his torpedoes, managing after three attempts to sink a target ship.

[George Heriot](#) painted Presqu'isle, St. John River.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 20 of 7 M 1807 / I have just return'd with J W & D W brothers committe Men to treat with AA but our labors were ineffectual the poor thing refused to see us & when we went Where



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he was he run away from us. I felt much for him & should have been glad to have discharged my duty to him. may the power of Truth yet reach his mind, & so effectually operate as to bring him within the Holy enclosure

The day closes with a good degree of Sweetness & I trust it has been a Season of some spiritual advancement - I desire I crave in Sincerity of Soul that this renewed extension of divine regard may be held in remembrance - Made several calls this evening, & was favor'd not to do or say any thing that tended to discipate that precious Sweetness attendant on my mind thro' the day

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July 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 21 of 7 M 1807 / It has been a day of feeling, a day wherein my mind has been refreshed & replenished with good - Oh that I may be preserved under an humble thankful sense of every favor. it is in my heart to Say blessed be the Name Lord for he is kind to me & help's me beyond what I deserve. Oh that the whole bent of my heart may be in doing they Holy will - Spent most of the evening at DR's I hope to Some proffit, I at least feel not from the visit as yet

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July 22, Wednesday: In the Royal Palace at Dresden, the emperor Napoléon approved a constitution for the Duchy of Warsaw.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 22 of 7 M 1807 / Much favor'd on acct of buisness it is plenty & seems to afford an encoraging prospect as to the outward, for which I desire to be thankful & to keep a Strict guard on my mind, that the love of proffit or the desire to gain have no more place in my mind than absolutely necessary - I am at a loss what to write respecting my Spiritual progress of this day, it has been a day of tenderness & I am encoraged to hope that some little advancement is made in the line of faithfulness. Oh my soul dwell deep, get thee to thy watch & to thy watch Tower
In the evening made Several calls & a precious one at CR's*

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July 23, Thursday: General Bennigsen's March for piano or harp by Leopold Kozeluch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5 day 23 of 7 M 1807 / In the forenoon that venerable Old Patriarch Jeremiah Austin called at my Shop & spent with me nearly an hour & a Quarter, his conversation was very pleasant & I can truly say edifying. How pleasant to be in the company of Such an old man, whose life is repleat with piety & virtue Oh saith my soul may all that is alive within me be engaged to attain to the like happy frame of mind -
Our meeting was Small & rather a dull season but I trust the bread of life was dispensed to a few, tho' they might have had to eat it under Suffering - in the preparative Meeting there was considerable buisness, & some that will prove very trying among friends, & what the consequence & or where the end of it will be I cannot tell but hope it will be to the honor of Truth's Testimony

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July 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 7th Mth 1807 / I'm yet a poor things & the prospect of being better is so small that it affords me room to fear my account is far from being acceptably adjusted - Spent the evening at J Earls in company with several of my acquaintance who were all very pleasant, but for my own part could not feel much life, & believe I sustained loss by too much talking, which is frequently my lot

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July 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 7 M 1807 / Occupied at Trade, in religious concern's I remain a poor hatter [halter?] having been very destitute all day till towards night, then was favor'd with a little bread which has Sustained me tho' [thro'] the evening - It is cause of thankfulness & my mind is really humbled at this time under a belief that the good Spirit is yet alive in my Soul. Oh may it be kept alive - Spent the evening ay O W's, found him and his wife, with their little flock forming a very pleasant circle - here I can but reflect upon the very great usefulness, as well as sweetness of a good Wife -

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July 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 26 of 7 M / In the mornng walked on the Point & went on board one of the Gun Boats now preparing for sea. This is among the things which I do that causes Sorrow, & introduces death, & tho' the mere going on board of one of those vessels may be



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*thought warrantable, Yet I believe I Gratified a vain curiosity which had better been crucified - & it really proved so for Some of the bye standers made some remarks which has caused pain of mind - Our meeting this monrg was to me a poor dull Season, tho' I labored to center my thoughts on the right place, yet could not find that I overcame the enemy in hardly any degree In Afternoon wrestled hard, & came off rather better than in the mornrg - no preaching today - Took tea with DW then went with him to endeavor to obtain an opportunity to treat with AA - but to no effect, he refused to speak with us, & sent us word that if We came where he was, he would give us a good Setting off - poor thing - may that Word which is quick & powerful & sharper than a two edged sword [sword] yet pearce him to the heart & work an effectual change
Spent the remainder of the evening at D Buffums*

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July 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 27 of 7 M / Nothing remarkable thro' the day, I have been a poor dull tool in every sense - Spent the evening at C R's where my mind was a little Strengthened - by some interesting conversation -

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July 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 28 of 7 M 1807 / Weakness & Poverty abounds, as may be said every day of my life - This forenoon a Young man came to the Shop & Spent most of it in conversing on various Subjects, among which was war, our opinions were very different. I did not incline to say much on the subject, but perceiving his mind to be tender I gave him - The account of the Suffering of Richard Seller, which he read & appeared much affected thereby - & I believe it will be of use to him - at least so far, that if he should ever go into the Army, & friends should be brought under Suffering Similar to R S it will teach him to be merciful

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July 29, Wednesday: [George Heriot](#) painted the Grand Falls of the St. John River.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 29 of 7 M / Not much religious life, tho' a degree of it I trust is yet in me - My beloved cousin A Greene called and Set some time with me in the Shop this afternoon her conversation was truly instructing, & Oh that I may be proffited by it - In the evening took a refreshing walk & made an agreeable call at my much Esteemed friend DR's

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July 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

30 of 7 M / Attended out MY Meeting held in town Altho before I went I was entirely barran of every feeling which contribute to a good meeting, yet when I first took my Seat, a Sweetness, a fixedness on the right object, took place in my mind & I was enabled, to keep to it thro' the meeting & while setting, living praises arose in my heart to the Lord for thus favoring me when I so little deserved it & so little expected it. Oh sath [sic]



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my soul may this precious watchful care which so Sweetly pervaded my mind increase untill it is enough to continue to the end of my days -H Almy bore a living testimony to the necessity of delligence & Mary Mitchell took up the subject in a very encoraging manner both to Holder [?] & the meeting then Mary Morton concluded in a fervant prayer for our preservation, for the help of the little ones, those whose hands were ready to hang down & knees ready to smite together for fear, & that the minds of those engaged in dicipline might be enabled to Support the testimony aright, not like the fly in the Ointment of the Apothecary give an ill savor - In that part for buisness of the Church Our much esteemed friend Anne Greene laid before us a concern which has for several years impressed her mind to pay a religious visit to Salem & Falmout Quarterly meetings which concern was cordially united & sympathised with & a committee appoointed to assist her & produce a certificate to next monthly meeting if way should open -During the deliberations of the day some of the most trying cases ocured that I ever remember - but tho' [thro'] divine help I believe I was favord to keep on the right ground & said nothing I am sorry for or will wound the testimony The cases of T Barker & D Huntington came before us & were sent to the Quarterly meeting, what the end of them will be the Lord only knows - Meeting set the longest of any that ever I attended Z C & wife & P L dined with us & after dinner Steped up to C R to See my dear H a few minutes before she went out of town

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July 31, Friday: Martha Aldin had murdered her husband, and her sentence had been that on "Friday next she should be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution, there to be **hanged** by the neck till she was dead, and her body afterwards to be dissected." Her hanging took place at high noon on Castle Hill, Norwich, before a massive crowd.

Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 7th Mo 1807 / Yesterday arrived our Ancient friend J Bringham from Philadelphia - as he came up from the packet he called to see me, a few minutes, & this forenoon came & set sometime with me in the shop, I esteem him as a good old man, & his company is pleasant - The day has passed with but little religious thoughtfulness. I can hardly call it carelessness nor yet carefulness -- After a very pleasant walk round the Hill in company with DR called at CR's where I found E reading the Manuscript Journal of a young man's tour in England by which I found a certain life raised, to which "a death had better be known"

6 day rode with Peter to the meeting House to meet with the School committee, then returned & Peter kindly brought me homeward to the top of Lawtons Hill which was a great help as the day was very hot - on my way home, Stopt at Saml Thurstons & was favor'd with the company of Our excellent friend Mary



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Mitchell her converstaion was instructing & refreshing to my mind I love her much, remembering her visits to my beloved Aunt Marthas when I was a small boy & lived with her - on my return home found my shop & little property all Safe for which I desire to be thankful, & hope I shall be endabled to return thanks in the proper way, which is increased dedication to the Service of my God - In the evening made a precious call at C R, & another at J Earls, where I found AA & fell into unexpected conversation with her - tho' I manifested rather too much Zeal in support of my own opinion yet I firmly believe I had the right side of the question

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August 1, Saturday: Georg Joseph Vogler was appointed Hofkapellmeister and Privy Councillor for Ecclesiastical Affairs to the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 1 of 8 M 1807 / Occupied as usual thro' the day & in the evening called at J Earls where was my friends Wm S Burling of N York, whose conversation was truly edifying, feeling my mind sweetly impressed with the necessity of "Being watchful, standing fast in the faith, quitting myself like a man, & being Strong" in the support of the precious testimony, & may both he & I follow on to know the Lord & to walk unreservedly in the ways of his Holy requirings is at seasons my earnest prayer.

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August 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2 of 8 M / In the mornng went over on the Point & took a sea bathing - Our meeting this forenoon was large & I hope some were profitted by the opportunity, for my own part I must acknowledge it was a low time, for I had but very little power to wrestle against that Spiritual death which so often besets me both in & out of meetings - when I came home found my brother Isaac much unwell which gives me a degree of useasiness as I think his symtoms are some what alarming, he has been unwell with a small attack of the Disentary for more than a week, but I think his complaints are now more like the apporach of a bilious fever

The meeting this afternoon was Similar to the mornng, Silent & dull. I tried to wrestle but had but little power, however I'm encoraged to hope it was not wholly in vain - Took tea & spent most of the eveng at J Dennis's - it was a pleasant visit but not so much favord as at some times -

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August 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 3rd of 8th M 1807 / Occupied as usual at trade, endeavoring at times to turn the mind inward, & felt a little of the precious Sweetning influence to arise, but alas how far short I am of what I ought to be. I daily see my short comings & am almost ready to fear retrograde motion in the work of regeneration. Oh Soul be up & doing, get thee to thy watch, & to thy watchtower, lest the enemy of thy peace overcome thee - After writing the above while setting in the Shop I felt my mind drawn to read the the [sic] Scripture & then to set in Silence, & while setting, was mercifully favord to witness the divine presence to be near, & was enabled to feel the Lord to be present help in every needful time. O that I may be humbly thankful for all the mercys that I receive This evening called at Cousin A Thos's [?] / where I thought the the [sic] Seed was under Suffering /

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August 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

day 4 of 8 M / Favor'd with the circulations of the Sap of life thro' the day - Spent the evening at D.R with several of my acquaintance - & tho I talked when I had better been Still, yet it was a precious time to me, O how unworthy I am of the many favors which I receive -

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August 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 5 of 8 M / This mornng between the hours of seven & eight, in company with T H [J H?] & Wm Burling, visited the Charity School of E Trevet, we had the satisfaction of seeing 50 children all at reading or writing which he teaches gratis except two, they appear to improve fast, & behave orderly. Wm at the conclusion of the school addressed them in a few words very pertinently & pathetickly, impressing on their minds a sense of thankfulness to their tutor, & the most proper means to shew it was by striving to improve" he did it in a solid weighty manner which appeared to have an effect on the minds of the Children This evening walked to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at Z Chases -

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August 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5 day After breakfast went up to P Lawtons & found my endearing H well Our friend M Brown came while I was there with whom I had much pleasant conversation on various subjects – Richard Mott Elizabeth Coggeshall & Mary Morton were at meeting but none of them appeard in testimony but Richard who stood a great while – In our meeting for Church concerns we had several things of importance before us & were favor'd to transact them in a good degree of love & condescension – Anne Smith (of Wickford) spread a concern which had for a long time impressed her mind to pay a religious visit to friends in Richmond state of Newhampshire & from thence into New York State as far as Hudson – which was corially united with & her certificate endors'd After meeting I dined at P Lawtons with a very agreeable comapany O Williams & wife J Earl. R Rodman. B Earle. D Austin Wm Burling. & S Thurston & wife – I spent the evening with my very precious H which was the first since she has lived at [Portsmouth](#). it was a sweet time – feeling our minds renewedly refreshed together, & a Seal witnessed that our intended connection is in best wisdom appointed. may the dew of heaven rest upon her, may may she receive the Strengthening support of the Lord in all her steps thro' life, is the affectionate wish of my heart -- I lodged there & next morning

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August 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 8 of 8 M / Occupied pretty dilligent at Trade & feel this evening a precious sweetness in my mind

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August 9, Sunday: Robert Fulton had carefully negotiated a partnership with Chancellor Robert R. Livingston. This man Livingston seemed to be a mere judge of the court of chancery of the State of New York, and yet in fact his deep background political influence was such that he was known among the knowing there as the 2d most powerful person, after the governor, in the State. Livingston arranged that, if he and Fulton could merely drive their steamboat four miles along the Hudson River in one hour, the government would grant them an enormous privilege: a 20-year monopoly of steamboat service. No patent application would be necessary and yet no competition would be permitted. For twenty years they would be allowed to charge whatever they could induce their passengers and customers to pay. So on this day there came about the initial trials of Fulton's unpatented boat, described at the time as "an ungainly craft looking precisely like a backwoods sawmill mounted on a scow and set on fire." It made a successful 1-mile run on Manhattan Island's East River. (Soon it would steam up the river from New York Harbor to Albany in 32 hours, and back down



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with the current in 30.) Fulton would christen it, inventively, *Steam Boat*, although later it would be known as the *North River* and we know it now as the *Clermont*. Because of the events of this day, you have probably been led to suppose that Fulton invented the steamboat, as a way to harness heat and force it to produce forward motion. No, what this inventor invented was a government-sponsored monopoly, a way for rich people to get richer by putting their own steamboats on the Hudson River while forestalling anyone else from doing so. Which is to say that, instead of inventing ways to translate steam power into mechanical power, Fulton was into inventing ways to translate the political power of office and lobbying into the economic power of money.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 9 of 8 M 1807 / I'm just going to meeting, not in so humble a frame of mind as at some times, but hope to get right before night -

I can truly say I am agreeably disappointed for when I took my seat in meeting as a precious mantle was spread over my mind, & instead of having to wrestle with my own spirit, the necessity was measurably taken away - the silent part of the meeting continued till nearly the usual time of its breaking - when Elizabeth Coggeshall rose & delivered a testimony as near Gospel as any I have heard for some time, on the subjects of Affliction, love & the necessity of Subduing our own carnal, wills I know not when I have more witnessed the Baptizing effect of any testimony -

Our Afternoon meeting was a very uncommonly favord time -Richard Mott stood full two hours declaring the truth with much life & power - I think his testimony this afternoon of much more use than any he has delivered here in his visit - when he sat down there was a very remarkable Solemnity over the Meeting which continued for some time when E Coggeshall closed in solemn supplication - Took tea at C Rodmans in company with my dear H who came to town this morning & took meetings with us today, & went directly out after tea so that I have had but little oppertunity with her. She was preciously near my heart, & should have been glad to have enjoyed more of her company - In the evening sat a little while with D R & wife with my mind sweetly ruminating & sometimes speaking on the favors of the day - It has been a precious day to me for which I desire to be very thankful

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August 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 10 of 8 M / Favor'd with the renewal of life thro' the day - in the forepart of the evening Set a while in the shop of WC where I experienced a degree of exercise which was peerhaps priffitable to myself, in the latter part called at J Earls where was R Mott & wife R was sociable & some of his conversation was instructing, but he spoke on one subject in which I differed with him, I took the liberty to advance my opinion in opposition



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to his but did not defend it much [which gave him a chance to harp{?} largely upon his, all scratched out] as the company was large. I felt embarrassed at entering into much argument which gave him a good opportunity to expatiate largely in favor of his own sentiment, & I was willing to be accounted a fool before them -the evening did not close so sweetly as I could wish -

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August 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 11 of 8 N / Feeling considerable exercise from last evenings conversation, thought I should not feel easy to let R Mott go out of town without further labor on the subject - & thinking it probable he might be in Obadiah Williams shop took a walk up & found him there. we pretty soon resumed the Subject, & after a lengthy debate it evidently appear'd that meither of us was likly to relinquish our opinions, but we parted in love towards each other --Setting in company with a friend this evening, he said "Well Stephen what doest thou think of the signs of the times among us "(alluding to some circumstances now operating in our Moy [Monthly] Meeting), I reply'd, "The times are low what shall be done about it, weep between the poarch & the Alter", he reply'd "No that will not do, every man must build the wall over against his own door -working with one hand, holding the sword in the other against the enemys" which reply seemed so peertinent that it made an impresssion of some usefulness on my mind

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August 12, Wednesday: France made the demand of July 19th an ultimatum — Portugal must also declare war on Great Britain, arrest all British subjects in the country, and confiscate all British assets.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 8 M 1807 / The precious life has been felt sweetly to arise in my mind, at seasons, thro' the day, it would have risen much higher but was prevented for the want of entering into the closet - Jeremiah Austin Junr & wife came to town this forenoon. I was glad to see them, for I love them much

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August 13, Thursday: Charles Baker of Waltham got married with Abigail Parks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 8 M / This Morn & before meeting my dear old friend



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Patience Austin came to the shop & set with me for some time relating the various deep exercises & baptisms of this poor Soul since she left [Rhode Island](#) - My heart was much affected thereby & prayers begotten that She may be enabled to bear up under every afflictive dispensation - She is one I have loved much ever since our first acquaintance, & believe her to be a true christian We had a precious meeting. Our friend Richard Mott was very acceptably engaged in testimony & fervantly in Supplication - it held near three hours - Spent the evening at D Williams in pleasant conversation, but very little life experienced on my part

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August 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 8 M 1807 / When the boody is disorder'd the mind is not clear - I'm laboring under an heavy cold, but am abloe to be in the shop & attend to my little concerns of an outward nature, & while inserting this favor my mind is disposed to thankfulness to the Author of every blessing both spiritually & temporally, he hath liberally bestowed of the choicest of them to me, but suitable returns have not been made. Oh saith my soul, may there be more full dedication of heart to the divine will my mind is often humbled under a sense of my short comings - Our Friend R Mott left town about one OClock expecting to tarry at [Portsmouth](#) tonight & proceed on to [Providence](#) in the mornng - In the evening called at Aunt [M G's](#) C R; & J Earls at the latter place I should have been stronger if I had talked less -but trust I said nothing materially amiss -

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August 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 15 of 8 M 1807 / A degree of life has attended my mind thro' the day. My cold is rather better, than yesterday, so that I think to go to [Portsmouth](#) presently, & be at meeting there tomorrow - After a pleasant ride, reached the Abode of my precious H & spent the evening with her - then returned to Z C's & lodged in the morning again visited my dear H, & went to meeting where we had a precious time; Our dear Old friend Mary Mitchell was concerned in supplication then in a livly testimony to the Youth - & at the conclusion of the meeting she requested we might meet again at half past three in the Afternoon - the meeting was larer [larger?] & more favord than the mornng. The dear old woman again opened the service in solemn supplication to the God & father of all for preservation from the snares of the world, & a firm establishment in the everlasting truth, a willingness to abide allotted Baptism & a final admittance into the relms of eternal Bliss - She then was engaged in a most excellent address to the beloved youth on whose account she was tenderly interested, the current of love also flowed towards the



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Aged whom she addressed in a very lively manner - At the conclusion of the meeting she took an affectionate farewell, expressing an apprehension that it would be a final parting with many present - & the meeting ended under a solemn covering, & for my own part I may acknowledge I[t] was a good time to me & was thankful my lot was cast at there -Took tea at Asa Shermans with my H - Wm Mitchell & precious daughter Eliza it was a very agreeable opportunity. I love William dearly, he is a sage old man & a beautiful pillar in our Society - from Asa's we returned to P L, & from there I went to Z C, & lodged, & this morning came home -

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August 18, Tuesday: Jérôme Bonaparte became King of Westphalia.

Robert Fulton reached Governor Livingston's home, Clermont, at 1PM. His average speed had been 4½ miles an hour.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 18 of 8 M 1807 / As I was standing near the Market Cart of our friend H.A. there came up a poor old black Man formerly the property of a member of our society & very rich as to wordly possessions - As he came & looked into the cart H asked him if he wanted meat, he said a little peace which lay there - H asked how much money he had & whether he thought what he had would purchase it, he said he feared not & wanted it weighed & found it would not, the meat was cut, which come to two cents less than the money he had, as he took the meat he held it in one hand, & the remaining two cents in the other, & said "here is all the Money poor old negro got, & I am eighty years old" - My mind was affected before but when the poor old man uttered those words in such plaintive accents, my Soul was moved or touched to the quick with tenderness toward him I know not when I have experienced so humbling sensations - when I ate my own dinner I ate it with an humble thankful heart, to the God & father of mercies that I was so bountifully provided for I was lead to consider the many favors I enjoy, & to feel a sense of the sufferings of others - It is remarkable that the estate of this poor old black mans master is now all gone & out of the family & his children come to be as poor as this old black man.

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August 19, Wednesday: Robert Fulton steamed north out of Clermont, and reached Albany, New York in slightly more than 8 hours. The entire journey thus had required 28 hours and 45 minutes.

Jane C. Webb was born at Ritwell House near Birmingham, England. Her father Thomas Webb, Esq. was wealthy and her early years would be spent in luxury — luxury that would not endure.⁴⁷

JANE WEBB LOUDON

The Emperor Napoléon suppressed the Tribunal, making his control of policy more effective.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 19 of 8 M 1807 / Arose & occupied my time before breakfast in transcribing Mary Mitchells Epistles the Quarterly meetings constituting this Yearly Meeting — Most of the day & evening an insensibility of mind to religious impressions, but I trust the good spirit was several times felt to be near - A little prayer now rises in my heart alike this "Oh Lord keep me near, bring me near the fountain of life"

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August 20, Thursday (or February 1, Sunday, depending on which source we believe): [William James Hubard](#) was born in Whitchurch Shropshire or Warwick, England, to William Hubard and Catharine Hall Hubard.

In a circuit court in Richmond, Virginia, at the treason trial of former Vice-President Aaron Burr, which was for a proposal made at a meeting in a mansion on Blennerhassett's Island in the Ohio River between Ohio and Virginia on the night of December 10, 1806, a proposal to assemble a military force to wage war against the United States of America, defense attorneys produced an elaborate argument as to the meaning of treason and asked the judge to exclude all general evidence that had been submitted by the prosecution that failed to pertain specifically to that particular discussion in that particular location on that particular night (a discussion at which, admittedly, Burr himself had not even been present, and a discussion the nature of which was being testified to by merely one uncorroborated witness).

Robert Fulton's *North River* (which we now know as the *Clermont*) began the return trip, with [François André Michaux](#) on board.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 20 of 8 M / At meeting my mind was sensible of divine help, but such was my situation most of the time that I could not avail myself of it - was somewhat comforted by the living powerful supplication of that truly venerable Old prophetis [prophetess] Mary Mitchell - In the preparative meeting two cases of buisness was brought & sent to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, one the intentions of a friends marriage & the other for a removal certificate - - At tea this afternoon my [sic] was visited with a Sweet brook of precious life, for which my heart is thankful - it has attended me thro' the evening & tho' it seems to be low

47. Information about [Jane Webb Loudon](#) has been extrapolated from Jack Kramer's WOMEN OF FLOWERS.



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yet it does me much good as my mind seems to be in such a tender frame as I have longed to have it for a longtime -& in measure releaved from that hard unsusceptible state with which I am so often tried - Oh Gracious & merciful God, thou art very kind to me, enable me Oh father to live near the fountain of Divine life

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August 21, Friday: Robert Fulton completed his first round trip to Albany by arriving in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 21 of 8 M 1807 / There is scarce anything will affect me more than a relation or sight of human sufferings, & just before dinner my mind was deeply penetrated at hearing the Sufferings of a poor black woman last Winter
My mind has been favord to feel a Sweet flow of life for which my desire is to be thankful
Spent the evening at R Taylors except a short clall towards the close at C R's -*

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August 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 22 of 8 M / Had conferences with two friends on a difficult subject in society, one discovered a painful disposition the other accorded with me in sentiment - I am thankful & can say humbly thankful that my mind is preserved from the mixture & feel love in my heart to flow toward all - It has been an highly favord day to me - Oh saith my soul may due returns be made to the bountiful giver of every blessing & favor, my heart hath felt the humbling influence to arise this evening with renewed fervant desires for preservation from every hurtful thing -
This evening made agreeable calls at C R; D R & J Es*

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August 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 23 of 8 M 1807 / Our Meeting this mornng was a good composed time to me & I thought generally favord - Our dear old friend Mary Mitchell Said "While her eyes had surveyed her young friends she had felt her mind disposed to call to them in the language of the royal prophet "let the young men & mainds, Old men & children praise the Lord" She feelingly exhorted us to "attend to that inspeaking word which if attended to would work deliverance from Sin & an enlargement in the truth, she sweetly illustrated a religious life, & desired we might so live as to insure a reward of peace in the Solemn moment hastning on all -



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In the Afternoon the meeting was without preaching, but not without speaking for a drunken Indian woman came who disturbed us very much - I thought the disturbance was no disadvantage to me, as it drove me more to the center than perhaps I should otherwise have got - After meeting C R - O W & myself took tea & spent the evening at D Buffums very agreeably & I hope to a degree of proffit - while setting there my thoughts were often turnd towards my precious H with desires she could partake with us -

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August 24, Monday: George Anson Byron returned to England on board the frigate *Concorde* and obtained his initial commission.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Russia and Turkey agreed to an armistice.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 24 of 8 M 1807 / My dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah have this day removed from John Coggershalls House to Jeremiah Lawtons it is a pleasant place I feel glad they are so pleasantly situated as to the outward in that respect but how they will get a living I know not but hope the good hand of Providence that hath helped them hitherto will Still be their support --Receiv'd a comfortable letter from my friends Wm Burling of N York - in the evening called at Several of my friends houses -& have nothing to insert -except that there is but very little religion in me today

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August 25, Tuesday: [Nicolò Paganini](#)'s "Napoleon Sonata" to honor the birthday of Emperor of the French and King of Italy [Napoléon](#) (which had actually occurred on August 15th) was performed, by the composer, for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 8 M / I am a poor thing & allmost dead as to religious sensibility, but notwithstanding my poverty was much favord in writing to a young female at Salem for whom my Soul hath often felt much for I was thankful to find there was yet something alive in me & readily Yealded to the impulse - Spent most of the evening at Jon a Greene's in company with cousin Anne who has come over to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - had a little opportunity with my valued friend Thos Howland whose company I love

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August 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 26 of 8 M / Tho' I'm still a poor dead thing, yet a degree of the precious life has been witnessed to arise - towards night recieved a letter from my friends David Smith of Bolton which did me some good - Spent the evening in the Shop at writing

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August 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 27 of 8 M 1807 / I'm now going to [Portsmouth](#) with E R to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. Oh Saith my soul may I be favord with patience, may I be favor'd with Wisdom & Strnegth for if I'm not mistaken there will be occasion for all that are disposed to bear the burden, to recur to the fountain of life & wisdom that they may receive a right qualification to act in matters that may come before us - Oh father be with us, be with me Oh father & preserve from a brittle spirit & favor me oh Lord with thy holy spirit

Our first meeting was a good time to me, my mind was favor'd to get into the quiet, & to keep in it thro' both meetings, Dear Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short testimony, (the first for several months) it was to my feelings a precious offering seasoned with the best salt - then Mary Morton was concerned in a very acceptable offering, & the meeting concluded in a little more than an hour - The part for discipline was long but the buisness was conducted much better than I expected Our friends [Moses Brown](#), Joseph Collins, Wm Peckham, Sylvester Weeks, Joseph Harris, Thos Arnold & Thos Howland were with us as a committee from the Quarterly Meeting to assist us in a difficult matter before the meeting, which they did much to our satisfaction, & the matter is ended

I dined with P Lawton, & had a precious little opportunity with my endeared H, then rode home & petty [sic] soon went to bed much fatigued from the effect of the long meeting I was at the meeting house from, 9 OClock till 3 OClock in the afternoon - but do not feel the worse for it this mornng

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August 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / Nothing material to insert, all the family have heavy cold but myself. I desire to be thankful for the escape. - In the evening called to see my dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah in their new abode, & found them all down with the Influenza —

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Brunswick, Hildesheim, and Hesse were joined to become the Kingdom of Westphalia under King Jérôme Bonaparte.

President [Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote to Secretary of War Henry Dearborn, who was the primary administrator of Indian affairs during his administration, instructing that “if we are constrained to lift the hatchet against any tribe, we will never lay it down until that tribe is exterminated.” (Try explaining this away.)
On second thought, don’t even bother trying to explain it away — if you are one of those who suppose that



**Bloodthirsty Savages awaiting extermination
by decent God-fearing white people**

this Thomas Jefferson is the guy who penned our Declaration of Independence:



“...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.”

— [Declaration of Independence](#)



This Jefferson theme would be being constantly repeated:



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"The Whites, by law of conquest, by justice of civilization, are masters of the American continent, and the best safety of the frontier settlers will be secured by the total annihilation of the few remaining Indians."

— L. Frank Baum, author of the Oz books



August 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 8th M 29 1807 / My mind this evening is dipt into seriousness, & desires are raised in my heart that a thorough renovaton may be experienced.

The above was written in the forepart of the evening since which I have made a visit to Benj'n Baley & wife of N York, who are here on a visit to their friends, & the benefit of health -While I was setting in the chamber with them, my mind was unexpectedly arrested with feelings which bowed my spirit towards his wife with whom I have been long acquainted & is now in a poor state of health - And had it not been for a mixture of pride & diffidence believe I should have communicated some of my feelings to her - my desires were that she might attain to that state of watchfulness unto prayer which can effect a thorough renovation of heart, & furnish with patience to endure the pains of the body & resignation to the divine will, - Oh that this may be her happy experience

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August 30, Sunday: Theresia Helferstorfer, wife of Antonio Salieri and mother of his eight children, died in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th M 30th 1807 / My mind has this mornng felt the renewal of life & have had to reflect on various subjects with Seriousness, particularly riches & happiness - I am Scarcely willing to admit the former in any degree conducive to the latter, I have of late Seen Several instances which hath nearly confirmed me that there is no connection between them, tho' I believe both rich & poor may be happy & that both have their cares, yet I have thought so much mor responsibility is attached to Riches than poverty, that they are not enviable, but most of all & above all that is to be desired is the middle path & an heart humbly thankful for every favor vouchsafed & that in all our movements, the cause of Truth be our primary object - A State correspondent with Agur the son of Jakeh [author of Proverbs 30] - "Remove far from me vanity & lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full & deny thee, & say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor & steal & take the name of my God in vain"

We had this mornng a favor'd meeting but the seed or spring of life was low with me - Our friends D Buffum & E Coggershall were largely favor'd in testimony Judge Arnold of [Smithfield](#) was at meeting & much affected - After meeting my mind being drawn towards [Portsmouth](#) to see my Beloved H with whom I have spent but very little time for several weeks, & even months, thought it warrantable on that acc't to leave the afternoon meeting to Spend the Afternoon & went with her, but it was not without some reluctance that I left the meeting as it is an example I do not approve, & in riding out met a young man a member of Society the Sight of which affected my mind & led me to fear my example would so some hurt, & a voice like this was so affectingly in sounded my mind that I was allmost induced to turn back "Adam where art thou? Adam where art thou?" but on turning the matter in my mind felt more approved for going & fell into a little conversation, whereby I clear'd myself & obliquely reproved him - my visit to my precious H was precious indeed, & I trust both were renewedly confirm'd our engagements to each other were founded on that which was right I lodged at P L & this 2nd day [Monday] morning rose at a little past four OC [oclock] & rode home in good season to open my shop & have been rather more industrious than common for me - Called this evening at Aunt M Goulds [Martha et al] found them better - then at D R's where I found Jemimah Ausatin who I was glad to see for the love I bore for her before she went away. I fear the poor child has not gaind much in the better part Since I saw her last - While I was setting at D's my mind was tendered with a belief that the Spirit of truth was yet with me, & I trust living thanks arose in my heart to the God of all that he was once more pleas'd to visit my soul with



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September 1, Tuesday: In a circuit court in Richmond, Virginia, former Vice-President Aaron Burr was acquitted of the treason of having attempted to establish an independent nation comprised of Mexico and parts of the Louisiana Territory, an empire of which he would be the ruler, because his act could not be attested to by two witnesses. He would immediately depart for Europe to avoid prosecution for the murder of Alexander Hamilton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 1st of 9th M 1807 / Pretty diligently at trade & at times
favord with the precious arisings of life – Oh that I could dwell
nearer the fountain Spent the forepart of the eveng at D W's &
the latter at C R: –*

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September 2, Wednesday: This day marked the first mention of Jan Ladislav Dussek in the service of Charles Maurice de Talleyrand.

British ships began a [bombardment of Copenhagen](#) with fire bombs and phosphorus rockets, to preempt the use of the Danish fleet by Napoléon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 2nd of 9 M / Pretty dilligently at trade, - In the
forenoon Cousin A Greene called at the Shop & set sometime She
is a friend I love much, & whose conversation is very
interesting, tho' much in the simplicity -- Called this evening
to set with her a little while before she goes on her journey
which she expects to tomorrow if the weather permits*

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September 3, Thursday: Robert Fulton registered his steamboat as the *North River Steam Boat*.

[Gorham Dummer Abbott](#) was born to the Reverend Jacob Abbott and Betsey Abbott in Hallowell, Maine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 3 of 9 M / This mornng between 9 & 10 OClock Our beloved
friends Anne Greene & Abigail Robinson, accompanied by Jon
Dennis set out on a religious Embassey to Salem & Falmouth
Quarterly Meetings, when they got into the carriage they all
appeared as if they were sensible of the importance of the
undertaking - I went up to be with cousin Anne a little while
before she left us, she appear'd to be in the most sweet frame
I ever saw her, her company was so very pleasant that my mind*



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seem'd to partake of her spirit, & living desires arose in my soul that I might more & more imitate, her life & conduct, so as to attain to the like degree of favor she has -

Our meeting was small but to me a very comfortable one, & I thought the Lords hand was renewedly stretched forth to do us good, & all that was wanting was a faithful obedience to the divine call in our hearts but alass, there is so many that stand opposed thereto, that I sometimes fear it may be said of us as to Israel formerly, "All the day long have I stretched forth my hand unto a wicked & rebellious generation"

Spent the evening at E Hosiers [?] where I went purposly to see Eliz Coggeshall, she is one of the faithful of the day, & tho' but little over 30 years of age has already visited all the meetings of friends in the United States, all in England Ireland Scotland & Wales - While setting with her this evening my mind was brought into nearness with her & I thought I loved her better than ever - Oh that I was as faithful as She is, but Alass I'm a poor halting thing, & fear I shall never be otherwise

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September 4, Friday: Robert Fulton initiated regular steamboat service between New-York and Albany.

The [Reverend Dr. Robert Morrison](#), initial Protestant missionary to [China](#), arrived at the Portuguese settlement of Macao at the mouth of the Pearl River leading to Canton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 9th M 1807 / Nothing of note has occur'd that I recollect that is worth inserting, & some may think it wholly superfluous for me thus to journalize but there is a peculiar satisfaction in it to me, & I have believed it right for some Years

Spent the evening At Aunt Martha Goulds & C R's, while setting at both places, as well as at times thro' the day, my mind was Solemnized so that I felt but little disposition to join in conversation - Oh saith my soul at this time, may an holy solemnity cover my mind at all times & on all occasions

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September 7, Monday: A Presbyterian missionary sent to [China](#) by the London Missionary Society, the [Reverend Dr. Robert Morrison](#), had declared his intention to be the bringing of “the light of science and revelation” to “peacefully and gradually shed their lustre on the Eastern limit of Asia and the islands of the rising sun,” lands which up to that point had been very much in the dark. He stood fresh off the boat on a Canton dock with the bee in his bonnet to convert all these teeming multitudes of Chinamen to the truth and power of [Christianity](#) and thus earn an entire galaxy of stars for his heavenly crown — and he bore in his hand a letter of introduction from then Secretary of State [James Madison](#). He was wondering who to show this precious letter to first. Let us have a moment of silence, and contemplate the possibilities.

[Moment of Silence]

In result of the [bombardment of Copenhagen](#) that had proceeded from August 16th to September 5th, and in return for an understanding that the British would attempt to leave Copenhagen within six weeks, Denmark signed a capitulation document surrendering all its navy and naval stores.

Under threat from France, King Gustaf IV Adolf ceded Pomerania to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day / This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) with couzin Z C, spent the evening at [P L's](#) with my dear [H](#) then returned & lodged at Z C's the next morning returned to [P L's](#) & walked with him to meeting where my mind was favord with access to the spring of life & to me is was a very favor'd tho' silent meeting, Oh! that I may render due thanks from the heart to him from whom cometh every blessing, & those of this kind I esteem the greatest – After meeting, J Rodman & I went to H Almys & dined. I made a pleasant visit there, & left J & returned to P L, again where I lodged & this / 2 day [Monday] / morning rose at a little past 4 OClock & walked home in about two hours – It has been a day of tumult the Militia has paraded the Streets with the sound of Drums & Fifies which with their appearance allways affect my mind with seriousness & put me to inspecting the ground of my faith in the Christian Religion, & I have thought this day that my objections to appearing as a military man is founded & something more than meer traditional Religion, for I think I have seen that wars & fightings are an offence to the Almighty & that he hath no delight in them, Oh that the pure spirit of Christianity may more & more abound in my heart -- Called at Earls, & Sarah introduced me to a man who lived in the other part of the house that had a Galvance machine I examined it & took several Shocks, it is a wonderful thing & past my finding out that a few peaces of metal Should have such an effect on the human frame, but it is like many other things, that we are but ignorant beings, & to impress on our minds with the Greatness & goodness of God – Spent the remained of the evening at C R: with a precious covering over my mind. Oh that I may be thankful –

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September 8, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 8 of 9 M 1807 / Nothing material has occur'd to insert, & may only add that I am a poor erring creature – Spent the evening at writing in my Shop

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September 9, Wednesday: Great Britain ended its 8-month occupation of Montevideo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9th of 9th M / The day has passed as usual – Received a letter from cousin Anne Greene, which mentioned that she & her companions were well & at Salem, expecting to take meetings in their way to Falmouth – Made several calls in ther evening at the usual places

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September 10, Thursday: Andrew Law received a US copyright for his Harmonic Companion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 10 of 9 M / We set our meetings in silence, soon after the very lifeless & unconcerned countenances of allmost all present, my feelings became affectionately arrested with desires that the truth might yet rise triumphant over that dull & easy state that abundently prevails among us. I thought notwithstanding our case was bad, there were yet left a few names in our Sardis that had not defiled their garments; or at least were striving to wash them from their defilements. my mind was lead into a close search on my own account accompanied with desires that I might become more & more in earnest to be redeemed from the world, & tho' the little foxes now & then rushed in to nip the tender shoots of life, yet I thought it a favord time & they in good measure prevented from doing hurt. In the corse of the afternoon I have had to view the dangerous situation of a state of ease, & a state that hath been favord in the beginning with many divine openings, but contenting them selves with yesterdays manna, have settle down in the form of sound words & doctrine, but lack the life & Power. Oh saith my soul, that I may daily more & more search for that living food without which we cannot live unto God one day, nor one hour — This evening while setting at a friends house my mind became remarkably reached & tender'd with a sense of divine goodness being near – I desire to be thankful for the present favor, & may with thankfulness acknowledge that the day throughout has been an uncommonly favor'd one –

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September 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 11 of 9 M 1807 / My friend P Dunham came to the Shop several times today, his company was agreeable & particularly so at this time, & we both seem'd to have a low path to tread – I don't remember a day when the Mountains of discouragement has more oppressingly arisen to view than this. It has seemed as if all I had even done or ever like to do, would prove, nothing but an augmentation of my guiltiness of unfaithfulness So it is one day high & another low, yesterday I thought there was a small gleam of encouragement on my tabernacle, & today, darkness & cloud is my portion

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September 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 9 M / I have felt yesterdays depression most of the day but not to so great a degree, – called in the evening at Aabt Patty Gould, & C R —

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September 13, Sunday: On the Sunday after the nameday of Princess Esterházy [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) directed the initial performance of his Mass in C at Eisenstadt. This was not a success.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 13th of 9 M 1807 / Arose early & took an healthful walk across the Beach, & ruminated on Scened past, present & to come returned & before meeting read a chapter in the New Testament & in a few moments retirement, was favord with a refreshing stream of divine life under which I went to meeting & found it to continue & to me it was a good meeting towards the close of it Abigail Sherman stood up & repeated This Scripture "Fear not little flock it is your fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom" – Then our friend Wm Flanner who came to town last evening, arose & said he thought he felt a simple freedom, just to desire friends to be more livly in their exercises if we should be favord to have another meeting, & not come & go to sleep, that would do no good he was persuaded, for his part he Said he had had a poor meeting, & felt as if much lassitude had prevailed among us" which with a little more he was easy to express with his hat on

At the afternoon Meeting Wm Seemed still under depression, but however preached a little very sweetly After meeting C R, J S & myself went down to A [?] Dennis & took tea with his precious wife she bears up under the separation from her dear J quite to



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admiration, considering her very depressed State for several months past - on our way home we stopped at D B's where we found Wm Flanner & companion we Set a little while with them & return'd home - Wm is one of the right sort of preachers, he preaches by example as well as precept, he is a meek spirited, deeply concern'd friend, I love him dearly tho' I have had little or no acquaintance with him

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September 14, Monday: Former Vice-President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 14 of 9 M 1807 / It haas been a confused day, by the noise Guns drums &c - I was warned to appear with military apparatus, but am confirmed beyond all controversy that it will tend more to my peace to disobey their command than to obey it, even if they take much of my goods to Satisfy their demand - Our testimony against war is a very important one, & calls for the Zeal & christain spirit of all our members to Support it. I desire to bear my testimony Patiently & examplarily - Our friend Wm Flanner left town for [Providence](#), accompanied by J S

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September 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 15 of 9 M / Brought but little to pass in any sense, & am a poor empty vessel unfit got use Spent the evening at R Taylors, on buisness of society

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September 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 16 of 9 M / Pretty industrious at trade, but quite barran till this evening, when I called in at D R's where I met dear R, our conversation turnd on Subjects which brought fresh into my remembrance the days of my espousals, days when the chief bent & concern of my soul was to seek & serve the Lord with all my might & strength. Oh how fresh & zealous was my mind to do the will of my heavenly father & I trust a good degree of the same is yet alive in me, but I have come far short of what I was designed by not yealding an unreserved obedience to every manifestation of the divine will, by halting, & not dwelling sufficiently deep in the Spirit of my mind - Oh saith my soul at this time, may my hands be put to the plow with an increasing fervor of soul & spirit, that those days of unfaithfulness & forgetfulness may be redeemed

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September 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 17 of 9 Mt 1807 / I am a poor thing yet. At meeting I tried to get settled, but turn which way I would, some frivolous thing would run into my head & destroy my enjoyment of that precious life which Seemed to be underneath, but I could not attain to Strength sufficient to dig low enough to come to the Spring -

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September 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

day 18 of 9 M / Shall I say it hath been a day of favor? if a day of depression, & clouds as to my future living in this world, & conciousness of very great unfaithfulness in things of my souls concern, is a day of favor, this has been one This mornng my belovd friend Joselh Austin arrived here from [Nantucket](#), who I was glad to see, nay more I was rejoiced to see him, the Sight of him was better to me than any thing I have met with to day, or for many days, he appears to deepened in root & is Still deepening, his very countenance Saith he hath been with Jesus. - A little prayer arose in my heart while he was Setting by my side, that I might yet be purified from all sin -Oh! how I long at times to be deliverd from the burden of sin & death. Oh Lord help or I perish

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September 19, Saturday: A great [comet](#) whipped around the sun.
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 19 of 9 M 1807 / The day has passed with but little benefit, - a poor dull thing - Set part of the evening at C R'

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September 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 20 of 9 M / Our beloved friend Wm Flanner after having visited [Tiverton](#), Little-Compton, Acoaxet & several meetings in those parts, returned here yesterday & was at our meeting today, in the forenoon he was very large in testimony, appearing to be under a very depressive exercise on account of the lukewarmness & indifference that prevailld in this place, among the professors of religion, & also the aboundings of wickendness which he Said occasions much darkness & deep waiding for his poor mind. The life & power of the spirit evidently attended his communication & I was favord to feel the force therof in an uncommon degree in my mind. O Saith my soul may his testimony reach the hearts of those that are at ease in Zion for whom her ways do mourn -



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& may those who are sinning continually against the just witness in their hearts when the Lord God calls Again unto them in the Language "Adam where art thou", be so aroused thereby as to See their miserable fig leaf covering & seek another that Shall stand them in better Stead

Between meetings I called at J Shermans to see the dear man, [to see Fanner?] it was a precious call indeed, I desire not to think too much of any man, but truly it is my judgement there has not been a deeper & more honest laborer for some time, he is pleasant & very instructing in conversation, his countenance at the same time bespeaking a deeply Baptized spirit - I walked up to the meeting house with him, & should have been glad to have had him & companion to have taken tea with us this Afternoon - At meeting he was gain very Searching & powerful in testimony The current of which was mostly as in the morning - to such as were at ease in Zion - M Morton set her seal to it, Desiring we might individually take our portions of what was Said without placing it on others, & said that we read that Jerusalem was Searched as with lighted candles & she believed Something of it had been fulfilled among us this day - Towards night I rode with him & companion to D Buffums & spent the evening in their company very sweetly - I trust it has been a day wherein I have witnessed a degree of divine favor upon my Spirit & hope to be able to keep under its precious influence.

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September 21, Monday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) and his *Alpha* arrived at Philadelphia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 21 of 9 M 1807 / Several things have conspired this day to any my tranquility, perhaps its best I should be stired up to look around me, & see if all things be right, & I am persuaded they are not - but I really wish people would attend to their own private concerns without dabbling with others, & judging of the propriety or impropriety of conduct they know nothing about, nor need not know any thing about - but such is human nature, it must be busy about something, & it is the increasing wish of my heart, that I may be busy about the right thing - I have not felt the old nature raised, but rather my spirit grievously depressed

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September 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 22 of 9 M 1807 / The mountains & clouds are so oppressingly around me, that it seems as if every prospect is closed & never will open

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September 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 23 of 9 M / The clouds of yesterday have Somewhat dispersed, but I am far from feeling released from depression

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September 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 24 of 9 M / At our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in town we were favord to transact the many concerns that came before us in a good degree of brotherly lov. George B Robinson & P Earle received their marriage license, & Ruben Shove & Lydia Fish were candidates to Hymen
The first meeting was to me a pretty favord time Susanna Barker & Mary Morton appeard very sweetly in testimony
I feel the most sweetness this afternoon & evening that I allmost ever felt after monthly Meeting, & thankfulness is in my heart that I was favord to keep in a right spirit thro' the corse of buisness – How comfortable to feel an evidence of faithfulness to apprehended duty –*

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September 25, Friday: The British pulled their troops out of [Egypt](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

? day 25 of 9 M / I hardly know what to insert – the day has passed & whether any advancement has been made in the best sense or not I cannot tell but have felt this afternoon desires for it –Spent the fore part of the evening at Tho Robinsons in agreeable company

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September 26, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 26th of 9th M 1807 / I sometimes think should any one ever have the perusal of my diary they would form rather a singular Idea of me, or at least think time & paper was very unnecessarily spent on writing it – but whatever may be thought of it I am well satisfied that it is right for me thus to note some of my feelings & exercises thro' time – I am fully sensible of the many improprieties of language & some other inacuracies with which it abounds – Also that it is not written in a stile agreeable to read, but when it is considered that is designed soley for the benefit of one, that from time to time he may look over the past days & compare his feelings from time to time & from the past omissions be aroused to a sense of the danger he



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*stands in of suffering the glass of time to run out, before his
peace is made with his Creator - some excuses then may be made
for the wase of time & paper -*

In the evening walked to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at Couzin Z Chases

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September 27, Sunday: The great [comet](#) passed by the orbit of Earth on its way back into space, displaying well-separated gas and dust tails.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day / I[n] the mornng walked up to P L's & found my dear H well
then to meeting where I could not get to the root as at some
times. Our friend H Almy was concerned in a zealous & I thought
favord testimony after meeting returned to P L, spent the
afternoon & evening with my dear H & lodged there- -*

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September 28, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day / Rose early & walked home in about one Hour & three
quarters it was a pleasant walk & a very refreshing visit
Set the latter part of the evening at J Earl's in a pleasant
circles*

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September 29, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) recorded having foolishly paying nine pence to view a curious piece of machinery, and how that reminded him that once he had paid to view Old Bet when she had been on tour in 1797 — and that in addition he had glimpsed the [comet](#) that was currently in the night skies.⁴⁸

*3 day 29 of 9 M / Spent nine pence foolishly, but there was some
excuse for it, there is in town a thing called the house of
Industry, which was represented to me as a curious peace of
Machenery which I thought the line of my occupation would
warrant me in visiting & to be sure it was curious to see many
kinds of work all perform'd in miniture at one time by one set
of works such as blacksmithing, shoemaking, a woman with her
spinning wheel, sawing of wood, a woman pumping &c but "all is
vanity saith the preacher" while I was standing by it I clearly
felt I had no buisness there, & while I was there & before I
went was inwardly reprovod. I never before went to see any kind*

48. "GREAT COMET, 1807 (1807 R1). Visible with the unaided eye from early in September until late December, T=1807 September 19. Discovered in the evening twilight of September 9 not far from the bright star Spica. Comet of 1st magnitude with a short tail, moving toward the northeast. Late in the month, 1st magnitude with a 7-8 degree tail. During the middle of October, when situated Serpens, still of 1st or 2nd magnitude and sporting two tails, the longer of which spanned 10 degrees. Crossed Hercules in the latter half of October and the first part of November, fading from 2nd to 4th magnitude but the main tail remained up to 5 degrees long. Situated near the bright star Deneb in mid December, when approaching the limit of naked eye visibility."



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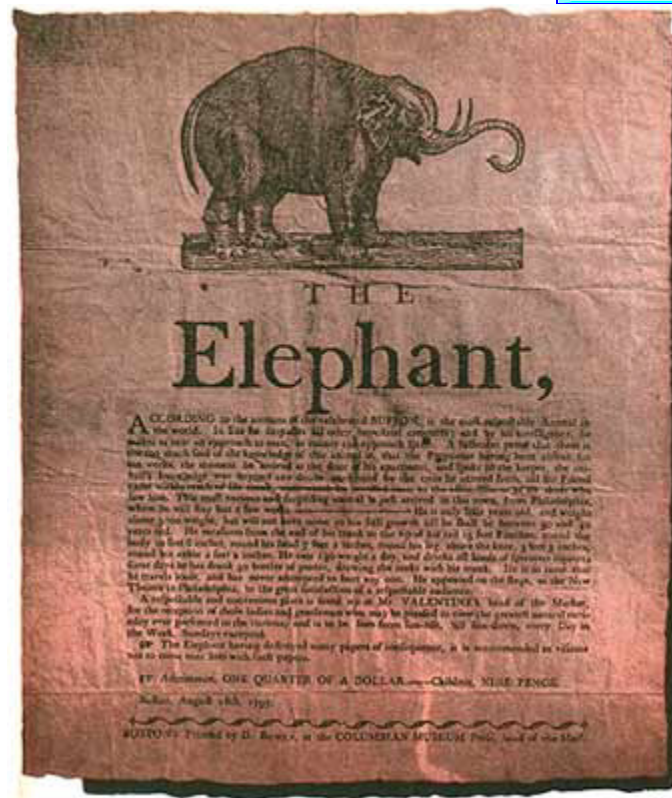
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of show except - the Elephant & even then was much dissatisfied
with myself for appearing at a place where so many people were
- I hope this will be sufficient to teach me more wisdom in
future

In the evening viewed a Comet that for several nights has appear'd. There was nothing very remarkable in its appearance, except a Small flash like a tail, it is the first I ever saw, therefore the more of a curiosity

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September 30, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 30 of 9 M 1807 / My mind has been in a guarded state & on the whole a pretty good day.

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October 1, Thursday: When Portugal declined the French ultimatum of August 12th, the French and Spanish ambassadors were withdrawn.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5 day 1st of 10th M 1807 / At Meeting George B Robinson & Phebe Earl were married the meeting was very quiet, & Hannah Dennis



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appear'd in a few words, expressing a wish that we might not set our hearts on things of this world, but seek first the Kingdom of Heaven & the righteousness thereof & all things necessary would be added - My mind was in rather a roving frame, but on the whole it was a much better meeting than I sometimes have - And now this afternoon a good degree of seriousness pervades my feelings & mental aspirations arise to the Father of mercys, that he would help my infirmities, Oh Father help my infirmities The forepart of the eveng at work, the latter at aunt M Goulds - had thought of calling at the wedding house, but on the whole thought it would contribute rather more to my peace to stay than go, as there was a large company

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October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 10th M 1807 / A want of care to keep on the watch & in the Cross is my daily experience, however there is nothing very remarkable that strikes my mind in this days progress, but that is certainly the case or there would not be that leanness in my mind this evening, that is, if it was not so - Called just now to see the new married pair, they seemed to be pretty much the same George & Phebe

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October 3, Saturday: Heinrich Friedrich Karl, Baron vom und zum Stein became Minister of State of Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 3rd of 10th M / What shall I say? unfaithfulness (& may I not say rebellion) again compels me to say no improvement - my very Soul at this moment revolts at the Idea of remaining so long in a state of unfaithfulness & unwatchfulness, but I fear "the next gale of temptations will blow away my resolutions" at this time - -This eveng spent a little time at Thos Robisons very pleasantly as to the outward, but my mind was in so lean a condition that I could not feel much life

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October 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 10 M / In the forenoon our meeting was middlingly large & D Buffum - informed us that he that knew his Masters will & did it not Should be beaten with many stripes - In the afternoon we were Silent, & very small in numbers, owing to the heavy rain -In the evening with O W visited Wm Lee whose daughter



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Sarah deceased yesterday

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October 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 5 of 10 M / I am a poor barran thing, but at the funeral of Sarah Lee my mind was in a degree Solemnized & a comfortable quiet experienced - Oh the want there is of my digging deep that access may be had to the fountain of life & Wisdom, - there is much rubish to be removed before the waters of life can flow freely -

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October 6, Tuesday: 28-year-old Humphrey Davy first produced and discovered potassium, working in his own laboratory in the Royal Institution, London (by chance Davy had passed an electric current through molten potash, releasing potassium, which when it came into contact with air appeared as a lavender flame).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 6th of 10th M 1807 / Dry & barran as to religion - S Barker called at the Shop & was very agreeable, I was in hopes her weighty spirit would have helped mine, but I'm so unfaithful & keep defering application to duty so long that I am almost ready to fear the acceptable time of Offering a heart wholly dedicated, will be over, before it is done -

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October 7, Wednesday: At Philadelphia, "a [comet](#) visible."

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 7 of 10 M / Saw the Corps of a child of JH the most singular circumstance that has come within my knowledge or the knowledge of a person present that said he had layed out more than and hundred persons - the child died on second day last & there Still appears heat in it Particularly about the neck & the boody in general, has not that deathly cold which other corps have, every limb & joint moves as easy as if it was living, I saw its hand taken & put to its head - & there is no smell about it not even the common smell that allways attends corpses

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October 8, Thursday: Andrew Law received a US copyright for his Choice Collection of Church Music for the Methodist Church.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 8 of 10 M / At meeting the precious life & influence of the holy spirit was sweetly vouchsafed to my poor (almost dead) mind-was it not that now & then this precious feeling was renewed I should be ready to fear that the day of my visitation was sorrowfully past & gone - soon after we took our seats I began to seek for help & felt it near, & was just breathing in secret supplication to the Lord Almighty for that bread which nourisheth as none other can - when our dear S Barker knelt in prayer & seemed to take the very words from my mouth, & went on in such a manner as to refresh my spirit as I never remember to have felt it by a similar appearance - I desire to be humbly thankful for this renewed favor & Oh Lord be pleased to enable me to dwell low that this may not be the last time - The Corps of the child mentioned yesterday was buried this afternoon, an alteration took place -

This evening called at J Earls where I found A A. M M. S B & several others waited on S B to D Ws - It seems as if I am in a rather & better State this evening than at some times

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October 9, Friday: An edict by King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia ended serfdom in that nation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9th of 10th M 1807 / I think not quite so much of that deserted deathly state of mind as some days, rather more feeling, or ability to strive for help. I esteem this a precious favor for which I desire to return thanks & Oh! that I may be enabled to render praise also to the Great Name - Spent most of the evening at Aunt M Goulds - & in my way home called a few minutes at C R's.

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October 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 10th of 10th M / Not the worst of days - In the evening took a pleasant walk to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at cousin Z Chases After I went to bed my mind was ruminating on various subjects & became arrested with an exercise on behalf of one that is about to marry contrary to the order of Friends, -occurrences of that kind are allways affecting to me & raise sensations which I cannot well express -

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October 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day / Morning after breakfast went up to P L, & found my dear H well - then to meeting & enjoyed a pretty good state of mind & I thought it was a good meeting, tho' it passed in silence- Din'd at P L's & in the afternoon went to see our Ancient friend & my beloved cousin Elizabeth Mott tho' she is confind to her room & has been for several years, is very pleasant & interesting in conversation; it is all ways agreeable & am allways well paid for my visits too those that are older in experience than myself. took tea at P L spent the evening & lodged there & this 2 day morning rose early & walked home before breakfast was ready I seem to labor under a cold, which with my walk this mornng has so unhinged my system that I have done but little work or felt but little of the circulations of that spirit I was in some degree favord with yesterday - In the eveng called to see A H to consult with her in the affairs of her family, Poor thing she is so situated that it is hard to know what to advise her too - of I ever have children I hope I shall keep my Authority over them longer than she has over hers -

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October 13, Tuesday: Humphrey Davy repeated his experiment of October 6th using soda instead of potash. This produced Sodium.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 13th of 10th M / My heart is affected with the spirit of thankfulness to the Father of mercies for thus visiting me with favors daily, & the Sincere aspiration of my soul to God is, that I may yet experience the fullness of his Holy Spirit

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October 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day of 14 of 10 M / Rather a lean day, so it is one day up & another down, yesterday Grace seemed to be at command, but today I can scarcely feel a livly sensation -- In the eveng went to Thos Robinsons on buisness with M Morton, & set a little w[h]ile very pleasantly with them

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October 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 15 of 10 M / When I took my seat in meeting I was quite



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empty but after a little time, my Vessel became refreshed with a comfortable Portion of the good Spirit Our friends John Hull & wife & Comfort Upton from Oblong on a religious visit to this Quarterly Meeting were with us. They appear to be solid friends & the two women appear to be Sound in Word, but not so correct in words as some others, John gave us no Specimin of his Gift, but if a solid countenance is any thing to judge by, he has that in his favor

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October 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 16 of 10 M / Our above mentioned friends staid in town last night & this mornng went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend a meeting which they appointed there his afternoon at Two OClock, From Er who was there I understand it was a favor'd time, they all preached & J Hull spoke from the words of the Apostle John "Faith is the substance of things, hoped for & the evidence of things not seen"

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October 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 17 of 10 M / I have had of late to reflect much on the dander [danger?] of standing high the view of the World - I have both seen & heard of many who have been considered eminent as men & women of piety & been much Spoken of as such & doubtless in measure were so, but by having their minds filled with the praise of men have become spiritually proud, by not keeping down in the spirit of their minds, others have fallen into acts of immorality & brought disgrace on themselves & the Truth they were making profession of & some have fallen one way & some another, which hath at times raised a strong query [?] in my soul to God that he would preserve me by his power from falling into the hands of the enemy -Oh Lord preserve me from falling

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October 18, Sunday: French troops entered Spain, making for Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 18 of 10 M 1807 / Our meeting this mornng was a very favord one. O Williams spoke in a weighty manner, as did also Mary Morton from these words, Blessed are they that Hunger & thirst after Righteousness for they shall be filled - In the Afternoon we were Silent, but my mind was not in quite so good a frame as



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in the mornng – As I was disappointed of a visit to [Portsmouth](#) this afternoon by the rain - took a walk in the forepart of the eveng over to the Beech, & spend the latter in my shop at writing letters to Several of my dear friends. M M, S B & my dear H R.

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October 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 10th M / Much engaged at Trade, & but little time to think on Superior concerns, my mind however has Several times been turned towards them with desires that they may have more place with me than they have – It seems a comfort to me that they have not been forgotten

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October 20, Tuesday: Civil engineer Loammi Baldwin –who had in the 1794-to-1804 timeframe built the ill-fated [Middlesex Canal](#)– died and was immortalized in our language as the person to have noticed, hanging on a wild apple tree near Woburn MA, the “Baldwin” apple, an excellent tasty tangy winter-keeping apple.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 20 of 10 M / As yesterday, much engaged in buisness, but it has not passed with entire forgetfulness of the right & all important Object, -

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October 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 21 of 10 M / The addition to our meeting house for the accomodation of the Y Meeting was this day Raised with out the least accident thro' the whole - towards the middle to the day I went up with an intention to render what service I could, but seeing the very dangerous situation the men was necessarily in, had such an effect on my system that I came home concluding it was impossible for me to be of use - but a while after went again & found by putting hand to that sense of fear vanished & I could perform to my own astonishment

I had today Some conversation with a friend who I apprehended had not borne a faithful testimony in respect to his militia fine, when he told me his conduct in the affair my mind was painfully affected with a fear that unless Friends are very watchful over their members, our testimony in that respect will be, (if it is not already) grievously wounded -

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October 22, Thursday: Magnus Huss, a Swedish medical clinician, was born. Huss would be the 1st to recognize chronic [alcoholism](#) to constitute a medical syndrome (his "Alcoholismus chronicus eller kronisk alkoholssjukdom" would appear in 1849).⁴⁹

PSYCHOLOGY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 10 M 1807 / At meeting my mind was exercised on acct of the many deficiencies that prevail among us as a society, but over all & above all on acct of my own Short coming & consequently Small Authority to put hand too to help remove those weaknesses which are Among us - O Williams Stood up & said his mind had been so impressed with the message which the prophet had to deliver formerly that he thought best to express it - "Oh Alter Alter hear the word of the Lord," he wished us to remember that there was to be but one Alter in Israel & that was to be at Jerusalem - M Morton stood up & preached very sweetly, encoraging us to "seek first the kingdom of heaven & the righteousness thereof & all things necessary shall be added unto us" - She said she had no doubt but there are in this particular meeting a livingly baptized remnant, & by faith & Patience she trusted they would see the desire of their Souls & be satisfied, notwithstanding the many clogs which retard the wheels of Society. She stood rather longer than I ever saw her before, & was very lively in her communication

In the preparative meeting the Queries were answered & the defective manner in which some of them were necessarily expressed, occasioned some close remarks & doubtless exercise to some feeling minds, & sorrowful to mention, the Overseers reported a Young man as a delinquent for attending a Militia

49. Street, W.R. A CHRONOLOGY OF NOTEWORTHY EVENTS IN AMERICAN [PSYCHOLOGY](#). Washington DC: American Psychological Association, 1994



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October 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 23 of 10 M / This Afternoon my friend Sam Towle called to see me, tho' he is not called by my name in religion, yet he is one that I feel to be a brother in the truth & I am free to acknowledged that his company has often proved edifying to me as I think it did this Afternoon. When he first came in I felt my mind Stript of every feeling that was desirable, but on digging & waiting a little in silence life sprang into dominion & did not leave me but continnued to circulate thro' the evening & render'd my calls at J S's & O W's very pleasant - I desire to be thankful for all my favors & under due Acknowledgement to Him who is the Author of them All

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October 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 24 of 10 M / The life has risen very sweetly in my mind this mornng & Oh may it continue tho' [thro'] the day to sweeten my outward labor
My morning experience & desire has been in measure continued thro' the day but Oh that I could dig to the "nethermost Spring" that the Spirit of my mind may be refreshed thereby -- Spent the eveng at C R's my endeared H is here & was a sweetner to the Circle -*

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October 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 10 M 1807 / At meeting my mind was rather unsettled. I strove to dig & now & then was favord to feel a little Strength vouchsafed - the meeting was pretty full & very still & I thought a favor'd time. D Buffum spoke a few words toward the close in a very lively & feeling manner, Desiring we might be proffited by our thus Assembling, & said if we were not the fault was our own, & in order to be proffited we must enter into a lively concern, & then we should feel a language or go away with a language like this "I am glad I have been there - In the Afternoon I thought my mind was in rather better state than in the morning. H Dennis was concern'd to remind us that "Salt was good but if the salt had lost its Savor wherewithall shall it be Salted," & advised those that had witnessed the preserving salt in their mind might be concern'd to retain its savor, lest by carelessness they loose it imperceptibly & think their Standing in the divine sight better than it really is -



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then A Robinson made a small addition to what H had expressed, & the meeting soon concluded – After tea I took Chase [chaise?] & rode to Portsmouth with my endeared H left her at P L's, & came back to Z Chases to see my endeared Aunt M Gould who has been there Several days on a visit Staid all night & the next morning rose early & came home

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October 26, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day / I'm rather unwell today, when the boody is out of order the mind generally is also - but lamentable to Say mine is continually so, if my mind could have enjoyed as perfect health & order as my boody has for Several months past, I could now have begun to hope the time would come when a redemption from Sin would commence - but Satan is allways buisy & every day renews his attacks, & Oh that there could be a more firm resolution maintained against his intreagues -- Old Ceasar Hazard discription of him was by no means unjust - when he said the Devil was like an old white horse, put him into a field & he would go all round the fence feeling for a weak place & when he found it would push harder there than any where else, & tho' he might as well have been compared to a black horse as a white one yet the comparison would hold better than some I have heard drawn by those who had much more of the worlds wisdom than he had, - I find it is the weak places that satan tries the hardest to gain the victory at, & I have so many of them that I Sometimes think the poets language quite descriptive of my mind "Some are flau'd & some flau'd all o'er

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October 27, Tuesday: President Thomas Jefferson's 7th Annual Message.

France and Spain signed the Treaty of Fontainebleau. Spain agreed to cooperate with French troops in the conquest of Portugal and allow French garrisons along their supply route. In return France granted Spain the southern third of Portugal. Meanwhile, King Carlos IV and Queen Maria Luisa detained Prince Fernando in the royal palace and launched an investigation into his affairs, fearful he was leading a plot against them.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 10th M 1807 / I seem to have to bewail myself as seperated from the divine harmony, I can neither See hear of [or] feel any thing of the precious influence, but am dead dry & allmost a burden to myself - however this afternoon I became acquainted with a young man from Pomfret in Connecticut whose name was Daniel Clapp Junr - his countenance seems remarkably solid & his company was very pleasant, & I thought was of some use to my lifeless mind

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October 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 10 M / Much engaged in my occupation, but notwithstanding that I have felt my mind enlivened with the precious influence of the holy spirit, not for many days have I felt so refreshed, So it is after a time of Poverty & leanness comes a time of Strength, & for this visitation of divine love, Oh my soul be thou thankful

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October 29, Thursday: Denmark allied with France against Britain.

Friend [James Arnold](#) got married with Friend [Sarah Rotch](#). The couple would have one daughter, [Elizabeth Rotch Arnold](#), born during January 1809, who would get married with a Dr. Tuttle but without issue, and who would die during October 1860 just after the death of her mother his wife — leaving him entirely without a blood heir for his accumulated vast whale-oil gains.



"The whaler was a kind of pirate-miner — an excavator of oceanic oil, stoking the furnace of the Industrial Revolution as much as any man digging coal out of the earth."

— Philip Hoare, *THE WHALE: IN SEARCH OF THE GIANTS OF THE SEA* (NY: HarperCollins, March 2010)



MOBY-DICK, THE OIL SPILL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 10th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with E R stopt at P L, & from there to the meeting house with my endeared H - In our first meeting soon after taking my seat my mind was very feelingly cloathed with the precious ownings of divine favor which so rejoiced my spirit that a song of thankfulness arose to the Lord for once more favoring me with the light of his countenance - Our friend O W Stood up & very feeling invited us in the language of "Come brother come sister let us go up to mountain of the Lord & to the House of the God of Jacob & he will teach us his ways & we will walk in his Paths" & said it was the desire of his mind that we might come out of the form & cleave to the Substance, come from the outward to the inner temple where his holyness dwells & he believed was this the case with us we should find in us "a well springing up unto eternal life" A Robinson soon rose & said she could say in sincerity that her Spirit Said Amen to the invitation but a query soon rose "Who shall go up this holy mountain without a preparatory exercise? even Moses that faithful servant of the Lord could not ascend without first putting off his Shoes for the Ground whereon he stood was holy," she very feelingly pointed out the



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way to prepare to ascend the holy mountain & encouraged all to begin that their days work may be completed the part of the meeting for discipline was pretty well conducted & for my own part I feel thankful I was there & it is the Secret prayer of my soul that the present favor may not vanish like the early dew but remain for many days - Dined at P L; & rode home before dark - R T was appointed clerk of the mens & H R of the womens Meeting, I feel desirous strength may be given them in proportion to their trials & in proportion to their faith I trust help will be afforded unto them - 6th day 30 of 10 M 1807 / If it was safe to boast I should be allmost ready too of this as a very favord day for me, Oh soul Dwell deep for it is in the deep & thro' the deep that we must travel 'ere we can become inheriters of the promised land of rest - In the eveng called a R T's & at Aunt M Gould -

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October 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 31 of 10 M / Except for giving way to a light disposition in one instance my mind has experienced a good degree of seriousness thro' the day, & this eveng has been much afflicted with various reflections, particularly that of the different views of mankind in general, & how much more we should assimilate with each other, were we to come more under the influence of spirit & truth, I can say that my hearts desire is that we may (or that mankind the world over) may submit to the benign spirit & principals inculcated by the Author of Christianity - And that those who have in measure witnessed this pure spirit to influence their minds may strive to deepen therein, for it is my sincere beleaf & has been for a long time, that were the professors of religion to be real possessors of it there would not be that gainsaying there now is, neither would there be that coolness towards one another but we should be brought into a Sweet harmony & love would more & more abound, our poor drooping society would revive & that Ancient Zeal for the Truth which so conspicuously shone in the lives of our worthy prediceors would again appear - at seasons all that is alive within me is roused into fervancey that this may be witnessed in our day, but when the many weaknesses & deficiencies are brought to view which prevail even alarmingly prevail among us, I am ready to adopt the query formerly "by whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" & conclude the Ancient warning is applicable in this our day

"O ye children of Benjamin, gather your selves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, & blow the trumpet in Tekoa [an outlying fortress city on the edge of the wilderness]; & set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccirem [a city of Judah, and chief town of district with a beacon]: for evil appeareth out of the north & great destruction.

C R & wife spent the evening with us, & tho' I am well acquainted



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with them yet as things are at present circumstances, I was subjected to a little embarrassment [from C R & wife to end crossed out with X]

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November 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 11th M 1807 / This mornig walked to [Portsmouth](#) by the East road & stoped at H Almys & got some breakfast before meeting

At meeting my mind was favord to feel a degree of favor, but found it hard to keep settled as a roving disposition seemed to prevail We had no preaching but the meeting was uncommonly quiet & solid

*I dined & [P L](#); & spent the Afternoon with my precious [H](#) who my soul loveth & at every interview is more & more entwined [from **I dined** to end crossed out with an X]*

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November 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 2 of 11 M / Lodged last night at [P L](#); & this mornig rose early & walked home, - the weather was very pleasant & my ruminations by no means painful, but may I not add were peaceful, - The time hastens when I shall not have occasion to go so frequently to [Portsmouth](#) as for several months past which affords me a degree of comfort, but I can say of a truth that my visits there this summer have allways been pleasant & I have no doubt were useful to me many ways & a seal is fixed on my mind that it is right that my lot has been cast there as it has, not a single unpleasant reflection arises from it -- The day has passed as well as common, spent the eveng in writing a Marriage certificate for [R S & L F](#) - & a letter to [D S](#) -

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November 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 11 M / It has been a day of precious favor, may my soul bow in humble thankfulness for this renewed visitation of heavenly love & tender regard, when I first laid my head on the pillow my mind was under much feeling on several accounts, but alass was soon exchanged to hardness & dimness of sight - In the corse of the day received a letter from Mary Collins. In the evening made several calls on my friends, one at C R, where I found O W & wife comfortably Seated

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November 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 4 of 11 M / Another favord day – my mind seems this evening to be a little with our friends who have gone to Quarterly meeting, but from an apprehesion it is right for me to be at home, feel no regret that I am not with them may they have a good reward for going –

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November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 11 M 1807 / After I went from the Shop last eveng I perceived the family had received affecting news from my brother David who hath arrived in Savannah & is very sick, desires soon arose in my mind that he might find friends among Strangers, & that should he be Summoned to his long home that he may previously be at peace with his maker, & be admitted to the blessed abode of the righteous – I'm now going to meeting & Oh Father be pleased to me my stay, help me, for I acknowledge my great need, & my unworthiness of thy favor. – Reuben Shove & Lydia Fish were married they spoke very audible & becomingly, & all things conducted in order. The meeting was silent & I believe not a minister present all were absent at Swansey to the Quarterly meeting which is this day held there – My mind was not in that State of favor I anticipated before I went, but on the whole it was a pretty good time

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November 6, Friday: [Cornelius Conway Felton](#) was born in West [Newbury, Massachusetts](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 6 of 11 M / Our friends have generally return'd from Quarterly Meeting, I understand they had a very good meeting, & some of them refreshed in the best sense
Spent the eveng at O Ws & was rather humoursly entertaine'd by B H's storys the time passed pleasantly but I apprehend not so proffitably as it might have done. I hope no harm will come of it & if I had done nothing this eveng to be dissatisfied with, but that, I believe I should be better quallified to write than I am now*

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November 7, Saturday: Angered by the British attack on Copenhagen in September, and in accordance with the Treaty of Tilsit, Russia broke relations with Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 7 of 11 M / In company with B Freborn a brother committe



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man, visit H Hadwin in consequence of his attending at the last Military Parade. The poor thing seemed sorry for what he had done, but we were ready to fear from his other conduct in life he will not be able to make suitable satisfaction for that violation of our christian testimony, we left him & I agree'd to see him again & he was willing to meet me in my Shop some evening -

Feeling a drift towards Portsmouth as it will be the last (probably) I shall see my beloved H there, in the evening would out, & lodged at cousin Z Chases whose affectionate care & attention to me thro' life & particularly this summer has been very manifest, & requires my grateful Acknowledgement & are to number'd among my temporal blessings -

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November 8, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1 day / Walked up to P L & from there with him to meeting -which was large & to me an uncommonly favor'd Season Our friend H Almy was largely concerned in testimony particularly addressed the youth on the subject of their future hapiness & warnd us in a Solemn manner of the dangers of delays & exorted us as a Monument of Gods mercy to close in with the day of visitation while it lasted - at a second & third standing he was concernd to prove & enforce the doctrine of perfection & addressed those who were placing too much dependance on those who teach for hire & divine for money, exorting such to leave the shadow & cleave to the substance for they could never find it among those dead worshipers who are ever learning & never Able to come to the knowledge of the truth - I thought while he was standing, If George Fox was living & was to hear him he would have unity with him, as something of that power which George so frequently spoke of, seemed to be among us, & several were much broken even to weeping

After meeting I dined with J Chase, then returned to P L & spent the afternoon & evening in true love & fellowship with my endeared H - then return'd to Z C', & lodged, & this morning

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November 9, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day walked home in about an hour & three quarters, my walks this summer have been very pleasant as to the outward & I apprehend no loss of inward strength has been experienced from them - I am glad the time has come when my dear H will be nearer than for six months past, & tho' it has cost me some exercise of boody, & given the world an opportunity to make some unfriendly remarks at her going out there, yet I trust there has been no just occasion of offence, & for our own part we are



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perfectly well satisfied that it was right for her to be there
-[from **I am glad** to end has been crossed out with an X]

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November 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 10th of 11 M 1807 / The day has passed with but little
religious sensibility*

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November 11, Wednesday: East Frisia, Knyphausen and Jever were attached to the Kingdom of Holland.

The British government forbade all trade with France and ordered a blockade of French ports and the ports of any nations allied with France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 11th of 11th M / The forepart of the day my mind was
rather light & of an airy turn, but by the company & conversation
of my beloved Philip Dunham [?] was rather helped to feel
something of the covering of truth
Towards evening Simeon Martin the owner of the Ship of which my
brother David is mate received a letter which mentioned that the
second mate & two of the hands were dead, & the mate very low
of a fever - A report is also in circulation that all the hands
on board are dead except the Captain it appears to come so
correst that most people believe it - the report involves us in
much doubt & fear, & is very afflicting to dear father & Mother*

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November 12, Thursday: French troops reached Salamanca.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12th of 11 M 1807 / The report of last night so operated
on the minds of Father & Mother that they thought best to keep
our Shops shut today & owing to Some indisposition & the effects
of a portion of physic I did not go to meeting, but was not
otherways so affected but that I could have attended pretty well
especially as there is some doubt of the correctness of the
report of last night, but should the poor thing be living it is
most probable his Situation is very distressing, being far from
friends & connections or any that he is particularly acquainted
with in a county not noted for its humanity & kindness to poor
suffering humanity, the secret prayer of my heart is that if he
is living he may be favor'd with some kind friend that will*



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afford the balm of comfort on a sick bed & more particularly, that friend who can make a sick bed easy by the effusions of his holy spirit in the mind - & if he is no More, Oh Saith my Soul that he might have been so favord before the final Solemn change as to be at peace with Our God & now at rest in the bosom of the blessed Saviour - When he was at home the last time he dremp't a dream which he told mother the next day he could not get rid of, but thinking of it, & if he has been favord with his Senses I think he must have thought of it in this sickness - He said he thought he was coming from meeting & an old grave looking friend met him, & said to him David thou must go up to the meeting house field (meaning the burying place) & pray - & he went & knelt down & prayed fervantly, & as he prayed he got flat upon his face & the tears flowed so copiously that they seemed to run in a Stream - When this was told me today it affected my mind very much -

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November 13, Friday: The Emperor Napoléon ordered his reserves at Bayonne (25,000 men) to march into Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 13 of 11 M 1807 / This eveng while setting at C R's, I felt the covering or mantle of Truth spread over my mind in a very precious manner Oh how I love to feel it - but Allass my mind is so fluctuating that it is easily shifted from one thing to another & by giving way to the lightness - I miss of many precious moments & in their place find a Sting of remorse

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November 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 14 of 11 M / Could I allways feel that precious tenderness & seriousness with which my mind is now clothed, I should not so often stray from the path which leads to peace, & inflict a wound which needs the purifying fire of truth to heal The desire of my mind is very fervant that this may continue, as the time I apprehend is approaching when we shall stand in need of all the christian fortitude that we can attain to, as the times are very allarming, our Political world is very much convulsed, & this land is threatened with the horrors of war - & preparations are Making to draft men as Soldiers for the carnal warfare, that those young men members of our society that may chance to be drawn will do I know not, whether we shall be favord with a Sufficient of the Lambs Spirit to resist with propper firmness the requisition made by government in that respect or not is yet unknown - but the desire yea prayer of my Spirit is that the Lord will not be wanting to invest us with a portions



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of his power & spirit to carry us thro' all to his honor -

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November 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 15 of 11 M / Our meeting both in the forenoon & afternoon were Silent As to my own Situation I may acknowledge it was much better than I deserved, being thro' unmerited mercy favord to feel the Stirring of truth in my mind, tho' mixed with conviction, & was helped to gain a good degree of ascendancy over Some thoughts which require unceasing watchfulness & prayer to Subdue - Spent the evening with my beloved H in a very solid manner & the greater part of the time in silence, both our spirits being under the baptizing influence & Oh Saith my soul may all that is within us bow & surrender to the requisitions of the spirit of truth in our hearts

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November 16, Monday: [Mary Tyler Peabody](#) (Mann) was born to the dentist [Nathanael Peabody](#) and the Unitarian [Elizabeth Palmer Peabody](#) in Billerica, Massachusetts.

She would attend the 2d (soon to be Unitarian) Church in Salem, Massachusetts.

A British fleet arrived at the mouth of the River Tejo, Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 11 M 1807 / This evenings Mail has confirmed the melancholy report of my dear Brother David's decease. He departed this life the 22nd of 10th M last About 9 OClock in the evening at Savannah in Georgia after twelve days illness of a fever, the particulars of his sickness we have not yet learnt whether he was favord with his reason to the last, or reconciled to the Solemn final change, we wish very much to hear but as he was so far from us & no particular friend & acquaintance near, it is most likely we Shall not very soon if ever learn how it was with him - The circumstance of his change at so great a distance from us is a very close tryal, & since the news reached us I have had to take an home view of death. The agonies attendant at that Awful moment must be very great. Oh that when the pale messenger may assail my tabernacle, I may be in readiness to go with him -

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 November 17, Tuesday: 50,000 French troops invaded Portugal from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 11 M 1807 / A day of seriousness, but even in the midst of Seriousness, the tempter has been present & in a Small degree prevailed against me, but I hope he will be put to flight yet -

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 November 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18th of 11 M / It hath been a favor'd day, for which my Soul desires to be thankful. I have felt more of the precious covering Spirit & Power of Truth than for a long time -- The Militia Companys have this day mustered in order [sic] to draft their men P[er] order of the President - whether my name was among the number that were drawn out, or not, I have not heard, nor do I feel much concern'd about it, having felt this day an uncommon Zeal to bear faithful testimony in that respect

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 November 19, Thursday: Local councils were instituted in Prussia.

Invading French troops arrived at Lisbon.

Humphrey Davy read his paper announcing the discovery of potassium and sodium before the Royal Society in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 11 M / Our Meeting was Silent, & to me a pretty good one; the preparative meeting but small & no buisness - After having got through the manual labor of the day in the latter part of the evening called at C Rs & set an hour very sweetly, & I trust to some proffit -

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 November 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 11 M / My Dear Aunt Martha Stanton sail'd from Newyork yesterday mornng at 10 OClock & arrived here this mornng at 5 OClock. When I first saw her my mind was bowed with the Spirit of thanksgiving & prayer to God for his many favors, & a sweet spirit of that kind pervads me at this moment. Oh Lord be pleased to preserve me in this tender frame



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This evening called at J T's shop & met a couple of men whose conversation turnd on the present gloomy prospect of War, & in such a case what Friends would do. They said we must all fight. - My reply was, that I should think it an hanious crime for me to fight & kill an Englishman for they had done me no hurt & I felt no animosity against them. My replys was short but were Such as has afforded me very peacefull feelings, & I thought struck them with some weight - Soon after I fell in with a member of society with whom I had a little conversation on the Same Subject which has given me much pain as I verily believe he is not as Sound in the faith as he ought to be

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November 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 21 of 11 M 1807 / The day has passed rather better than common My mind has been possessed with an livly Zeal for the Testimony - [?] received a clever letter from a female friend & relative in Nine Partners which was very agreeable - In the eveng gave way to a peace of folly which left a testimony of remorse.

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November 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 11 M / Our meetings were Silent, large & in a good degree favor'd times. In the mornng my mind was feelingly arrested with the subject of the Babylonish garment & wedge of gold that hinderd the progress of Israel formerly, attended with a conciousness of there being something of the accursed thing retained in my mind which so retards my progress in the work of religion. may I me [be] zealously engaged to exterminate every thing which stands as a barrier to my peace with God - In the Afternoon the same subject was renew'd, but not with so much force as in the mornng - Spent the eveng with my endear'd H

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November 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 11 M / This mornng the young man (member of society) with whom I mentioned having conversation on Military subjects on sixth day evening last, came to the shop & said his mind had been troubled about what he said on the subject, & thought he should feel most easy to say something further upon it, & satisfactorilyly condemned what he then said as believing it right in case of personal insult, rather than be killed or suffer



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those under our protection to be killed, to kill the offender, on this doctrine I opposed him & stood my ground, zealously supporting that it would be better to die ourselves, that we should stand a greater chance of mercy from the Lord, than to Kill him whose mind was so far reduced to the brute condition, & the probability would be must be consigned to endless misery, & in my opinion the destroying of such an one would subject our own souls to the same punishment. Whereas was he to live he might by unfeigned repentance obtain pardon from the most high & we be clear of the blood of all men -In this frank acknowledgement of the young man my mind has received an additional confirmation that it is best for us zealously to support our religious principals & if we are sometimes overcome by the eloquence of mans wisdom, or rather if we do not allway find sufficient matter to advance against those who has a little more of gift of speach than ourelves, that is no reason to think our cause is bad, if we can but feel an evidence of what we say to be right & as coming from the right spring, we need not fear, for sometimes a few words spoken in the symplicity will do more good & have a more convincing effect on the mind of an opposer than many words couched in the nicest manner.

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November 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 11 M 1807 / Busily occupied at Trade. I've nothing to boast of in any sense, my purse is low, but thro' favor, not so streightened as I have been - That life which I wish above all other considerations to cherish & support is but weak. I pray it may not die, for my soul is well satisfied that the enjoyment of it is all that can render us wise & happy in this life whether rich or poor -

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November 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 25 of 11 M / Nothing material to insert. My friend A Barker spent then evening with me in the shop hos company was very plesant

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November 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 11 M / Monthly meeting held in town The first was a good favord time to me. Our friend Holder Almy was helped with a good degree of Authority to preach to the people concerning



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the things which belong to their present & future wellbeaing, & particularly that of the love of the world he mentioned as one of the greatest hindrances to our religious growth, he urged the necessity of obeying the commandments of God, that no Wedge of God or Baybalonish garments be retained in the camp, but that all that God requires must be done. the best of the sheep & oxen must not be kept but slain if he requires it, the pretence of sacrifice will not do -

*In the last part for discipline I thought we were much favord in the traransacting [transacting] the concerns that came before us. Our new Clerk R T perform'd well for the first time -I know not the time when my mind has been more favord in any meeting than to day - I felt the precious incomes of divine life to arise in the first & was uncommonly continued in the last, & feel well satisfied with the few remarks that I apprehended was right for me to make to the buisness before us
In the eveng called at Aunt M Gs, R Ts, C R, & set the remainder at O W's in very pleasant circle*

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November 27, Friday: The federal Congress returned, on this day, to the hard task of considering the possibility of the issuance of a clarification to Section 8 of their recent "Act to prohibit the importation of Slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight." This section had given permission for the continued buying and selling of slaves inside the borders of this nation. Nothing would come of their attempt at a clarification of this section.

STATUTES AT LARGE, II. 426. For proceedings in Senate, see SENATE JOURNAL (reprint of 1821), 9th Congress, 1-2d session, IV. 11, 112, 123, 124, 132, 133, 150, 158, 164, 165, 167, 168; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress, 2d session, pages 16, 19, 23, 33, 36, 45, 47, 68, 69, 70, 71, 79, 87, 93. For proceedings in House, see HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 9th Congress, 2d session, V. 470, 482, 488, 490, 491, 496, 500, 504, 510, 513-6, 517, 540, 557, 575, 579, 581, 583-4, 585, 592, 594, 610, 613-4, 616, 623, 638, 640; 10th Congress, 1st session, VI. 27, 50; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress, 2d session, pages 167, 180, 200, 220, 231, 254, 264, 270.

SLAVERY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 27 of 11 M 1807 / Much engaged, in the Morning with T H visited Eleazer Trevets Charity School for the purpose of selecting propper objects to bestow some old cloaths put into our hands & \$5 in money to purchase new shoes for the most necesitous scholars in the School we selected twelve of this discription, with the money in our care we purchased Six pair of good shoes & gave those that needed most, & the old clothes we distributed according to the best of our judgement - When I see those that are poor it excites in my mind a desire to be



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more in a capacity to help them than I am but may I be content with my lot & not aspire after things beyond my reach, for riches in this world will never be in my possession -but a disposition to do all the good I can is my sincere wish

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November 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 28 of 11 M / My endeared friend Joseph Austin is here from [Nantucket](#) & has spent much of his time with me today I love him as a brother & do sincerely sympathise with him in his very tried state of mind respecting his Fathers situation - I hardly know of a young man with whom I feel so nearly united in the best sense. Oh that we may continue to Strive for best help thro' life & be favord when the thread of life shall be cut to receive the blessed sentence of "Well Done"

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November 29, Sunday: The Portuguese royal family, court, and government left Lisbon for Brazil under British escort. They took with them most of the national treasury and national archives.

Miguel Pereira Forjaz, conde de Feira became acting head of government in Lisbon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 11th M 1807 / Last night Aunt M Stanton was violently attacked with the Bilious Cholic, which kept me up very late, & this mornng rose early & went with R T to dig some narrow dock root for a complaint which my Mother has in her breast, all which so fatigued me that I thought it best to omit meeting this forenoon - I understood those that attended were favor'd with a good time & D Buffum was uncommonly favor'ed in testimony In the Afternoon I went but to me it was but a poor dry time tho' I thought there was a degree of favor vouchsafed - Spent the evening as usual of late on first days -

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December 1, Tuesday: [Horatio Wood](#) was born, son of John Wood and Elizabeth Smith Wood, in Newburyport, Massachusetts (the father was for half a century a prominent merchant of [Newbury](#) port, and for several years president of its Mechanics Bank).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 12th M 1807 / Again much engaged, & nothing material to insert The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak

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December 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 12 M / Tho' much engaged at Trade, my mind is touched with the precious spirit of Truth, & feel disposed to stop & say "Thy ways are ways of pleasantness & all thy paths O God are peace, enable me Oh Father to keep in thy ways & to walk in thy paths.

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December 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 12 M / Times & seasons are assuredly in the hand of the Lord. When I took my seat in meeting I was entirely unquallified, & saw nothing but a poor dry barran meeting before me - but was very soon agreeably disappointed. I hardly know when my spirit has been in a better frame - Spent the forepart of the eveng in calling on several of my friends & among the rest M Williams for the first time since her confinement - The latter part in the shop writing to a friend

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December 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 4 of 12 M / An agreeable visit from my friend P.D. I believe our strength was mutually renewed by the company & conversation of each other, for my own I was much refreshed with his company -

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December 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 5 of 12 M 1807 / Buisy at trade, but not with out an evidence of the continued regard & mercy of divine providence

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December 6, Sunday: Obed Baker of West Dedham (now Westwood), Massachusetts got married with local schoolteacher [Betsey Metcalf](#).

According to church records as investigated by Judy Fichtenbaum of the Concord Museum, on this day Mrs. [Sophia Lapham](#), wife of Mr [Luther Lapham](#) & daughter of the Reverend A. Dunbar, received communion as a member of the congregation of the West Church in [Boston](#).

SOPHIA DUNBAR

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 6 of 12 M / Our meetings were silent & to me favor'd
opportunitys, feeling the sweet springing up of life & a little
reneweal of my spiritual strength may I be duly thankful
therefor – Spent the eveng as usual on first days*

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December 7, Monday: Jérôme Bonaparte ascended the throne of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7 of 12 / Accompanied Our friend D Buffum in a visit to
Rodman Gardner occasioned by some unjust unfounded & malicious
aspersions which Rodman had utterd against David in presence of
Joseph Briggs & John Price who went with us – Rodman accused
David of having officiously [meddled with, crossed out]
advised his father Anthony in the making of his Last Will, but
when called upon to specify wherein, or what David had done
worthy of blame declined offering any thing as accusation,
whereupon David rehersed in the presence of J B, J P & myself
all the conversation he ever had with his father on the subject,
which amounted to no more than, that he visited him sometime
before his death & was speaking with him on various subjects, &
of necessity of leaving our outward concerns in such manner as
to feel peaceful in the trying moment on which he said, Elisha
immedeatly reply'd "mine are not" & wished David to call on C
Rodman & ask him to call at his House the next day which he
accordingly did, & when the will was rote David was one of
witnesses, & with a little conversation on the subject of the
Executors was all that ever passed between them – So David
clearly satisfactorily cleared up his character before the
witnesses without any grounded accusation from Rodman who only
asserted things without proving them as he went – I was very
desirous that the conference might end well, which it did, to
David & myself but poor R was left in an hard unrelenting state
& without any ground of hard thinking*

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December 8, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 8 of 12 M / Occupied as usual thro' the day, my mind in rather better state than common - In the eveng rote a friend & acquaintance in Salem

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December 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9 of 12 M / After I went home last eveng I was called to watch with a Sick man. My mind was often in the corse of the night brought feelingly & deeply to reflect on the Awfulness of death -The circumstances of my poor brother David's decease was brought close home to my feelings. I longed to hear the state of his mind at the final change, & thought how thankful I should have been to have had the favor to set with him as I was then with that sick man. But alas he is removed from time - & that in a land where he would not receive the assistance of near relatives. My souls prays that he had some near sympathiser where he was -

This Afternoon recevied a letter from my Beloved friend Micajah Collins which did my soul good - for When I received it my feelings were upon a low key - I'm sure I have not been so refreshed by a communication in a long time, if ever -



December 10, Thursday: The Kingdom of Etruria (Tuscany) was annexed by France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 10th of 12th M 1807 / Our meeting was silent. I tried to have a good one, & thought I should in the beginning, but found it hard to keep to the center before it concluded, however it was not the worst of times

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December 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 12th M / Much perplexed with old stoping Watches insomuch that I allmost was ready to wish that I had never learnt the trade - but thro' favor made out to get the better of them, & by striving for patience & resignation, became reconciled, & experienced a favord state of mind. Spent the eveng in replying to dear Micajahs favor receivd the day before yesterday -

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December 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 12 M / A very poor thing

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December 13, Sunday: Spanish troops occupied Oporto.

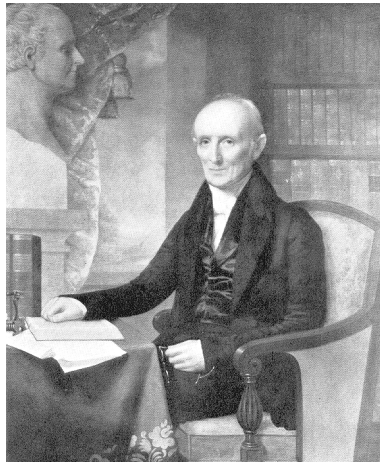
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 13 of 12 M / Silent meetings, & I am a poor scattered thing

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December 14, Monday: In the early morning hours, a huge fireball streaked from north to south over New England at a speed of three miles per second and an altitude of some 18 miles, exploding with the noise of a small cannon above Weston, Connecticut. Remnants would be collected and studied by Yale College. Shown a rocky fragment that weighed nearly 200 pounds, President [Thomas Jefferson](#) remained skeptical of the supposition that stony matter might be originating anywhere else than from down here upon the surface of the earth (like extinct dinosaurs, this was something that just didn't fit into his mental universe). We owe the calculations of the speed and altitude of this [meteor](#) to Nathaniel Bowditch, who throughout his life was in constant search for instances which would succumb to the tools of mathematical analysis.



SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 14 of 12 M / A severe struggle between flesh & spirit.
I never more sensibly felt that truth of the assertion that there
is no temptation so great but that with the temptation there,
was, or is a way made for an escape. -*

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December 16, Wednesday: Panama Railroad financier William Henry Aspinwall was born in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 16 of 12 M / The state of my mind was such yesterday that I thought best not to attempt to insert any thing in my journal, it resembled that of poor Cain when every man that met him slew him, every one that looked at me accused me of having departed from that principal which will save to the very uttermost, or having known a death to that precious life which is of all things the most precious, I am abundantly satisfied in the belief of the doctrine that the spirit does not allways strive with man, but will faithfully strive for a Season & if there is not a compliance with the terms, which is nothing short of a death to the will & passions of the natural man, we are by degrees left to fullfill our own lusts untill we become hardened & can commit them, without feeling the checks of conscience, & thus witness our SPIRITUAL life to decay & we left but poor dry & dead creatures.

I have felt in rather better condition than yesterday, & hope I shall yet do better, so as to feel more of the power of divine life in my mind -

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December 17, Thursday: The Emperor Napoléon issued the Milan Decrees: all neutral shipping which submitted to British search or visited British ports would be banned from continental ports.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 12 M 1807 / It was a silent meeting, & to me a close searching season but I trust not the worst of times - Just now heard my brother James had arrived in NewYork after a passage of 29 days from Liverpool In the eveng walked out to D Buffums to wait on my H & sister A [?] home -

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[John Greenleaf Whittier](#) was born to a [Quaker](#) family of [Huguenot](#) ancestry (John and Abigail Hussey Whittier)⁵⁰ living in an old hand-hewn oak cabin near Haverhill north of Boston. He was their 2d child, the 1st having been Mary, born in the previous year.



This was one family that would not be claiming, like some, to be blond-haired and blue-eyed and hereditarily

50. Using statistical methods, Abraham D. Lavender has calculated in his *FRENCH HUGUENOTS: FROM MEDITERRANEAN CATHOLICS TO WHITE ANGLO-SAXON PROTESTANTS* (New York: Peter Lang, 1990, page 171) that as of the middle of the 19th Century there were perhaps a million people in the US who had credentials similar to Thoreau's and Whittier's for descent, with considerable outmarriage, from French [Huguenot](#) religious refugees.

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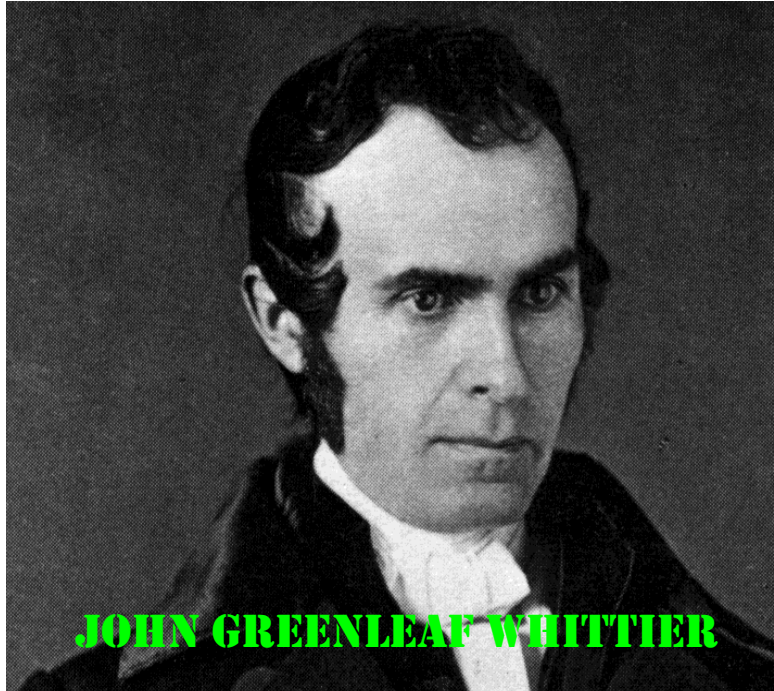


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privileged and to have come over in the *Mayflower*.⁵¹



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51. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow had been born on February 27th of that year in the Massachusetts town of Portland (Portland not yet having been assigned to Maine), to parents who did claim such distinction. According to the [American Methodist Monthly](#), Volume II, page 229, [John Greenleaf Whittier](#) was descended from a religious refugee named Foulillevert who had fled from Brittagne in the early states of the persecution by the French government. [John Greenleaf Whittier](#) was distantly related to [Benjamin Franklin](#), Friend [Lucretia Mott](#), Octavius Brooks Frothingham, and Henry Adams.



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When Friend John would belatedly enroll at the Haverhill Academy, he would need to support himself by odd jobs and by crafting slippers for other students at \$0.²⁵ per pair. Due to poor health, as well as to lack of financial backing and to being quite a bit older than the other students, he would be quite unable to proceed



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from the academy to college.

I was born on the 17th of December, 1807, in the easterly part of Haverhill, Mass., in the house built by my first American ancestor, two hundred years ago. My father was a farmer, in moderate circumstances,—a man of good natural ability, and sound judgment. For a great many years he was one of the Selectmen of the town, and was often called upon to act as arbitrator in matters at issue between neighbors. My mother was Abigail Hussey, of Rollinsford, N.H. A bachelor uncle and a maiden aunt, both of whom I remember with much affection, lived in the family. The farm was not a very profitable one; it was burdened with debt and we had no spare money; but with strict economy we lived comfortably and respectably. Both my parents were members of the Society of Friends. I had a brother and two sisters. Our home was somewhat lonely, half hidden in oak woods, with no house in sight, and we had few companions of our age, and few occasions of recreation. Our school was only for twelve weeks in a year,—in the depth of winter, and half a mile distant. At an early age I was set at work on the farm, and doing errands for my mother, who, in addition to her ordinary house duties, was busy in spinning and weaving the linen and woolen cloth needed in the family. On First-days, father and mother, and sometimes one of the children, rode down to the Friends' Meeting-house in Amesbury, eight miles distant. I think I rather enjoyed staying at home and wandering in the woods, or climbing Job's hill, which rose abruptly from the brook which rippled down at the foot of our garden. From the top of the hill I could see the blue outline of the Deerfield mountains in New Hampshire, and the solitary peak of Agamenticus on the coast of Maine. A curving line of morning mist marked the course of the Merrimac, and Great Pond, or Kenoza, stretched away from the foot of the hill towards the village of Haverhill hidden from sight by intervening hills and woods, but which sent to us the sound of its two church bells. We had only about twenty volumes of books, most of them the journals of pioneer ministers in our society. Our only annual was an almanac. I was early fond of reading, and now and then heard of a book of biography or travel, and walked miles to borrow it. When I was fourteen years old my first school-master, Joshua Coffin, the able, eccentric historian of Newbury, brought with him to our house a volume of Burns' poems, from which he read, greatly to my delight. I begged him to leave the book with me; and set myself at once to the task of mastering the glossary of the Scottish dialect at its close. This was about the first poetry I had ever read, (with the exception of that of the Bible, of which I had been a close student,) and it had a lasting influence upon me I began to make rhymes myself, and to imagine stories and adventures. In fact I lived a sort of dual life, and in a world of fancy, as well as in the world of plain matter-of-fact about me.



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 December 18, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 18 of 12 M / I was at O Williams this eveng. He & wife have just returnd from a visit to Bedford –

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 December 19, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 19 of 12 M / Much as usual of late, rather a going behind hand

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 December 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1 day 20 of 12 M / Silent meetings - Alass for my backslidings - I was but a poor scattered creature, but in the afternoon fared rather better than in the morning - Spent the evening as usual of late –

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 December 21, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 21 of 12 M / Alass! Alass! I really believe every moment of my life is retrograde from the path to holiness - A little after Sunset, brother James arrived from NewYork, spent the evening at work & towards the latter part of it called at a friends house & set a little while -

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 December 22, Tuesday: The US Congress passed President Jefferson's Embargo Act of 1807 halting commercial shipping to any other nation without the specific authority of the president. His embargo on foreign trade instantly shut down the port of New-York (American ships would be forbidden from leaving American waters, until 1809).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 22 of 12 M / Owing to repeated revoltings & rebellions to the saving Principal, my mind is in a very depressed state, & allmost ready to conclude it is impossible for the heavenly presence to be vouchsafed but nevertheless am favor'd to feel an encoraging hope that by a deep indwelling with the spirit of divine life that I may yet witness light to arise out of darkness, & tho' depression is more my experience today than for a long time, I am not willing to consider it a bad omen, but



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rather as a good one, for I have allways found when my mind can come to a feeling sense of my backslidings that it is more comfortable & hopeful than is a dead unfeeling state, having a sense that things are not right, but not able to do the least thing to extricate myself from the thralldom of Sin. This State I have experienced hundreds & I dont know but thousands of times, & find it, of all that I have ever experienced the most unpleasant - It is the sincere prayer of my spirit, that I may that I may be more watchful to guard against the cunning intreagues of the Enemy that all that is of a Babylonish nature may be removed even if it be as near as a right hand or a right eye. Oh Lord it is under a feeling sense of my great unworthiness that I presume to ask thy help in removing those hindering & obstructing things.

Was favor'd this evening, (notwithstanding my depression in the day time to treat with H Hadwen in consequence of his attending a Military training,) much beyond my expectation & tho' the Spring of life appeard low in his mind & he manifested but little disposition to satisfy friends for his transgression, Yet the circumstance of his Youth & the little advantage he has had in society claimed my affectionate feelings & sympathy, & according to the ability afforded, endeavor'd to do what I could for his restoration

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December 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 23 of 12 M 1807 / Again feel an emptiness, but am not so much depressed as Yesterday, or so sinful as for many days past -

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December 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

24 of 12 M / When I went to meeting I felt but little prospect of having a good meeting, feeling very barran & destitute of life, but very soon after taking my seat, felt the flowings of that precious Stream which refreseth as none other can - & at the conclusion could readily adopt the Language "It is Good for me to be here" Our friend Abigail Robinson was fervantly engaged in supplication that we might be favord to overcome the enemys of our own house-hold, & that those whose hands were ready to hang down, under the depressing prospect of things in our poor society, might be strengthened to hold on their way, & also was engaged to return hearty thanks to the Lord for his many favors bestowed upon us acknowledging in deep humility our great unworthiness - We had no buisness at the preparative meeting, except to appoint representatives who were directed to confer with some friend suitable to serve as Clerke -



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This evening I went to the Moravian Meeting it being the time of their love feast which curiosity lead me to see performed, the house was so full that I could not get in so as to hear what was said, or see all that was done, however they gave me half a rusk, & would have given me a mug of Chocolate if there had been any left, I took the will for the deed & in compensation gave them six cents. I felt a little reluctance at giving money for any thing at a Meeting house, but when I considered it was not to pay for preaching but merely to defray the expence of what was eaten, I made a little stertch of conscience & conformd to what I could not fully approve of was that they only thing that I had ever done that was wrong, or if I was not in the daily practice of doing things much more offensive, than I have any reason to believe that was, I believe my path to happiness would not be at all obstructed to what it now is

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December 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 25 of 12 M / It has been a day peradventure of some little improvement, having felt a good degree of Seriousness to cover my mind. In the evening walked to Saml Thurstons to come home with H & E R
This afternoon received another very acceptable letter from my beloved friend Micajah*

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December 26, Saturday: British forces occupied Madeira.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 26 of 12 M / Nothing material has occur'd in my own mind save some little cogitations respecting the political convulsions of our nation - we seem on the brink of a war, & a report has currently circulated that an embargo is laid on all Vessels in the united states, but notwithstanding the present calamitous appearance of things, a little secret Small Still voice has frequently been sounded in my mind, like "Be ye bot troubled" -

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December 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 27 of 12th M / It has been a comfortable day to me, our meetings were favor'd seasons. In the forenoon our friend D Buffum stood up & endeavored to impress in our minds the necessity



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of our being concern'd in good earnest for our own peace & said it would not do for us to Say that we have Abraham to our fathers for our connection with good people would do nothing for us but we must be good our selves – when he first rose he mentioned the text "Ye have no longer need of this proverb in Israel the children have eaten sour grapes & the children s teeth are set on edge, which he clearly proved to be of no use in these days as we were not accoutable for the sins of one another. -- In the afternoon we were silent but very quiet & solid –Spent the eveng as usual of late

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December 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 12th M 1807 / It has been a day of feeling, & this evening a precious sweetness covers my mind Oh that my soul may be humbly thankful for this favor

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December 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 12 M / A pretty good day, much engaged in buisness

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December 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 30 of 12 M / This day I am 26 years of age. the relfection that I have advanced no further in religious experience is very humbling

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December 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 31 of 12 M 1807 / This morning rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my H to attend our Monthly Meeting which was large & but a low time. The seed seem'd to be under suffering both in the first & last meetings. Our friend S Barker however was favord with Strength to remind us of the words of the Royal Psalmist "Behold how good & how pleasant it is for bretheren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Arons beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that desended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessings, even life forever more. – The buisness



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of Society went on pretty well considering the dullness that prevailed among us. & our friend O Williams made a few lively remarks in the line of testimony - we dined at P Lawtons & rode home on the edge of the evening. Thus ends the Year. Oh that the conclusion of another may be more propitious, my mind is often humbled under the very gloomy prospect of things in our poor society & my inability to contribute towards rebuilding the waste places of Zion -

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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1808



January 1, Friday: “[Mounseer Nongtonpow](#),” a poem expanding upon a Charles Dibdin song, published by the publishing firm of [William Godwin](#) (M.J. Godwin) and illustrated by a Godwin protégé William Mulready, that some once supposed to have been authored by that publisher’s child [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#).

Herman Willem Daendels, appointed as governor by the French-controlled Dutch government, arrived in the Dutch East Indies.

The Code [Napoléon](#) went into effect in Spain and Holland.

Princess Elisa of Lucca reduced her court orchestra to a string quartet which included [Nicolò Paganini](#) and his brother.

Sierra Leone was made a British Crown Colony.

As of this day it supposedly became impossible legally, sort of, to import any more [slaves](#) into the United



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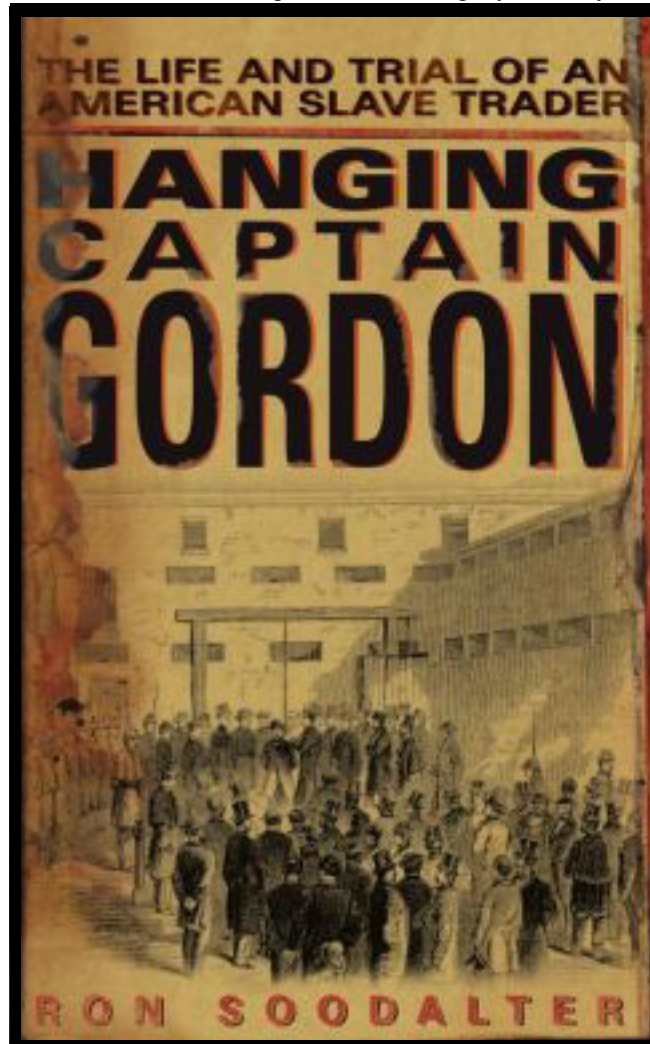
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States of America.⁵²

52. You will notice the manner in which Section 9 of the US Constitution is persistently misrepresented in our history textbooks. Where Section 9 explicitly prohibits the new federal Congress from restricting the [international slave trade](#) before 1808, saying that “The migration or importation of such persons as any of the states now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight” our popular historians gloss this in our high schools as a victory for human liberty. This was instead a sop that had been thrown to the American enslavers. It categorically prevented the new federal government from interfering with their resupply of slaves prior to 1808 no matter how many votes there came to be, by decent and honorable Representatives, to duly restrict such an insidious traffic. Our popular historians present this concession to slavery, falsely, as if it were a 1787 declaration that as of 1808 the international trade in slaves was constitutionally declared to be outlawed. A built-in protection for slavery has been portrayed falsely in scholarly loose talk as an assault upon it. Yes, the federal congress did indeed in 1807 enact legislation making engaging in the international slave trade be a capital offense. However, we must take into account the fact that 1.) many [slaveholders](#) voted in favor of this new legislative approach, the fundamental economic motivation for this being that this legislation interfered with the international trade by others to the advantage of the national trade by themselves. This increased the value of the new crops of human property which they were themselves raising on their plantations, for sale within the nation. We must also take into account the fact that 2.) although the new legislation defined the offense as [piracy](#), a capital offense calling for [hanging](#), it also created a series of five loopholes through which almost anyone captured in the trade might expect always to escape unscathed. In other words, the hanging part of it was a straightforward sham. In fact between 1807 and 1861 not a single culprit “pirate” would get hanged! In 1862 one such bold “pirate” would be hanged — exactly **one** such criminal in the **entire** history of this legislation — but if you examine this one case, you will see that what he would be hanged for in 1862 was the crime of pride, in that he had neglected to make available to himself any one of these five built-in loopholes.

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(Please note: in this assertion, the words “impossible” and “legally” entirely alter each other’s implications.)



Although importation of slaves into the United States was banned by this act which Congress –becoming for the first time enabled to overcome the constitutional restriction– had passed in 1807, making slave import into a capital crime, some 250,000 additional enslaved persons would be illegally imported between this year and 1860. Although nowadays we congratulate ourselves by paying extraordinary attention to the “success stories,” the sad fact is that the combined total of escapes (vanishingly few, mostly of unattached young males of the border states) and [manumissions](#) (vanishingly few) would come nowhere close to making a dent in such a rate of continuing “recruitment.”



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"There has never been a document of culture,
which is not simultaneously one of barbarism."

– [Walter Benjamin's THESES ON THE
PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY](#) (1955)



»Es ist niemals ein Dokument der Kultur,
ohne zugleich ein solches der Barbarei zu sein.«

– [THESEN ÜBER DEN BEGRIFF DER GESCHICHTE](#) (1940)

Although this [international slave trade](#) had been made a capital crime, nobody would hang for such a crime for a long, long time. There were too many too carefully built-in escape clauses. In fact, only one unfortunate would ever be hanged, and the hood would not be pulled over the head of this slave importer until the Year of Our Lord 1862!

THE MIDDLE PASSAGE

During this year the Reverend Absalom Jones would be proposing, to his African Episcopal congregation in Philadelphia, that all Americans should celebrate an annual holiday of Thanksgiving. This former slave would propose January 1st as the annual date of this Thanksgiving, it being the date on which the further importation of slaves into the US had at least ostensibly been made a federal capital crime. (Execute that turkey!)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about electricity:

6th day 1st of 1st M 1808 / The year commences but poorly as to the inward condition of my mind. if there was but a living up to the light afforded, there would not be those secret condemnations which I allmost continually feel – This evening curiosity lead me to an house, to try the curious effect of electricity. I received Several Shocks for the first time in my life – Set a little while with my H the latter part of the evening -⁵³

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 January 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 2 of 1 M / This evening tho' very cold weather I rode on horse back to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at cousin Z Chases –

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 January 5, Tuesday: Robert Fulton left New-York to go upstate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


3rd day 5 of 1 M / It has been a day of feeling, but I fear I have not obeyed my feelings, so as to insure peace –

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 January 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 6 of 1 M / Busily occupied at Trade. I dont find yet, that the general obstruction of buinesss occasioned by the embargo, effects mine. I desire to be thankful for all my favors.–


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 January 7, Thursday: Robert Fulton got married with Harriet Livingston in Teviotdale, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 1st M 1808 / Favor'd with a good quiet meeting, had a Short visit this afternoon at the shop from R J our conversation occasioned some proffitable feelings – Set the evening at C Rs, rather pensively, but with nothing particularly depressive on my mind

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 January 8, Friday: The US Congress passed a 2d Embargo Act, requiring ship owners to post bond twice the value of the ship, to prevent them breaking the 1st Embargo Act.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 8 of 1 M / As to my state of mind it is much as usual today if any thing I think it has been a little more favored –


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 January 9, Saturday: Publication of the Razumovsky String Quartets and the Coriolan Overture by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was announced.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 9 of 1 M / I remain a poor thing - passed the evening at
Thos Robinsons very pleasantly & trust to a degree of proffit-*

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 January 10, Sunday: Emperor Franz of Austria got married with his 3d wife, Ludovica d'Este. On the same day the Apollosaal, a large, ostentatious ballroom, opened in the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 10 of 1 M / This forenoon our friend D Buffum was very
lively in testimony from the text "The dilligent hand maketh rich
but Idleness will clothe a man in rags" this he said would hold
good both in A temporal & spiritual sense, the latter he
expatiated on largely impressin in a very lively & feeling
manner the necessity of working while the day lasteth for behold
the night cometh wherein no work can be done - In the afternoon
we were silent, And alas for poor me I was but a poor scattered
thing, it seemed as if there was no Sense of right feeling tho'
I did indulge the hope toward the close in the afternoon that
it was not wholly withheld*

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 January 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 11 of 1 M / It has been a more favor'd day for which I
desire to be thankful, but Alas when I would do good evil is
present*

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 January 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 12 of 1 M / Endeavourd this morning to center my mind
to the right place, read a little in the Life of F [T?] Ellwood
which interested my feelings & revived a degree of the same
sensation when I read it some Years ago - After dinner -Oh that
I could be preserved under that precious feeling which has for
a little while been experienced -
This evening was waited on by, three black men in a very solid
weighty manner, with the minutes & constitution of a Society
forming in this town among the black people for the purpose of
promoting a free School for people of colour, under the name of
the African Benevolent Society, they had taken the liberty to*



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include my name among the Directors & wish me to consider of their plan & consent that my name should stand for the ensuing Year.

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January 13, Wednesday: Salmon Portland Chase was born to Ithmar Chase and Janet Ralston Chase in Cornish, New Hampshire, the 9th of what would be a family of 11 children.

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) would be residing at the Courier building on the Strand in London, until June.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 13 of 1 M 1808 / My mind has been, at times, closely engaged thro' the day in considering the constitution of the African Benevolent Society, & am apprehensive it will clash with my religious principals to serve as a director, as there in it is contemplated to establish a free School & the master is required to Pray with the Schollars daily, & was I to be appointed to hire a teacher, it would be utterly inconsistent with my religious principals to enjoin any such practice, believing that it is impossible to pray without the immediate assistance of the holy spirit, & experience teaches me that prayers offered in meer form is an offence to the Almighty - It would be pleasant to afford the poor black people any assistance in my power, as they are a class of mankind, for whom I have long (even from my boyhood) been anxiously concerned for, & have often, yea, very often, felt a near Sympathy with them in their deeply afflicted & oppressed condition, & should be heartily glad if their emancipation could be generally effected, & trust as they keep their propper places, & their friends continue faithfully to espouse their cause it may yet be brought to pass, & that load of iniquity, which now abounds & burdens the Earth shall be swept from among us -

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January 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 1 M / Owing to a severe storm of snow & rain our meeting was very small, but to me a precious favord season, such an one as I have not recently experienced. Oh that I may be humbly thankful for this, as I have may times gone to meeting & like the door on the hinges come as I went, only so much nearer the Grave

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January 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 15 of 1 M / Spent the evening at D Huntingtons, R B was



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very entertaining with her old storys

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January 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 16 of 1 M / No advancement in religion but rather a decline
In the evening called At aunt P Gould, O Williams & CRs a little
while*

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January 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 17 of 1 M 1808 / Our meetings were Silent. In the morning
it was a favor'd time to me being enabled to feel the spirit of
supplication to arise to be preserved from falling into
spiritual death. In the Afternoon was severly tried with
wandering thoughts, I endeavored to rally all my force against
them but still they perplexed me - Spent the evening as usual -*

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January 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 18 of 1 M / In the evening wrote a letteer to my beloved
friend Micajah Collins. - After I went to bed my mind was much
affected with a Sense of my short comings, a desponding
temptation ensued & I was all most ready to fear a sleepless
night, but was favor'd to get into the precious quiet & slept
better than common.*

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January 19, Tuesday: [Ebenezer Hubbard Flint](#) was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, son of the
Congregational [Reverend Timothy Flint](#) and [Abigail Hubbard Flint](#).⁵⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 19 of 1 M / At the funeral of a child of Asa Sissions
my mind was lead into a precious feeling state & was truly
thankful that I was thus kept alive notwithstanding my
unfaithfulness -While setting in the room I felt much for the
poor mother who was present with another sick child in her Arms
& altho' it was very uneasy a part of the time & crying, yet it
did not disturb me or to appearance the rest of the company, but
was a time of favor tho' the company was but small -*

54. Hey, this time the reverend bothered himself to write down the date of birth in the church records! Is the guy turning over a new leaf?



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*It has been my lot of late to keep much in shallow waters fearing
to lanch out into the deep least my faith fail & I like poor
Peter begin to sink, but now find my strength has a little
increased, or at least I have thought so today*

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January 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 20 of 1 M / Busily engaged in trade - towards 9 OClock
in the eveng called at D Williams*

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January 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 1 M / It was to me a most precious meeting, my
mind was bowed under a sense of the Lords goodness, & desires
were raised in my soul to increase my care to invoke the holy
Spirit more & more daily - in the preparative meeting I was
engaged to Speak to some matters before us & trust I did no Hurt
& perhaps but very little good - Poor W C was brought forward
by the Overseers for indirectly paying his Military fine,
unfaithfulness will bring us into difficulty*

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January 22, Friday: Dom João and the Queen of Portugal arrived in Salvador, Bahia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 22nd of 1st M 1808 / Busily at trade thro' the day &
evening, toward the close of it called at C Rs a little while -
Alass no growth -*

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January 23, Saturday: Samuel Wesley was admitted to Somerset House Masonic Lodge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 23 of 1 M / At trade thro' the day. In the evening, at R
Taylor & Aunt M Goulds -*

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[Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote to Samuel Miller in regard to government-sponsored prayer and other religious worship:

I do not believe it is for the interest of religion to invite the civil magistrate to direct its exercises, its discipline, or its doctrines; nor of the religious societies, that the General Government should be invested with the power of effecting any uniformity of time or matter among them. Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the times for these exercises, and the objects proper for them, according to their own particular tenets; and the right can never be safer than in their hands, where the Constitution has deposited it.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE



January 24, Sunday: [Seth Eastman](#) was born in Brunswick, Maine, the 1st of the 13 children of Robert Eastman and Sarah Lee Eastman.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 24 of 1 M / My Aunt M Stanton being taken very Ill of a billious complaint, it seemed best for me to omit going to meeting this Morning - Attended in the Afternoon, but was a poor unsettled thing - our friend D Buffum towards the close spoke in a very lively & encoraging manner to a state present that he apprehended was under a close trial - took a dish of tea at Aunt M Gould - Spent the evening at C Rs, John Smith was there & related an anecdote of his towards the officer that came on a time to distrain his Military fine. The man came & was about to proceed but fell into discourse with John & finding him full a match, stept into the Street to call in another to his assistance - they asked John if there was an enemy approaching the shore if he would not step forward then to "defend his property," John's reply was "I dont know what I whould do in such a case, you are my neighbors, & are the only people that ever attempted to take my property, & it appears to me if I should ever fight it would be now, for it would be easier to fight with two than with an Army" which reply with the other conversation so operated on the minds of the men that they took a look around the house, but took nothing & went off & John never heard any thing more from them on that account

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January 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 1 M / Aunt M S remains very ill, last night was a night of great distress & has continued thro' the day Im allmost induced to fear it will prove too much for her - Spent the eveng



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with my Dear H

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 January 26, Tuesday: British army officers in New South Wales captured Governor William Bligh and forced his removal from duty.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th day of 1st M / This evening visited WmPatten respecting our Standing as Directors of the African Benevolent Society, had much conversation with on the subject of the stile of their consitution which requires the master of the School to Pray with the Schollars daily I pointed out the inconsistency of such a requisition according to my understanding and capacity, he at length united with me so far as to be willing to propose that the Article be altered - We parted in much friendship & I wondered that he bore some of my remarks on formal prayers & Worship as well as he did -

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 January 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 27 of 1 M / Pretty busily occupied at Trade, after work toward the close of the evening called at little while at O Williams

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 January 28, Thursday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), Daniel Brooks of Groton & Rebecca Harrington of Concord were joined in marriage by Abiel Heywood, Just. Pacis.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 1st M / Moy [Monthly] Meeting in town - In the part for worship H Almy was twice engaged in testimony, he was concerned to encorage those who were sensible they had no might nor strength of their own to hold on their way believing that the trials permitted to await us in our religious progress are for our refinement & reminded those that were of this description "that the hotter the furnice the purer to Gold" In the part for discipline we had much buisness & things labor'd hard, poor me was active & perhaps had in Some instances had better have been Silent

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 January 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6 day 29 of 1 M / Pretty dilligently occupied at Trade thro' the day - Aunt M S is better but recovers slowly -

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January 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 30 of 1 M / Nothing material has occur'd - my mind as usual very lifeless - Oh that a greater degree of dedication of heart could be attained too -

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January 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 31 of 1 M / Attended Meetings - in the morning I was a poor scattered creature & could not feel the life to rise any untill our friend D Buffum Stood up & expressed a few words on the necessity of Watchfulness, his expressions revived the latent spark in my mind & I thought enabled me to have a better meeting in the Afternoon Spent the evening with my precious H, our love seem'd affresh renew'd. & my mind received a new & stronger tie of affection

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February 1, Monday: Andoche Junot, the French commander in Portugal, announced that the Bragança dynasty was history and that power had passed to the man whom he represented, Napoléon Bonaparte.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 2nd M 1808 / Debating in my mind whether to go to [Providence](#) to Attend our Qrt Meeting. I want to go but dont see how to leave my buisness - really it seemes as if my way was never more hedged about with incumberances

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February 2, Tuesday: French troops occupied [Rome](#) after Pope Pius VII refused to recognize the King of Naples or join in an alliance against Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 2 M / Still in suspence about [Providence](#), whenever my mind has been turn'd that way there has been a thick cloud, but whether the cloud is owing to the Situation of things there or at home I am hardly able to determine - The prospect however has brightened this evening & I am induced to think if it is a good time in the morning that I shall go -

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February 3, Wednesday: Publication of the Twelve Dances for piano op.27 and the Twelve Dances for piano op.28 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Moses Brown](#) had his family inoculated with “kine pox.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was agonizing about his upcoming trip to [Providence](#) to attend the [Quaker](#) Quarterly Meeting there — the big city being all of 30 miles distant while he never in his 27 years had been farther from his home than to East [Greenwich](#) and to [Swansea](#), “the distances of which is only computed 25 miles.”

4th day / This morning a little past 10 OClock went on board the packet in company with J Earle, J Rodman, E Rodman & M Buffum & after a pleasant passage arrived in [Providence](#) about sunset & was very affectionatly received by our kind friends O & D[?] Brown. J E, J R & myself lodged there & the young women at Wm Almys. I had the satisfaction of being in company with Richard Jordan, & Rowland Greene, the evening passed pleasantly & instructingly----

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February 4, Thursday: The Emperor Napoléon demanded 40,000,000 francs from Portugal, to defray the cost of his having invaded their country. “You don’t think I do this sort of thing for free, do you?”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day Before meeting went to Wm Almys where I had the allmost exquisit satisfaction of seeing my endeared friends Micajah Collins & Matthew Purinton - At meeting my mind was quieted in an unusual manner soon after I took my seat, & a very humbling season ensued, being favor’d with the renewal of the day spring from on high, & my soul was bowed with thankfulness to the Lord that I was there, & did not give way to the Mountains of discouragement that presented in view before I left home, which sometimes were so gloomy that I began to think there was no way to escape sudden destruction Soon after the meeting was settled James Greene stood up & expressed a few words to good satisfaction, on the necessity of our individually witnessing the resurrection unto life, then Holden Almy on the great privileges & usefulness of Silent waiting - then Micajah Collins in a very weighty manner addressed & encoraged the young people of our own Society to take up their daily cross & follow Christ, observing that he believed if the “Cross could be dressed up in something pretty to our fanciful immagination it would be much more readily embraced than it is by many” - Then Richard Jordan appear’d in a very edifying testimony endeavoring to stir up our minds to more life & dwelt considerable time on the very watering



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seasons experienced in the Meetings of our invaluable prediceffors. The life & power was so great that even those that came as disturbers were many times smitten by it, & convinced of the truth, but now it was very often quite the reverse we are but poor dry & barran things our meetings allmost void of the Power of divine life - much more he said which was very cordial to my mind - then James Greene appear'd in a short supplication & the meeting ended - There was but little buisness in the last & it ended about 8 OClock. I took dinner at O Browns & after dinner went to Wm Almys to spend a little time with Micajah Collins & thereat took tea -returned to OBs in the evening & wrote a little to Mary Collins at Salem from whom I receiv'd one in the morning -

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February 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / Breakfasted at OB's with whom I lodged again then went to Wm Almys to have a little more time with my dear friend Micajah after setting with him a while he felt his mind drawn to the meeting house, a committee from the meeting for suffering was then sitting to revise our discipline - I walked to the meeting house with him - then took a turn among my brother watchmakers in that place, bought several necessary Articles & went to the Wharf where the Packet lies & found one hoisting sail & J Earle on board, so leaving my friends very abruptly & very unexpectedly stept on board at 20 Minutes past eleven, & arrived in [Newport](#) at about 15 minutes past two OClock making the passage a little less than three hours -My first visit at [Providence](#) has been exceedingly sweet, being favord with much agreeable company & a very favor'd time in my mind. I desire to be truly thankful, & believe I am, even bowed in spirit for being again favor'd to experience ny inward strength renewed - This was the first time I was ever at [Providence](#) or so far from home, the extent of my journeying being only to [East Greenwich](#) & [Swansey](#) the distances of which is only computed 25 miles & [Providence](#) 30 - When I arrived in town immediately called at C R's & gave them information that - J & E had gone to Patucket & would be at home tomorrow - when I came home found all my little buisness & concerns in as good as order as I left them which is also cause of humble thankfulness, & encoragement I believe my journey was right - Spent the eveng with my precious H & gave her as interesting an account of the meeting & my visit as I was capable of

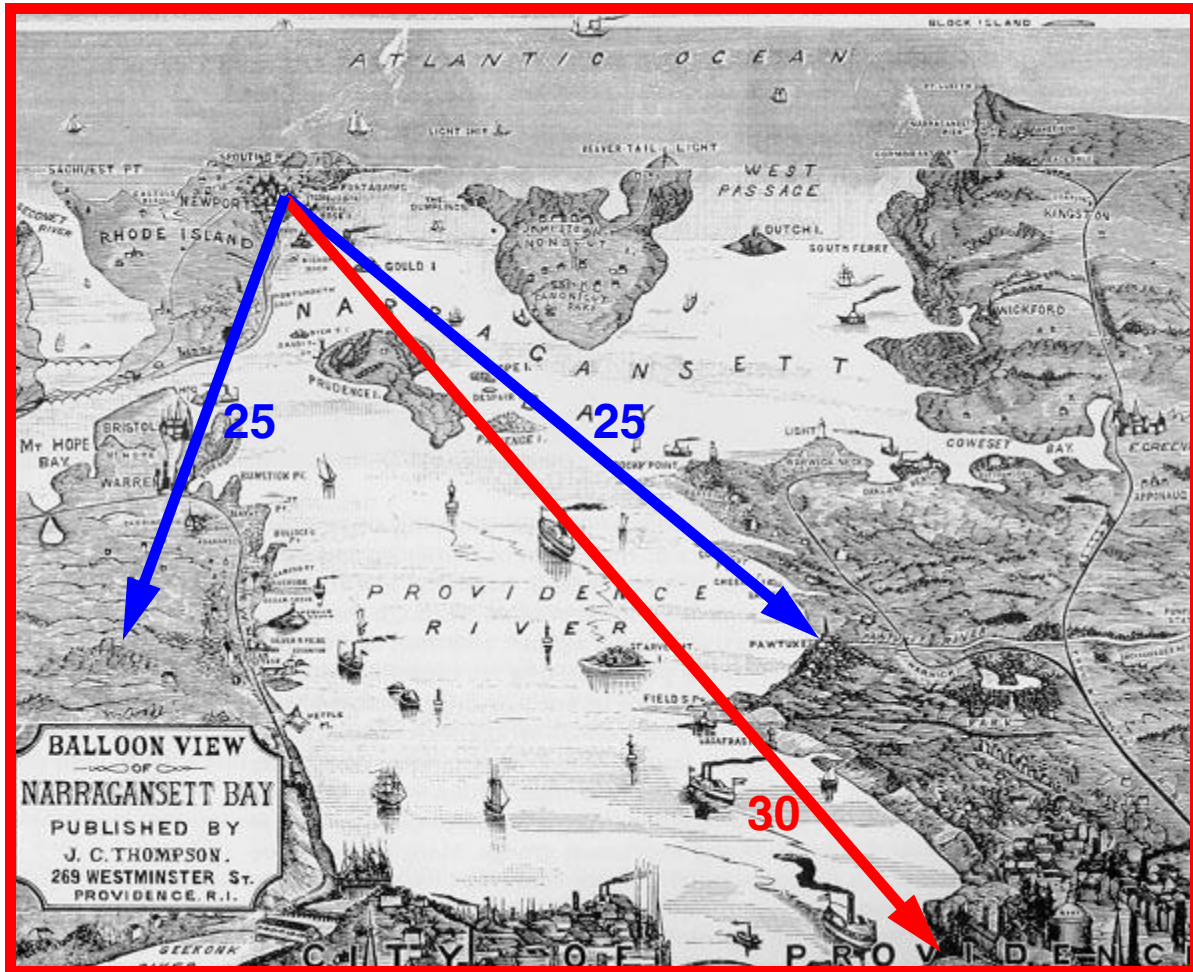
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February 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day / Busily at Trade with my mind often turn'd towards my late very favord visit -

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February 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 2 M 1808 / This morning on hearing the character of one that Stands as a member of our Society very much called in question as a dishonest person, by society very much aspersed on his account - my mind was deeply affected & even lead to mourn for the ways of Zion - Was favor'd with a pretty good meeting in the forenoon in the Afternoon more roving & unsettled - Spent the evening with my precious H our love was sweetly renewed

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February 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 2 M / Afflicted still with the evil reports which abound respecting a brother - Scarce any one that has come within



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my doors this day but has expatiated on his character it is truly painful to hear society so reproached on the account of any one, & ought to serve as a solemn warning to those who have yet lived with untarnished characters to watch well our steps, our dealings among men, & in order to live unblemished there is nothing will be of more account than a truly religious life -Oh that I may renew my care, double my dilligence, watch & pray without ceasing that I may not loose my ground entirely. Oh Lord preserve me, I have suffered the surfiting things of the world & the wicked passions incident to my poor frail nature to have abundantly too much sway, may they be Subjected to thy Holy will, & may all that is within me bow in Humble submission to thy holy will, be it what it may, Help Oh Lord for without thee I can do nothing -

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February 9, Tuesday: French troops crossed into Navarre and Catalonia in force.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 2 M 1808 / As usual at Trade, Oh what a want of that heavenly flame which kindleth up the soul in lively appreciation to its God for that heavenly food which nourisheth up the soul to eternal life - for the want of care to watch & pray, my mind hath this day, as well as many others, been suffered to enter into several hurtful things, which tend to diminish the inward life

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February 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 2nd M / This forenoon I have felt but little life, but since dinner my mind has been very suddenly dipt into sensations which have bowed my spirit - Oh what a desirable object to have our hands clean & washed in innocency, to be able to feel our minds exempt from guilt & hypocrisy. Oh saith my soul may all hypocrisy be removed & my heart renewed before the Lord.

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February 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11 of 2 M / Rather poor at Meeting but on the whole better than I expected before I went as there was all most an entire void of life in my mind before I went - Our friend Obadiah Davis was with us & toward the close of the meeting was concerned to incorage the poor in Spirit & especially those that had just



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begun their work, that they do not suffer the enemy to get the advantage in low Seasons, nor "take their flight in this their Winter Season" – In the evening joined a Sweet circle at O Williams. present as visitors O Davis & wife H & R Rodman M Sherman & M Barker – towards the close we fell into Silence & our friend O Davis was concerned to address us in a very powerful manner, & particularized dear H & R Rodman & M Barker encouraging them to faithfulness believing they had been called to Holiness. dear H he desired would be faithful as he apprehended she would be of use in the Church Militant – it was the most melting opportunity I was ever present in, & I am sure my feelings were scarcely ever more reached by any preaching. I was thankful I was there & hope the impressions received will be of duration. I trust the opportunity will not soon be forgotten –

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February 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 2nd M 1808 / At Trade pretty dilligently, nothing material has occupied my mind thro' the day. in the evening called at C Rs & spent a few minutes agreeably as usual

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February 13, First Day: Richard Allen requested to be accepted as a member of the Acoaxet Preparatory Meeting (later the Westport Monthly Meeting) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#). In [Newport, Rhode Island](#),



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his diary:

7th day 13 of 2 M / The week has gone no more to be recalled it is an humbling consideration that time passes swiftly away &



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every moment brings us nearer to the grave - & it is Still more so when we feel sensible that we do not progress in that which will afford peace in the Solomn final change from this to another world - My mind is often arrested with the necessity of our being more dedicated in boody soul & spirit to Serve the living God. There is an afflicting example now among us of one that thro' the love of mammon has fallen into Shameful disgrace even a bye word among men for dishonesty, & thereby brought great reproach upon our Society. There has been a time when the poor thing might have done better but Alass he has fallen -



February 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 2 M / Poor scattered Meetings - both silent - spent the evening as usual on this day of the week, with my very endeared H who at every interview feels more precious & nearer my heart - Oh Saith my soul may all my faculties be engaged in the right discharge of the duty that may soon involve on me toward her, but whether we Shall ever be ever closer united that at present is very uncertain at [as] thy Dear creature is now in poor health & has been so for many months

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February 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 2nd M 1808 / Nothing but barraness thro' the day In the evening met with the Directors of the African Free School at Wm Pattens for the first time meeting - We agreed to propose an alteration of the Consitution to the Society, of the article respecting binding of the Master to pray with the Schollars daily -& Also of another article which respects their Annually attending some place of publick worship in a sowing capacity, for the purpose of making a collection for the benefit of the institution. Those two articles are now so quallified that I think a Friend might teach the School, [or they attend Friends meeting, crossed out] without being obliged to do anything inconsistent with our religious Principals, & should they request to meet with us there would be some embarrassing circumstances removed - A committee was appointed to carry the school into effect

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February 16, Tuesday: French troops took possession of several border towns in Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 2nd M / As usual at Trade thro' the day - In the



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evening called at J E's and set the latter part of it there very agreeably, my dear H was also there

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February 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 2nd M / Oh that there was more Stability in my nature, I often yea very often, oftener than the morning find my Spiritual strength diminished by giving way to things that some would think inthemselves [sic] were innocent, but the inward reprovor often tells me they are not so, yet there is such a propensity in my nature to folly, that the impulse seems to be almost irresistable - The question is often asked within myself "Is there any growth in truth, & the return is almost as often, Alarmingly sounded in the ear of my mind NO accompanied with an fearful apprehension that there is quite a retrograde motion as respects my religious progress - I have been long professing & Oh to my grievous mortification there is not that fruit which is to be expected from a tree that has so many times been dunged & watered.—

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February 18, Thursday: Jonathan Fiske of Waltham got married with Mary Baker.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 2 M 1808 / At meeting had to fight with the enemy, even to close quarter, & thro holy help I was favord to know him to be in good measure overcome My mind while writing bows under a Sense of the Lords goodness, & Oh Oh saith my Soul may the warfare be daily renewed untill all that is opposed to the divine will be Slain & lad low - In the evening called at Aunt Martha Goulds, O Williams, & C R's - at the two latter places my mind was brought into the quiet sweetness in a manner rather uncommon for these Years of fammine & the precious life flowed freely -

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February 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19 of 2nd M / Pretty much engaged at Trade thro' the day My esteemed friend Philip Dunham Spent the evening with me in the shop his company is very interesting, & Oh that we may unitedly run our race with acceptance to him who hath in mercy visited our hearts with the day-spring of his love, & many times refreshed us together as with the distilling of his heavenly dew
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February 20, Saturday: Russian forces occupied Finland.

Ein französischer Prolog von Madame Aurore Bursay: Venez plaisirs charmants by Johann Friedrich Reichardt was performed for the initial time, in the Kassel Hoftheater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 2 M / Met with the School committee at the meeting House on buisness - What need we have of faithful burden bearers, those that are willing to take the Yoak upon them & be exercised in the cause of our great Master - but alas I was so barran that I was ready to conclude myself but a burden to those that were under more exercise - The frequent calls of my friend P D has been very agreeable, he has been detained today by the weather - his countenance is Solid & weighty, & I hope yea greatly desire he may dwell deep & not get mar'd upon the wheel Spent most of the evening in the Shop at Trade

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February 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 2nd M 1808 / I was but a poor scatterd thing at Meetings I often thought it was near mockery set thus in a place appointed for the worship of the Almighty God - Our friend D Buffum was very accepbly engaged in public testimony, he endeavor'd to impress on the Audience the importance of our attending to the Golden rule, To do unto others as we would others should do unto us were we in their situation - Between meetings visited an Old acquaintance & relative, while setting with her my mind was brought feelingly to commemorate some very pleasant & instructing seasons which occur'd in that house & very chamber, when I was quite a youth. Serious reflections insued & some conversation that I trust may be render'd useful to us both -Spent the evening as usual on this day of the week, with my increasingly Precious H & desires were raised in my soul that the time of closer union may be hastened

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February 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 2nd M / Nothing material thro' the day. in the eveng called at W Cornells, O Williams & C R's, at W C's they are in much affliction. I hope it will work for their good & as a warning a solomn warning to others

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February 23, Tuesday: Count Remusat wrote to the director of the Opéra requesting that the name of Jan Ladislav Dussek be inscribed on the “liste des Entrées” (Dussek would not need to pay at the door).

The Senate of the United States received from the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania a proposal to amend the federal Constitution in such manner as to make it forever impossible for the federal legislature, or for any state legislature, to authorize importation of any more slaves. Although this resolution was read to the body, there would be no further mention of such a proposal.

“Agreeably to instructions from the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania to their Senators in Congress, Mr. Maclay submitted the following resolution, which was read for consideration: –
“Resolved . . . , That the Constitution of the United States be so altered and amended, as to prevent the Congress of the United States, and the legislatures of any state in the Union, from authorizing the importation of slaves.” SENATE JOURNAL (reprint of 1821), 10th Congress, 1st session, IV. 235; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 10th Congress, 1st session, page 134. For the full text of the instructions, see AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, MISCELLANEOUS, I. 716.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Note that in this timeframe, the white people of the South had not yet become fixated upon the absolute value of their system of human [enslavement](#). They were, in this timeframe, perfectly congenial to speculations that it might be an excellent idea to simply walk away from all this. Attitudes had not yet hardened; situations had not yet stickied.

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: The attitude of the South toward the slave-trade changed *pari passu* with this development of the cotton trade. From 1808 to 1820 the South half wished to get rid of a troublesome and abnormal institution, and yet saw no way to do so. The fear of insurrection and of the further spread of the disagreeable system led her to consent to the partial prohibition of the trade by severe national enactments. Nevertheless, she had in the matter no settled policy: she refused to support vigorously the execution of the laws she had helped to make, and at the same time she acknowledged the theoretical necessity of these laws. After 1820, however, there came a gradual change. The South found herself supplied with a body of slave laborers, whose number had been augmented by large illicit importations, with an abundance of rich land, and with all other natural facilities for raising a crop which was in large demand and peculiarly adapted to slave labor. The increasing crop caused a new demand for slaves, and an interstate slave-traffic arose between the Border and the Gulf States, which turned the former into slave-breeding districts, and bound them to the slave States by ties of strong economic interest.

As the cotton crop continued to increase, this source of supply became inadequate, especially as the theory of land and slave consumption broke down former ethical and prudential bounds. It was, for example, found cheaper to work a slave to death in a few years, and buy a new one, than to care for him in sickness and old age; so, too, it was easier to despoil rich, new land in a few years of intensive culture, and move on to the



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Southwest, than to fertilize and conserve the soil.⁵⁵ Consequently, there early came a demand for land and slaves greater than the country could supply. The demand for land showed itself in the annexation of Texas, the conquest of Mexico, and the movement toward the acquisition of Cuba. The demand for slaves was manifested in the illicit traffic that noticeably increased about 1835, and reached large proportions by 1860. It was also seen in a disposition to attack the government for stigmatizing the trade as criminal,⁵⁶ then in a disinclination to take any measures which would have rendered our repressive laws effective; and finally in such articulate declarations by prominent men as this: "Experience having settled the point, that this Trade *cannot be abolished by the use of force*, and that blockading squadrons serve only to make it more profitable and more cruel, I am surprised that the attempt is persisted in, unless as it serves as a cloak to some other purposes. It would be far better than it now is, for the African, if the trade was free from all restrictions, and left to the mitigation and decay which time and competition would surely bring about."⁵⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 of 2 M / Oh my instability & very great infermity, I have tried to get nearer the fountain of life, but for the want of more deep indwelling am yet very barren

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February 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 2 M / Pretty dilligently at Trade & nothing material to insert, except that the old man with his deeds are not yet put off & whether I shall ever be able to get the better of him or not is often matter of doubt in my mind

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February 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 2nd M / With my very endear'd H I rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meetings. In the part of it for worship, H Almy had considerable to say, but not so lively as at some other times D Buffum was engaged in the most finished & I dont know but the most favor'd testimony I ever heard of his -He proposed a query for consideration "What am I"? which he apprehended would be proffitable for all present seriously to make to ourselves & after some some further observations - he

55. Cf. United States census reports; and Olmsted, THE COTTON KINGDOM.

56. As early as 1836 Calhoun declared that he should ever regret that the term "piracy" had been applied to the slave-trade in our laws: Benton, ABRIDGMENT OF DEBATES, XII. 718.

57. Governor J.H. Hammond of South Carolina, in LETTERS TO CLARKSON, No. 1, page 2.



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Said that man was indowed with three faculties, the Animal, rational & Divine the rational is to keep in order the animal, & the divine is for the rectification of both, & he was confirmed if we closely adhere to the pure inward principal we should not stray so far, or make such gross mistakes in the our Animal & rational faculties as we do

The part for discipline was a close exercising time & as to my poor mind it was allmost void of the life & power, but improving the little I found the Oil did inczease but not to that degree as to render it necessary to borrow more Vessels - We dined at R Mitchells & while there I enjoyed the best part of the day, for while setting in the circle after dinner my mind was favor'd with the sweet arisings of life - We rode home & I took tea & spent the evening sweetly at C R's

It is lamentable yea it is very affecting to consider the very low state of our Society & when we see how many are falling on the right hand & on the left it calls loudly for those that "think they stand to take heed least they fall" And for my own part it is very humbling to reflect on the great liability of my falling, there is nothing short of a deep indwelling & the assistance of Grace that can preserve me - One of my fellow apprentices was this day disowned for misconduct & I pray the Lord most fervantly that I may never reproach the precious testimony -

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February 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 2M 1808 / Occupied at Trade as usual, at times my mind thro' the day brought into seriousness, & a little life afforded -

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February 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 27 of 2nd M / I hardly know what to say. the day has passed & but little gained

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February 28, Sunday: Austria adhered to the Continental System.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1day 28th of 2 M / Silent Meetings - The Stool of repentance is often my seat, & has been most of this day - my quick temper often brings me to it, early this morning a circumstance took place which at an unguraded moment I did what would have been omitted in cooler moments - it is mortifying to insert such occurences, but it would hardly be answering the design of



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journalizing without it. Oh! that I could dwell in the life of Truth continually, then I should not have to suffer as I have this day -- Spent the eveng at C R's in company with the family & a visitor that was not very salutary to my feelings; & had to renew the conflict with Satan to keep in the patience -

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February 29, Monday: French troops captured Barcelona.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29th of 2 M / Spent the day as usual at Trade, passed the forepart of the evening at B Hadwens with the committee from the African Benevolent Society & concluded to open a School, free for Black children as soon as it could be got under way, under the Tuition of Newport Gardiner a religious & exemplary black man - the latter part called to see my beloved H & found her much indisposed, her complaints excited emotions of fear in my heart that unless they are speedily removed "the silver cord will soon be loosened" -

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March 1, Tuesday: American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of "executive clemency" by the President of the United States. For instance, on this date President [Thomas Jefferson](#), whose house slave [Sally Hemings](#) was six or seven months pregnant with his 5th child, pardoned Phillip M. Topham after a conviction for "carrying on an illegal slave-trade." Go thou and sin some more: Mr. Topham's "I'm so sorry I got caught" routine must have been of true eloquence, for this gentleman would benefit not once but twice from such clemency (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 146, 148-9).

The Emperor Napoléon created a new Imperial Nobility.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 3rd M 1808 / It has been a day of deep seriousness of mind, a search has been made in the camp & alas Saith my soul, several things have been discovered that are very offensive, & as sense of my wicked heart hath so affected my mind that I can scarcely assume confidence to lift my heart in prayer to God for Strength to remove whatsoever is still retained that is an impediment to my religious progress -



March 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2 of 3rd M 1808 / Occupied at Trade - latter part of the evening called at C R's & found my precious H better which was rejoicing to my heart -


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 March 3, Thursday: Gonzalo O'Farrill y Herrera replaced Pedro Cevallos Guerra as First Secretary of State of Spain (ad interim).

Three Piano Sonatas with violin and cello accompaniment by Leopold Kozeluch were entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 3 M / Had a pretty comfortable silent meeting -in the Afternoon rode to Middletown to attend the funeral of Daniel Anthony who deceased the night before the setting was very short but to me a precious time & I thought well worth going for - H Almy in a Short testimony & D Buffum closed the setting with a few words on the way home stopt at cousin A Goulds took tea & spent a little time with them very agreeably -

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 March 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day 4 of 3 M / Nothing material to insert, spent most of the eveng in writing to my belov'd friend Micajah, & called a few minutes to enquire after my H who I found much better, of which I was truly thankful -

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 March 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 3 M / A day of seriousness. in the afternoon met at the meeting house with the School committee, & very reluctantly accepted the office of Clerk but when once geared found the task nor so hard & felt more in my place than at first expected, so it is, if people, or if I could allways cheerfully submit to do what ever was right & necessary to be done I should make better progress in every sense than I do

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 March 6, Sunday: French troops occupied the fortress of San Sebastián.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 3 M / The mind somewhat roving at meetings but not so bad as at sometimes. In the forenoon D Buffum delivered an excellent testimony founded on 1 Chron 28 Ch 9 re "And Then Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father & serve him with



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a willing mind & perfect heart. for the Lord searcheth all hearts & understandeth all the immaginations of the thoughts, if thou seek him, he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever" - In the Afternoon we were silent. took tea at Aunt M Goulds & spent the evening with my very precious & much endeared H -

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March 7, Monday: Dom João and the Queen Maria of Portugal arrived off Rio de Janeiro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7 of 3rd M 1808 / Considerably engaged in buisness which took me from the shop, took an affirmation before the town Council to quallify me to apprise the estate of Tho Gurney deceased - & attended to buisness for my cousin R M in the settlement of heer affairs which I think myself very poorly quallified, but hope that poor help will be better than none - In the evening at work - in the Shop my friend P Dunham Set with me & I think his visit was very helpful. I love him & hope we may continue to advance in the truth & finally end well -

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March 8, Tuesday: The royal Portuguese entourage of Dom João and the Queen Maria disembarked and made a triumphal entry into Rio de Janeiro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 3rd M / I think my mind is in better condition this forenoon than for some time. The calls of my dear friend P Dunham has been strengthening

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March 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 3 M / All things here are trancient & sublunary & to those that are concious of living far short of truths standard, reflections of that kind are the more striking, because they feel that by flinching from the divine command they stake their happiness in a world where all things are substantial. My mind has been this day very feelingly struck with the melancholy circumstance of poor Nebuchadnezer who by disobedience (no doubt) to the internal Monitor as well as the hand writing on the wall, was driven from among Men to assimilate with the beasts of the field un till Seven times had passed over him that he might know that the Most High REIGNETH, & I believe



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unless we bow in mercy we shall in judgement. God is a merciful God & deals long & lovingly with his children & under a sense of his long suffering toward me my soul hath been shocked with fear least mercy be withheld & judgement be dispensed. Oh Father yet a little longer, yet a little longer - these are not words of meer course but the very feelings of my heart.

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March 10, Thursday: Fernando José de Portugal e Castro became Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal in Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 3rd M 1808 / Our meeting was silent & I thought was a Solid opportunity. Tho' it appear'd to me to be a time of suffering It was a time of favor to me, The life was easier to come at than common, if the mind at any time got off the watch it was easy to return to the center

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March 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 3 M / The day has gone much as usual, nothing to say of my improvement, but fear retrograde steps are taking

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March 12, Saturday: Faced with economic depression and protests caused by the first two embargo acts, the US federal Congress passes a 3d Embargo Act prohibiting any export to any country by any means.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 3 M / Spent the day as usual at Trade, nothing occurd worth entering -

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March 13, Sunday: King Christian VII of Denmark died in Rendsburg, Schleswig and was succeeded by his son, Frederik VI.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 3 M / This mornng our meeting was very full & quite a solid opportunity. Our friend Abigail Robinson was concernd in a very lively & pertinent testimony endeavoring to impress



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on our minds the importance & solemnity of thus assembling ourselves for the purpose of performing worship to Almighty God & that unless we strive to center to the right sorce & spring we are but Mockers. She endeavord very sweetly to encorage those that oft assemled without feeling but little or no power to turn their minds inward, their mind being barran & they ready to conclude the day of their judgement was past that they put their trust in God & in his own time he would arise for their help & they would see that those seasons of barraness were dispenced for their good -- In the Afternoon we were silent but & had a pretty good time - took tea with Aunt M G & spent the eveng as usual on this day of the week

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March 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 14 of 3rd M / Finished a letter to my beloved friend Wm S Burling of NYork in answer to his a few days past - Spent the evening with my fellow apprisers in apprising the Estate of Thos Gurney deceased - it afforded a degree of real pleasure to have it in my power to assist the widdow & fatherless

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March 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 3rd M 1808 / Many times but particularly this days experience has taught me that I have many bitter draughts of self mortification & abasement to endure before I can attain to that lamblike chast & pure state which constitutes christian perfection

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March 16, Wednesday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia declared Finland a conquered province.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 3d M / A day of seriousness of mind, but not so uncomfortable as yesterday - pretty busy at Trade -

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March 17, Thursday: An angry crowd in Madrid forced King Carlos to dismiss his favorite, Manuel de Godoy — who was being seen as encouraging French designs on Iberia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 3rd M / A pretty good silent meeting —

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March 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 18 of 3 M / As Jimmy Simpson said at Monkey town meeting "too bad, too bad, worse & worse" — however he preached largely before it ended. This is some degree consoling

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March 19, Saturday: The 2d angry mob in three days forced King Carlos IV of Spain to abdicate in favor of his son, Fernando VII. Pedro Cevallos Guerra replaced Gonzalo L'Farrill y Herrera as First Secretary of State of Spain.

I pittagorici, a drama by Giovanni Paisiello to words of Monti, was performed for the initial time, at Teatro San Carlo, Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 3rd M / This forenoon a friend called on me & stated that an Auction was held in order to sell a black child said to be the property of one J Prigmore a woman that is here from Charleston but her title to the girl was doubtful. The friend & I Stepped over to F R; I took his advice on the subject who readily came over & consulted an Attorney, who declared the Sale illegal & went & broke up the Auction & called the town Council & on examination it appear'd that the womans title to the black girl was only founded on her being requested to take care of her by the childs mother when on her death bed & could produce neither bill of sail nor Indenture. The woman (Prigmore) appeared to have no wish to sell the child except from necessity & that but for nine years, which, even that was contrary to our law but being invogled by the person she boarded with, the Constable & Justice of peace was persuaded to the Measure I attended Council & to see the firmness manifested by its members against any species of Slavery was a real balsam to my mind. They censured this Justice & Constable in a spirited manner & broke up the proceedings - To see a poor little black girl standing up to a post exposed by an unfeeling Constable to a multitude of people for sail is a sight to moving to be quietly endured, & thro' favor there is yet remaining a spirit of tenderness in many of the inhabitance that would recoil at a deed so inhuman, & the exercions of Friends in this matter I



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believe will be of some use, even many of the Guiney traders themselves were affected at it & opposed the measure – It is rare of late that my feelings have been so quickened on any subject but to reflect that this poor little creature should be sold to the highest bidder who perhaps may be a person that would privately convey her to Some Sothern State & there sell her for life to deprive her of liberty & happiness, which is a peace of villany that might easily be practiced upon a poor little unprotected child I say to reflect on this is more than I can bear, hard & obdurate as my heart is in other respects, & that I have been a Small instrument among several to prevent it is matter of most Sincere thankfulness in my heart. [His writing is suddenly doubled or trebled in size, and the ink very dark. In the next paragraph his writing returns to its normal small size.]

In the evening visited several acquaintance & at D W's heard that our Ancient & beloved friend mary Mitchell has lately had a Shock of a fit of the Palsey while speaking in a Meeting on Nantucket just as she was finishing her last sentence. She is Somewhat recovered, but it is not expected she will ever go out again –

Also heard of the decease of Sarah Barney a very repectable friend of Nantucket.

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March 20, Sunday: Martin Van Buren was appointed surrogate of Columbia County, New York.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 3rd M 1808 / Owing to its being a very rainy day our meetings were very small, but six women this afternoon they were silent & to me very Scattered Seasons – took tea at Aunt M Goulds – Spent the eveng as usual on this day of the week with my very endearing H –

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March 21, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 3rd M / A Trade as usual, nothing material to insert except a poor barran mind, several friends called whose company was pleasant

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March 22, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 3rd M / Again Nothing material, the mind as usual in a barran situation, however favor'd with a little strength



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March 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 3rd M / This afternoon spent a little time in the Free black School, had a few remarks to make to the Children on the importance of their attention to Studdy & good behaviour in School, the institution is yet infant & whether it will ever arrive to much usefulness is yet uncertain, however I wish it well sincerely

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March 24, Thursday: French troops entered Madrid, supposedly to restore order.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 3rd M / A rather better meeting than common, silent & a solid quiet time –

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March 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 3rd M / Pretty diligently at trade, convictions has closely followed me for some part of this days conduct – Spent the evening with Cousin Anne Greene at J's, it was an agreeable time, but I could not enjoy it as I wanted too –

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March 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 3rd M / Before I went to bed last evening my mind was seriously affected under a sense of my poor frail condition. The temptations surround me & alas the fear is they will ultimately swallow me up. thro' the night I slept but little being much disturbed by a noise in the house adjoining ours by reason of a death & a birth which took place within a short time of each other – & during my wakeful hours "repentance filled my mind" & if this repentance will but tend to the revival & establishment of my mind in the precious life, I have frequently thought I should be willing to suffer all that might be unflicted but alas there is something in my nature that is so unslain that I sometimes fear I shall ultimately make shipwreck of



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faith, which God in Mercy forbid -

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March 27, Sunday: Franz Joseph Haydn made his final public appearance at a performance of The Creation conducted by Antonio Salieri, in an auditorium of the University of Vienna. The performance was attended by several notables, including Prince Lobkowitz, Princess Esterházy, and [Ludwig van Beethoven](#). In fact, the crowd was so large that police were brought in. Haydn was carried into the hall on a litter. At the words "and there was light," the assembled multitude bursts into applause. The emotion of the day becoming too much for him, doctors had the composer carried out just as the 2d part was about to begin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 3rd M 1808 / In the forenoon our friends Anne Greene & D Buffum were very lively in testimony. Cousin Anne's testimony in particular was a very precious one to me, in the afternoon we were silent but quiet & solid - It had been a day of deep feeling to me & Oh saith my soul may I dwell under the exercise that now impresses my mind --Spent the eveng as usual with my dear H —

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March 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28 of 3 M 1808 / Between 10 & 11 OClock this forenoon Aunt Martha Stanton & brother Isaac went on board the sloop packet Golden Age, Capt Justin for NYork - a very fresh wind at North west

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March 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 3 M / Aunt Patty & Isaac came on shore last evening the wind blew so hard they could not get out of the harbor, but again this morning set sail & I hope they will get their safe & speedily as she is anxious to see her husband -

I thought & allmost determined once today not to write any thing in my journal, feeling my mind so overwhelmed with my own human frailtys, & altho I cannot even now "Sing on the banks of deliverance" yet it seems best to say I am yet alive, but how soon Death to the Spiritual life takes place I can not tell. if Life is mercifully continued it will be a meer mercy for it will not be from any merits of my own, & if light is wholly withheld I have thought it will be just, as I allmost continually rebell against its heavenly rebukes, this is painful to records &



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raises an heart felt sigh –

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March 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 30th of 3rd M / Aunt Patty & Isaac are Still detain'd
the packet returned yesterday after beating against an head wind
some hours they discoverd a serious leak in the Vessel upwards
of four feet of water in the hold — In company with Wm Patten
this afternoon visited the African Charity school. I hope
sincerly they may prosper
My mind this day has been released from the painful state it was
Yesterday emmersed in, & in closing the evening a good degree
of Sweetness attends me –*

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March 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th [sic] of 3rd M 1808 / Moy [Monthly] Meeting held
in town, the part for worship was silent & I suppose rather a
dull time but for my own part was middlingly favor'd – In the
part for transaction of Church discipline we had Several painful
occurrences among which poor I A was disowned, alas poor thing
he hath known better times, & Oh Saith my soul may he yet in
mercy be brought to consider the rock from whence he was hewn,
& the hole in the pit from whence he was digged, & again return
to his first love –*

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April 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 1st of 4th M 1808 / My mind has been in measure released
from some exercises which has attended me of late, & on the whole
a pretty comfortable day – dilligent at Trade –*

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April 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 2 of 4th M / Pretty dilligent at Trade thro' the day,
in the eveng made an agreeable call at my friend Sam Towles –*

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April 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 4th M / Our morning meeting was very full owing
to informations being given out that R Jordan was to be there,*



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*but he did not arrive till this eveng which disappointed the people much –
For the Afternoon I left meeting & rode to Middletown to attend the funeral of Sylva Anthony widdow of Daniel [crossed out: who deceased about 9 month since] The funeral was large & a quiet opportunity, took tea at cousin Alice Gould & on the way home stopt at Saml Thurstons spent the evening with my dear H witnessing a joint renewal of our fellowship –*

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April 4, Monday: A “Report on Public Roads and Canals” by Secretary of the Treasury [Albert Gallatin](#) was made in pursuance of a resolution of the US Senate on March 2, 1807.

ERIE CANAL

Jesse Hawley’s treatise “Observations on [Canals](#)” predicted that a [canal](#) across New York would greatly increase the state’s trade and importance (this consisted of his series of 13 pseudonymous articles composed while he had been imprisoned for debt in Canandaigua). The New York legislature introduced a bill to fund a feasibility study for a New York State [canal](#), retaining Judge James Geddes to make surveys of routes across the state, to Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. He completed his study and reported that the project could work despite the 500-foot change in elevation from west to east.

A pamphlet was published proposing a wooden flume linking New-York with Philadelphia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 4th of 4th M / The day has passed as many, yea very many others have with a retrograde motion as respects devotion of heart – In the eveng called at Saml Gibbs on buisness & then a few minutes at CR’s

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April 5, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) talked religion with the Reverend Gibson, the local [Baptist](#) minister, and considered afterward that he as a [Quaker](#) had had the better side of the conversation:

3rd day 5 of 4 M / Pretty much as Yesterday as to the State of my mind & no occurrence as to the concerns of the day worth inserting, except that it just occurs, that I had a Pleasant interview with Gibson the Baptist Minister of this town, I have no doubt but he is a religious minded man but holds several eronious doctrines, particularly that the scriptures are the only rule of faith & practice, however from his own confession of his religious experience he contradicted himself several times in the corse of conversation


(One wonders, actually, whether the Reverend would have been able to concur with this assessment of the encounter.)



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 April 6, Wednesday: The New York legislature approved the incorporation of John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 4 M 1808 / It has been a favor'd day, & my mind was particularly refreshed while setting at D W's this evening

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 April 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


7th of 4th M 1808 / Our friend Richard Jordan was with us at our meeting to day & after setting sometime after the usual time of breaking Meeting he rose as he said with a prospect of saying but little, but went on from step to step untill he occupied forty minutes in very lively & powerful communications. he said that perhaps some were much disappointed at not hearing something sooner, but most of the meeting he had nothing in commission to deliver & it was as much impossible for him to preach without a commission as it would be for him to make a living man out of a dead image, that there was certain geniuses that could form a piece of wood into the form of a man, but after all he could not breathe the breath of life into it & it was as impossible for him to preach without immediate commission, he seemed much engaged to encourage a living, baptized remnant present &c --

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 April 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 4 M 1808 / The day has passed much as usual. I hardly know what to say of the state of the mind

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 April 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 4 M / A day of deep seriousness on many accounts. The aspect of our political affairs according to the day's New paper is very warlike but above all the health of my beloved H occasions very painful apprehensions, my mind, I can sincerely say has been bowed with the prospect that has been this day much & almost continually before me. I pray for a qualification to say with deep submission "Thy will Oh Holy father be done"

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April 10, Sunday: Franz Joseph Haydn was awarded the medal of the Philharmonic Society of St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 4 M / Our Meetings were quite large & larger on acct of our friend R Jordan who was with us, in the forenoon he preached livingly & powerfully, & took occasion to remind us of the many favors & privileges that we the Inhabitation of America enjoy far beyond what many in Europe can from the wars & tumults that are among them & the religious superstition but we were free from them. Peace & plenty within our border's as yet & a tolleration of all religious sentiments; & such considerations ought to bow our hearts before God Almighty, as it had many times his with humble thankfulness, & prayers raised that we may be in possession of that real religion which will be availing thro' all trials & tribulations tumults & commotions whatsoever - In the afternoon his communications to the people was short, but very close on the dry professors of our own Society & said he believed he had felt as our dear Master felt when his deciples were found Asleep "Sorrowful unto death" that they were not found watching, but asleep. - He concluded the meeting in a very liveing supplication for those that were honeste hearted & those that were Sensible they had no might of their own, but were casting all their confidence on the Lord alone, that these might be helped & Strengthened to run the race that was set before them with Alacrity & acceptance - Also that the time would come speedily when "Nation should lift up Sword against nation NO MORE" & be at peace one with another & the effusions of Gospel love be difused the world over

My mind thro' the day has indeed been wholly desitute of Good but dear R's preaching & praying could not fail to stir up the pure witness which is often slain thro' my own wicked propensity, it is indeed with shame that I acknowledge this, but the condemnations of my feelings would not allow me to insert any thing better. Oh that the time may hasten when the bonds of inequity may be broken, & my poor Soul Set at liberty from its present shackles -

I spent the eveng with my precious H & found her much unwell, her Cough & horsenes continues with violence & today has had a vein open'd to try the effects of that. I greatly fear our intended connection will be broken off by the removal of one or the other of us, as from her own acct of her feelings from the beginning of our company keeping it appears that she has never seen to the end of it but often times has been possessed with fears that it would never terminate in Marriage & that in such a manner that she hath been deeply affected with it. Well if it is never my lot to be united to the dear creature I most fervantly Pray God to give me resolution to endure the disappointment, & with fortitude say from the bottom of my Soul "Oh Lord they holy Will be Done" [written large]

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April 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 4 M 1808 / Nothing material has occur'd, & I hardly know wat to insert except that I am a poor creature –

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April 12, Tuesday: Birth of Louisa Greenleaf Webster, 8th child of Rebecca Greenleaf Webster with [Noah Webster, Jr.](#), in New Haven, Connecticut (a special needs child from birth).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 4th M / This days experience as well as many others has convinced me that I have much of the old nature to subdue, & the furnice (I fear of affliction) must be deeply enterd into ere a thorough cleansing can be experienced. I in the eveng called to See my beloved & found her releaved from her cough, for which as far as I am capable of am thankful for –

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April 13, Wednesday: New-York native John Lambert noted in his diary that financial disaster was facing the city because of the embargo, with 120 businesses failing at a loss of \$5,000,000, with 500 vessels rotting at wharves and thousands of sailors and merchants' staff out of work — all for benefits which he considered "extremely doubtful."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 4 M / "A Mans enemies are those of his own household" & the conflict of this day amply testifys that those of my inward house are my most potent ones –

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April 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 4 M / Our Meeting was Silent, & if I was favord with right apprehensions of the State of it, it was a very barran time among us, as for my own part, tho' I labor'd to become rightly centerd yet there was Such an obstruction from my own omissions & commissions that for the good I was Sensible of receiving might as well have staid at home – In the eveng called at CR found my dear H not so well. S Barker soon came in, & tho' we did not fall into silence (except at intervals) my mind receiv'd more sweetness than for some time & it was a very sweet eveng – at the close I walked home with S but could not enter into some conversation desirable, company with us

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April 15, Friday: Willoughby Prescott died intestate. The body would be placed in Concord's South Burying Place. His son Abel Prescott would be named administrator of the probate. Jonas Lee, Nathan Wood, and Samuel Jones would inventory the estate and value it at \$2,986 with debts of \$1,018. Children named in various parts of the probate file are John Lynde Prescott, Willoughby Prescott, Abel Prescott, and Mary Prescott.

**IN Memory of
MR. WILLOUGHBY
PRESCOTT
who died
April 15, 1808
Æt. 65.**



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 15th of 4 M 1808 / Perhaps I have been a little better
today than common, but it is not safe to boast, as the attainment
will not warrant it -*

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April 16, Saturday: Le séducteur en voyage, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Dupaty, was performed for the initial time, in the Hermitage, St. Petersburg (this will later be called Les voitures versées).

On this day or the following Sunday or Monday, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day, 1st day & 2nd day of the Week / On seventh day in the latter part of the forenoon cross'd the ferrys to Narragansett & arrived at cousin P Gardiners at seasonable dinner time, there I spent the Afternoon & took tea, being detained by rain, towards night it held up & I went to cousin Caseys spent the evening & lodged. I found the family much afflicted & particularly cousin Abigail. They have within a few week lost the Young woman that lived with them as house keeper & companion, & their black woman their main help, & one that they loved very affectionatly now lies at the point of death with Dropsy, & when I got there they did not expect she would survive the night thro', but revived & was more comfortable in the mornng - It was remarkable to me that while I was walking up to the house my mind was lead involuntarily into serious reflections & the circumstance of my brother Davids decease was afresh presented to my mind, so that I was prepared to meet cousin Abigail in the Situation I found her & was better quallified to Sympathize with her & tho' it was a visit of seriousness, my heart was thankful at being there The next mornng return'd to cousin Gardiners with an intention to go to cousin Hazards & if time & opportunity allow'd to go to meeting but soon after I got there before the Horse could be saddled, it set in to rain, & remaind rainy till toward night, here my visit also was agreable, the mind experienceing a favor'd state, when the clouds broke away I went to cousin Hazards took tea & lodged found cousin Martha in a very serious frame of mind & since I saw her last has so far taken up the cross as to use the plain language The next morning before I was dressed cousin Lewis came into the room having traveled that mornng from tower Hill on foot to see me & seemed very glad & I was truly glad to see him - after breakfast, he rode with me to John Rose's on buisness returnd to cousin Hazard & dined. after dinner we rode directly to the ferry & I had a quick passage to Connanicut & sufficient time to go to Cousin J Green's & make a little visit, found them all well & glad to see me - then just before night came over the ferry to [Newport](#) & had a quick & pleasant passage - found all well at home & in the evening called to see my dearly beloved H whom I found as well as when I left her - There has been something very pleasant in this visit, & every occurrance has confird me in the belief that it was best for me to be there, having felt my mind in a very sweet frame at every place I have been & certainly some proffitable reflections occurs

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April 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 19th of 4 M 1808 / Weakness & infirmity surrounds my mind, but a degree of favor also attends it - Spent the eveng in the Shop engaged in writing my Beloved Micajah Collins

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April 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 20 of 4 M / While ruminating on various subjects this forenoon relating to my own Situation & condition a passage of Scripture came very fresh & unsuaght after into my mind "A contented mind is a continual feast" & from the impression it made I felt encoraged to strive to be contented in whatever outward condition I may be in - believing that much greater happiness may be attained even in this life by a thankfulness for every favor received from the hand of Providence & not dwelling too long on the dark side of things - In the evening called at O W & C R found my dear H better -

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April 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 4 M / This afternoon went as curiosity prompted, with B H to the Neck where an attempt is making to dig Sea Coal It is curious to see them boaring with an auger in the Earth thro' rocks & stones upwards of 40 feet - I also in the forenoon attended meeting, but Alass Alass -

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April 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 4 M / Perhaps it is best to note time as it passes, but I am afraid to Say much of what has been passing in my mind today - In the eveng called at R Ys & C R's

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April 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23rd of 4 M / Notwithstanding my great backsliding & grievous revoltings from the Truth, I think I have experienced a degree of the precious spirit to arise in my mind. Oh what does the poor mind have to suffer that is continually shrinking from what is made manifest to be their duty, & still worse when acts of wickedness are committed. I desire, I pray that Strength



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may be given me both to do & resist whatever is required –

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 April 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24 of 4th M 1808 / This morning when I first awoke my mind was very pleasantly affected with the Singing of a Robin from a neighboring Tree, it seemed to awaken my feelings to a Sense of my own very great unworthiness & lead to a contrast between my innocency & the innocency of that little bird - while he was Sweetly chanting his Makers Praise - I of the noblest of the creation fell far short of what I was designed, & he fully answering the noble end, - This is cause of blushing & confusion of face. Oh that it may be (in some measure at least) the means of Stimulating my spirit to purge the camp, that nothing offensive, nor any thing that occasions such death & conviction as I sometimes felt, may be suffered to remain - I had a precious meeting in the forenoon, our friend D Buffum Spoke twice & the last time was remarkably lively -- In the Afternoon my mind was in a rather different frame, but I trust not unprofitably engaged -
Spent the eveng with my dear H -*

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 April 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 25 of 4 M / Deep seriousness pervades my mind, on the prospect of future events of my life which hath been much the subject of my ruminations thro' the Day - This Afternoon my friend Wm S Burling of NYork called to see me, & this evening I spent with him at O Williams very agreeably

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 April 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 26th of 4th M / Nothing material thro' the day. Spent most of the eveng at Cousin A Knowles & near the close call'd at C R's

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 April 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 27 of 4 M / No occurrence that I can recollect worth naming, except that I spent the eveng in much sweetness with my



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 April 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 28 of 4 M / Rode with R Taylor to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our M Meeting. the part for worship was a very Lively & favord meeting to me. H Almy & D Buffum were lively in testimony we had much buisness in the last & an exercising time - Before meeting we called at P Lawtons - dind at A Shermans & on our way home stopt at R Mitchells [writing for this entry very small, cramped into the bottom of the page]


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 April 29, Friday: Hezekiah Cheney got married with Hephzibah Mulliken.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 4 M 1808 / In the Afternoon in company with Wm S Burling walked to the coal mine or the place where they are endeavoring to find one - the walk was exceedingly pleasant & his company as agreeable when we return'd he set sometime with me in the Shop & related Some exercises of his mind that were very interesting In the eveng on buisness called at R Taylors & was invited into the chamber where his mother is very low & to appearance near her end in consumtion. the visit was very pleasant & I believe very satisfactory to us both - Then with Wm Burling spent the residue of the eveng at D Rodmnas. Wm related some interesting anecdotes of the recent journey of our friend Stephen Grellet in France -

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 April 30, Saturday: In New York, Saratoga County physician Dr. Billy J. Clark formed the Union Temperance Society of Moreau and Northumberland.

ALCOHOLISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30th of 4 M / Nothing material; time has passed & no Note taken but from its loss - On reflecting on the time that I am spending & little proffit arising, I often feel Sorrowful. Oh that I had resolution to have things littlr [?]


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
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 May 1, Sunday: [William Hazlitt](#) got married with Sarah Stoddart at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, London (the bride was a sister of Hazlitt's friend Thomas Barnes, the editor of The Times; the marriage would end in divorce in 1822 due to his affair with his maid Sarah Walker).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 5th M 1808 / In the Afternoon Sarah Fish had a short testimony An unpleasant occurrence in the morning which was disturbing to the mind - nevertheless I fared not the worst of any time in my life at meetings particularly in the afternoon - between meetings J Rodman called at T Robinsons with a message from Wm Lee Junr to Abigail requesting her to pay his son a visit who is thought to be near his end - Took tea at O Williams & spent the eveng with my beloved H as usual -


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 May 2, Monday: When the Emperor Napoléon's order for the arrest of the royal family became known in Madrid, the populace rose in revolt. 500 were killed, mostly Spaniards. Martial law was declared and days of execution would ensue.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 5th M / Nothing worth inserting. Spent the eveng at C R Sarah Fish was there -

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 May 3, Tuesday: Mahmud Shah replaced Shoja al-Molk Shah as King of Afghanistan.

Francisco Goya witnessed the execution of Spanish civilians by French troops at the Montaña del Príncipe Pío near Madrid. After sketching the bodies by moonlight he would create "The Shooting of the Third of May, 1808."

"Capt Jabez Bullock found dead in the necessary."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3d of 5 M / Our friends from this Moy [Monthly] Meeting have just gone on board the packet for [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meetings it is a lovely sight to see them going - It would be exquisitly pleasant to accompany them but no way at present appears to make it convenient - Heavy depression seems to have been my lot to day, not from any particular & or a combination of causes, but more from the animal powers, I am ready to believe that even such dispensations are proffitable. - In the evening called at a friends house & found a disposition towards some that stood in the first ranks in the Church, of an hurtful nature & my mind was much affected there



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with, & came away sorrowful -

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May 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 4 of 5 M 1808 / Considering it has been Election day,
it has been pretty free from noise I think there has been less
drunkenness than common
If obedience had kept pace with knowledge I should not have felt
as I have thro' the Afternoon & evening*

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May 5, Thursday: Both former King Carlos IV and King Fernando VII resigned the Spanish crown to the Emperor Napoléon at Bayonne, just north of the Spanish border on the Bay of Biscay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5 of 5 M / Our meeting was rather small & silent, but
to me the helping hand was evidently extended - Set the evening
with my dear H*

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May 6, Friday: King Fernando VII of Spain was taken by the French and would be imprisoned in Valancay, France. Joaquin Murat, grand duque de Berg y de Cleves was named Lieutenant-general and Governor of the Realm.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 6 of 5 M / At Trade as usual & perhaps the state of my
mind not the worst of any time in my life - Our friends have
arrived from [Greenwich](#) Qtrly Meeting they speak of it as a very
refreshing season & that they were glad they were there. I think
my mind has been capacitated to rejoice with them, yea feelingly
so - they mention that Our friend John Casey was livingly engaged
in testimony in the first meeting & in the last, in Supplication
- Called at C R's in the evening -*

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May 7, Saturday: King Carlos IV and his queen left Bayonne for exile at Compiègne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 7 of 5 M / No material occurrence the same old round
over again, from the house to the shop & from the Shop to the
house &c - In the evening at R Taylors & Aunt M Goulds -*



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May 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 5 M / At Meeting this forenoon my mind was in a pretty good frame, reflections on the uncertainty of all human events – toward the close D B feelingly revived the query "What proffiteth it a man if he gain the whole world & loose his own Soul" – between meetings made a precious visit to E Honer - In the Afternoon meeting we were Silent & to me it was not quite as lively as in the Mornng but not the worst of times to tea at D Williams, & spent the eveng with my beloved H

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May 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 5 M / There is need indeed that I lay my hand upon my Mouth & my Mouth in the Dust & Cry Unclean Unclean —

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May 10, Tuesday: The Emperor Napoléon named his brother, Joseph Bonaparte, King of Naples, as King of Spain.

General William Hildreth would be Sheriff of [Concord](#) until 1813.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 10 of 5 M / No material occurrence. In the eveng called at C R's

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May 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 5 M / Tho' I am but a poor erring creature at best, yet I think my mind has experienced a degree of Sweet favor, especially this Afternoon - Oh that my soul may be duly thankful. Spent the evening in writing to D Smith alone in my Shop —

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May 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 12 of 5 M / Awoke this morning under serious impressions from a dream
As I was coming from Meeting I met our friend H Almy who says*



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"well Stephen been to meeting", I said yes & we have had a quiet time" he reply'd there is great ??rment [encouragement? - the writing is cramped and very small] to keep in the quiet & to abide patiently the day of trial, for tho' we may be tried for a time the quiet is a head & will be obtained by patience & obedience, this says he I mention that thou may remember it. perhaps when I am no more -
Set the evening with my dear H

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May 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13th of 5th M 1808 / pretty buisy at Trade thro' the day - In the eveng called at neighbor Birds - The Old Lady related a Story of a man on Long Island that had a grudge against his wife, & brought a Sholder of Mutton for her dinner which she was particularly fond of, he previous to roasting rubed it over with rats-bane - he likewise bought some Fish for his own dinner, & after eating it asked his wife what she fryed the fish with. She told him the drippings of the mutton then he says I am a dead man - Medical aid was soon called. but all efforts were in vain to restore the poor woman. he was kept alive & hanged - this story was related to shew the wonderful workings of Providence

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May 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 5 M / Pretty diligently occupied at Trade thro' the day this evening called at J T's shop & met a man who was disposed to argue upon maintain the right of self defence - & tho' he was fluent in speech I thought I was favor'd to give him pertinent answers, & to handle the subject to pretty good advantage considering the contrast in our abilitys as men -

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May 15, Sunday: M. Talleyrand left Paris for his chateau at Valençay. The Emperor Napoléon had assigned him the task of imprisoning/hosting the three Spanish princes captured at Bayonne (the Prince of the Asturias, the Infante Don Carlos, and the Infante Don Antonio). [Jan Ladislav Dussek](#) would be part of the entertainment.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 5 M / When I first took my seat in meeting this mornng my mind was sweetly impressed with a sense of the loving kindness & long suffering of the Almighty toward his children & in particular to me in often renewing his gracious visits of love to my heart. It was the best meeting I have had for a long



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long time & I was made in degree to experience the truth of the Scripture declaration that the "Reward of Righteousness is Peace" – Our friend D Buffum was uncommonly large in testimony from the text "The harvest is past & the Summer is ended & I am not gathered – towards the conclusion of the Meeting H Dennis was concernd in a sho[r]t & very sweet testimony – Afternoon silent & but few in number – but favor'd – I must acknowledge it has been a favor'd Day to me – Spent the evening as usual on this day of the week with my dear H

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May 16, Monday: A report that can only be characterized as "a UFO sighting" appeared in the Transactions of the Swedish Academy of Sciences. According to this report, it was a warm, cloudless day in Sweden, but at about 4PM the sun strangely dimmed and "there appeared on the western horizon, from where the wind blew, to arise gradually, and in quick succession, a great number of balls, or spherical bodies, to the naked eye of a size of the crown of a hat, and of a dark brown color." As these objects drifted with the breeze in the direction of the sun, their appearance darkened until they appeared "entirely black." Eventually most of them drifted on over the eastern horizon, but "[d]uring this course, some disappeared, others fell down.... The phenomenon lasted uninterruptedly, upwards of two hours, during which time millions of similar bodies continually rose in the west, one after the other irregularly, and continued their career in exactly the same manner. No report, noise, nor any whistling or buzzing in the air was perceived. As these balls slackened their course on passing by the Sun, several were linked together, three, six, or eight of them in a line, joined like a chain-shot by a thin and straight bar; but on continuing again a more rapid course, they separated, and each having a tail after it, apparently of three or four fathoms length, wider at its base where it adhered to the ball, and gradually decreasing, till it terminate in a fine point. During the course, these tails, which had been the same black color as the balls, disappeared by degrees." An official of the Swedish Academy, K.G. Wettermark, reported that some of the balls came to earth in his vicinity, and that as they came down they lost their dark color, were unseen for a brief period, and then when they became visible again they were iridescent "in this particular exactly resembling those air-bubbles which children use to produce from soapsuds by means of a reed. When the spot, where such a ball had fallen, was immediately after examined, nothing was to be seen, but a scarcely perceptible film or pellicle, as thin and fine as a cobweb, which was still changing colors, but soon entirely dried up and vanished." (Such reports were apparently rather familiar in the earlier centuries, and we have the terms "star jelly" and, in Welsh, *pwdre ser* meaning "rot from the stars." References to such a material descending from the sky are to be noticed in a poem by Sir John Suckling from 1541 and in a poem by John Dryden from 1679. In 1712 the Reverend John Morton of Emmanuel College had obtained enough of this strange sky-falling material to burn some of it, and noted that "there was left a film like isinglass, and something like the skins and vessels of animal bodies.").

ASTRONOMY

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 5 M / A day of considerable favor of mind – I have begun to read the life of the celebrated C J Fox, his dissipation is astounding, but is evidently to be traced to the unaccountably imprudent indulgences of his Father – I hope it may teach me more wisdom in the management of my children should I ever have any – in the evening at C Rs—

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May 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 5 M / In the forenoon (buisness on the way) went to the coal Mine with Cousin Greene - P Dunham is over & called & set a little while with me - I have felt a Sweetness of mind this evening that is very comfortable -

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May 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 5 M / It has been a day wherein a good degree of favor has been experienced I desire to be thankful again to feel that my heart has not wholly turned into Stone

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May 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 5 M / At Meeting D Buffum was concernd in a lively testimony on the necessity of "Bretheren's dwelling together in Amity, it was like a precious ointment poured on the H camp of Aron &c - it seemed like a precious meeting to me, tho' as to my own particular not so much favord as at some times - set the evening with my dear H -

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May 20, Friday: The announcement was officially made that King Fernando VII of Spain had abdicated — this was the last straw and Spain lurched into revolution against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 5 M / Dilligently at Trade - some good degree of favor in the mind, at least Sufficient to Satisfy me that I am not without some life In the evening at C Rs, a pleasant time, socobility & ease -

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➡ May 21, Saturday: [Sally Hemings](#) gave birth to the last of the five children she would bear for [Thomas Jefferson](#). President Jefferson named this son after the traditional hometown of his Jefferson family in England, Eston. The Virginia State Legislature would vote a special dispensation for the mother, after Jefferson died. Jefferson's three older children by Sally having previously disappeared from the pages of history (presumably by changing their names, moving elsewhere, and passing as white), only Sally, Madison, and Eston would remain at Monticello while all of the other 187 plantation slaves were being disbursed.



[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 5 M 1808 / Pretty dilligent at trade, the close of the afternoon read in the life of C J Fox - In the evening at O Williams, a pleasant time & a good or comfortable degree of favor of mind, sent a letter to Patience Austin which I wrote yesterday - So closes another Week -

➡ May 22, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 5 M / Both meetings silent & to me dry seasons tho' a disposition was experienced to labor for the refreshing water - took tea at Aunt Martha Gould & set the evening as usual with my beloved H

➡ May 23, Monday: King Joseph Bonaparte departed Naples to become King of Spain. Cartagena and Valencia rose against the French.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 5 M / In the forenoon pretty laboriously at Trade, after dinner spent an hour reading the life of C J Fox -then to Trade & in the evening walk'd out to D Buffums to wait on my beloved H home - In the corse of the day my mind has Several times been turned inward & I trust a degree of favor experienced. Oh! that I may be duly thankful for all favors & especially that of feeling my mind tenderd & brought into the divine presence

➡ May 24, Tuesday: Zaragoza and Murcia rose against the French.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 5 M / Industriously at Trade, but a precious currant of life running as a brook by the way, especially this



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evening. Oh that my Soul may be truly thankful, but when I consider my manyfold transgressions I am made to wonder that the Lord is thus kind - in the evening at C Rs



May 25, Wednesday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 5th birthday.



The General Assembly of the Asturias declared war on France. Oviedo rose against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 5 M / Pretty much engrossed in book at Trade nevertheless the mind has felt a good degree of sweetness & much tenderness this evening -

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May 26, Thursday: Seville rose against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 26 of 5 M / Monthly Meeting in Town - The first was Silent but to me a very favord time, & in my own mind the life was preciously near in the last being favord with ability to open my mouth to buisness under such feelings as I thought warranted me therein - but it appeard to be a time of discouragement in the minds of some, Several of our most active members were allmost wholly silent & the buisness generally went on with labor - One encoraging circumstance however occurd. B Pearce requested the care of friends. he at present appears hopeful & it is probable if faithful will be a help to society - Spent the evening very preciously with my very precious H

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May 27, Friday: Léon rose against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 5 M / It has been a pleasant day, a sweet Brook of the precious life has Sweetly refreshed my mind & particularly this evening - dear A Barker made me an agreeable visit in the Afternoon - I hope to be both humble & thankful for the many favors which I receive, several of the last may be



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called days of favor

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May 28, Saturday: An announcement appeared in the Wiener Zeitung of two vacancies for boy choristers in the Imperial and Royal Court Chapel. This was read by an interested Viennese couple with a talented son named Franz, Karl and Elisabeth Schubert.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 28 of 5 M / The usual rounds vituals to work & from work
to vituals - in the evening received the Books & papers of my
new office of Recorder*

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May 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29th of 5 M / Our Meetings were both Silent except that
O W read the General Epistle & to me were rather scaterd seasons,
& it was not because there was no preaching that I know of but
wholly owing to my own state in not getting to the root of
matters - I took tea at Aunt M Goulds & spent the evening with
my beloved as usual on this day of the week -*

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May 30, Monday: France annexed Tuscany.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 30th of 5th M 1808 / The mind not in a very progressing
state as to religious improvement, however not the worst of
times - In the evening at J Earls & C Rs*

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May 31, Tuesday: New-York's first permanent circus, Pepe and Beschard's, opened at Broadway Avenue and Worth Street.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 31st of 5 M / Attended the funeral of Philip Robinsons
who died yesterday & was buried today in the buring ground near
the meeting house, in the evening at O Wa & C Rs - little or no
religion today -*

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 June 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 1st of 6th M 1808 / But little life in religion
nevertheless perhaps not entirely void in the evening called at
G Champlins to consult C J Tenny about the affairs of our Black
School, & a little while at C Rs*


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 June 2, Thursday: The “Bologna” Mass of Gioachino Rossini was performed for the initial time, in the Chiesa della Madonna di San Luca. He contributed three sections of a composite mass by the students of the Liceo Musicale.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 2nd of 6th M / At meeting we were silent & part of the
time my mind was profitably engaged, being favored with a view
of the merits of the blessed Saviour & was made sensible that
by his interceptions with the father, I am often helped &
strengthened to stand against temptations, but Oh my frail
nature often it surrenders to things hurtful, but if I fall my
destruction will be of my self nothing on the part of the
Redeemer being lacking to complete Salvation –
In the Afternoon with C J Tenny visited the black School – In
the evening with my beloved H –*


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 June 3, Friday: Birth of Jefferson Davis, who after serving on the committee to investigate the 1859 raid by abolitionists upon the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry would become President of the Confederate States of America from 1861 to 1865.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 3 of 6 M / Nothing material to insert. The mind rather
appressed than otherways In the evening at O W & C Rs – Evans
Thomas & companion has arrived to attend the Yearly Meeting,
more friends are expected in a few days from NYork –*

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 June 4, Saturday and June 5, Sunday: Because Spanish insurgents fired upon and killed French troops at the pass of Despeñaperros in the Sierra Morena, war began between France and Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th & 1st day 4 & 5 of 6 M / After dinner on Seventh day I went
on business to Little Compton & after a tedious journey over the
Beech, at the Ceswest crossed the river & arrived there before
sun down, went immediately to Joshua Wilbour's & finished my*



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buisness & there took tea, then went to my friend Philip Dunham's & lodged. Philip is a plain man & lives much in the simplicity at his own home, next morning return'd to J W's & found the Clock went well from there rode to meeting & a meeting of deep seriousness it was to me my mind was lead to reflect on the past & present situation of poor J A notin who once used to set in that meeting in great innocency but now Alass Alass is in a very different state & far distant from his native shore I felt united to a few present & none more so than Dear old Jeremiah & Philip - Dined at David Irish's then crossed Valenties ferry & after a long very hot & fatiguing walk arrived in [Newport](#) while the Afternoon meeting was setting & from the circumstance of Evans Thomas & John W Himm ? [?] being there was allmost induced to go in tho' considerable after the time - but feeling unusually worn down with heat & fatigue concluded to go home & rest & spent the evening with my beloved H - This is the first time I was ever at Little Compton & that I ever attended their Meetings & while there for the first time heard a Whip 0 will & Bull frog. it is a very pleasant place, & tho' the visit was performed in a hurry I had many sweet feelings & hope they will not soon be forgotten -

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June 6, Monday: The citizens of Chaves, Portugal set up a junta which proclaimed loyalty to the house of Bragança. Other Portuguese cities would soon act in a similar manner.

Joseph Bonaparte was publicly proclaimed José I, King of Spain and of the Indies.

The National Museum of Brazil was founded in Rio de Janeiro by Prince Dom João.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 6M / Uncle & aunt Stanton arrived about 1 / 2 past 12 OClock - otherways nothing material. the mind overcast & little or no religious sensations - In the eveng at D Ws & C Rs -

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June 7, Tuesday: French troops captured Segovia, and captured and ransacked Córdoba.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 6 M 1808 / I rose early this morning & took a pleasant walk as to the outward, but my mind was Seriously affected - brother James come home at a late hour last night which banished sound sleep from my eyes the whole night, Oh saith my soul that young men would duly consider the effects of dissipation for in this life & that to come, in this it ruins



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their credit among men & unfits them for usefulness either to themselves or others & affords not one substantial enjoyment. tho' they may for a moment feel their spirits exilerated by the rosy god, yet when that is off, Oh the Sting that must ensue & remain as a sorce of pain & misery untill the same dreadful measure for relief is again resorted too, or the spirit & power of truth as a shield. & oh that this may be the grand restorative of all that are unhappy & miserably following their vain & wicked propensities. My mind has been bowed this morning in prostration before the Lord that those may be met with in the narrow way even in the way in which there is no turning - In the forenoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) on buisness & dined at J Chases & in the way visited the Monthly Meeting School kept by Susanna Anthony - In the evening a few minutes at CRS -

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June 8, Wednesday: Something akin to today's "Darwin Awards" was appearing in the American gazettes:

ALEXANDRIA, June 1.

FATAL DUEL.—An altercation, arising from political discussion, between Mr. Th. Lewis and Mr. John M'Henry, at Finscastle, Virginia, the former challenged the latter to fight with pistols; Mr. M'Henry declined that instrument, and they concluded to use RIFLES! They met—and both fell. Lewis was shot thro' the heart; M'Henry a little below; he died the day following. They fought—and *with rifles*—at fifteen let) paces.

DUELING

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 6 M / Pretty buisy at white washing, in the evening at WmPattens with the Directors of the African benevolent society, the school is weak every way but in pecuniary assistance very much so & whether we can long continue it is doubtful, but when we have done what we can I trust we shall have our reward -

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June 9, Thursday: By imperial decree, Emperor Franz created the Austrian Landwehr — all men 19-25 years of age not yet in the army were conscripted.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 6 M / Our friend Evan Thomas & his companion John W McKimm was at Meeting. Even spoke a little towards the close, & desired the Youth to attend the divine principal as he felt an exercise on our account - As to my own state of mind it seemed as if true seed was under suffering, or in other words, it seemed as if I might have had a favord time if it had not been for a roving inclination, as some thing sweet seemed to be underneath, while obstructed by this roving disposition - Met about half an hour at the African School room with C J Tenny & Cato Barker on buisness of the Directors in the evening with my beloved H

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June 10, Friday: By this point every province of Spain was in armed revolt against French rule. In Brazil, the Portuguese regent Dom João declared war on France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 6 M / While setting at home a little while this forenoon with a relation who is on a visit to us from NYork, my mind felt seriously disposed, particularly in observing him frequently to sigh I thought was he at home, he would not do it so frequently & was inclined to fear his seriousness arose for the want of company adapted to his turn of mind. I thought to myself "how precious a refuge is Religion? when in possession of it, if turned a little out of our ordinary course, & something unpleasant assails the Mind, Religion is a refuge to which we may flee & ever feel contented, but if the reverse an unpleasant vacuum is experienced" --made several calls in the evening

7th day 11th of 6M 1808 / Our Yearly Meeting commences this day. it falls to my lot again to have the oversight & care of the Boarding houses. When I went out to go to the meetinghouse yard my mind seem'd clothed with a degree of the right spirit for which I felt thankful, but in the hurry & vexation, allmost necessaraly attendant at such times, those religious sensations seemed to vanish, however finding the buisness accomplished & as satisfactorily as circumstances would admit, a degree of peace seems to attend my mind

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June 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Before breakfast visited the boarding houses & found them in comfortable order Our morning meeting was very large



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[space left for name] spoke first who was the first friend that ever preached in our new part of the Meeting house then J Green - then E Thornton was very lengthy & with all, powerful & sound, he told us that "the love of God to man thro' Jesus Christ when felt to flow in the Heart was far sweeter, yea, preeminanetly sweeter than all that ever Smoaked on Palestine's Alter, or all Arabian spices" he concluded the meeting in solemn supplication -

In the Afternoon we had several offering all short among them were David Buffum & Evan Thomas - David's testimony seem'd very sweet - & tho' we had but little preaching & long pauses between some of the offerings, yet the meeting was very quiet & no interruption that I know of & I thought more than usual Solemnity - Those large meetings are generally (to me) Seasons of much toil & anxiety, but this, thus far has been less so than common, whether it is from an increase of experience or more particular favor than common I know not, however this I know that it has been a very favor'd day to me. -

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June 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

No 2nd day / Our meetings this morning opene'd with livly communications from E Thornton D Buffum E Thomas & a few others -the buisness went on as usual with frequent pertinent remarks from our usual active Members And concluded with a very lively communications from our friends Micajah Collins - In the afternoon It opened in Silence, I know not how others felt, but for my own part there seem'd to be as sweet as covering over my own mind & I thought over the whole meeting as I have felt in some time -- The State of Society as reported by the queries, was in Some instances painful & called forth very feeling & pertinent remarks from our friends John McKimm E Thornton E Thomas John Casey & D Buffum, particularly the accts of the use of spiritious Liquor & sleeping - after Meetings I invited a number to partake of our meals, but few came & that few consisted of Thomas Watson & his intended wife, D Cooledge & Sarah Keone at dinner - Smith Brown wife & daughter & Loyd Greene at tea in the evening, I visited several boarding Houses & found things comfortable as could be expected -

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June 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / After a pause of silence the meeting was opened & my mind thro' divine favor was cover'd with a precious covering. The London General Epistle was then read with uncommon effect on my mind, & I thought was generally impressive over the meeting



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-- The meeting then proceeded to the case of Sam' Slaids appeal, which was introduced with very pertinent & cautionary remarks by E Thornton Wm Rotch Jun & others - after some little further buisness the meeting adjourned till tomorrow Morning - at dinner but few guests - This afternoon called at C Rs & J Earls to see Mary Collins at the latter place found her, & had some agreeable conversation on various subjects. I feel a love in the Truth to flow towards her & greatly wish she may be preserved in the path in which she hath begun to walk - In the evening at C R in a pleasant circle - & a few minutes at the close at D Rs -

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June 15, Wednesday: Spanish insurgents beat off French attacks at Zaragoza.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / The meeting met at 9 OClock in the morning & finished the first Setting - Several weighty & impressive communications were made by E Thornton, Micajah Collins John Casey Joseph Douglas & others - Saml Slaids appeal was confirmed against him - The Buisness of the Yearly Meeting has been conducted with unusual love & harmony, no jars nor long contests have been made but all seem'd to aim at one thing & It will not be speaking my own opinion alone to say that it has been a very favor'd time, & I believe the hearts of many are made glad & thankful therefore - After dinner many friends left the town on their way home, some remains & will probably be with us 'till tomorrow - Towards evening with my beloved Micajah walked round the Hill, much pleasant & familiar conversation passed between us, & for my own part it was a very strengthening walk to me, we returned to C Rs & passed the remainder of the evening in a large circle of friends & acquaintance - Oh that the repeated opportunity that are afforded me for improvements may be duly prized, at leaving there took leave of several of my acquaintance that I did not expect to see again -

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June 16, Thursday: Local citizens in the Algarve, Portugal, took control of the government.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / We had a very large pulbic meeting John McKimm opened the service in a short but comprehensive & feeling testimony Evan Thomas followed him in a very long communication where in he appeard deeply concern'd for the wellfare of all present that we might walk by the same rule & mind the same thing, before that which made for our everlasting peace be hid from our eyes, tho' he was not very eloquent, he was correct in delivery plain



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& simple adapting his testimony to the capacitys of all present - there were several men of note in other societys present, as Wm Patten the Presbitirian Minister Merwin [Nerwin?] the Methodist Minister Caleb Green the Newlite Minister, Loyd Beale the Cap't of the Fort & many others of distinction, all appear'd quiet & very attentive till the meeting broke - Our friends have generally gone out of town, tho' some staid to meeting - The Yearly Meeting has generally been favor'd thro' its several setting public & private with solemnity & the private settings with uncommon unanimity & Harmony in conducting the Church concerns that came before us - I think I may say on my own account that I have been favor'd with fresh incomes of life from day to day mercifully vouchsafed for which I desire to be thankful & bow in spirit before the merciful dispencer of every blessing who from season to season thro' the whole corse of my life has often shewed unmerited favors, & when I refelect on the defective returns of gratitude & improvement required at my hands I am fearful those favors will soon be at an end, without a renewed exertion to fulfill the important duties assigned in this life of tribulation & trial, with greater dedication & faithfulness of heart -

Spent the evening with my very endeared & truly precious H -The time draws nigh when we expect to close our engagements with each other, & enter into the Matrimonial State. I hope & may I not say pray that our lives may be in the line of truth & then I doubt not but we shall do well & if the cup of bitterness should be dispenced we shall then be enabled to say it is Right -

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June 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 6 M 1808 / It has been a very favor'd day the life & fresh spring of life has sweetly passed thro' my mind & therein have had some proffitable meditations - In the Afternoon was visited by the Constable James Chappel who, as he said by virtue of his warrant dated 23rd of May 1808 Issued by Jonathon Almy Justice of the Peace by order of Nathaniel Sweet capt of A company of Militia, took from me the following Articles -

one Bellows ---\$1.50

one large Shovel - 1.29.5

five watch chain - 1.25

\$4.4. 5

His demands against me was as follows - Fine --- \$2. - Warrant .25

Constables fees .59 \$2.84

This distraint was in consequence of my not appearing at a training as order'd by the said N Sweet. The Constable appears moderate & disposed to take as little as he could & answer his demand, but as it is a demand of a nature with which I cannot comply agreeable to my religious principals & also my religious



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*experience, I must call it suffering tho' the sum taken was but little over \$1.20 cents more than the demand, the bellows & shovel is exactly what I pay'd for them & were as good as new, being in ware but a few Months, & used but very little, the watch chains I know not what they will cost me as they are some I had on commissions to sell but probably as much as they are marked or more – In the evening with the Directors of the African Society, at Wm Patten's on buisness relative to the school. I still feel much for the poor blacks & wish their condition was still bettered –
Called a few minutes at C R's & found them as usual*

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June 18, Saturday: Citizens of Oporto took control of the city from the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 6 M 1808 / Attended the funeral of Wm Lee, son of William Lee Junr, at the house we had a comfortable time except some unnecessary moving about by those who did not understand friends practice on those occasions. He nor his parents are not members but plain, & he was buried in the upper burial ground in friends Medowfield. Aged 22 Years – In the setting at the House O Williams had a few words to deliver to his parents expressive of his clear prospect that their Son had entered into his heavenly Fathers rest, & that they had no need to sorrow on his account –In the evening at Aunt M Gould & C R's

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June 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 6th M / Before meeting this Mornng visited R Taylor & family whose Mother deceased Yesterday morning. I could sympathize with them under their berevement, but have nor doubt nor the shadow of a doubt but their loss is her eternal gain – Both our meetings were very small owing to its being a very cold & Stormy day - silent but not the worst of times to me – It has been so cold that we have had a fire in our great room, & I have been obliged to shift cotton for worsted stockins & found them very comfortable – Spent the eveng as usual with my truly dendeared H –

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June 20, Monday: When French forces attacked Gerona they were twice repulsed, and needed to retreat to Barcelona.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 6 M / The day passed at Trade as usual, except the attendance of the funeral of Hannah Taylor, a good old woman that I have no doubt has gone to her grave in peace, the setting at the House was Silent but I thought very Solemn - My mind thro' the day has been more than usually favor'd with the precious life & hath not been lost this evening, at C R's

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June 21, Tuesday: Joseph-Louis Gay-Lussac and Louis-Jacques Thénard announced to the French Academy of Sciences the isolation of the element "boron."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 6 M / At Trade as usual, the mind pretty tranquil, tho' perhaps not so guarded as might have been, particularly in a disposition to levity. No material occurrence as respects myself - Our friends Evan Thomas & John W McKimm came from [Providence](#) Yesterday & are in town today - In the eveng with my Dear H

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June 22, Wednesday: Captain Zebulon Montgomery Pike reached his peak.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 6 M / I think I can say with safty that my mind has experienced a degree of divine favor thro' the day, Oh that I may bow (as I think I do at this time) in thankful acknowledgements to the holy Author of them - In the eveng a



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little while at C R's -

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June 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23d of 6th M 1808 / After I went to bed last night my mind was brought into a solid weighty frame & I trust living desires were begotten afresh in my heart more & more to live a life devoted to Truths cause - And now again this morning the same concern is revived -

At meeting we were silent & to me it was a good instructing opportunity, having to look over things past present & to come as pertaining to my life, & can say in Sincerity that I desire to come up in the discharge of the various & important Duties that may devolve on me the remainder of my life, with faithfulness & fervency of heart to that cause which my soul at seasons prefers to the increase of Gold or Silver, & also in family concerns, & I believe in order to a faithful discharge of the latter, the former must be strictly adhered to, for without a growth in religion, I believe family concerns cannot be rightly fulfilled, neither the choice blessings of heaven attend, but if Religion becomes our primary object, the Scripture promise will be fulfilled Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven & the Righteousness thereof & all things necessary will be added -

In the last (Preparative Meeting) I proceeded on am important concern that hath long been in agitation - to lay my Intentions of Marriage with Hannah Rodman before friends - & tho' I am more accustomed to speaking in meetings than some, I did not speak so free from embarrassment in that case as many that never confronted an audience before, hence I learn that we cannot calculate on former experience, but every exercise brings a new feeling with it, & that we are wholly & soley dependant on the Lord for help -however I Spoke as as to be understood & what may be called tollerably well - [From & tho' I am more to tollerably well is crossed through] Since Meeting my mind feels peaceful & as if I had done right, which from the first commencement of the undertaking has allways afforded Satisfaction & a hope that it would termine for our mutual Benefit -

Spent the eveng with my Beloved H ——

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June 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 6 M 1808 / The mind evidently under divine favor thro' the day & evening, but not sufficient conformity to what it dictated. In the eveng at C R's - M B was there & walking



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home with her furnished an opportunity for me to communicate a concern that I have long felt towards her - Vizt that her acknowledgement would be acceptable to friends - The General Assembly in their setting this day passed an amendment of the Military law very favorable to friends Vizt that the fine for members of our Society be 3 Dollars A Year & that it be left with the Commanding Officer to ascertain who our members are & collect the fine once a Year by distraint as usual & if the propperty cannot be found they are to be exempt from imprisonment, & the warrant returnd without furhter prosecution -& friend are exempted from any further Military demand - This will make easy work for our Members, & may we so distinguish our selves by a strict adherence to our christian principals as to convince the World, & the outward Aurthority in particular, that we are Worthy of this indulgence

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June 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 6 M / A Day of feeling at least, & I have thought a pretty good day - Wrote a letter to E R now at Lynn -

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June 26, Sunday: The publishing firm of Giovanni Ricordi was founded in Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 26th of 6th M / Our Morning meeting was silent but quiet & I think to me a very good - Again silent in the Afternoon & a pretty good Meeting came - We had the company this Afternoon of J E who never attends except something is in the wind - I suppose he had his Son's cause to promote, but how he can expect to do it by once attendance of meeting in five or six Years is a mystery to M -Spent the evening as usual with my H -

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June 27, Monday: The French failed to take Valencia, and after heavy losses were forced to retreat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 6 M / A pleasant walk round the Point early in the Morng. at labor thro' the day - in the eveng at D Ws & called at D R's to wait on my H home

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June 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28 of 6 M / Nothing material, except that it has been a very comfortable eveng nothing has seemed to hang heavy - In the eveng with my H -

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June 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 6 M 1808 / If obedience had kept place with light & knowledge I should have been nearer Christian perfection than I am now - In the evening called at C R's J E's & J Green's to see cousin Anne a little while

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June 30, Thursday: Humphrey Davy announced to the Royal Society in London his discovery of the elements barium, calcium, magnesium, and strontium (strontium has been known but Davy was able to isolate it from strontianite).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 6 M / Rode with my beloved H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & to publish our intentions of Marriage we both succeeded far beyond our expectations, spoke more audable & much feer from embarrassment, & now our minds feel released from an heavy burden which hath long borne hard doubts & fears pervading whether we should get along with any tolerable degree of composure - I[n] this instance of favor is an encoragement to press forward & confirms me in the belief that we frequently suffer more from the anticipation than the real experience of a difficulty - Our minds are humbly thankful & desire to ascribe thanksgiving where it is alone due - A large share of activity in the buisness fell to my lot & I trust I labor honestly, as I feel much sweetness of mind after it. I am not yet sensible of being to fast or to slow, except in one instance speaking with a little too much zeal & in another in neglecting to speak where I thought I ought to have done - The first meeting was silent & to me much favor'd - before meeting we stop'd at the Almy's - And after meeting was detained at the meeting house by a severe tempest of sharp lightning & heavy thunder & sometimes rain when it was over we went to P Lawtons & dined & set a little while very pleasantly with them - then had a very sweet & comfortable ride home - In the evening called at Aunt P Goulds & brought up the rear at C R's. It has been a day that I shall long remember on many accts, nor do I wish the feelings soon effaced from my memory - [an X from



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July 1: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 7th M 1808 / A favor'd day, my mind has experienced (I trust) the sweet extendings of divine goodness - while conversing with a brother this afternoon I enquired the reason of his absence from Moy [Monthly] Meeting. he told me that the state of his outward buisness was such that he apprehended he could not leave it, but said he was not inclin'd to be Supersticious but must confess, that he believed it would have been best for him to have gone, for he could not get along in his buisness & did not know when he had perform'd less in a day & thought he did not do three hours work in the corse of it, & said he thought he should do different at another time - in the eveng at O W's with my H -

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July 2, Saturday: French troops made another desperate attempt to take Zaragoza, and again suffered heavy losses.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) again talked religion with a [Baptist](#) minister (as he had in April, although it would appear not with the same reverend), and again (as he had in April) he considered afterward that he as a [Quaker](#) had had the better side of the conversation:

7th day 2nd of 7th M / Much as usual as to the state of my mind, in the morning fell in with a Baptist minister & had a little conversation respecting the Scriptures & particularly on the subject of their being the only rule of faith & practice - had time permitted I think I should have lost no ground & as it was I believe he found himself pinched worse than he expected -Uncle & Aunt Stanton sail'd for NYork this morning early - In the eveng at Aunt M Goulds the at R T, & waited on my H home -

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(Again one wonders whether the [Baptist](#) reverend would have been able to concur with this assessment of the encounter.)



July 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 3 M [sic] / At meeting our friend D Buffum endeavord to stir up the pure mind by way of remembrance in a livly communication on the young man in the Gospel who had fulfilled the law from his Youth up, but still lacked one thing Vi true Religion - my mind was in a rather dull frame, however not the worst of seasons - In the Afternoon we were silent & to my mind a more favord season than in the Morning - passed the eveng very



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sweetly where I usually do on this day of the week

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Our national birthday, Monday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s 4th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

In Richmond, Virginia it was resolved that only [liquor](#) that had been produced in this nation might be consumed on during this nation's birthday celebration.

[Walton Felch](#)'s son Hiram E. Felch of Boston would inform us of a family tradition, that at the age of 18 his father had delivered a Fourth of July Oration.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 7 M / For what it is called Independence day we have had a very still time the least drunkenness & noise I ever recollect at a similar time



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July 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 7th M / Last night at a very late hour there was a high quarrel between several young men by the Granary The state of mind they evinced & the bad language they used seriously affected my mind, but was truly thankful none of my kindred was among them I discovered two of them to be the descendants of Friends & one of them lately disowned & while under dealing I was one of the committee to whom his care was submitted, my mind was last night & again this Mornng humbled on his account & also on my own account on considering my very short comings up to the Christian Standard

A call from a friend this forenoon was very strengthening, while he related several occurrences at Portsomuth incident to Society of an encoraging nature, my mind seem'd more brought under the burden of concern than for sometime, & I greatly desired that my conduct might not be a stumbling to the honest hearted & that Zions walls might be repaired

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July 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 6th of 7th M 1808 / How precious to feel the Arm of divine power underneath to support us in season of difficulty, in seasons when it may feel to the poor mind that there is no way for us to advance either in Spiritual or temporal concerns, but a Cloud over the Tabernacle & all within dismay'd - But my mind this morning while pleasantly engaged in conversation with a young man who hath already engaged on the important stage of life - was very livingly introduced into prospects which for a little time allmost enraptured my Soul with desires that I might in the end obtain the prise - It was the prospect of a wellspent life advanced to old age having passed thro' the vicisitudes of time with becoming firmness, & encountered the numerous difficulties of life with christian patience & faith, how consoling, how indescribably precious with the assurance of peace, death having no sting nor the grave no victory, but enabled to say with the Apostle I have finished my core [course] I have kept the faith, henceforth there is a Crown of Glory laid up for me - this is sufficient encorgaement to endure the temporary besetments of time & to endure the Cross of youth that in the end we may obtain the Crown
In the Afternoon received a letter from E R in Salem it really pleased me to exceed any thing for some time -*

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July 7, Thursday: Mariaio Luis de Urquijo y Muga replaced Pedro Cevallos Guerra as First Secretary of State of Spain.

France promulgated a Statute of Bayonne laying out a form for the government of Spain (this would never be enforceable but would eventually become the basis for a Spanish constitution).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 7th M 1808 / Finished a letter that I began last even to E R & put it in the post Office - A Silent & very still meeting & according to my sense a favord one, tho' I had nothing to boast of myself as to livly sensibility in religion - In the eveng a little while at C R's -

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July 8, Friday: A 3-man council of regency took over on behalf of Joseph Bonaparte, King of Naples, the lately designated King of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 7th M / Red' a letter from my friends David Smith dated 7th m 4th which seem'd refreshing to my mind - In the



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July 9, Saturday: [Alexander William Doniphan](#) was born near the Ohio River at the town of Maysville, Kentucky, 60 miles southeast of Cincinnati. His parents were Joseph Doniphan and Anne Fowke Smith Doniphan, from Virginia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 9 of 7 M / My mind this mornng seems brought a little
under the precious influence which I desire to reatin with
thankfulness -
Alass the day does not close with that Satisfaction it began
with in the Morning -*

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10th of 7th Mo, 1st day: In Hopkinton, [Rhode Island](#), an agreement to provide care for an elderly Quaker couple was entered into, and duly recorded:

PETER DAVIS' OLD AGE



We the Committee appointed to provide for the Support of Peter Davis and wife have met on f^d Business and propose the following agreement made with Peter Hoxsie for one years support of f^d Peter Davis and wife that He will keep Martha Davis for the consideration of her Annuity or income free & clear from any expence to friends, and that he will keep and support Peter Davis includeing victualling, clotheing, Doctrineing, lodgeing &c for the f^d term of one year, for the consideration of fifty dollars, twenty Seven of which is due to the f^d Peter Davis from W^m Sweet Peckham, which he agrees to Collect of him, which will leave twenty three Dollars for the Monthly meeting to pay, — Or in that Proportion if the f^d Peter should decease before the expiration of that time. And the f^d Peter Hoxsie agrees that they shall be as well clothed at the years end as they are when he receives them — his year is to commence the 8th day of the 7th Mo. 1808.

All which we submit to the Mo. Meeting.

PETER HOXSIE

JOHN CONGDON

JEREMIAH BROWNING, JR.

JOSEPH COLLINS, JR.

Hopkinton the 10th of 7th Mo.

A. D. 1808.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 7 M / This Mornng a little before day break I awoke from a dream which much affected my mind - I thought I was with my friend J R in a house near the Point Bridge, which, or whose it was I dont know, but our buisness together was to take down an old Time-peace, which he had purchased much out of order - while performing the buisness my mind became grandually introduced into exercise & depression, which seem'd to increase with uncommon sensation on his acct - untill he introduced some remark on the Time-peace which terminated ina few words of religious conversation, which I do not clearly recollect, but just as the work was accomlished, it seem'd livingly to arise in my mind with such weight & awfulness as I thought I never before felt upon my spirit - to say - "If Thou doest not leave things which thou doest, & do things which thou doest not, Something will fall heavily on they Head" at the same time pressing my hand on the crown of his Hat Instantly awoke & continued under those sensations for long time, my heart being rent with desires that I might ever attend to the convictions of my own mind, & was lead in deep prostration of heart to Supplicate in tears while on my bed, that I might in all things surrender my will & volatile disposition to him who governeth all things & will do right - Our mornng meeting was to me a season of deep feeling & such a season as I have not experienced for a long time - Our friend D Buffum was very lively & authoritative in public testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness which seem'd to have an uncommon effect on my mind & I thought over the whole meeting- In the afternoon we were silent, but a pretty good time, in the eveng with my beloved H -

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July 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 7the M 1808 / perplexity, in the eveng calld on my intended or expected Land Lord & found he had alterd his mind respecting his price for the rent of the House I thought of hiring-Ah this is but the beginning of sorrows, its never worth while to be cast down at so Small a difficulty as this for it is probable many a streight of the same kind may be experienced before I go hence - Call'd a little while at C R's

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July 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 7 M 1808 / Somewhat of depression hanging about my mind Spent the eveng with my endear'd H which revived me up



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 July 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 7 M 1808 / Yesterday receiv'd a very acceptable letter from my beloved friend Wm Burling & the day before one from Rowland Greene which I forgot to insert in course - Today wrote one to my beloved fr'd Micajah Collins - In the eveng went over with Lewis Clarke to the Thos Robinsons & spent it very agreeably -

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 July 14, Thursday: A force of Spanish guerrillas was routed by the French at Medina del Río Seco. The French put thousands of them to death, sacked the town, entered the largest church and indulged themselves in a mass rape of nuns.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 7 M 1808 / At Meeting my mind frequently turn'd on an occurance that may probably happen at the Meeting House on the eleventh of next M - In the eveng at D Buffums with my H

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 July 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 7 M / Nothing material. The usual rounds thro' the day

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 July 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 7 M / Our friend D Buffum was concern'd for our wellfare & as usual [sic] ery lively, & untill he Spoke my mind was allmost entirely dead - In the afternoon we were silent - Between Meetings I wrote my Marriage certificate at Aunt M Goulds where I have done most of my writing of that kind, being more convenient than else where - In the eveng with my beloved H. -

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July 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 7 M 1808 / This day Saml Gibbs called at the Shop & I entered into agrement with him for the Chambers in his house with a previledgee in the Garret & Cellar for 28 Dollars P[er] Annum which is two Dollars less than I expected, thus one difficulty is cleverly surmounted for which I desire to be thankful – received another very acceptable letter from my dear E R

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July 19, Tuesday: The Spanish overwhelmed French forces at Bailén northeast of Córdoba.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 7 M / Nothing material occurs that is of note, as to the State of my mind it is very poor, alass the backsliding which occasions so much Death & Darkness – In the eveng with my dear H –

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July 20, Wednesday: Joseph Bonaparte entered Madrid to become King of Spain. Only the French turned out to welcome his entourage, all Spanish citizens remaining in their homes.

The Emperor Napoléon decreed that all Jews of the French Empire who had not as yet chosen surnames for themselves had three months to do so (this would cause the Parisian scholar and poet Elias Levy to adopt the designator of a 13th-Century Jewish poet, “Halévy,” for himself and his family including his son, Fromental).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 7 M / Not so much back sliding as yesterday, & consequently my spiritual condition a little for the better – In the eveng walked round the Point with R Taylor, it was pleasant as to the outward & instructing in the inward, but Alass in the latter I am not in a State to improve much –

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July 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 7 M / It was not the worst of Meetings, a little life seem'd to rise in my own mind, but I doubted whether it ran much from Vessel to Vessel – In the preparative the querys were answered in a very close way – This afternoon had a considerable conversation with J Gibson a [Baptist](#) Minister, whether such interviews are of any real Benefit to me, I am disposed to doubt – Sit in the eveng with my H whose company at every interview is



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increasingly endearing

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July 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 7 M / Not very well, the air close & oppressive, towards night our friend D Buffum call'd at the shop with whom I had conversation on some important concerns - In the eveng a little while at C Rs -

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July 23, Saturday: After days of negotiation, 17,635 French troops surrendered to the Spanish at Bailén.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 7 M / The air again oppressive, but the mind freer than yesterday - No material occurance to insert, in the eveng where I usually spend time pleasantly -

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July 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 24 of 7 M / Rose early & with brother Isaac & James went to the Beach & across the creek we took a bathings which gave us an appetite for our breakfast. Silent meetings & in the Afternoon quite small & to me, not a time of much Strength tho' not the worst of times, in the eveng as usual on this day of the week with my dear H —

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July 25, Monday: In Madrid, Joseph Bonaparte was crowned King José I Napoléon of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 25 of 7th M / Nothing material, in the eveng at Mary Barkers, My beloved H Sister R, Brother D & wife were there, yet for all, my mind was not as free as might be expected -

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July 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th of 7th M 1808 / Not much to proffitt either



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spiritually or temporally today –the mind however in a reflective & somewhat feeling State – In the eveng called at C R's to see Sister E who arrived this afternoon in the Commercial line & brought a letter for me from Micajah & another jointly addressed to my H & myself from B P & her husband –

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July 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 7 M / My much loved little friend & Sister in a two fold sense called at the shop this afternoon & gave me a very satisfactory acct of her late visit to our friends & acquaintances at Lynn & Salem & read several poetical peaces some addressed to herself & some to others, which, with her acct of her visit was very interesting to my feelings, & raised the precious life in my mind to exceed any thing for a long time, but at the same time my backslidings so stared me in the face that I dare not communicate some feelings that I wanted to - but may here say that my spirit was raised in supplication (that both she & myself may be preserved thro' the many & very fluctuating scenes of time at least in innocency of spirit) & finally when the end of the race is run we may find a Quiet Habitation – how presious it is to feel innocency of Spirit? & the right kind of innocency results in the faithful discharge of our duty in all things & this often leads us in the way of the Cross, & the Cross leads us into the furnice of refinement, & refinement makes innocent of holy - but there is another kind of innocency which is very precious & consists in doing no harm without experienceing much of the fiery trial, as for instance keeping out of harms way in most things – I understand what I mean myself by the above but should this out live me, I doubt whether it will convey much to an indifferent person, but as I have several before expressed, "It is not ment to benefit others, but to recur to myself on particular occasions - Spent the evening with my Beloved H, tomorrow we expect to be Set at liberty to consumate our marriage, which will not be next week as usual as the Quarterly meeting will interfere & no meeting s be held in town but will probably happen the week after next, 11th of 8thM

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July 28, Thursday: The Ottoman Sultan Mustafa IV was deposed and replaced by his brother, Mahmud II.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 7th M 1808 / Monthly Meeting was held in town as usual, the first meeting was to me a precious time, my mind was early in the meeting brought into a state of feeling which



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Seem'd to be met by the public testimonys that were borne by our friends H Almy first succeeded by D Buffum & Anne Greene Holder was on the necessity of Dilligence & Submitting to the Lords calls in the Hearts - David endeavored to shew that the number of real christians were very few in proportion to the prefessors of it & how much more useful we might have been as a Society had we from our first being gathered as a boody kept in the power of truth & the influence thereof, as our predecessor did & of the necessity of having oil in our Lamps &c - Anne took up Ds subject of the oil & made a few very instructing remarks, but what seem'd most to impress her mind was the very low state of Society -- In the last meeting buisness labor'd & one case very trying, nevertheless there seem'd to be a weight over the meeting which I thought form'd a ballance, so that it was not the worst of times, nothing acrimonious being droped My beloved H & myself were favord again to acomplish our buisness with fortitude & I hope yea pray we may not fail in the END. I dined at father Rodmans for the first time in my life - Sarah Fish was also there then returned home & took tea & walked up to the head of Broad Street with cousin Alice Chase, & on my return stoped at D Williams & set a little while with his wife, with whom I felt a precious sweetness to cover my mind - IN the eveng again a little while at father Rodmans, R Taylor & D Austin was also there _____

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July 29, Friday: Alemdar Mustafa Pasha replaced Çelebi Mustafa Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

The French defeated combined Spanish and Portuguese rebels near Evora.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 7th M 1808 / Pretty much the old course thro' the day. I don't recollect any thing particular, that has occured either in feeling or circumstantially - except that the eveng was passed with my beloved H in renewed feelings of affection towards each other

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July 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30th of 7 M / The business of the day seems to be Suspended. The sundown Gun has fired - & what have I to record of this day? Surely "no growth in the truth" & but very little earn'd toward an outward subsistence -In the eveng a little while at Aunt M Goulds father R'd & J Earls -

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July 31, Sunday: The Emperor Napoléon granted Giovanni Paisiello an annual pension of 1,000 francs (retroactive to September 23, 1804).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 31st of 7 M / At meeting this forenoon Anne Greene first appeared in supplication acknowledging it to be a low time among us & imploring divine help for those that are little & low in their own minds, that they may be enabled to look unto the Lord in times of trial, & that by his power the Stone be rolled from the wells mouth & those be enabled to draw water therefrom to their refreshment -- She then had a few words in testimony illustrating the necessity of attending to little things even Jesus loved little thing, even little children he blessed, & exhorted us to due attention that when the Solemn change should come ever so Suddenly we might be ready to meet it -- then Hannah Dennis repeted a passage of scripture
Then D Buffum rose & said he thought it would be right for him just to inform us his feelings in that meeting which he apprehended has been in some degree excited by the accounts of the decease of a beloved brother which he had this mornng received, he very feelingly exhorted us to do our days work in the day time that when the Awful final change should come we might experience the Sting of death removed, &c there was more preaching & I thought more of the circulation of life in our meeting this morning than had been for some time, but alass but little of it flowed into my Vessel - In the Afternoon we were silent, & to me it was a time of digging, & made out to get a little lower than at some times - Took tea at A Carpenters & passed the eveng with my beloved H*

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August 1, Monday: British troops landed near the mouth of the Mondego River in support of the Iberian rebels.

Surprised by the Spanish victory at Bailén, King José I withdrew north from Madrid into Old Castile.

The Emperor Napoléon named Grand Duke Joachim Murat of Berg and Cleves as King of Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 8 m 1808 / Rather a depression hath seemed to hang about my mind today, not from any particular cause, more than common, but so it is now & then the mind get in the glooms & when thus assailed how precious to feel the protecting hand & arm of Almighty Power underneath to support & sustain the poor drooping mind while thus led into exercise -- but alass, how little of this Support do I deserve, Yet much more of it is mercifully vouchsafed than I have any claim too, which is cause



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*of humbling thankfulness & ought to stimulate to renewed
dedication of heart – Spent the eveng at C R's*

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August 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 2nd of 8th M / I hardly know what to insert, however,
by way of keeping "a note of time" in one sense, may just say
nothing has been added to my stock, yet kept out of some
mixtures more than at sometimes – In the eveng with my beloved
H – John Casey came from [Greenwich](#) to attend the Qy Meeting, I
was sincerely glad to see him, he is a friend I love very much –*

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August 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 3rd of 8 M / This Afternoon fell into argument with a
young Man who is Deistically inclined. The argument was to no
proffit on either side but on the contrary my mind was the most
clouded that I have felt it in a long time it seemed as if the
very power of darkness itself had assailed me, which I thought
was as much owing to the State of his mind as my own – It has
become allmost useless to mention where my evengs are spent of
late Spring & Mary Streets generally bring me up*

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August 4, Thursday: After 4 days of bombardment the French launched a 3d attempt to take Zaragoza. This time, although they were able to make their way into the city, they were halted by Spanish counterattacks. As night fell they still held a toehold in the town.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4 of 8 M / This morn I rode with my beloved H to
[Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly meeting there held, when we
got to P Lawtons for mercy sake unharnessed the horse & let him
eat a little before meeting the weather being very warm & the
horse wet with sweat while at Ps we were joined by John Casey
whose company & conversation was peculiarly interesting & tended
to prepare my mind for the meeting – At meeting soon after I
took my seat I found it was like to prove a season of refreshment
to me, feeling the precious influence to arise in my mind; James
Green as usual opened the meeting in a few words which I thought
were very sound & I believe no one had authority to find fault
with him. then John Casey delivered as authoritative a testimony
as I ever heard he highly recommended the reading of the writings
of friends in old times, & recited many of their sufferings in*



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vast stinking Dungeons, & exorted us to a firm appearance to our religious and testimony -& not lightly to pass over the sufferings of those who bled for the testimony & laid the foundation of our Society - & concluded in a very affectionate address to the Aged & Middleaged, & the Youth in particular - In the last meeting we had a rather trying time several Money matters came before us which allways brings labor & difficulty -- After meeting we return'd to P L's dine & staid till the heat of the day was over then had a pleasant ride home. I dont remember when I have been less fatigued after so long a meeting -In the eveng met with Wm Jenkins an acquaintance in Providence who had a mind to walk out to D Buffums I went with him & pass a little time very agreeably, then walked home in a pleasant Moon shine & agreeable conversation - so ended the day & I believe I am in degree thankful for the favor experienced -

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August 5, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 8 M 1808 / My friends J Casey Thos Anthony & Wm Jenkins called at the shop this forenoon - with Thomas I had a good time he is an old acquaintance whom I love & I have no doubt has a good degree of religious experience. In the forepart of the eveng at C R, Sylvester Weeks was there & was sociable - latter part at J Earls

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August 6, Saturday: Samuel Swan died in Charlestown.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 8 M / [an X is drawn through this entry] Nothing material as to religious sensibility, towards night eveng to my intended habitation in Church Street to see in what order it was to receive our goods & found it sweet clean but not yet garnished, however all things looked convenient and as if we might live tollerably comfortable with Sufficent means & contented minds, both I wish but the latter most of all - Spent the eveng in social converse at D R; my H & Sister R being there

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August 7, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 8 M / Before meeting this mornng read the acct which G Fox gives in his Journal of his imprisonment & assize tirials at Lancaster - at meeting we were Silent & to me a roving season Somewhat owing to my being uncomfortable in boody, between



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*meetings read G.F. again Silent again at meeting but rather
better to me than in the mornng - In the eveng with my beloved H
as usual*

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August 8, Monday: Manumission of Abigal } State of New Jersey, Middlesex County. These are to certify to whome it may concern, that I Ephraim Pyatt, of the township of Piscataway, State and County aforesaid, Do manumit and set free my Negrow Woman, Abigal, who is under the age of forty years and above the age of twenty one years & who appears to be of sound mind and not under any bodily incapacity of obtaining her support, and I have this day obtained a certificate for said Abigal, signed by Edward Griffin & Ephraim Runyan, two of the Overseers of the Poor for the township of Piscataway, in sd [said] County and Samuel & John Randolph, two of the Justices of the Peace for the County & State aforesaid, for her freedom. Given under my hand & seal this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eight, 1808—

Ephraim Pyatt {L.S.}

Witness present.
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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 8 M 1808 / Clouds of depression seem'd to hang around this Afternoon, but in the company of my H & Sisters this eveng they seem'd much dispelled

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August 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 8 M 1808 / Ups & downs, & I can say there has been rather an uncommon variety in my feeling this day, at times I have felt a sweet current of religious sensations, at others a manifest striving of satan to overset me & throw me into doubtings, however now at the close of the eveng I feel that I have been in good measure preserved from his bates Oh that henceforth & forever more with me & by me he may be put to flight [the rest of entry has an X] Set the eveng with my beloved H, from our window of retirement we for the first time in our lives saw a large number of Sky Rockets thrown into the Air, which was very amusing to me & raised a life that had better have known a crucifixion, however, the mind seemd to feel a quiet & I thought an innocency

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August 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10 of 8 M / Much engaged this fornoon in making preparations for Housekeeping, purchased some wood & painted the Kitchen floor sink &c [an X through the rest of this paragraph] I find it all takes Money however I am not at all disappointed, I expected it would I that it will take all I have & perhaps more to get comfortably under way. It is not my intention to buy a single article that will not be necessary, for my circumstances will not admit of it nor will my Religious principals; : them I have no disposition at present to violate, but earnestly desire (tho fall far short) to fulfill to the tittle - Yesterday while ruminating on the cumbers & cares of life my mind was brought as it were into the deeps & there Satan was fain to make me distrust the good hand of kind Providence, but he was not successful according to his wishes for even while he was trying the hardest, I was favor'd to feel a power above him, which kept me up, & at last he disappeard. Oh that I may keep near the fountain of life & be enabled to Stand firm in the Truth - In the eveng again with my beloved H - this according to present appearances will be the last of our company keeping, expecting health permitting to Join hands in Marriage tomorrow.

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August 11, Thursday: As part of the “prize day” ceremonies at the Liceo Musicale, Bologna, Gioachino Rossini’s cantata *Il pianto d’Armonia sulla morte d’Orfeo* to words of Ruggia was performed for the initial time (Rossini himself was medalist in counterpoint).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Friend Hannah Rodman entered the condition of marital bliss:

5th day 11th of 8 M 1808 / This day commences a new & All important Era of my life. I was married to my beloved friend Hannah Rodman Daughter of Clarke & Abigail Rodman of this Town -In the morning under the full weight of the matter I went up to her fathers & weighted on her to meeting, & had not learnt untill I saw him come into meeting that our Valued friend John Casey had taken the pains to come from [Greenwich](#) partly to attend our marriage -but more particularly to relieve his mind of a concern he has felt to pay a visit to the Inhabitant of this his native place, as he Said where he first drew the breath of life naturally & spiritually - - Soon after I took my seat I was favord to feel the precious arising of divine life in my mind & anticipated a favord meeting, feeling a precious Solemnity spread over the gathering, & was not [the next six lines have an X through them] disappointed for the solemnity continued & Dear J Casey was very livingly engaged in public testimony - reciting in a very feeling manner the visitations of his youth & his allmost unpresedented obstinacy, & finally his preservation from the jaws of destruction, & exorted all present to close in with the calls of divine providence, while they were favord with them, & told us had he been faithful from the first of his visitations it might have renderd him much more useful in the church, & have brought up far greater peace in his own mind, avoiding many bitter days & exercising nights which he hath passed thro’ to attain what spiritual strength he has he endeavord to comfort those that had begun the work for Truth & to aarouse those that continued in their sins rejecting those precious visitations - & concluded in a very feeling address to the offspring of Friends in this place that we endeavor to support with dignity the several christian testimonys which we as a Society bear to the world - After the testimony & a Suitable pause ensuing, the overseer (O W) who set next me gave me a whisper to proceed (which is a practice I like better than for one of them to get up & speak to the young couples) We stood up according to order & both spoke handsomely & I believe were heard to the remotest part of the house, we being inhabitants & having a large circle of acquaintances & at present blessed with friends - The meeting was very large, however that was a circumstance which was much less embarrassing than I expected - At dinner we had the following guests, the men Overseers were Obadiah Williams & Rouse Taylor & the women Elizabeth Hosier & Mary Williams - My father & Mother & Aunt Mary Wanton - & brother Isaac - John Casey. Lewis L Clarke, Peter Lawton, Brother David Rodman & Wife who formd an agreeable circle - J Casey left us at 3 OClock intending to be at Wickford by night. In the corse



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of the Afternoon we had much interesting conversation both on Civil & religious subjects, & I know not when I have ever heard the subject of Friends voting in town Meetings more interestingly & usefully discussed Our friends O Williams & R Taylor disoraged the practice & O display'd much eloquence & ingenuity also Solidity on the Subject & I believe has compleatly convinced some that were present of the justness of his remarks -At tea we had the Same company as at dinner with the exception of Brother Isaac & the Addition of David Williams who came after dinner & spent the afternoon - After tea the company retired except Rouse Taylor who spent the eveng - Sarah Earle also came in the evening - Thus ended the day of all the most important that has yet taken place in my life, & I can say it has been a pleasant one both inwardly & outwardly, for in the outward from the rising of the Sun to the setting of the same I could not find a cloud in the Sky & the eveng equally serene & clear except rather more heat than was pleasant - And Oh! Saith my Soul may the day be an emblem of the day of our lives, may calmness & serenity mark our footsteps & may our lives be devoted to the Honors of him who created us for a purpose of his own Glory. I feel (while penning this) my mind humbled within me under a sense of my human frailty & very great incapacity of myself to discharge the dutys that will or have devolved upon me I desire I pray that I may be a good husband to my dear Wife, feeling fully confident that she will be to me a very usefull helpMeet, & desires are no less begotten on her behalf that she may be supported to bear with christian patience & fotitude the trials & besetments that may assail us in passing thro' time to that state where they all cease, & the weary traveller finds a permanent rest - I allso feel thankfulness of heart that we were favord to speak in the several meetings particularly the last with so much propriety & strength & that my dear H was supported under it considering her weak state of health -

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August 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 8 M 1808 / According to what I suppose is customary with young or newly married men, I have been wished an abundance of Joy, & shuck hands with an abundance of people. & in return for their good wishes I have generally told them I was obliged to them, took breakfast with my dear wife at her fathers dined at home, & in the Afternoon (company being there S P Earl) took tea at father Rodmans

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August 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 13th of 8th M / Took breakfast at Father R's - We have today a second part of fifth days tune at my fathers, the guests consist of all the brothers and sisters on both sides that are at home & Lewis Clarke. In the afternoon Lewis related a circumstance which for what reason I cannot tell nor why such a story should have such a place in my mind I cannot tell, in the course of conversation which lead to it, he mentioned a circumstance that happened formerly, a man by the name of Hull an honest well concern'd friend who lived near the ferry house on Connanicut had a son that was something inclined to lightness & his care was greatly toward his son that he be preserved from frequenting the ferry house which at that time was a very pernicious place abounding with examples of drunkenness & other vices, at length this son was inclined to make an instrument of Music called the Longspell which gave his honest father still greater concern, which after he had made, manifested uncommon skill at playing & used it mostly in the garret alone which employed most of his lesure time, his father consulted several judicious friends what he had better do, being unwilling to have Music played in the house - which after being maturely deliberated upon was thought best, considering the proximity of the ferry house to indulge the lad in his inclination fearing that if he was crossed therein he would resort among bad people at the ferry house. The lad accordingly was left, but after a while left his music, & became a pillar of in the Church & lived to a good old age, - I have not inserted this believing it is allways safe to leave youth to their own persuits but, the Wisdom of the friend & his Councillors was what particularly struck me believing that such judicious men are much wanting in this day - This day was spent to a good degree of satisfaction, Fatherly, Motherly, Sisterly & Brotherly love seem'd to flow among us (ie) if I was capable of entering into the feeling of the company, at least I can speak for myself & say it did in mine, & peculiarly towards my new brothers & Sisters, insomuch that my heart was moved in mental supplications for our mutual advancement in, & faithfulness too that Pure principal within which will draw the minds of all who will adhere to it into usefulness in the Church, to our Selves, and acceptance to our Maker, I can say that this hath been the renewed concern of my soul this day & Oh! that it may be a season of renewed, & lasting covenant with my God, & my life from this time forward to the day when the "Silver cord shall be loosened" may be marked with renew'd acts of sincere devotion to the precious cause of Truth. - Among other things which hath occupied my feelings this day is that the pure principal may so operate in the minds of some that they may be more faithful in the Support of the testimonys of society - I do love to hear members of our Society use freely & openly the plain language, I when I see it other ways it more or less allways gives me pain, but I say this not with any severity, very far from it, but with the most tender sensations of love -

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August 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 8 M 1808 / In the forenoon my dear wife & I attended Meeting but before it concluded an heavy rain commenced which rendered it difficult to get home. R Mitchells Carriages was kindly offered & accepted to carry her & Sister R home, but notwithstanding they were wet a little I hope neither will take cold. in the afternoon the gathering was small owing to the continuation of the rain, my wife did not venture out - we sat in both in Silence & to me were seasons of not much animation - In the eveng called at Aunt M Goulds, & returned to father R's where I breakfasted dinner'd & supper'd ———

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August 15, Monday: A Mass in D by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 8th M / After breakfast with my Wife Sister Ruth Father R, & Brother David went to our hired House, it seemed perfectly satisfactory to them all which was a very pleasant circumstance to me, & thankfulness was begotten in my heart, Oh! that all I do may be equally satisfactory & that Brotherly love may continue to abound reciprocally in our hearts - In the eveng at O W's together

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August 16, Tuesday: Spanish defenders of Gerona attacked out of the city and routed the besieging French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 8 M / In the mornng occupied a little while in preparing for housekeeping, the rest of the day at the Shop as usual. breakfasted at Father R's & dine'd & tea'd at home - My mind has felt a pleasantness thro' the day, in the Afternoon got engaged a little in conversation on religious concerns with John Coats a Presbyterian who presented me with the Sum of Religion by Matthew Hale & a printed scrap of Poetry entitled The excellency of the Female form -

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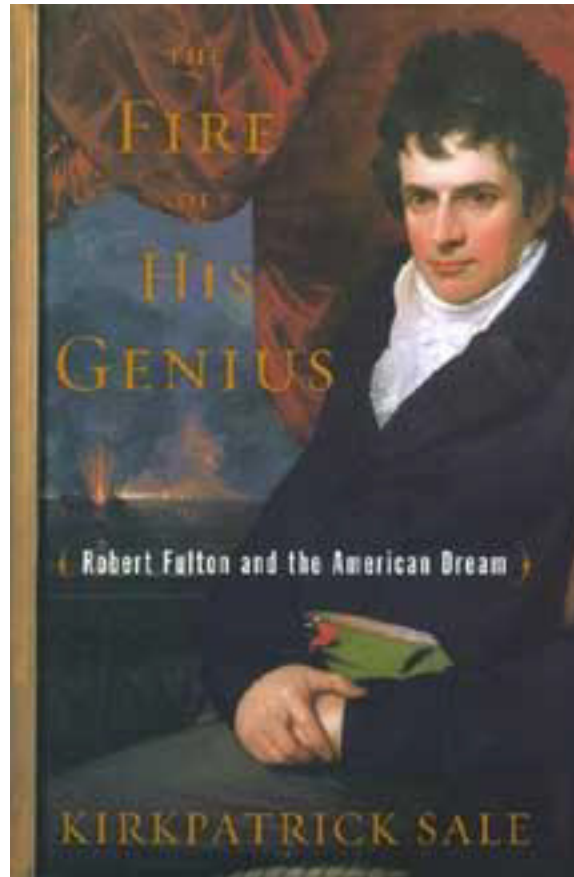
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August 17, Wednesday: A well-dressed crowd gathered on the Hudson River side of Lower Manhattan Island on this hot afternoon of August 17, 1808 to view the new steamboat of Robert Fulton, which he had named the *North River* (this was the riverboat that is now referred to as the *Clermont*).



Construction was beginning in this year, of five D-shaped sandstone forts in defense of New-York harbor: Fort Wood on Bedloes Island, Fort Gibson on Ellis Island, three-tiered Castle William on Governors Island replacing or supplementing Fort Columbus, and, at the edge of the city itself, the North Battery and the “South-West Battery.” The north battery would be constructed at the foot of Hubert Street and the south-west battery, which would have 28 ports for its bronze cannon, would be constructed on a small island off the beach at the tip of Manhattan and its garrison would be linked to the shore only by way of a 200-foot causeway equipped with a drawbridge.⁵⁸ These defensive fortifications would be completed in 1811.

The Battle of Rolica, during the Peninsular Campaign: The British forces under Wellington had landed in Portugal and moved south to Obidos, and had observed that the French forces under General Delaborde had taken up defensive positions four miles to the south, in front of the village of Rolica, which lay in the center of a horseshoe of steep hills a mile wide and two miles long. Wellington had spent the night of August 16th in

58. In 1815 this little fortress would be renamed [Castle Clinton](#).



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the small square palace in Obidos. The British had attacked opposite the French positions, simultaneously engaging a pincer mover to the west. The French had withdrawn to avoid the trap. As Wellington repeatedly attacked the French then carefully withdrew behind a strong cavalry screen. Wellington pressed south to Vimiero. When we now visit the beautiful Moorish town of Obidos, we can view from the northern ramparts of the town wall the scene of the skirmish action that preceded this battle. Then from the southern ramparts of this town wall we can view the scene of the French positions before Rolica three miles to the south as Wellington had on this day. We can visit the crest of the ridge along which the French had taken their initial positions, then the crest of the second ridge, south of Rolica, on which the French had taken their subsequent positions. We can visit, on the high ground north of Serranos, a monument that marks the spot where Colonel Lake and four companies of the 1/29th met their deaths. Here is an account by Rifleman Harris:

The Rifles, indeed, fought well this day, and we lost many men. They seemed in high spirits, and delighted at having driven the enemy before them. Joseph Cochan was by my side, loading and firing very industriously, about this period of the day. Thirsting with heat and action, he lifted his canteen to his mouth. 'Here's to you, old boy,' he said as he took a pull of its contents. As he did so a bullet went through the canteen, and perforating his brain killed him in a moment. Another man fell close to him almost immediately, struck by a ball in the thigh. Indeed, we caught it severely just here, and the old iron was also playing its part amongst our poor fellows very merrily. I saw a man named Symmonds struck full in the face by a round shot, and he came to the ground a headless trunk. Meanwhile, many large balls bounded along the ground amongst us so deliberately that we could occasionally evade them without difficulty. I could relate many more of the casualties I witnessed on this day, but the above will suffice. When the roll was called after the battle, the females who missed their husbands came along the front of the line to inquire of the survivors whether they knew anything about them. Amongst other names I heard that of Cochan called, in a female voice, without being replied to. The name struck me, and I observed the poor woman who had called it, as she stood sobbing before us and apparently afraid to make further inquiries about her husband. No man had answered to his name, or had any account to give of his fate. I myself had observed him fall (as related before) whilst drinking from his canteen, but as I looked at the poor sobbing creature before me I felt unable to tell her of his death. At length Captain Leech observed her, and called out to the company, 'Does any man here know what has happened to Cochan? If so, let him speak out at once.' Upon this order I immediately related what I had seen, and told the manner of his death. After a while Mrs Cochan appeared anxious to see the spot where her husband fell, and in the hope of still finding him alive asked me to accompany her over the field. She trusted, notwithstanding what I had told her, to find him yet alive. 'Do you think you could find it?' said Captain Leech, upon being referred to. I told him I was sure I could, as I had remarked several objects whilst looking for cover during the skirmishing. 'Go, then,' said the captain, 'and show the poor woman the spot, as she seems so desirous of finding the body.' I accordingly took my way over

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the ground we had fought upon, she following and sobbing after me; and quickly reaching the spot where her husband's body lay, I pointed it out to her. She now soon discovered all her hopes were in vain. She embraced the stiffened corpse, and after rising and contemplating his disfigured face for some minutes, with hands clasped and tears streaming down her cheeks, she took a prayer book from her pocket, and kneeling down repeated the service for the dead over the body. When she had finished she appeared a good deal comforted; and I took the opportunity of beckoning to a pioneer I saw near with some other men, and together we dug a hole and quickly buried the body. Mrs Cochan then returned with me to the company to which her husband had been attached, and laid herself down upon the hearth near us. The company to which Cochan had belonged (bereaved as she was) was now her home; and she marched and took equal fortune with us to Vimiera. She hovered about us during that battle, and then went with us to Lisbon, where she succeeded in procuring a passage to England.



Margaretta Wedderburn's "The Sky, or a Description of a fine Evening: August 17. 1808":

With rapture and delight I oft admire
Jehovah's works that come within my view,
Himself exceeding admiration's ken,
Or ought that I could fancy that is great,
Is good, is glorious, without compare.
The season this, when Autumn richly pours
Prolific bounty o'er this fav'rite isle.
Here universal peace and plenty reigns,
While beasts, and birds, and insects feed around.
And when their thirst is quench'd at limpid stream,
In sportive gambols spend the live-long day.
Till sober eve invites to rural walk,
By humble hedge-row, deck'd with foliage green,
To smell the fragrance of the scented briar.
Now ev'ry scene looks gay, it yields delight,
And fits the mind to wonder and adore.
Among the branches, feather'd choristers
Have sung their ev'ning lay, and are retir'd
To rest their downy wings, till morning dawn.
All but sweet philomel, her notes prolong'd
Swell with the breeze, in charming symphony,
To sooth the lover's woe, that wanders forth,
(When absent from the maid his heart holds dear,)
Alone to vent his plaint. Pensive and sad
He seeks the shade, and shuns each vulgar joy.
Thy song, sweet bird, hath lull'd his griefs to rest,
While pleasing hope restores his fancied bliss.
And now retard my wond'ring eyes this eve,
With divers hues, and beauties manifold.
The sky in azure clad, serene and clear,
By sun's decline, just tinged with florid gold;
And not the most elaborate assay
Of skilful artist, when his pencil's dip'd



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In ev'ry varied tint he hath prepar'd,
A form so lovely ever could produce
To gazer's eye, as that I now behold.
But as I upwards look again, how chang'd!
The clouds seem hov'ring round, with moisture fill'd,
From vapours gather'd and laid up for use,
(By sov'reign will of him who all commands,)
And liberal sends on earth their copious show'rs,
The water ev'ry flow'ret, tree, and plant,
That else would languish, wither, and decay,
If long withheld from vegetation's store,
The liquid juice that makes all nature bloom.
But while my thoughts o'er various prospects rove,
Or fix'd intent on some peculiar space,
Behold the day's most splendid visitant,
His pow'rful beams withdrawn to other climes,
And cheering warmth hath left our hemisphere.
But in his absence not without solace,
The moon appears with milder radiance,
Her influence benign and fainter glow,
With each revolving planet as it rolls,
Performs her destin'd circuit through the sky,
Tho' not like sparkling emanation,
Of dazz'ling, grand, majestic god of day,
When he shines forth in full meridian blaze;
Or when his rising beauties streak the east,
And brightness gilds the lofty mountain's brow;
Yet peaceful and serene, she sheds her light
Around the globe, diffusing happiness,
With less obtrusive unoffending lustre.
Also those twinkling stars re-animate,
With their resplendant rays, the dusky night.
Throughout the vast expanse, those gems appear,
(Beneficent that Power that plac'd them there,)
When they withdraw, darkness reigns absolute,
And throws around a joyless total gloom.
One lucid orb, more glitt'ring than the rest,
'Tis called the star of eve, and strikes the eye,
Amidst the num'rous throng, with circled sphere,
Surpassing, and more refulgent brightness.

Annexed to the Sky, a Paraphrase.—August 18, 1808.

But shone superior in degree,
That Morning Star so bright,
Which rising on our darken'd world,
Dispell'd the gloom of night.
Transcendently illustrious,
Appear his rays divine;
The mist of error to disperse,
And make each virtue shine.
Hard sayings to elucidate,
Each myst'ry to unfold,
Which handed down, from age to age,
By prophets were foretold.
Till then the mind of man was held,
In ignorance obscure,
With superstitious rites profan'd,
His intellectual power.
Idolatrous impiety,
Completely envelop'd;
Freed from its baneful influence,
He scarcely could have hop'd.
Until that beauteous Star arose,
The Gentiles to enlight,



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And of his people Israel,
The glory, strength, and might.
To whom ever be ascrib'd,
All praise in earth and heaven,
But whose exalted name is far.
Above all blessing given.

John Jacob Astor's ship *Beaver* sailed from New-York harbor, bound for [China](#).

At the Battle of Roliça, British troops compelled the French to retreat from the heights between Caldas and Obidos north of Lisbon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 8 M / We are now as the saying is laying upon our Oars, but expect to commence housekeeping next week - How we shall get along is very uncertain, but I trust if our dependence is rightly placed, & our own exertions continued, we shall be enabled to get forward, at least with a comfortable degree of peace, & I can honestly say I ask no more than peace of mind with a comfortable subsistence, & a little for emergencies, believing beyond all doubt that Riches, adding house to House & field to field, is nothing short of a corrosive sublimate to that peace which is pure & springs from within, then how necessary is a double watch - And Oh how is it to be longed for, & prayed for, that the Mind is all things & on all occasions be kept from the hurtful mixtures of the World, & preserved in that which will enable us to perform Jerusalem as the chiefest Joy, then shall we be enabled to meet with christian patience, fortitude & resignation the, the vicissitudes & cross occurrences incident to us in passing thro' this (which may indeed be called) a Vail of tribulation & tears -I dont know that it will be assuming too high language to Say, that my mind while writing, is bowed under a sense of them, & that a prayer is raised, that I may stand firm, & fast in that which will enable us to endure to the END -

My beloved H spent the Afternoon & part of the evening at my fathers the connection being new & she naturally diffident I felt much sympathy for her -

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August 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 8 M 1808 / I have felt renew'd aspirations in my mind this Morning to the Father of Mercies after faithfulness, My spirit hath felt humbled at my past omissions & commissions, & Oh saith my soul as I am just commencing a new & important career of life, may I be favor'd to renew an important Covenant with my God which shall not (as many formally) be blown away with the first gale of temptation, but be lasting even to the latest period of my existence - Notwithstanding before meeting I had a favored season yet when there my mind was more roving &



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unsettled than I expected, this week many other like circumstances tend to confirm me that "Times & seasons are in the Lords hand" – My evengs are now spent with my dear H - the last we were at her fathers —

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August 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 8th M 1808 / Before breakfast deposited a few things convenient in house Keeping at our intended dwelling, as usual since Married took breakfast at Father R's, nothing matiral thro' the day as respecting the State of my Mind. Elizabeth Hadwen, Dorcas Earle, Eunice Clark & Phebe Earl Sent took tea & spent the Afternoon at My fathers. I drank tea with them & dont know when I have been in company with a more goodly company

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August 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 8 M 1808 / As usually engaged, the mind variously occupied with the cares of house keeping –

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August 21, Sunday: The Battle of Vimeiro, during the Peninsular Campaign: the British forces under General Wellington faced the onslaught of the French forces under Marshal Junot from defensive positions along Vimiero Hill and in the village. Junot ordered over six frontal assaults up the ridge and each time his soldiers were repulsed by infantry fire. By the end of the day the French had lost over 1,000, and had lost 14 guns, while the British had suffered only 720 casualties, which meant of course that they could celebrate a great victory as the French withdrew to the south. On August 30th, the Convention of Cintra would be signed in which the French would be allowed to evacuate Portugal.

France annexed the city of Wesel.

British ships managed to take 9,000 of the 14,000 Spanish troops sent to Denmark to help the Emperor Napoléon off the island of Langeland, to transport them to Santander to aid in the Peninsular War.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 8th M / Our Mornng Meeting was middlingly large, & our friend D Buffum was very lively in testimony from the Scripture "Why is Man less durable than the works of his hands for this plain reason, that this is not the place of his rest" he feelingly touched on the afflictions of the righteous & by way of consolation rehersed the Scripture "Blessed are you when men persecute you & revile you &c for great is your reward in



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heaven" & said he had been renewedly confirm'd that "they that will follow after our Blessed Lord & saviour Jesus Christ shall have persecution in the flesh"

In the Afternoon we were small in Number but a pretty good time – [Following lines to end of entry for this day have an X through them] After tea My dear Wife & myself with Sister Ruth & Daniel Austin went to out intended habitation, intending to commence housekeeping, father Rodman & Sister Elizabeth came after us also brother David we Spent the eveng very sweetly together in brotherly & sisterly affection, & when our company left us, I was thankful the my dear H was very chearful & pleasant & not at all inclined (to appearance) to a downcast feeling, common in any change & particularly in that which is for life. Oh! that I may be thankful humbly thankful for every favor, & learn to be content in whatever situation may be my lot; rendering unto God thanksgiving, & from a devoted life to the cause of truth. Praise redound to the honor of his Great Name which is worthy Forever More –

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August 22, Monday: On page 432 of Volume 30 of the Record of Deeds for [Providence, Rhode Island](#) there is a record of the [manumission](#) of a certain negro [enslaved](#) boy Robert on this date — a boy who had been promised three years earlier that, should he faithfully serve and obey his master Jabez Bowen, Jr. for those three years, he would then be entitled to his liberty and to be manumitted and forever thereafter to be made free. Robert having well and faithfully served his Providence slavemaster Bowen for the agreed three years, on this day was indeed fully and entirely manumitted and set free, and entirely released from every future claim of personal service or other whatsoever, and declared free. (In the document, the words “and doth hereby” appear twice in sequence, and are lined out in the first occurrence with a double line as shown below.) Although there is no reference in the document itself to any such person as “N. Brown,” we note that in the directory to this volume of deeds and mortgages the perpetrators of this freeing of “Robert, (Negro Boy)” have been indexed at the time as being indeed not only Jabez Bowen Jr. but also N. Brown! —There’s something of a story here, that maybe isn’t going to get told!

Whereas by an Obligation of the sixteenth of August one thousand and eight hundred and five the subscriber on condition a certain negro Boy Robert the slave of the subscriber should faithfully serve and obey the subscriber for three year [sic] from the said period, he the said Robert should be entitled to his liberty and to be manumitted and forever thereafter to be made free. Now the said Robert having well and faithfully served the subscriber for the agreed space of time the said subscriber in fulfilment of said contract on his part doth fully and entirely manumit and set free forever the said Robert, and entirely release him from every future claim of personal service or other whatsoever ~~and doth hereby~~ and doth hereby declare the said Negro Boy Robert free

Witness my hand and seal this 22^d Day of August 1808

Recorded August 22^d 1808

Jabez Bowen Jun.^r (L.S.)

Witness Nathan W. Jackson

T. Elk

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 22nd of 8th M / On waking up this Morning we found ourselves "in our own hired House" as the Apostle says, & not an unpleasant habitation neither [The remainder of this entry has an X over it] we found our breakfast relished well & were by the bounty of our friends & what we were able to provide ourselves, favord with a plenty of Coffee, crackers, & flour & Indian Bread, this was our first Meal & if this be a presage of the succeeding Meals of our lives we may calculate on a pleasant Passage But Alas I dare not calculate on pleasant things, but wish to keep in remembrance the Wormwood & Gall that when its draughts are administered we may not be unacquainted with its effect, of which I fully expect my full share & pray for resolution to Support —

Brother John Dined with us. our repast was a peace of Boiled Bass &c - before we finished we had some roast veal sent from father R's which was acceptable tho' not at this time necessary, that however ought not to lessen the obligation on our part.



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So we get along from season to season, & time alone can determine the issue

Sister Elizabeth took a dish of tea with us, & dear Aunt Patty & Hannah set in the evening

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August 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 8th M 1808 / We again this mornng find ourselves at home – When I went home to breakfast & while waiting for my dear H to Set it on the table I took a Seat a few moments at the east window to view the pleasant prospect over the Gardens & fields, my mind was feelingly struck with the Scripture declaration [An X from here to end of paragraph] "This is not the place of thy Rest" which renewedly convey'd to my understanding, that however beautiful things in the outward may be around us we are not to gratify that part of the Mind which takes a life in them, beyond what the Truth will allow, & not only at this time but many time thro' the corse of my life have I sensibly felt, that the pleasant pictures must be spoiled & the Cross, yea, the Cross of Christ be daily borne ere we can be renewed in the spirit of our minds & be made partakers of that heavenly zest of love of peace which is the lot & portion of all the faithful followers.

It has been a precious day. this forenoon I have particularly had my life & inward Strength renewe'd – When going to the fountain to draw a glass of water, finding the Stream refused to run, my mind was instructingly lead to draw the analogy between a fountain of outward water & the fountain of living waters; Observation & experience shews that a fountain of Material Water is by long derth at length rendered dry, or at least the water in the fountain low & hard to be drawn out, so we also find it in our experience of the inward fountain, the mind is at times suffer'd to fall into a dry hard state, hence the waters of life are hard to be attained & requires double exercions both of faith patience & strength to get down to the spring from whence ariseth the refreshing streams of life into the Soul of Man & from my experience I am fully in the belief that those low seasons, seasons when the mind experiences a great dearth & all is stiff & hard, are for our benefit, & if patiently abode under, uniting our exercions with the help of Divine Wisdom, we shall be enabled to renew our Strength from the Waters, which flow in such profusions into the hearts of the faithful, & because the toil is long & hard & this painful state long awaits us there is no cause to give out, it is the Hand of the Lord, & his Arm is not Shortened that it cannot in due time afford all necessary & timely help –

In the eveng we had a number of Visitors some staid all the eveng & some part of it Brother Isaac, Brother David & wife, Sister R & E R Hosier & Mary Barker, Polly Sherman, Brother Caleb, were the company & the eveng paased socially, but I could not assimilate as at some times, the mind feeling somewhat of a



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depression, which I strove to suppress

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August 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 24th of 8th M / We have been favord with comfortable victuals today which has been tnakfully remembered --
In the eveng Neighbor Saml Venson & his wife set with us also
Sister Ruth -*

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August 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th of 8th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting & a very hot ride it was, we stopt at Uncle Peters before Meeting to leave some boxes to be filled with articles for house keeping - At Meeting Our friend Abigail Robinsons appear'd in testimony for the first time in many Months. She appeared to be under wieghty concern on acct of the low state of Society &c -In the part for discipline several thing was considerably debated upon, but the love subsisted, nothing harsh manifested only simple expression of prospects, Mary Sisson was received under care -P & J Easton was disowned - After meeting we stopt at Uncle Peter's for our boxes - & dined at cousin Z Chases -After dinner My Wife, Aunt Patty [Gould](#) & I went into the Gulley & had a most delightsome ramble, it was the first time my dear H was ever there, she appeared to enjoy the zest with more than common pleasure & I'm sure it was more than commonly pleasing to me not having visited the place where in youthful days I have enjoyed allmost extatic pleasures, for a very long time - After tea we rode home pleasantly --
In the eveng Brother D, Sister J & Sister E called to see us a little while --*

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August 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 8th M / A day of considerable seriousness, yesterdays proceedings at meeting has occupied my mind, but find but little that I Said or did that feels unpleasant - My wife & I dind & spent the Afternoon at My Fathers Rouse Taylor & Sister E spent the evening very acceptably with us -

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August 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day, 27 of 8 M 1808 / Nothing material to insert as respects my feelings – Neighbor Gibbs & Billins set the afternoon with us, the latter took tea but the former went towards night unwell

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August 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 8 M / In the mornng at meetg D Buffum preached acceptably, but to me rather an unsettled time – In the Afternoon we were Silent – between meetings brother Isaac called, also Sister Elizabeth – brother Isaac took tea with us & our frined O Williams set most of the eveng

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August 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 8 M / Much perplexed with several persons about politicks & Voating – my friend Philip Dunham called at the shop his visit was as usual refreshing – We have had a number of calls at the House but not more than was very pleasant – In the Afternoon Aunt A Carpenter & Sister Ruth took tea with us & J Bringhurst called an half an hour – In the eveng Mother, Aunt Patty Gould, Brother David & Sister Elizabeth with D Austin were our guests, Sister R Staid the eveng – Since we have been housekeepers we have had abundant proofs of the regard of our friends, they have been very kind in giving us frequent calls which testify that they hold us in remembrance, & is very comforting to us –

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August 30, Tuesday: At the Battle of Vimeiro, during the Peninsular Campaign, the British forces had inflicted somewhat more attrition on the French than the French had succeeded in inflicting upon the English. Marshal Junot had ordered more than six frontal assaults up the ridge against withering infantry fire with each time his soldiers being repulsed. "Your commanding officer is trying to kill you." In result, on this day a Convention was signed at Cintra by which leave was obtained to safely evacuate the surviving French out of Portugal.

By the Convention of Sintra the British repatriated 26,000 French troops in return for their evacuation of Portugal. For this unusual leniency, the commanders on the scene will be recalled to Britain to make an accounting of their actions.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 8 M 1808 / The potsherds of the Earth have been



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mightily clashing together this day - Town Meeting is held & a great stir Among the people. I put in my voat I think without feeling the spirit of party, yet the mind has been more in the Mixture than is best -

Sister Mary spent the day with us & Sister Elizabeth the evening. Father R & Br[?] Caleb gave short calls -

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August 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 8 M 1808 / My spiritual condition, I am very sensible is weakened from yesterdays conduct, tho' I feel at present nothing material to accuse myself of except feeling and giving way to an anxious disposition respecting the concerns of Town Meeting. I believe it a fixed Truth, that mingling with the Spirit of the world in any respect is hurtful to a religious growth & none more so than the leaven of politicks which tends to Sour & in many instances to embitter the Mind of individuals toward one another - but as yet I do not see why a Friend may not peaceably put in a voat on either side the question, provided he does it not in a bitter or earnest spirit, but moderately & Modestly to hand it in, without feeling aught against his neighbor because he acts a contrary sentiment, I dont wish to lay this down as what I see in the light of Truth but my apprehensions on the Subject, probably I may in time See different - Molly Rogers spent the Afternoon, & this is the first eveng we have spent alone since we were Housekeeps

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September 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 9th M 1808 / Our meeting was silent & if none felt more of the life than myself it certainly was a very dead & dry season I dined at my fathers & my wife at her fathers which is the first time she hath been there since we were married (ie) on a visit, & the first time I have ate at my fathers except when we both spent the day together last sixth day We took tea at father R's & spent the eveng, when we went home our Neighbor Gibbs told us that Neighbour Towle had called to spend the eveng with us but found us absent which was a circumstance I regretted they being people that I am very free to associate with - 6th day 2 of 9 M / Several calls from friends nothing material to insert / rote to B Purinton ———

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September 5, Monday: [John Home](#) died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 5th of 9 M 1808 / Last 6th day I wrote to B Purinton, my H having made an addition I put it in the Post Office this Mornng directed to Saml F Hussey for her in Portland - Gave one to D Austin for his Parents & Sisters

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September 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 9th M / Wrote Joseph Austin by R Hosier, in the evening called at J Earl's to see E Burling. The mind in a barran condition

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September 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 9 M / Each day consists (at present) of a sameness of occurrences, from the House to the Shop, & from the shop to the House, as our Meals occur in rotation. We have had more or less calls from our friends in some part of every day since We have commenced Housekeeping which shews that our friends are Mindful of us & have An interest in our wellfare, some testimonies of that kind has been cause of humility & thankfulness in my heart - We have now enterd pretty fully on the stage of action, & great is the care & circumspection that is requisite, that we walk consistent in every respect, but more particular is the necessity that we strive so to dwell under the influence of the spirit of truth as to maintain & keep alive, the Life of truth in the mind, for this leads to care & circumspection, both in things inward & outward. Oh that there may be in my heart an increasing dedication to the will of him that created me, & a daily renewal of the Immmortal Seed. I desire, I long, to be Substancially religious, & not in the form of it, but really possessing the reality - Aunt Molly Gould, Sister Ruth & Brother Caleb took tea with us. Brother D & father R also called & Set a little while -

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September 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 9 M 1808 / A Silent Meeting, but not the very worst of times, some sweet reflections -

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September 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 9th of 9th M / My H haveing gone to Middletown to read the Epistles among the infirm. I dined & took tea at Fathers

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September 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 9 M / "How beautiful are thy tents O Jacob & thy dwelling places O Israel" upon feeling my mind a little introduced this morning into the precious sensations of love & life, arising & spreading it's self over the system, the beauty thereof very strongly impressed its self on my Mind, & breathing desire arose that they may continue & an everlasting dwelling place be established therein, for Oh how precious to feel the light of the heavenly Fathers countenance lifted up upon us after a season of hardness & as it were obduracy to every tender emotion – Brother David Sister Joanna & Sister Ruth took tea with us, D Buffum Junr & his Sister Margaret joined them & spent the eveng –

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September 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 9th M / Attended meetings both which were seasons of searching with me. Our friend Peter Hoxie was with us who with our friend D Buffum in the forenoon bore lively testimonials – In the Afternoon Peter was engaged in supplication particularly for the "Dear youth of our Society" that we might be preserved from the Allurements of the World -- Susanna Bateman a friend from [Greenwich](#) also spoke a few words, which, if they did no hurt I thought the good would not be very extensive –
We eat our meals at home & in the eveng had several of our acquaintance call to see us –*

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September 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 9 m / I'm weak & poor in the life of the mind Oh! that it was better with me but wishing without trying to obtain the object will never fetch it –

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September 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 9 M / Masons being at work on the top of our chimney we could not make a fire, so Wife went to her fathers & me to my fathers to dinner, & took tea together at Brother Davids &



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spent the eveng. Sister R was with us –

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September 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 14th of 9 M 1808 / P Sherman & cousin H Gardiner Junr
took tea with us & Sister Elizabeth Spent the day & evening.
Mother & Aunt Molly Wanton gave us a call in the forenoon,
the latter for the first time since we were housekeepers*

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September 15, Thursday: [George Back](#), eleven years of age, sailed aboard frigate HMS *Arethusa* as a “first class volunteer.” The vessel would soon be taking part in naval engagements off Cherbourg and along the north coast of Spain.

By the terms of August 30th, the French army in Portugal was allowed to depart by sea from Lisbon. A new 5-man council of regency took power in the name of King João.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15th of 9th M / A Silent Meeting, & a mixture in my mind.
the forepart of it was pretty much favord with the arisings of
life, but before the conclusion, a jostling took place & all
manner of trash enterd my brains, with a Seeming impossibility
to keep it out. Mary Williams Junr took tea with us this
Afternoon & spent part of the evening*

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September 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 16th of 9th M / We had this Afternoon some Elderly Ladies
to sit & take tea with us Eunice Clark, Aunt Phebe Earl & My
Mother*

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September 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 17 of 9 M / The mind not much a live to religion, however
not as dead as at sometimes – Sister Mary spent the day with us
Sister Elizabeth the eveng & My father gave us a good long call –*

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September 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 18 of 9 M / Our meetings again silent, in the forenoon a time of wrestling & but little overcoming, in the Afternoon much the same, if any thing more of the life predominating we ate our Meals at home & spent the eveng also- Brother David called in the forepart, & after him Rouse Taylor set the remainder with us -

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September 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 9 M / This morning at our usual pause at Breakfast table my mind was more than commonly dipt into breathings after the bread of life, even life forevermore, something like this run thro' my mind very sweetly -

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September 20, Tuesday: In London, the Covent Garden Theater burned down.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 9 M / I omitted to mention that Yesterday Afternoon We spent at D Williams's. Brother David & wife A R & N[?]R was also there & Evan Thomas Junr son of our friend Evan Thomas that was here at our Last Meeting time from Baltimore I wish his manners & deportment was as exemplary as his fathers I believe that my H Brother D & Wife was heartily sick of the worlds politeness or accomplishments, & renewedly made satisfied with our little way of living - We spent this day at my fathers as to life perhaps not quite as void as at some times

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September 21, Wednesday: British forces occupied Macao.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 9 M 1808 / This eveng the mind rather depressed, the times are dull in the outward, & Allmost dead in the inward Sister Mary spent part of the day with us - & kind calls from Father R & Brother D - Sister E set the eveng - In the eveng I met a little while at Wm Pattens with the African Benevolent Society Directors -

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September 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 9 M / At Meeting cold & shivery – under such circumstances the mind is in some considerable degree disquallified from the exercise of worship, especially when at the best of times I am so barran of good -- however on returning from meeting & setting down quietly at home a good degree of life & tenderness sprung up which seem'd encoraging, tho' things of the outward are at present gloomy - This afternoon I had a visit of some length at the Shop from Our friend Richard Mitchell which was very comfortable his conversation was on subjects that were instructing we compared our feelings at meeting & found they were very similar, both had a poor time -Brother Caleb took tea & father R called to see us in the eveng -

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September 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 9 M / My H spent the Afternoon with Our dear Aunts M & H Gould, Aunt M was absent – I took tea with them & remember'd old times – We spent the eveng At father R's

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September 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 9 M / The Company of F Green & Green at tea, Sister E set the eveng with us on our part very agreeably - I want to feel more alive to the Truth & engagement in its cause but Alass how poor weak & frail I am -

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September 25, Sunday: The Supreme Central Governing Junta was created at the royal palace of Aranjuez as a central organizational point in the Spanish struggle against the French. José Moñino y Redondo, conde de Floridablanca was named president.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 9 M / At meeting this forenoon I had a Serious time many things occupied the mind which lead to it – but Oh the Life (if I may be allowed the expression) Seemd closely confind in Prison - In the Afternoon a little more free - both meetings Silent - We dined & took tea at father R's & set the eveng at home reading the works of I Pennington

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September 26, Monday: Cipriano Ribeiro Freire replaced Miguel Pereira Forjaz, conde de Feira as acting head of government of Portugal in Lisbon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 26 of 9 M / My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at Neighbor Towles & took tea with them & set the latter part of the eveng The forepart of the eveng I was engagd to meet at Wm Pattens with the Directors of the African benevolent Society - So my lot was cast in company with four Ministers of Different persuasions -Patten, Tenny Green & Towle The latter I believe to be the Most Christian Man -

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September 27, Tuesday: The Emperors Napoléon and Alyeksandr met at Erfurt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 9th M 1808 / This afternoon Met with C J Tenny at Arthur Flaggs on buisness of the African School & with him (CJT) visited the Work & Alms house. The poor objects that presented to our view in my mind (& I have no doubt did also in his) excite pity & a degree of concern for their wellfare in a future state - Some of them Attempted to speak of religion but the way seemd so shut up from the depravedness of their mind that on my own part I could say but little to them - neither did he - but I have thought & really have to believe that the reason why I am so disqualified from entering into the condition of others, is my want of dedication Oh that my heart was more devoted & that while my hands are at my labor the mind could be more in meditation on things celestial -

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September 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 9 M / Tho' I believe a degree of the life has been felt this day yet it does Seem as if the very jaws of Death was Yawning over me. Oh such cold Stonny hearted feelings as are my experience is indeed hard to bear & cause to fear that the good spirit is allmost ceased to Strive, if I read a religious book or the bible they raise no life in the mind nor does my feelings enter into the Spirit of what I read - Abby Anthony an Old Scholar of My H at [Portsmouth](#) last Summer Spent the day with us & Cousin Anne Greene & Ruth Greene Spent the Afternoon cousin A expressed much Satisfaction at being with us which seems to be a little encoraging, as one so pure as I think she is, should feel Satisfaction under our roof - With my H spent the eveng at Neighbor Vensons to suppo[rt?]



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September 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 29 of 9 M / Our first meeting was silent but to me a more than commonly favor'd time, because I was able to feel & meditate on religious Subjects with more ease than common, not tried with that roving unsettled State I so often am
In the last buisness went on pretty well, but not without some hitches. Oh that more of the life & power could be felt in our Assemblies - Uncle Peter Lawton Dined with us & was The Only friend we could get to go with us & this is the first Monthly Meeting that has occur'd Since we were house keepers in Town - Sister E set the eveng with us I was a little while ar Father R's -*

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September 30, Friday: Franz Schubert took and passed an examination to become a chorister in the Imperial Chapel-Royal. Among the judges was Court Music Director Antonio Salieri.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 9 M 1808 / Sister Ruth took tea & Spent the evening with us, & in the eveng receiv'd a Letter from Our much beloved friend Micajah Collins which was very comfortable

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October 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 1 of 10th M / My Mind hath this day been brought under the hammer & into the fire, & Oh saith My soul may it continue untill the fire hath purified & renderd sufficient by ductill to be wrought into the form which may be requisite to fit me for the service of the Lord -
Brother John Dined with us - We spent the eveng at Brother Davids - Aunt Molly Wanton spent the afternoon & took tea with us*

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October 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 10th M / A home all day except early in the morning came down to the shop on an errand - The reason of my being at home was indisposition & a Portion Physic - which considerably reduced my frame - I understood by my H who was at meeting all day that D B was concernd in testimony in the forenoon - In the Afternoon Silence prevailed



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*Brother Isaac called between meeting to see us, & after him
Father R Brother D & C —*

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October 3, Monday: Seven men involved in royalist organizations to overthrow the Emperor Napoléon were executed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 3rd of 10th M / This Afternoon the committee from the
Directors of the Afffrican Benevolent Society met & agree'd to
open a School under the Tuition of Arthur Flagg Junr - Our
neighbor Venson & wife spent the Afternoon & took tea with us*

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October 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 10 M / A prospect of some afflictions that may
await me has been very heavy on my mind & a portion of the
wormwood already felt by participation - My dear H seems to have
her cough returning & today has an hard headach -*

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October 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 5 of 10 M / I think a little of the precious life has
been experienced, particularly at our pauses at Meal times. Oh
that I could dwell more & more abundantly in that which is saving
to its nature Viz the spirit of truth - Father & Mother Rodman
Set the eveng with us - My Mother has for several days been much
unwell which gives me much uneasiness*

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October 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 of 10 M / We had a Silent meeting, but to me a good
time, for which (I trust) my heart was, & is very thankful.
Sister E set the eveng with us & brother D called*

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October 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*6th day 7 of 10 M / My H spent the day at my fathers consequently
I was there at meals. at home in the eveng Alone –*

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October 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 8 of 10 M 1808 / Tho I have at seasons been uncommonly
destitute & allmost ready to famish for the bread of life in the
corse of this day, yet there has been several intervals,
especially this eveng when the Sweet influence has risen into
dominion & my soul desires to bow in humble thankful feeling for
all the mercies vouchsafed to me, Oh Father help me –*

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October 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9 of 10 M / James Green of [Greenwich](#) was at meeting &
preached to us forenoon & Afteernoon, in the Afternoon his
communication was peculiarly solemn – In both meetings my mind
seemed to be in contest between the Master & the World but I may
acknowledge the right thing seemed to get the upper most & on
the whole it has been a preciously favord day Oh that I may yet
find the Old man with his deeds put off & have to sing of mercy
& deliverance from Sin
We dind at Fatheer R's, took tea at Brother D.s & spent the eveng
at home. My H wrote to S Barker, & Micijah Collins & Wife to
which I added a little*

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October 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 10th of 10 M / This hath indeed been a day of combat &
conflict, the mind hath had to suffer & go down deep This is a
Proffitable dispensation & if suffering will tend to purify I
hope I shall be favord with patience to endure all that may be
my portion untill All offensive propensity & inclinations shall
be thouroughly done away
Wrote a letter to Jemima Austin under more sensible feelings of
life than I have written one in some time –
Cousin Z [L?] Clarke took tea with is. Also Sister Mary -Polly
Sherman set the evening –*

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October 11, Tuesday: François-Noël Prigent, who had led the royalist organizations working to overthrow the Emperor Napoléon, was executed by firing squad.

The 9,000 Spanish troops brought from Denmark reached Santander aboard British ships.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 10 M / This day my mind hath been severly beset with Satan, but have found a Stronger than he Striving against him & if satan prevails the fault will be my own

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October 12, Wednesday: The Convention of Erfurt was signed by France and Russia. Russia would be allowed to occupy Moldavia, Wallachia, and Finland. France would remain neutral in any war between Russia and Turkey. The Emperor Alyeksandr would allow the Emperor Napoléon a free hand in Spain, and allied Russia with France in any war against Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 10 M / I have again found that satan hath renewed his attack, he hath stirred up Anger that worst of Passions, so that I have still the thorn in the flesh

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October 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 13th 10th M / A pretty leaver [clever?] day, a pretty good Meeting, & if I was capable of judging there was the most life in it generally that I have been sensible of for some time -Neighbor Towle & wife with sister R spent the Afternoon with us & O Williams & wife Also joined us in the evening

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October 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 10 M 1808 / I dined at my fathers & my H at her fathers where she spent the Day & in the afternoon I took tea with her then came to shop & did a little work & return to wat my wife home - My mind while at father R's was very powerfully [a number of words scratched out, among the affected] with several things - Oh that faith & patience perseverance & resination may be granted us -


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 October 15, Saturday: Pedro Cevallos Guerra became First Secretary of State (prime minister) of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 10 M 1808 / Nothing material, it hath been rather a pleasant day, a small brook of life hath seemed to run along by the way which tho' it hath not risen to much heighth has been very comforting at least - Brother John dined with us -

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 October 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 10 M / It hath been a comfortable & pleasant day excepting once the Devil put his paw upon me to Stir up an old spirit that is very hurtful, he was soon repelled & kept his distance afterwards - In the Mornng meeting Our friend D Buffum was very lively in testimony & in a very feeling manner addressed the Youth for whom he said his mind was uncommonly affected, & repeated the words of Solomon "Go Young man walk in the ways of thy Heart &c but know thou for all these things God will bring thee to Judgement",- In the Afternoon we were silent - Sister R took tea with us & spent the eveng S Earl also came in the evening -

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 October 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


2 day 17 of 10 M / Nothing material to insert - In the eveng set with my dear H at home being stormy was unwilling to go out -I wrote to Mary Collins but whether it will do to sent it I dont know -

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 October 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 10 M / My Dear H & Sister R spent the Day at Johnathon Dennises - it not being convenient to join them my board of corse was at father's expence - Set the eveng at home alone with my H, her company remains as interesting as ever -

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 October 19, Wednesday: Death of Phoebe Lockwood Brown, born 1748, wife of [Moses Brown](#). Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his diary:

4th day 19 of 10 M / At home in the eveng with my H - Aunt Patty



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Gould & Aunt Hannah Gould spent the Afternoon with my H -- otherway nothing material, or at least more than common - a dry lifeless mind as to the life of religion --

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October 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 10 M / At meeting L Dennis offer'd a few words by way of testimony to my mind a roving time tho' I thought a little help was extended. My H Sister R & E spent the Afternoon & evening at Aunt Nancy Carpenters - As I was walking from tea thro' the entry into the shop my mind at looking out & observing that night drew nigh, was struck with these words tho' nothing material seeme'd at first to accompany them - "The Shadows of the evening are stretched out" which as I went back into Aunt A's again seemd deeper & deeper impressed & occasioned a deep seriousness to pervade my feelings & I thought occasioned a more favord season than I had expereinced for some times - After I had set there a while returned to the shop & was informed of the Decease of Phebe Brown wife of our friend [Moses Brown](#) of [Providence](#) - she died Yesterday Morning -

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October 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 10 M 1808 / A day of some feeling. How sweet & precious to feel the arisings of life - Sister R spent the day with us, whose company is very cordial I love her dearly as a Sister

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October 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 10 M / The day hath passed pretty much as usual It was our intention to have spent the Afternoon & eveng at Rouse Taylors but were prevented by the weather -

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October 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 10 M / Our Meetings were silent, the mornng was a roving time to me, but in the Afternoon a good favor'd meeting, better than I have had for sometime & thought & found my sense corresponded with some others, that it was generally a time of



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favor, it seem'd as if there was a solid covering over the whole gathering – Sister E took tea & set the evening with us –

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October 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 10 M / I have given way to Anger more than was becoming with a black man with whom I had some concerns – I believe there was grounds of provocation but no grounds for me to give way to it in the least – In the eveng at home with my H. I recording & she writing to B Purinton –

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October 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 25th of 10 M / A good deal out of sorts this mornng but hope before the day ends to attain a better state of mind – Mt hopes in the morning were pretty well realized for as usual one extream begits another, so an humbling season ensued – Wait & Margaret Buffum spent the Afternoon & eveng Sister R also joind us in the evening 4th day 26 of 10 M 1808 / What shall I say? perhaps that I believe a little of the ariaisings of life hath been witnessed perticularly after tea at Rouse Taylors where my H, Sister Ruth & Joanna spent the Afternoon & Sister Elizabeth the evening – But Alass Alass my spiritual condition, how weak & low

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October 27, Thursday: On the Koljonvirta River north of Iisalmi, Finland, Russian troops attacked Swedes but were pushed back by a Swedish counterattack.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 10 M / Mt dear H & Myself are just about setting out to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meetg – Is there any prospect that from my present barran situation of mind that I shall be of any help to the Meeting or the Meeting any benefit to me? Sure the prospect is very small –Help o Lord from which thou seest meet from the wine press or threshing floor – & if a continuation of Poverty be in thy wisdom, do thou help me but if the result (which no doubt to me it is) of my unwillingness to be exercised in thy cause & daily forgetfulness of thee I pray that my infirmity may be helped with a little help – By the time we had rode to the head of the Town we discovered the Axle Tree of our Chaise was broken I got out & left my H at D Ws while I procured another. we then safely proceeded on &



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stoped at our friend H Almys & took a little refreshment - & went up stairs to see poor old Hannah Minturn who is but a breathing corpse & a shocking spectacle to look at - We Also went into the room where our dear friends James & Ruth Bringham were, James seems to be about winding up his course & is in a very sweet frame of mind. we found him very feeble with an hard cough & other complaints --At meeting my mind was in a good comfortable frame & enjoyed a good share of life --Towards the close Abigail Sherman lifted the latch with the Scripture "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God who giveth liberally & upbraideth Not" Our friend friend D Buffum soon followed her with the same passage & improved in a very lively manner, & I thought the Meeting ended well - In the last we had but little business, none from either of the preparative Meetings & no refers consequently nothing much but the answers to the queries &c - After Meeting we stoped at Uncle Peters a few Minutes to see Aunt Wait & her fine Son & then went to Anne Anthony's to Dine & had a pleasant Visit, then rode home - In the eveng & called at father R's a little whhile & spent the remainder at home being much fatigued

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October 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 10 M 1808 / I am afraid My ugly temper will prove my ruin yet. Oh! how fretful I was this evening, all about nothing, if there had been any good experienced in the course of the day it was all lost in this disposition, but as usual I have already felt the reproofs of conscience - Sister E spent the day & eveng with my H her company as ever is very pleasant

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October 29, Saturday: Emperor Napoléon departed from Paris, heading for Spain.

French forces attacked the Spanish at Amorebieta just southeast of Bilbao. This was a French victory but the Spanish did well.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 Of 10 M 1808 / My mind this morning living in Cypress Sister E again spent the day with, having buisness with my H - her company all ways is acceptable

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October 30, Sunday: In St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Te Deum and Jubilate for chorus and organ by Samuel Wesley was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 10 M ?? In the forenoon we had a silent Meeting & thro' a want of care to dig deep It was but an unsettled time to me.

In the Afternoon O Williams after nearly or quite twelve Months silence, stood up & said "his mind had been deeply impressed with a belief that it was right for him to break the silence in a Call on this wise "Come let us give our Souls unto God" &c with a few other words which seem'd to come from a right place & I thought helped in a little measure to disipate the cloud which hath for a long time hung over our meetings - After Meeting I went to Jonathan Dennises took tea & spent the eveng & I am sure I have not made a visit that hath been so cordial to my feelings in a long time - In my way home called at Father R's for my H (where she took tea) & went home

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October 31, Monday: When French forces attacked the Spanish at Bilbao near the Bay of Biscay, they pushed them back but achieved no conclusive result.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 10 M / I am weary of myself, I am weary of my unfaithfulness in every respect - How long shall this be surely untill a greater dedication of heart; & more firm devotion to the precious cause is attained too -- There is nothing (it seems to me at this moment) wherein I am faithful in - - After dinner I heard of the very sudden departure out of Time of William Tew [Few?], a man much used in public buisness as Town Council Man &c - As he was on the wharf about going to [Providence](#) was taken in a fit & died in a few hours the same day he was taken - Thus in another instance we see the uncertainty of time & has reminded me of the public Testimony of our friend D Buffum in our meeting last first day Afternoon when he feelingly told us it had "ran thro' his mind again & again "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knows not what a day may bring forth" &c exorted us to a right improvement of our time -

My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at O Williams & of course took tea & spent part of the eveng there. J Earl Jun & wife & D & Wait Buffum was also there-

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November 1, Tuesday: The Electorate of Hesse-Cassel was annexed to Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 11 M 1808 / Here beginneth the first day of the Month, perhaps I have felt a little stirring of the right Seed in my mind, but the enemy hath been near with his temptation My H spent the day at my fathers

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November 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 11 M / My mind hath been buffeted by satan this day but I have endeavor'd to overcome him in some degree & hope finally to oust him -- Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us this Afternoon, also brother Caleb, this is the first time father & Mother have broken bread with us since we have been housekeepers, but father hath made frequent calls

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November 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 11 M / Pretty free from a certain trial of Yesterday At meeting the mind rather dry but it has not been the worst of days - Meeting was small & silent, many that usually attend have gone to SWansey to attend the Quarterly Meeting held there today
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November 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 11 M / What shall I say? the day hath passed away & Alass I can but wish that I was better & I trust I have laberd in the cours of it to be better, there is eminent need of it. In the evening took a watch home & cleaned her there to enjoy the sweet company of my dear H ———

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November 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 11 M / My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at her fathers I took tea with her & after writing a letter to my friend Joseph Austin in which my mind was much favord, I set the



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remainder of the eveng there

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November 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 6th of 11th M / Last evening Died Hannah Minturn at the House of our friend Holder Almy at [Portsmouth](#), from the intimacy which subsists between the Minturn family & my Mother I was much engaged in procuring Carriages for the accommodation of the funeral which is today circumstances being such that the Corpse could not be kept longer of course I could not attend our morning meeting & was so fatigued & overcome with walking being previously much unwell with a cold that I was also unfit in the Afternoon, so dined & staid the Afternoon at my fathers - My H thinking I was at the funeral was at her father's - when the funeral came to town I joined it at the Parade - then went home & found my dear H with a good fire & comfortable dish of tea prepared. little J Williams spent the eveng

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November 7, Monday: The French forces in Spain, personally directed by the Emperor Napoléon, began a campaign to find and destroy all Spanish and British armies on the peninsula.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th of 11 M 1808 / My H spent the Afternoon at Neighbor Vinsons, I took tea & spent the eveng also - The visit was as agreeable as could be expected. We discoursed on Some doctrinal Points on which we did not agree but in the love - I was suprised to find how ignorant they were of friends & their principals

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November 8, Tuesday: President [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s 8th Annual Message.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th of 11 M 1808 / James & Matthew Barker with their wives Spent the Afternoon with us, in the course of the eveng my mind was Sweetly Saluted with the remembrance of some things that are past & particularly touched with tender feelings towards Dear Matthew who tho' perhaps not far advanced in religion, hath been brought to take a Serious view of it & seen the eminent beauty thereof - May he, may all, with mine own self become more & more devoted to the precious cause

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November 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 9th of 11 M / Rec'd a letter from our friend B Purinton which was very cordial to our heart - stating that our excellent friend J Casey was with them at Salem & had good service at their Quarterly Meeting & hath gone to Sandwich accompanied by our friend John Baley - Aunt M Wanton received another from Lydia Brown Mentioning that he was at Hanover & had been at a place about five miles off & had meetings among some that were newly convinced & had requested the care of friends
Brother D & wife with brother Caleb took tea with us, & in the eveng brother Isaac called a little while -*

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November 10, Thursday: French forces routed the Spanish at Gamonal northeast of Burgos and proceeded to ransack that city. Meanwhile French attackers against the Spanish at Espinosa de los Monteros to the southwest of Bilbao were being destroyed with heavy losses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10 of 11 M / We had a Silent Meeting & to me not the worst of times - My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at her Fathers
I took tea & set a while in the evening -*

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November 11, Friday: The French returned to the attack at Espinosa de los Monteros, breaking and scattering the Spanish resistance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 11th M / My H being at Uncle Saml Thurstons I dined & took tea at my fathers in the evening went out to Uncle Thurstons & lodged

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November 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 11 M / Arose early & walked home & took breakfast at my fathers - My H will be at home this forenoon
Mary Williams Junr & sister Mary spent the Afternoon & evening with us -*

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 November 13, Sunday: British forces reached Salamanca.

In the afternoon, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made a record of the distinctly unusual and apparently disturbing experience of taking tea with a person who was not white:


*1 day 13th of 11 M / Silent meetings & if satan had not have attacked me in the Afternoon it would not have been a pretty good day
In the Afternoon I had [Paul Cuff](#) to take tea me he is a black man that has lately Joined Society in [Westport](#)
In the eveng wrote to David Smith*

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 November 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 14th of 11 M / It is remarkable that there are four Middle Aged Men that lay Dead in town - James Carpenter, John C Scott, John Bours Junr & Peleg Taber - Taber & Scott have left large familys of children
This Afternoon Attended the funeral of James Carpenter My mind was much affected at seeing the poor widdow - & tho' I was accommodated with no better seat than the Stoop there seem'd to be a solid covering over my mind while there -*


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 November 15: John Jacob Astor's ship *Enterprise* departed from New-York to prepare the natives of the Vancouver area to engage in the trading in furs — and, secretly, to assess the Russian presence in the west of Canada.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 11 M / Nothing material to insert - in the eveng took a Watch home & clean'd her, found Sister E there whose company was as at other times very pleasant

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 November 16, Wednesday: Memis Pasha replaced Alemdar Mustafa Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 11 M / As usual occupied at trade, when I went home to tea I set down by the fire & found my mind raised in aspirations to the God of Mercy for preservation & advancement in the Great work of regeneration, clean'd another watch at home
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November 17, Thursday: King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia established a system of municipal self-government, providing for popular participation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made a record of the presence in Quaker meeting of a person who was not white:

5th day 17 of 11 M / A labor on my part to keep near the fountain & a little help experienced, but Alass not a sufficient care to dwell within mine own Tent --I acknowledge this with shame, Oh that I may yet do better -- At meeting but poor. [Paul Cuff](#) was at meeting & I believe was the first black man that ever Set in a preparative or any other Meeting of buisness in [Newport](#) - In the Afternoon we had Cousin Silas Casey. Harriss Greene, Freeloove Greene, Sarah Greene & Sister Mary at Tea - all of whom spent the eveng except Cousin Casey. bother David also gave us a kind call --After company had gone I wrote a letter to cousin Abigail Casey

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Note that Friend Stephen is not saying that this was the first time that a person of color had attended a Quaker meeting, but that it was the first time that a person of color had attended the meeting for business. It was actually a rather common thing, for a servant of color to attend Quaker worship with his or her white master or mistress, and the Negro Gallery of the Friends meetinghouse in Saylesville, Rhode Island can still be inspected today (although nobody ever sits up there anymore and it is likely that no Friend in that meetinghouse today would be aware that when they cast their eyes upward during worship, what they are gazing at originated as a racially segregated seating arrangement).





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November 18, Friday: Boatswain, Lord Byron's dog, died of rabies and was buried at Newstead Abbey.



GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

**Near this Spot
Are deposited the Remains
of one
Who possessed Beauty
Without Vanity,
Strength without Insolence,
Courage without Ferocity,
And all the Virtues of Man
without his Vices.
This Praise, which would be unmeaning flattery
If inscribed over Human Ashes,
Is but a just tribute to the Memory of
“Boatswain,” a Dog
Who was born at Newfoundland,**

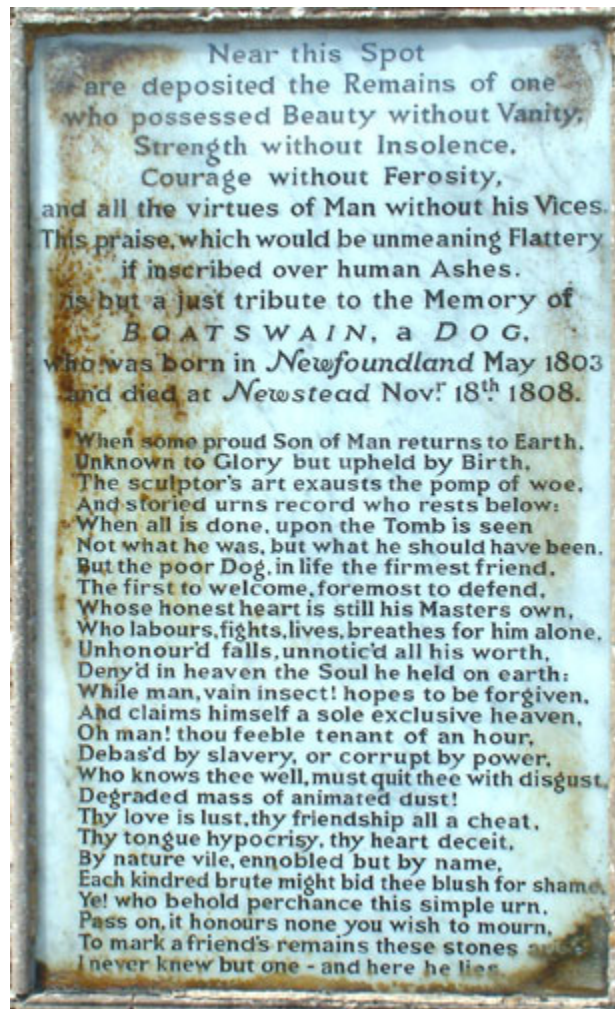


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May, 1803,
And died at Newstead Abbey
Nov. 18, 1808.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 11 M / Heard of the decease of Asa Russel & dont know when my mind has been more seriously affected with the consideration of Death - he was a young man in good esteem among friends & had for some years born an acceptable public testimony & some Years since Married Hetty Earl of this Town. how Soon the Young & stout [sturdy] man may be called to the silent grave is uncertain but that we must all ere long die is certain & my mind is bowed within me that I may live in readiness for the Awful summons, that when it comes I may not fear the Issere [?], but Alass how poor & how barran hath my mind been for a long



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*time, Oh Lord Arise for my help, shut mine Eye & Ear more & more
to the serferthing things of the world, & in lieu of darkness
which at present pervaid's my heart, introduce fresh rays of thy
celestial light, that once more I may lift up my head in hope
that thy visiting Arm of love is yet extended. –
Dined & tea'd at father R's my H being there to spend the day*

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November 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 19th of 11 M 1808 / Nothing matirial to insert I remain
good fornthing [sic], but can acknowledge with a degree of
thankfulness, that divine help hath been near, & my mind is a
rather more livly frame than at Some times –
Set at home in the eveng at work*

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November 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20 Of 11 M / A Very good day to me, & Oh that the Spirit
felt to arise may continue many days. Our forenoon meeting was
silent, but in the Afternoon Our friend Ruth Davis who is here
on a visit had a short but very encoraging testimony to some
that She apprehended were low in mind & ready to adopt a language
like this "I have lost my beloved & where shall I find him" –
Being stormy My Dear H did not venture out to meetings –*

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November 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 21st of 11 M / I hardly know what to Say, perhaps not
the worst of days tho' nothing particularly lively in the Mind,
Father & Mother took tea & spent part of the eveng – Neighbor
Towle Also spent part of the evening with us –*

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November 22, Tuesday: [Thomas Cook](#) was born. (He would pioneer in techniques for getting people to move about in groups without chaining them together at the neck.)

A committee of the US federal Congress reported that the Embargo of 1807 had had the opposite effect of what had been intended — although the American economy had been badly damaged, no European nation had been induced to change its policy.

Two movements of the Messe de Chimay by Luigi Cherubini for three solo voices, solo flute, five winds, and strings were performed for the initial time, in the village church of Chimay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 11 M / As to myself the usual rounds from the Shop to the house, & from the house to the shop again - Sister E Spent the evening with us

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November 23, Wednesday: French troops decimated Spanish positions near Tudela on the River Ebro northwest of Zaragoza.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 11th M / The mind in pretty much of an hurry as to outward buisness, yet a little of the arisings of Truth have been experienced, for which I desire to be thankful for it is a great sweetner when the Mind is outwardly occupied & will keep a ballance against those hurtful things that may occur to retard our progress in the right Path - & now while my pen is on paper my mind is touched with desires that I may be favord tomorrow to have my strength renew'd & my mind as it were touched with a live Coal, that my spirit may be of use to the meeting if my tongue is silent in the Affairs of the Church

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November 24, Thursday: Karl Friedrich Ferdinand Alexander, Count von Dohna-Schlobitten replaced Heinrich Friedrich Karl, Baron vom und zum Stein as Minister of State of Prussia.

When Johann Friedrich Reichardt, on the eve of his 56th birthday, arrived in Vienna, he had been Directeur général des théâtres et de son orchestre to Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia since 1807. Upon his arrival he was startled by news that [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had been offered his job.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 11th M / Our first Meeting was large & I thought favor'd Our friend H Almy & Ann Smith from Wickford were concern'd in testimony the latter is a Solemn preacher & calculated to impress the hearers with a sense of what she utters, I well remember the effect her testimony had on my mind



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*some Years since when at her Own Meeting –
The last for discipline was attended with some laborious debates
as respecting G Robinsons Certificate & fencing the Coddington
burying place in the former My Mind was unpleasantly Affected &
perhaps not enough guarded, tho' I dont remember to have said
any thing unsavory, but still think my spirit was not quite on
the right ground – Uncle Peter took dinner with us & towards
night My H went to T Robinsons to spend the evening about the
middle of it I joined her & the time past pleasantly –*

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November 25, Friday: [Heman Doane](#) was born to [Heman Doane](#) and [Mehitable Doane](#) in a family of Eastham, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 25 of 11 M / My H at her fathers, I dined at my fathers
& took tea with her at hers – D Buffum & S Fish called at the
Shop & tho' much engaged in buisness & thought their company was
sweet – This eveng my mind seems clothed with a degree of
sweetness*

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November 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 26 of 11 M / Ate dinner at fathers My H at home, I being
so engaged that I could not well leave the shop to partake with
her – In the eveng at Home –*

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November 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27th of 11 M 1808 / In the forenoon attended Meeting
which was silent, after meeting feeling as I apprehended a
freedom & inclination went to Middletown to visit my relations
there -Dined & spent part of the Afternoon at Cousin Mary Goulds,
where my mind was feelingly touched with desires & even
intercessions for the wellfare of her & her Dear children – Then
to cousin Alices & took tea where I felt much sweetness & really
thought what I then enjoyed was worth going for, not having felt
that precious covering which I love to feel so eminently for a
long time – in the edge of the eveng walked homeward & stopt at
Uncle Saml & spent the evening then came to town stopt at Brother
Davids & found my endeared H there on our way to our habitation
stoped at Father Rs found Caleb more unwell*

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November 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 11 M / Buisy at trade - I trust the Mind hath felt a little degree of thankfulness & praise for the Many favors bestow'd on me a poor unworthy creature

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November 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 11 M / I often feel (particularly of late) & I know of no better time to express any thing than when the weight of the subject the Most is most before us, I say I often feel thanksgiving to arise in my heart to the God of Mercy & favor for his many blessings vouchsafed to me a very unworthy object I have now been Married upwards of three Months & when I first enter'd the field of Matrimony my prospect was very dubious - but thro' divine blessing I have been able to answer every necessary family call, so as to live comfortable & have also been favor'd with health & that of my dear Wifes improved - & now at a time when a general embargo pervails the Nation & the sheets of commerce are furled I am favor'd with a sufficiency of buisness whereby I can comfortably subsist while others are pinched with want I desire I feel a prayer arise in my heart that I may duly & humbly prize the blessing, & by renewed devotion to the Cause of truth merit a continuance of those unmerited favors - Oh that my heart may be kept alive to every blessing & most of all those which are of a spiritual nature - I desire that the seed sown in my younger days may not be suffer'd to die without yealding far greater fruits of righteousness & holiness than it has ever done - Oh Lord renew a right spirit within me & keep my heart tender that it may not grow hard & insensible so as not to know from whence good cometh

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November 30, Wednesday: Spanish forces trying to stop the French advance on Madrid were defeated at the Somosierra Pass.

[Maria Pease](#) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 11 M / My H at her fathers, I dined at mine & took tea with her, buisily occupied at Trade thro' the day - Attended the funeral of John Bull a relation of my Mothers -


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 December 1, Thursday: French forces reached the outskirts of Madrid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 12 M 1808 / Here beginneth the first day of Winter. The mind perhaps in a state similar to former seasons, but trust a little degree of the pure life hath been experienced My Dear friend and brother Philip Dunham was over & Spent a little time very sweetly in the Shop - his countenance bespeaks humility & a mind under a right exercise, & oh may he be preserved & may I labor to be more deep in the right thing

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 December 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day 2nd of 12th M / Called upon by James Chappel the Constable for the exaction of the Military Law which according to a late act of the Assembly is to be three Dollars, he went away without executing his warrant. I suppose he will call again Soon -- In the eveng had a little conversation with a Man by the name of Austin in S D's shop on relious subjects in which my mind was more than commonly Stirred finding him to be a seeker & no biggot tho' a member among the [Baptists](#) - My H spent the Afternoon at Capt Earles -

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 December 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 12 M 1808 / The day has passed as usual, in the eveng at home enjoying the company of my endeared H - Oh it is sweet & truly precious to have the company of an Affectionate Wife which I am really blessed with -

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 December 4, Sunday: After successive infantry attacks and artillery bombardments, Madrid surrendered to the invading French forces. King José I (which is to say, Napoleon's brother Joseph) abolished the inquisition.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 12 M / The weather being windy & unsuitable My dear H omitted meeting to be with he brother Caleb - I was favord with a good comfortable Meeting, having to reflect on many things of a serious nature.- Dined at father Rs my H being there - found brother C more unwell - At meeting not so lively as in the Mornng - Took tea at Aunt M Goulds - Spent the eveng at Rouse Taylors - My H at her fathers



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called at 9 OClock & took her home –

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December 5, Monday: After having been besieged by the French for a month, the Spanish defenders of Rosas in Catalonia surrendered.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 12 M / Brother Caleb fails very fast & is much worse today than he has been Yet - My Dear H visited him this Afternoon & on her return was quite overcome -

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December 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 12 M / Not much brought to pass in any sense Nancy & Abbe Robinson & M Williams Junr spent the Afternoon & in the eveng joined by my old Master D Williams - Wrote a short letter to Micajah Collins

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December 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7th of 12 M / Pretty buisily engaged at TRade. My H Spent the day at brother D Rs I dine at My fathers & took tea with brother D - This eveng the mind is brought to take a serious view of Severall important things particularly that of my shor comings & haltings in religion – Oh that I had more life

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December 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 12 M A Silent meeting, to me a roving time - Oh painful My H Dined at my fathers & I with her, also spent the even

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December 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 12 M 1808 / Perhaps a little more feeling of the right thing than yesterday - I have been enable to lift my heart



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in breathing desires for help

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December 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 12 M / Not very well in health, the mind in consequence rather low, indeed this eveng it is quite low - Well I hope thereit may keep untill all that is of an high [worldly, ambitious] nature is thougherly brought down to its proper place - Wait thou on the Lord Oh My soul

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December 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 11 of 12 M / In the morning our Dear friend H Dennis deliver'd a Short but very impressive testimony - In the Afternoon we were Silent & the Meeting Smeall - we Dined & took tea at Father Rs Caleb ebing failing fast my H wishes to be there as much as she can -
Received a kind letter from Micajah Collins which proved quite refreshing - Lodged at father R's - it raind & My H could not go home -*

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December 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 12 M / My mind is this mornng dipd into a sensibility which I love to feel, but sometimes what we live is accompanied with things painful - for I am reflecting on the instability of the human mind, unassisted by divine grace, & the deplorable conditions of those who have known the operation & twinings of the holy Hand upon their minds, & in some good degree conformed to its pointings & leadings, but thro' a want of attention to the saving principal became cool & indifferent to those things which they have once seen & felt the beauty of. The desire of my heart is at this time that there may be a renewed fervant engagement in my heart to press forward in those things which will insure peace & tranquility in a day of trial that is hastening on all flesh, when boody & soul must part - my feelings have been much affected in observing some instances of this kind that have taken place in some, of whom better things were to be expected a few Months past. Oh that what I have seen may be a Solemn warning to keep on the watch that every motion of life in the mind may be cherished, whereby we may be preserved from the Stratigems of Satan


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 December 13, Tuesday: Santo Domingo returned from French to Spanish rule.

Thousands of Spanish dignitaries, as well as ordinary citizens of Madrid, were forced to assemble in churches throughout the capital and swear allegiance to their new King José I (Joseph Bonaparte).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 13 of 12 M 1808 / Dilligently at trade. The mind Dull
in things of a more important nature*

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 December 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 14 of 12 M / A little stirring of life in the mind this
eveng - tho' much occupied in the course of the day in the
concerns of this life*

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 December 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15 of 12 M / A Silent meeting, but A little favor
experienced. my H spent the day at her fathers, I for convenience
dined & took tea at my fathers being handy to the shop*

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 December 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 16 of 12 M / My mind this eveng rather remarkably opened
in religious matters, consequently a degree of favor*

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 December 17, Saturday: Publication of Piano Sonata op.38 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the Wiener Zeitung.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 17 of 12 M / The mind about as common - Called at S
Whitfields to answer my appointment as one of the funeral
committee - This evening Salted My Pork the first I ever owned
-or laid in for store, it may be the last*

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December 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 12 M / At meeting in the mornng a dull lifeless time & by conversation with a friend found his sense of the meeting was correspondent with mine In the Afternoon a little better time – My H confin'd with an afflicting cough & could not get to meetings we Set the eveng at home alone - I repairing an age worn Record & she recording up her Minutes & wrote a letter to Our Mutually beloved B Purinton of Salem

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December 19, Monday: After an occupation of two months, British forces evacuated Macao.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 12 M / Attended the funeral of Benjn Whitfield a poor lunatic removed from mortality, such a change cannot be lamented, no comfort to himself nor connections & an expense to Society – My dearly affectionate Wife is quite unwell I feel anxious & alarmed about the event –

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December 20, Tuesday: French forces took the high ground south of Zaragoza and, after calls for surrender were refused, laid siege to the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 12 M 1808 / What shall I say? I have nothing to say of my spiritual growth, save that I am not in a thriving condition & have to fear my steps are retrograde, but thro' divine mercy & kindness there seems to be a little seed in me that remains alive & at seasons is refreshed by the waters of life which arise, but Oh the spring is low & drawing is hard I long, yea pray that the times may alter, but there is no way for them to alter, but by diging deeper in the mind watching more constant & fasting more often - this I know & Oh Lord help, for without thee we are indeed as worms of the dust & wholly unable to help our selves – I am sensible that I have many favors & trust that a thankful disposition of heart is often felt, but come far short of returning due praise to the Giver of all good gifts for his many fold blessings – & it is my wish at this time to write down that I may keep more fully in remembrance my thankfulness according to my measure for my outward benefits. I have now kept house about four Months in which time I have been enabled to provide comfortable food, fuel & necessary rament, so that without some unforeseen event takes place - My self &



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dearly affectionate wife are likely to be comfortable the ensuing winter, paid what rent hath become due & have not found myself more involved that when we were first married - But have paid off some debts & have more than sufficient Cash on hand to answer all demands that can be justly brought against me -& what is still further cause of greatful sensations is that notwithstanding the streight of the Nation & difficulty people generally are brought into I am favord with buisness sufficient to support me daily while others, or many others are much tried for want of necessary support for themselves & families

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December 21, Wednesday: In a small engagement at Sahagún southeast of León, British cavalry routed a French force.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 12 M 1808 / The day hath passed with nearly the usual rounds. My Dearest H seems some better of her cough

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December 22, Thursday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) conducted a night of his works at the unheated Theater-ander-Wien, Vienna. The program included premiere performances of the Symphony no.5, Symphony no.6, and Choral Fantasy op.80., and the Fourth Piano concerto. Also performed were the scene and aria Ah! Perfido and portions of the Mass in C. The musicians were not at their best. Beethoven needed to stop the Choral Fantasia in the middle due to confusion in the orchestra. In all, the music required four hours to perform. Prince Lobkowitz was in the audience with a guest, Johann Friedrich Reichardt.

Jan Ladislav Dussek's Notturmo Concertante op.68 C.233 was performed in Paris by the composer, possibly for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 12 M / It was a good meeting to me tho' in the fore part of it the mind ran upon a circumstance which stired up a zeal of a burning kind but after a time all seem'd to get quiet & a season ensued in which I felt better than for some time - I also was in a more livly frame in the preparative Meeting than common for me - Brother Caleb is very low his disolution I think may be daily expected

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December 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 12 M / My Hannah at her fathers I wrote a letter



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this eveng to my beloved friend Susanna Barker in which my mind was more favord that common feeling the current of communication to open in a way it hath not for some time

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December 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 12 M / Pretty much engaged at Trade - but the mind hath been in a comfortable state - a freer access to the fountain of life Oh that the favor may be duly prized -

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December 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 12 M / My dearly affectionate H this morning had a Vain opened which occasioned my omitting meetings - We sat together most of the day & eveng, when she was able to attend I read that valuable work of our friend Tho Ellwood, the History of the bible & followed the children of Israel thro' many of their revoltings & distrust of almighty power in the Wilderness into the Promised land, by which our minds were mutually edified & instructed --

We understood by those that were at meeting that D Buffum & H Dennis were in the forenoon favord in public testimony Brother Caleb is very low today & his final conclusion to all transitory things may be daily expected, but I trust he will escape a world of trouble to one of happiness eternal -

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December 23, 1808 Sinfonia in D by Gioachino Rossini was performed for the initial time, in the Bologna Accademia Polimniaca.

December 24, 1808 Learning that Napoléon was bearing down on them, the British in Sahagún began a hasty retreat west toward Astorga.

December 25, 1808 Johann Nepomuk Hummel was dismissed from the service of Prince Nikolas Esterházy. The reason was that he had not been giving enough attention to his duties, in favor of composing for the theater in Vienna. He would ask to be reinstated, and would be.



December 26, Monday: British forces took possession of Madeira from the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 12 M 1808 / It is now about two Years since I first had a conference with my Dear Wife on the Acct of Matrimony, & looking over the time past & occurrences which have taken place in the time my mind is humbled & can say of a truth the Lord



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hath helped me hitherto tho' very unworthy, but if God was as unmerciful to his creature man & [as] Man is to man, what should we be, or what would become of us – But my soul is at this time enabled to say Blessed be his everlasting name his mercy is over all his works & his long suffering is extended to the workmanship of his hand, that he doth not suddenly cut off those that are disobedient, but labors with us from season to season continuing his visits of heavenly love even untill his locks are wet with the dew of the night, & Oh saith my soul may I yet magnify his holy name, & yet be raised above the low estate I am now in – YET thanks be to his name I am comfortable with respect to outward food, but it is the heavenly food, the manna from heaven that I long more to be made partaker of

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December 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 27 of 12 M / This day about six minutes before ten OClock in the forenoon Departed this life in the twentieth Year of his age
brother Caleb Rodman as I came down to Open my shop I called to see how it was with him, & found him low I immediately got a chaise & took my dear H down, before I could attend to what little buisness that was necessary for me to do he had nearly breathed his last I got to him just before the final change, indeed I dont know that he breathed after I went into the room, as we stood around the bed my mind was cover'd with the most solemnity that I ever felt, that I remember of, never being in the room with a person that had so soon expired, while I was standing my mind was moved in sweet supplication that it might be a solemn warning to me to be up & doing my days work while the day lasts before the solemn night cometh wherein no work can be done – I assisted in laying him out with T A who is an uncommonly useful hand in such cases After it was over I went into the other room & sat down with the Afflicted family & was favor'd with a beautiful sweet & calm frame as I ever experienced – Oh that to me it may be a time not soon lost but the savor long remain
At night my dearly affectionate wife return'd to our home & I believe the dear creature did not sleep an hour the whole night not that she sorrowed for the loss of her dear brother but his death made such impressions on her mind as were to her a solemn warning, a lesson of deep instruction –*

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December 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 12th M 1808 / Shop shut, & necessarily engaged



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in making arrangement for the funeral which is to be next sixth day nothing appearing to prevent the corpse being kept tell then.

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December 29, Thursday: Andrew Johnson, who would be the 17th US President from 1865 to 1869, was born.

French advance troops crossed the River Esla near Benavente south of León and engaged the British. They were at first successful but then a British counterattack was devastating.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 12th M / Things being as comfortable as could be expected & my H encouraging it I went with R Taylor to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting the first was silent & to me a poor dry time which all most induced me to fear I had better staid at home but in the last life arose in my mind & I was not only glad but thankful I was there – We dined at Our friend R Mitchells & then came home & found things as well as I left them

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December 30, Friday: Vicente Joaquín Osorio de Moscoso y Guzmán, marqués de Astorga, conde de Altamira replaced José Moñino y Redondo, conde de Floridablanca as President of the Supreme Central Governing Junta of the Spanish resistance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30th of 12 M / This day make me 27 Years of age it has not passed without my notice & reflection - Dear Brother Caleb C Rodman was decently interd in the upper burial ground in friends medow field, the funeral was large attended by many of the inhabitance of the town & some from [Portsmouth](#) by whom he was much beloved & respected
The setting at the house was rather short in consequence of the weather being very stormy, there was no preaching except our friend D Buffum stood up at the close & addressed a few words to the occasion which was feeling & well accepted
I feel for my dear parents brothers sisters & dear wife in the berevement of a beloved & very affectionate brother We have staid at father R's since Caleb's Death except one night & shall probably continue there till the Middle of next week it being doubly lonesome to be separated at such a time as this –*

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December 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 12 M 1808 / Here endeth the Old Year nothing



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*remarkable hath taken place in my own particular perhaps the
life of religion hath been more than ordinarily freshened for
which I desire to be thankful*

*I heard toward night that a poor old black man fell down dead
in the Street this Afternoon - a solemn warning to those that
survive to be prepared as we know not at what hour the Son of
Man cometh whether at midnight or Cockcrowing -*

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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1809



January 1, Sunday: The brig HMS *Magnet*, an 18-gun Cruizer-class warship of 182 tons built in 1807, was wrecked in heavy weather while acting as a British convoy escort.

In Spain, the British army had been advancing against the French army, but on this day and the three following days, Sir John Moore would be retreating to Corunna with fatigued and demoralized troops, under an onslaught directed by the French general Soult. Here is an account by Robert Blakeney of the action at Benevente, with Moore having successfully withdrawn across the Esla River and destroyed the bridge behind him:

Bembibre exhibited all the appearance of a place lately stormed and pillaged. Every door and window was broken, every lock and fastening forced. Rivers of wine ran through the houses and into the streets, where lay fantastic groups of soldiers (many of them with their firelocks broken), women, children, runaway Spaniards and muleteers, all apparently inanimate, except where here and there a leg or arm was seen to move, while the wine oozing from their lips and nostrils seemed the effect of gunshot wounds. Every floor contained the worshippers of Bacchus in all their different stages of devotion; some lay senseless, others staggered; there were those who prepared the libation by boring holes with their bayonets into the large wine vats, regardless of the quantity which flowed through the cellars and was consequently destroyed. The music was perfectly in character: savage roars announcing present hilarity were mingled with groans issuing from fevered lips disgorging the wine of yesterday; obscenity was a public sport. But these scenes are too disgusting to be dwelled upon. We were employed the greatest part of the day [January 1, 1809] in turning or dragging the drunken stragglers out of the houses into the streets and sending as many forward as could be moved. Our occupation next morning was the same; yet little could be effected with men incapable of standing, much less of marching forward. At length the cavalry reporting the near approach of the enemy, and Sir John Moore dreading lest Napoleon's columns should intersect our line of march by pushing along the Foncevadon road, which joined our road not many miles in front of us, the reserve were ordered forward, preceded by the cavalry, and the stragglers were left to their fate. Here I must say that our division, imbibing a good deal of the bad example and of the wine left behind by the preceding columns, did not march out of Bembibre so strong as when they entered it. We had proceeded but a short distance when the enemy's horsemen nearly approached the place; and then it was that the apparently lifeless stragglers, whom no exertion of ours was sufficient to rouse from their torpor, startled at the immediate approach of danger, found the partial use of their limbs. The road instantly became thronged by them; they reeled, staggered, and screaming threw down their arms. Frantic women



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held forth their babies, suing for mercy by the cries of defenseless innocence; but all to no purpose. The dragoons of the polite and civilized nation advanced, and cut right and left, regardless of intoxication, age or sex. Drunkards, women and children were indiscriminately hewn down -- a dastardly revenge for their defeat at Benevente.... During this day's march [January 4, 1809] the misery and suffering attendant on wanton disorders and reckless debauchery among the men were awfully manifested; some were lying dead along the road, and many apparently fast approaching a similar state. Cavalry horses too were continually being shot. One circumstance I shall mention which roused every feeling both of humanity and indignation. About seven or eight miles from Herrerias, seeing a group of soldiers lying in the snow, I immediately went forward to rouse them up and send them on to join their regiments. The group lay close to the roadside. On my coming up, a sad spectacle presented itself. Through exhaustion, depravity, or a mixture of both, three men, a woman and a child all lay dead, forming a kind of circle, their heads inwards. In the centre were still the remains of a pool of rum, made by the breaking of a cask of that spirit. The unfortunate people must have sucked more of the liquor than their constitutions could support. Intoxication was followed by sleep, from which they awoke no more; they were frozen to death.

On this day Robert Fulton applied for his steamboat patent:

Fulton had all along had in view a much wider field of enterprise than the Hudson River. No doubt it was with a view to securing to himself a monopoly over the whole of the United States territory that he now applied for his first patent. Possibly, too, he had some idea that it might be a "second string to his bow" in case his monopoly of the Hudson broke down, the gathering of a storm for that purpose being already apparent, as we shall see later. His application, which is for "Improvements in Steamboats," is dated January 1, 1809, and the patent was granted February 11th the same year. Fulton's patent is not to be found in the archives of the U.S. Patent Office. It must have perished with many other records in the disastrous fire which occurred there in 1831. The author, however, has been fortunate enough to meet with two MS copies of the specification one in the Patent Office Library, and the other in the Boulton and Watt MSS, which is of such interest as to be worthy of reproduction in full on another page. There are thirteen sheets of tables and drawings attached to it which appear to be based on actual practice. A definite reference is made to the *Clermont*, which is selected as an example, and there can be little doubt that we have now actual drawings of the engine arrangements of that boat if not of the *Paragon* and *Car of Neptune* as well. One of the sheets of drawings gives a "table of the resistance of bodies moved through water taken from experiments made in England by a Society for Improving Naval Architecture between the years 1793 and 1798." Incidentally this refutes one charge of plagiarism



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directed against Fulton. The charge need never have been made, for the information was common property, having been published by the Society in 1798. Practically the whole claim in this patent is for the right proportioning of the engine to the boat and for the combination of the parts. Indeed no other valid claim was possible, as none of the parts in themselves were novel. To elucidate these points, we find a great deal of the text taken up by calculations showing how to obtain the proportions of a boat and of the engine suitable for it to go at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 miles an hour with a given load. Fulton finds the total resistance of the boat to be the sum of

i. The immersed cross section of the boat in square feet multiplied by the "plus and minus pressure" the co-efficient for which he obtains from a table, based on the aforementioned experiments, for each of the speeds named.

ii. The friction of the sum of the areas of the bow and stern together multiplied by a corresponding coefficient.

iii. The friction of the sides and bottom of the boat similarly calculated.

To this total he adds a like power for the paddle-wheels. As these are always to go at twice the speed of the boat, and as he assumes the piston speed to be constant, he is able to decide the necessary ratio of gearing and a convenient diameter for a cylinder to give the power required. Following upon his calculations for a boat to run at 6 miles per hour he remarks:

"As to 6 miles an hour, were it attempted and to succeed, I should consider it more a work of curiosity than utility, as I do not believe it possible to build a steamboat with any engine which is now known to run 6 miles an hour in still water, and carry either passengers or cargo to pay the expenses."

He retained the same opinion even as late as 1811, for, writing on January 9 to Dr. S. Thornton, superintendent of the American Patent Office, he says: "If you succeed to run 6 miles an hour in still water with one hundred tons of merchandise I will contract to reimburse the cost of the boat and give you one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for your patent, or if you can convince me of the success by drawings or demonstrations I will join you in the expenses and profits." Such an attitude of mind in a man like Fulton seems hardly credible, especially seeing that in 1802 he had anticipated a speed of 16 miles per hour; with the steady advance that he was making, it was not more than a year or two later before one of his own boats was doing what he now considered impossible. On October 2, 1810, Fulton applied for another patent for "constructing boats or vessels which are to be navigated by the power of the steam-engine"; it was granted on February 9, 1811. It is supplementary to the first, and in it he claims, among other things, the coupling boxes, wheel guards, fender strakes, covering over the paddle wheels, placing the steering wheel forward, and hogging



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frames. Many of these details, while no doubt originating with him, had been public property for some years, so that the patent could hardly have been worth anything, and had the claims been successfully maintained it would have done more to retard than advance the progress of steam navigation. The patent is interesting chiefly for the drawings which illustrate some advance in engine construction. One of the drawings foreshadows very clearly the side lever engine which remained for forty years the accepted type for steam navigation. We have already alluded at some length to the monopoly of the waters of New York State enjoyed by Fulton and Livingston, and it is now necessary to explain why it was that it conferred such enormous powers and privileges, and why such a protracted and bitter legal fight was instituted to compass its overthrow. The basis upon which the monopoly rested was that the State of New York claimed jurisdiction over all the waters of the Bay and of the Hudson River up to low water mark on the mainland or Jersey shore. As it was for the navigation of these waters that the State of New York had granted a monopoly to Livingston and Fulton, and as no steamboat could approach New York and enjoy trade with the City without traversing this stretch of water, we can see how it was that these two monopolists were able to keep out all such men as Colonel John Stevens with his steamer the *Phoenix*. This claim on the part of the State of New York was founded neither on reason nor on common sense. A river or lake suggests itself naturally as a boundary between adjacent territories, and, when it is accepted as such, common law assumes that the boundary is in midchannel or in the deepest part. Now the State of New Jersey had always repudiated the claim of the State of New York; indeed in 1806 New York had consented to the appointment of a joint commission to try and come to an agreement but without result. It seems to us that it would have been an obvious course for New Jersey to have appealed to the United States Supreme Court for a settlement of this dispute, but possibly the temper of the people was too independent for such a course. Now that steam navigation had been introduced and the financial considerations involved were considerable, the question assumed very great importance. Livingston and Fulton's monopoly is so inextricably bound up with it that one can hardly be discussed without the other. The first attack upon their vested interest appears to have been made in 1810 or at the beginning of 1811, when a company was formed at Albany to run in opposition to the Fulton line. Their first boat, the *Hope*,— Captain Bunker, was launched March 19, 1811, and their second, the *Perseverance*, Captain Sherman, somewhat later. Soon after they were placed on the station. The rivalry between them and the Fulton line culminated in a steamboat race the first in history and the forerunner of a kind of sport much indulged in subsequently. Both boats left Albany at 9 o'clock on the morning of July 27, the *Hope* leading. This position was maintained until the boats were within two miles of Hudson, when the *Clermont* by reason of her lighter draught took advantage of the shallows and tried to pass the



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Hope, which perforce kept to the channel. A collision resulted which, while not injuring either boat, put a stop to the race. Captain Bartholomew of the *Clermont* at once challenged the doughty Bunker to compete for a stake of 2000 dollars aside over any distance, but the latter declined. In order to counteract the designs of the opposition steamboat company Fulton and Livingston sought the advice of Thomas Addis Emmet, brother of Robert Emmet the Irish patriot and a famous advocate, who gave a long opinion, dated January 19, 1811, in which he first recites the essential substance of the grants and the acts upon which their monopoly was based, substantially as has been given already. He then sets out the questions to be answered as being:

"1st. What is the effect and validity of the State Laws in conferring any and what exclusive right on Messrs. Livingston and Fulton.

2nd. By what process can they carry into effect their right under the State Laws to the boat and to the Penalty."

After discussing the powers that the several States delegated to the Federal Constitution when the latter was formed, particularly with reference to useful inventions, he gives it as his opinion that:

"After the adoption of the Federal Constitution no State Legislature had any authority to grant an exclusive right of making, constructing, or employing any machine or invention."

This opinion of course covered both questions, but assuming the State law to be valid, he gives it as his further opinion that the forfeiture of the boat, &c., could be enforced, and also that Livingston and Fulton might: "take and hold possession of the forfeited property without any preceding process of law, if they can accomplish that object without a breach of the Peace." There are marginal notes on the document signifying disagreement with the opinion expressed which cannot have been otherwise than unpalatable. There was, however, no need to let the opinion be known, and Fulton and Livingston evidently decided to rely still on their original Act of Legislature. That Emmet's opinion was a true one the decisions of the courts subsequently showed. The danger that threatened them only deepened when on January 25, 1811, the Legislature of New Jersey passed an Act declaring that: "the citizens of New Jersey have a full and equal right to navigate and have and use vessels and boats upon all the waters lying between the States of New Jersey and New York, in all cases whatever not prohibited by the constitution, or any law of the United States." The Act further provided that any person whose boat might be seized under the law of New York should have a right to retaliate upon any steamboat belonging to citizens of that State which might come into New Jersey waters. The provisions of this Act were much less defensible than were the claims of New York. It carried matters from bad to worse, and was in fact a direct encouragement to piracy. The New York Legislature quickly responded in April 1811 by a law



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authorizing Livingston and his associates to seize any steamboat infringing their monopoly, but providing that such steamboat should be held till the settlement of the case. The only course now open was to attack the opposition steamboat company in the law courts. Fulton must have felt shaky about the validity of Livingston's original Act if submitted to searching attack in the courts, and he seems to have thought it best to prepare evidence by affidavit or deposition as to his actual priority in successful steam navigation. For this purpose he wrote to all his friends to secure their interest. One letter to Earl Stanhope is so interesting that we give it in full:

NEW YORK, April 10, 1811.

"MY LORD, In my former letters I gave you an account of the success of my steam boats, which has been so great that, like every other useful and profitable invention, attempts are now making to evade my patent rights, and deprive me of my mental property. I am therefore under the necessity of collecting all possible evidence of the originality and priority of my invention, in which water wheels of right proportions and velocities are of first importance portage. Your Lordship will recollect that, while was in Devonshire in 1793, I wrote you a letter on using perpendicular oars or wheels to propell steam Vessels, of which the inclosed is an exact Copy; it was accompanied with other mechanical speculation which you may yet find among your papers; if so or your Lordship can distinctly recollect it, it will be of infinite service to me, and my cause, and I shall esteem it a particular favour if you will certify on the inclosed letter and drawing before the American consul or a notary public that the inclosed is a true copy of a letter written to you by me on steamships in 1793: such testimony will be important on the tryal which will commence in September next, in this City, and on which I have at least 7000 pounds sterling a year at stake. No one feels more sensibly than your Lordship the sacred right of mental property, no one knows better the difficulties which interposed to rendering steam Boats useful, and my clear right to my specific combinations; which have rendered them useful, In which the wheel in my opinion is indispensable. Your Lordship will therefore in so important a suit not hesitate to give evidence for an old friend and have the goodness to certify on the inclosed letter the time you received the original from met after which certificate have the goodness to deliver it to the American Consul general in London, who will forward it to me. I will also thank your Lordship to let me know if there be any steam boat in operation in England or Ireland, if so, when built, by whom and how is she constructed; this information will be esteemed a favour in a private letter. I have seen the specification of your Lordship's Stanhope Weatherers with a plan for defending them against torpedoes, the ship is Very ingenious, but the Torpedoes are now so far improved that any plan I have yet seen cannot defend a ship against a Vigorous attack with them. Our friend Barlow is going Ambassador to St. Cloud at which place I hope his talents



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will be of use to our country, which is rapidly improving and every day gaining strength although our exterior commerce is much embarrassed. The Edict of Nantz gave manufactures to England which she never lost but improved and multiplied to the sapping of the resources of France, the British orders in Council, the Berlin decrees, the war in Spain and Portugal, which has sent 8000 Mireno Sheep to this country in which they thrive and Improve, has given to us manufacture in Cotton, in Wood and Iron for which we now have the raw material in abundance, which manufactures we shall never loose but improve and multiply and which must tend to diminish or at least to produce the effect of not increasing in so rapid a degree the resources of England and France.

Have the goodness to remember me kindly to Mrs. Falkner; may success attend your Lordship's useful pursuits and happiness be your companion, is the sincere wish of

Your most obedient

ROBT. FULTON

THE RIGHT HONBLE. THE EARL OF STANHOPE.

P.S. When I left London in 1806 there was no such thing as a steam boat anywhere in use in Europe; if any thing of the kind has since been established in England or Ireland, I will thank your Lordship for the particulars of her size and Velocity, to what purposes applied; by whom made and at what time and how propelled?

In a letter to Barlow, dated June 28, 1811, he gives further details with reference to this opposition steamboat company:

"My time is now occupied in building North River and Steam ferry boats, and in an interesting lawsuit to crush 22 Pirates who have clubbed their purses and copied my boats and have actually started my own Inventions in opposition to me by running one trip to Albany: her machinery however gave way in the first voyage and she is now repairing, which will detain her I presume until we obtain an Injunction to stop her. A more infamous and outrageous attack upon mental property has not disgraced America. Thornton has been one of the great causes of it. In this interesting suit which places a great fortune at stake I want you to go or send Lee to Thornton's office and demand a certified copy of my transfer of one half of my United States patents to Robert R. Livingston and let the certificate state that such transfer is legally registered in the patent office."

The transfer of one half of Fulton's interest in his patents to Livingston was in accordance with their original agreement. Fulton also sends with the letter a deposition as to what his achievements in steam navigation had been; this he asks Barlow to persuade Thornton to sign, as if it were his own production. Thornton did not do so, by the way, but the deposition, giving as it does Fulton's side of the case, may be taken as correct where it gives credit to another than himself, as he does in one sentence:



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"John Stevens Esq. of Broadway, in the City of New York, is the first ... who has communicated the power from the piston rod to the water wheels by means of crank wheels and shackle bars which work on each side of the Cylender."

This was the return connecting-rod or steeple engine. The lawsuit dragged on wearily, as only lawsuits can; and Fulton, evidently thinking he must get further evidence, wrote to Boulton, Watt & Co., asking for an affidavit from the great James Watt himself. As Watt had retired from business twelve years before, it is unlikely that he would want to be worried with such a matter; the firm may have sent a reply; if so, we have no record of it. Fulton's letter is as follows:

NEW YORK, January 4th, 1812

MESSRS BOULTON & WATT
GENTLEMEN,

In consequence of the non-intercourse and the impossibility of getting the original to this country at present I have delayed for a long time to answer your letter, But you will please to finish the engine in the usual way with perpendicular Valves, as the wheels must have the power of turning Backwards and forwards and I will remit you the remainder of the Cost. In a conversation with Mr. Watt Senior in Paris I think in 1803 or 2 I believe he gave it to me as his opinion that it was impracticable to make a useful steamboat or Vessel, I have however succeeded to make a Vessel 176 feet long 23 feet beam drawing 2 feet 6 inches of Water run 6 miles an hour in Still water, which Useful invention like your useful steam engine is already copied without my consent and my patent right Violated I am involved in a very expensive and important lawsuit, the Enemy cannot deny that they have copied, But they hope to succeed in proving that I am not the Inventor, for which purpose all abortive projects to navigate boats or Vessels by steam wheels [that] have been made within the last 30 years will be collected, in evidence against me, some of which however bear the least resemblance to the combinations or principles of my boats: But as such high authority as Mr. Watt would be of great importance to me on the tryal, I should esteem it as a great favour if he would State whether there was to the best of his knowledge a steam boat of any kind or what kind anywhere in permanent and efficient operation anywhere in the three kingdoms in 1803 or to the best of his knowledge anywhere in Europe. And what was his opinion and appeared to him to be the prevailly [sic] opinion of the practicability of making good steam boats, such for example as should run 5 miles an hour in still water and carry 100 tons; was it his opinion in 93 that such a project was practicable or was the mode of effecting it know[n] to him at that time or, to the best of his knowledge known to any other person, A Certificate of these facts as they appeared to him in 93 And affirmed to before the mayor of Birmingham And in presence of any American who may be at Birmingham and witnessed by by [sic] him, and particularly if he should be a person resident



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in New York, Boston or Phila would be exceedingly useful to me. Or should any respectable gentleman of Birmingham see Mr. Watt affirm to the certificate and such person be going to London could swear before Mr. Jonathan Russel American Charge des affairs that he knew it to be Mr. Watts handwriting. It would render the evidence on the science of steam boats in 93 Legal in our courts and Mr. Russet would transmit the certificate sealed with his official seal to me; Gentlemen, you have known so much of the unblushing piracy of your own Inventions and the importance of evidance to defend such rights, That I shall hope for this most respectable and friendly evidence on the opinion and state of the science of steamboats in 93 which is the year I built my first boat, on the Seine near Paris and established all the powers proportions and velocities of parts which have given complete success to all the boats since built on these principles. hoping for an answer to this letter as soon as possible
believe me gentlemen with the greatest esteem and respect your most obedient
ROBT. FULTON.

The conversation that he mentions as having had with Watt in Paris in 1802 or 1803 cannot have taken place, as Watt was not there in those years. Besides, from the tone of Watt's reference to Fulton in a letter to a third party about this time, it would appear that they had never met. The case was tried at Trenton, N.J. Fulton's party was represented by their friend Thomas A. Emmet; lawyers of equal eminence being on the other side. Great stress was laid on the letter written from Torquay to Lord Stanhope in 1793, and capital was made out of the fact that the letter put in by Fulton was a recent copy of it. No one seems to have thought of Fulton's book on Canals, where this correspondence is referred to; that would surely have substantiated his statement. In the end, an injunction against the opposition steamboat company was obtained, and their boats, of which two had been built, were confiscated and destroyed. Hardly had this case been disposed of than opposition arose in another quarter. It appears that Colonel Aaron Ogden, an eminent citizen of New Jersey, in conjunction with Daniel Dod, a well-known engine-builder, had constructed a steamboat called the Sea Horse, with which they intended to establish a ferry service between Elizabethtown, N.J., and New York. The engine of this vessel, by the way, was the first of the walking-beam type, which afterwards became so common, and Dod is usually credited with its introduction. Finding that the Fulton monopoly prevented him carrying out his plan, Colonel Ogden petitioned the New York Legislature to rescind the monopoly. The resolution, to effect this, was lost by one vote only. However, Colonel Ogden, who had been chosen by the Legislature of New Jersey on 29th October 1812 to succeed Joseph Bloomfield, as Governor, managed to get a law passed by that body on November 3, 1813, granting to himself and Dod the exclusive right to run steamboats on the waters of New Jersey. The Livingston party were at once up in



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arms, and appealed to the next Legislature in 1814, to repeal the Act. Again the Livingston party were represented by Thomas A. Emmet; while the other party had two equally famous lawyers. The result was that the New Jersey grant was repealed on February 4, 1815. Unfortunately, while this struggle was going on, Chancellor Livingston had died at *Clermont*, on February 26, 1813, at the age of sixty-seven; and just in the hour of victory Fulton contracted the chill which cut short his career. We must, however, briefly pursue the vicissitudes of the steamboat monopoly. The matter was settled for a time by Colonel Ogden buying from the executors of Livingston and of Fulton the exclusive right to run ferry-boats for ten years on the route between Elizabethtown and New York. He did not enjoy the privilege long before another storm began to gather on the horizon. Thomas Gibbons, a wealthy Southerner, who passed the summers at Elizabethtown, saw the desirability of running steamboats, and started an opposition line with the Bellona and the Stoudinger. By a strange vicissitude of fortune, it was the turn of Colonel Ogden, who had been the bitterest opponent of the steamboat monopoly, now to defend it against Gibbons. The latter was a lawyer and a man of means; as neither party would give way, the suit dragged on till it reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which in 1821 dismissed Gibbons case on technical grounds. Beaten, but not crushed, he instituted a fresh trial. He engaged as his counsel Daniel Webster, the famous jurist, who argued that the monopoly infringed the prerogative of the Federal Government to regulate commerce, and that therefore it was unconstitutional. The result of it was that in March 1825 the United States Court of Errors, sitting at Albany, decided by a majority of 22 to 9 that no State could grant a monopoly of navigation. The Senate Chamber and gallery were crowded with people anxious to hear the decision of the Court on this momentous case. Thus ended a most oppressive monopoly, at the cost of ruining one at least of the parties. The Boundary dispute, however, still flourished, and it is interesting to note the sequel. In 1829 at the instance of the State of New Jersey, the Supreme Court appointed a Commission, with representatives drawn from both States, to settle the question. They arrived at an agreement whereby New York so far abandoned their previous claims as to fix as the boundary the middle of the Hudson River, of New York Bay, and of the waters between Staten Island and New Jersey, subject to certain claims of jurisdiction over the Bay and the Hudson south of Spuyten Duyvel Creek. This agreement was ratified by both States in 1834. As the meaning of the term "middle" was not clearly defined, it was not long before renewed controversy arose. This was brought to an acute stage when about 1870 the Central Railroad reclaimed land from the Hudson at Communipaw, by filling in. Under their agreement of 1834, New York State claimed jurisdiction over the reclaimed land. The case was taken to the New York Court of Appeal, who decided that the jurisdiction given to New York under that agreement was only for sanitary and police purposes.



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Finally, in 1888, Commissioners from the two States exactly located the boundary-line in the middle of the channel of the river and bay. Thus was settled a controversy which had lasted for over a hundred years. We must now cast our minds back a little way to the year 1810 which may perhaps be said to have been the heyday of Fulton's mental and commercial activities; for besides the large number of steamboats built or projected for various parts of the Union, Fulton meditated nothing less than the introduction of steam navigation throughout the civilized world, so great was his belief in its commercial future. To this end he enlisted in his interest, for exploiting English territory, the services of Mr. J.C. Dyer, a man already favorably known as an inventor. Many years later, after he had settled down to end his days in this country, he, when an octogenarian, told the story of his voyages on the *Clermont*, and his connection with this enterprise: "I undertook, in 1811, the task of inducing some of the leading engineers and capitalists of London to engage in the construction of steamboats, on Fulton's plan, to run on the Thames and other waters in this country. I had obtained from Mr. Fulton (through a mutual friend) a full description, and the drawings of his inventions and discoveries relating to steam navigation with the result of his labours in America. But I found it impossible to convince any of them that steamboats could be made to run with safety and profit in the English waters...." "...Many of my personal friends urged me strongly not to waste my time and money on so hopeless a task as that of introducing steam navigation into England. Even the great and scientific engineer, John Rennie (father of the present eminent Sir John Rennie), urged me, with parental kindness, to drop all thoughts of bringing these boats into use and this after having Fulton's plans before him, and fully admitting their success in America." In the spring of 1814 Mr. Peter Ewart expressed to Dyer the opinion that "it did not appear likely that they (i.e. steamboats) could ever come into general use in the waters of England," and this in spite of the fact that he knew of Bell's success on the Clyde in 1812. Dyer goes on to say: "In that year (i.e. 1814) I lent Mr. Ewart Fulton's specifications and drawings, which were sent by him to Boulton and Watt, and returned to me about six months after. have reason to believe that that eminent house was led thereby to make further and more exact inquiries concerning the progress of steam navigation in America; for they, as well as several other engineers, commenced building steamboats in 1815 and 1816. Even Bell's success with his vessel the *Comet*, the centenary of which has just been celebrated, must be attributed in some measure to Fulton. Bell's account of their intercourse is given in a letter he wrote in 1824. He came at different times to this country, and stopped with me for some time. He published, soon afterwards, a Treatise on Canal Declining Railways. I have this Book at hand, but you may obtain it by applying to Mr. Taylor, bookseller, London, price 21s. Mr. Fulton published this work in England in 1804 and on his way to France called on me; and



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also when he returned. He was employed by the American Government to come to England, to take drawings of our cotton and other machinery, which quickened his desires after all the engineering branches; these he took up very quickly. He was also a good painter, and excelled in miniature likenesses. When I wrote to the American Government on the great importance of steam navigation they appointed Mr. Fulton to correspond with me.... "Although, from what has gone before, we know that this is a garbled account, yet it is just what one might expect from a comparatively uneducated man like Bell. We shall not be far wrong in gathering from it that he and Fulton first met in 1804 because that date is corroborated by another account given by Bell in 1816. If so, it must have been at the time that Fulton went to see Symington's Charlotte Dundas. It was a letter of Fulton's, written after he had achieved success with the *Clermont*, that stirred up Bell. He says:

"This letter led me to think of the absurdity of writing my opinion to other countries and not putting it in practice in my own country; and from these considerations I was roused to set on foot a steamboat for which I made a number of different models before I was satisfied."

The story of the difficulties and trials that beset his path is a long one; suffice it to say that five years, almost to a day, elapsed before he succeeded, although on a much smaller scale, in repeating Fulton's achievement. James Watt, Junior, in 1816 engined an experimental boat, and tried her across the German Ocean and up the Rhine. Thereafter his firm engaged very extensively in the marine engine business. It was not very many years later to be exact, in 1819 that Mr. Rennie had quite changed his mind, and he constantly thereafter urged upon the Admiralty the value of steam-tugs in towing men-of-war. Thus were the tables completely turned. It will not be difficult for the engineering reader with the aid of the drawings attached to Fulton's patents to trace the evolution of the side-lever engine from his first engine of 1804; and we can, therefore, with every confidence, attribute the germ of this design to him, and thus give the credit where it is deserved. After England, Russia appears to have had an attraction for Fulton as a field for enterprise. He wrote, in November 1811 to John Quincy Adams, then American Ambassador in Russia, to ask him to obtain an exclusive right for twenty years for a steamboat-service between St. Petersburg and Cronstadt, to be established in three years after obtaining the grant. A Russian gentleman, Chevalier Swinine, wrote to Fulton a very significant letter, offering his services. How he had got wind of the affair does not appear, but an extract from his letter will be of interest:

"Doubtless, Sir, it is known to you that for several months past I have been taken up with your admirable invention of the steam boat, dedicating all my knowledge for its introduction in Russia. As you have received the Imperial permission for this introduction, I offer you, Sir, my services which I flatter



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myself may be of great utility. Certainly it will be necessary for you to have the plan of the River Neva and of the channel from St. Petersburg to Cronstadt to have the clearest information of the value of materials necessary for the construction of the steamboat, the description of other communications by water in Russia."

His conditions were that he should have the title "Superintendent of the Steamboats of Russia"; and, of course, that he should have an annual salary. The principal point to observe is that Fulton had received the Imperial permission to introduce steamboats. Naturally he wanted a good deal more than this, and on April 12 1812 he wrote to the Chevalier, saying, that he must wait for Mr. Adams's answer, for until then he could not decide what to do. We know that a steamboat, the Emperor of Russia, was on the stocks at the time of Fulton's death, and it has been suggested that it was built for the service under consideration, but as there were no means of getting it to Russia, this could not have been the case; the name must have been given merely as a compliment, but it goes to show that there was something below the surface. As a matter of fact, the first experiments on the Neva were made in November 1815 by Charles Baird, Superintendent of the Mines, with a barge which had been rebuilt for the purpose, and fitted with an engine of the side-lever type and an externally fired boiler having a brick chimney. These experiments were successful, and in 1817 Baird built a vessel 60 feet long especially for steam propulsion and with her established a passenger service between St. Petersburg and Cronstadt. This engine was almost identical with that shown on Sheet 2 of Fulton's second specification and if the design was not obtained from him then all that can be said is that the coincidence is very remarkable. The boiler, too, was just the kind that Fulton was in the habit of fitting. Some day the true relation to one another of these significant facts will be made plain. We do know that Baird had a monopoly of steam navigation on the Neva for twenty years and thereout drew no small return. Then again India seems to have had a fascination for Fulton, attracted no doubt by the size of her rivers and the teeming population on their banks. He entered into an agreement with a certain Thomas Law to introduce steamboats on the Ganges. In a letter to him dated April 16, 1812 Fulton says: "I agree to make the Ganges enterprise a joint concern. You will please to send me a plan how you mean to proceed to secure a grant for 20 years and find funds to establish the first boat. This work is so honorable and important. It is so grand an Idea that Americans should establish steam vessels to work in India that it requires vigor, activity, exertion, industry, attention, and that no time should be lost. My Paragon beats everything on the globe for made as you and I are, we cannot tell what is in the moon; this Day she came in from Albany 160 miles in 26 hours, wind ahead." The letter finished with the words "Keep the Ganges Secret." Here again, sad to relate, some hitch occurred, whether due to Fulton's death or not we do not know, and no steamboat was seen

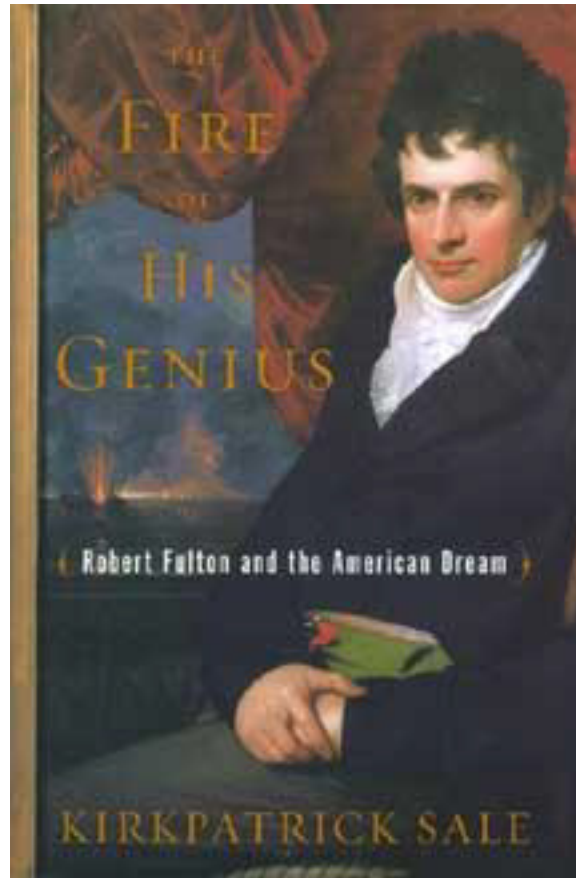


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in India till eight years later when it was introduced from England.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day of the week, 1st of the Mo & 1st of the Year 1809 / Our meetings were silent & to me seasons of remembrance, having had to reflect on things that have been brought near home – Took tea with my dearly beloved Aunt Martha Gould, my H at her fathers

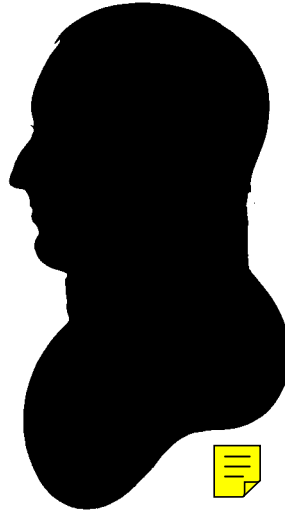


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the wether being damp she was not at meeting this Afternoon⁵⁹



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January 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 2 of 1 M 1809 / This morning put a letter in the Post Office to Micajah Collins written at different time since the day before Yesterday giving him an Acct of Brother Calebs Death & burial – Also written one to Uncle Stanton in NewYork – My mind hath been this day distressed on some acct which I had rather keep to myself than here insert

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January 3, Tuesday: [Benjamin Brown Wiley](#) got married with [Keturah Green](#), daughter of Jeremiah Green and Martha Green.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 3 of 1 M 1809 / Occupied much as usual thro' the day
Some unwell with a cold –*

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January 4, Wednesday: Louis Braille, blind educator, inventor of Braille alphabet, was born in Coupvray, France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 1 M / Again occupied as usual thro' the day. In the eveng met with the African Benevolent Society, & was pleased

59. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 6 Folder 9 for July 24, 1807-April 30, 1809 and Box 7 Folder 10: May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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with the order that appeared among them

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January 5, Thursday: Through the good offices of Austria the nominal state of war between Great Britain and the Ottoman Empire ended with the Treaty of the Dardanelles.

Martin de Garay Perales replaced Pedro Cevallos Guerra as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 1st M / Tho' at meeting I had much pass thro' my mind that did not pertain to Worship yet it was a good time as that which was unprofitable was more easily subdued than at some times & there seem'd something underneath that was as a brook by the way May I be duly thankful - Occupied as usual thro' the day -

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January 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 1 M / Another day gone & what shall I say? it hath been a Day of feeling, & some exercise but whether it is of the right kind I leave for the present -

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January 7, Saturday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) accepted the offer of King Jerome Bonaparte of Westphalia to be Kapellmeister at Kassel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th of the week, M & year 1809 / We took tea at our own hired house having again commenced house keepers - Since brother Calebs decease My H hath been at her fathers, but this afternoon returned home, & home looks pleasant to us tho' the occasion that hath for a few day kept us from it, been painful

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January 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 1 M / To me good comfortable meetings, in the forenoon D Buffum was concern'd in a lively testimony - We din'd at my fathers - Took tea at home T Hornsby gave us a kind call,



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& after him Our neighbors Saml Vinson & wife set the remainder of the evening with us

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January 9, Monday: The electric telegraph was invented by Sömmering in München.

Considering the evaluation delivered in the report delivered November 22d, the US government resolved to more vigorously enforce its Embargo of 1807. The result of course would be further economic damage.

According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), Jacob Hosmer of Groton and Catharine Wellington of Concord were married by the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9th of 1 M / Sister Elizabeth spent the day with us whose company was very acceptable, on her acct I set the eveng at home writing -

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January 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 10 of 1 M / Nothing material to insert, again set the eveng at home with My very dear Wife at writing -

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January 11, Wednesday: When British forces reached the port of La Coruña, there were no transports waiting to evacuate them.

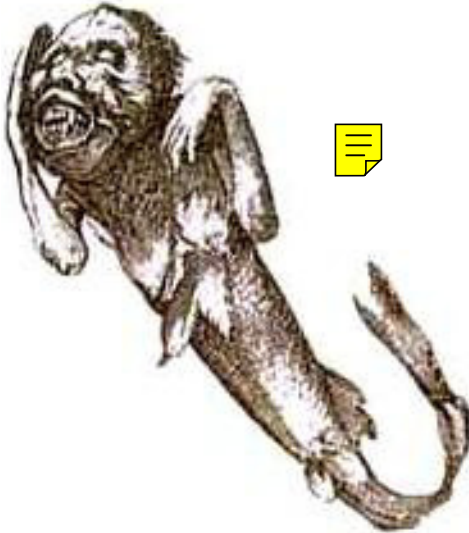
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 1 M / Just now at seeing a little playful & innocent Dog my mind was forcibly struck with his innocency, & I said in my heart with fervency "Oh! that I was as innocent as that Dog" -

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January 12, Thursday: Two persons standing upon the remote beach at Sandside, Caithness, Scotland, saw a face “round and plump and of a bright pink hue” in the sea. Observing more closely, they saw what appeared to be well-formed human breasts. Upon occasion this creature lifted what appeared to be a long white arm above the waves and tossed back what appeared to be its long green hair. When this was reported in the local newspapers, a schoolteacher responded that some 12 years earlier he also had seen such a being on a local beach, which “remained on the rock three or four minutes after I observed it, and was exercised during that period in combing its hair, which was long and thick, and of which it appeared proud; and then dropped into the sea, from whence it did not reappear to me.”



In French Guiana, which was being held by Portuguese forces from Brazil, British forces captured Cayenne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12th of 1st M / At meeting all silent, but to me a time
of feeling, yea exercise on my own acct - My H spent the
Afternoon & eveng at brother Davids -*

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January 13, Friday: When French forces attacked at Uclés, many Spanish soldiers fled in panic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:




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*6th day 13th of 1 M 1809 / My H spent the day at Aunt A
Carpenter's I of corse was with her – Sisters Ruth & Joanna there
in the Afternoon*

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 January 14, Saturday: Transport shipping reached La Coruña and immediately began evacuating the British army. An alliance was signed in London between Great Britain and the Spanish junta, in accordance with which Spain was forbidden to sign a separate peace with France, and Britain was obligated to provide all assistance to the Spanish defeat of the French in Iberia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 14 of 1 M / The day has passed as usual Neighbor Towle
& Wife spent the eveng with us & father R took tea*

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 January 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15 of 1 M / Silent Meetings - owing the increase of the
S[t]orm of snow but few women gathered, in the Afternoon. Set
the eveng at home with my H –*

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January 16, Monday, noon to 7PM: During the Peninsular War, in a battle in Spain's province of Corunna that is bounded on the north and west by the Atlantic (centered on the port of La Coruña), the British commander, General Sir John Moore, was mortally wounded and command passed to Baird and in due course to Sir John Hope. The battle was a delaying tactic while the British destroyed their stores and extricated themselves by embarking before they could be fully engaged by superior French pursuing forces under General Soult, and is considered by the British despite 2,300 casualties as a victory — because they did indeed succeed in extricating themselves.

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Henry Thoreau would not be much impressed by this sort of military obedience unto death:

“RESISTANCE TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT”: Visit the Navy Yard, and behold a marine, such a man as an American government can make, or such as it can make a man with its black arts — a mere shadow and reminiscence of humanity, a man laid out alive and standing, and already, as one may say, buried under arms with funeral accompaniments, though it may be

“Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note,
As his corse to the rampart we hurried;
Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot
O'er the grave where our hero we buried.”

The mass of men serve the state thus, not as men mainly, but as machines, with their bodies. They are the standing army, and the militia, jailers, constables, posse comitatus, etc. In most cases there is no free exercise whatever of the judgment or of the moral sense; but they put themselves on a level with wood and earth and stones; and wooden men can perhaps be manufactured that will serve the purpose as well. Such command no more respect than men of straw or a lump of dirt. They have the same sort of worth only as horses and dogs.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 1 M / Owing to the badness of the walking occasioned by Yesterdays fall of Snow I left my dearest H to dine alone & took dinner at my fathers - found her at tea as Sweet & pleasant as ever, we sat the eveng together reciprocally enjoying each others company in reading & conversing. Brother Davis gave us a kind call

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January 17, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 17th of 1 M / Had a long discourse with a man on the subject of mixed Marriages, both our labors were useless as neither was convinced, being directly opposite each other in Sentiment
Recd a verry acceptable letter from Our friend Micajah Collins & answered it in the eveng setting at home enjoying the company*




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 January 18, Wednesday: The British ended this phase of their “peninsular war” by completing their evacuation from La Coruña.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18th of 1st M / Sister Ruth spent the day with us very acceptably & neighbors Gibbs & Billings took tea & spent the eveng –

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 January 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 1 M / Meeting small but about 8 women being very stormy - no buisness at the preparative Meeting except the queries

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The Bath Chronicle announced that Samuel Wesley was in town and was awaiting an invitation to give an organ concert.

British forces landed on Martinique.

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[Edgar Poe](#) was born at 62 Carver Street in [Boston](#) (Carver St., by the way, is now known as Edgar Allan Poe Way despite the fact that the Poes departed from this address before their infant was a month old). This one-month Bostonian would write sometimes under the sobriquet “The Bostonian” but was also heard to refer to the city of his birth as “Frogpondium”:



I am heartily ashamed to have been born in Boston.





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January 20, Friday: James Geddes recommended to the New York State legislature that they dig a [canal](#) along the Hudson-Erie route.

ERIE CANAL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 1 M / Nothing material to insert the times are dull & streightening as to the outward, the inward is no better but with respect to the outward I believe it is my duty to confess that I am wonderfully helped from day to day being favord with a little incoming tho' small but sufficient to answer our present needs due thanks be given to him who helpeth

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January 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 1 M / Again nothing Material the day has passed as usual

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January 22, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) celebrated his majority at Newstead.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 1 M / Silent meeting roving seasons tho' something seem'd to be working underneath of that nature which seemd to be a little stay We dind and took tea at father R's & went home in the eveng received a letter from Aunt M Stanton which was pleasant.

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January 23, Monday: When the Emperor Napoléon returned to Paris he established his headquarters not in the Tuileries but in the Elysée Palace.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23rd of 1 M 1809 / The day again has passed much as usual - Sister Mary spent the day & staid with us all night. She is the first we have been able to accomodate with a lodging since we were housekeepers, never till yesterday having a spair bed

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January 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 1st M / I think it best to note days as they pass, but nothing for some time hath occurd remarkable - The mind mostly in a cold frame as to religious impressions, however a sense of thankfulness is often felt for my present favors, in being preserved from want in these times that are so very pinching to the inhabitation of this nation when there are hundreds, & thousands who are reduced to beggary for the want of such employment in buisness as they are capable of performing & I have a little from day to day which thro' mercy keeps me above that State.

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January 25, Wednesday: SERMON PREACHED AT THE ORDINATION OF THE REV. SAMUEL OSGOOD, TO THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE FIRST CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN SPRINGFIELD, JANUARY 25, 1809. BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS](#), MINISTER OF Dorchester (Springfield: Thomas Dickman, 1809).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 1 M / Again nothing Material, the old story over again &c -

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January 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 1 M / A little before Meeting I receivd a very cordial letter from my good friend Micajah & soon after another for my H from our dear S Barker - In the first meeting A Robinson was concernd in public testimony & in the last Our Monthly Meeting Was recommended to the Quarterly Meeting as ministers our friends Susanna Barker, Hannah Dennis & Sarah Fish - A matter respecting H Fish labord hard but I hope that the labor will not be lost she is reported by the committee to be in a very good State of mind, & if she is not permitted by our women friends to make an acknowledgment at this time I hope she will soon -

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January 27, Friday: After a siege of five weeks, French troops stormed Zaragoza and advanced into the city, where brutal street fighting ensued.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27th of 1 M / Yesterday we had an addition to our family Nancy Almy came to board with us in order to get a little learning in reading & writing which my H hath undertaken to teach her - I hope it will be of use to her and us - Sister E spent



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the afternoon & eveng - My dear friend P Dunham also took tea & spent the eveng with us -

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January 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 28 of 1 M / H Knowles at dinner - At tea we again had the very acceptable company of my dear P Dunham who spent the eveng with us - he seems to be sweet in spirit & his countenance every exemplary

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January 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 1 M 1809 / Silent Meetings & to me rather dull seasons but still something good seem'd to be underneath, yet the "clogs of humanity" were so closely reveted that I could not partake of what I believe was intended - After meeting in the Afternoon with B Hadwen I went to our Alms House where I beheld many poor objects & some in such distress of boody as did deeply affect my spirit. one poor woman with a Cancer two others with young Children & broken breasts [abcesses?] many lounatics & several laboring under the effects of a disease brought on by debauchery - but most of all was I affected at the sight of a poor black woman latly put to bed with a fine livly little child, but a grievous broken breast, crying out with pain & anguisgh, my very heart was rent for the poor thing & the more so because I apprehended she was suffering the more for the want of proper care but I knew not what to do for her except to afford what little pecuniary help I was able to, & leave her, I dont think that I ever felt so much at any former time when I have visited the Alms House

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January 30, Monday: Fromental Halévy entered the Paris Conservatoire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 1 M / Nothing material. The day hath passed as usual with but little improvement in any sense -

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January 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 1 M / Friends are this morning setting out for



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Providence to attend our Quateerly Meeting, it would be very pleasant to be with them, but such are my circumstances & situation at present that I think it best be keep within mine own tent --My mind seems this eveng brought into Seriousness & Oh that it may be a Seriousness that may be of some permanence

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February 1, Wednesday: Kanatate zum Geburtstag von Amalia Beer by Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 1 of 2nd M 1809 / Again what shall I say - Another day nearly gone & I like the door on its hinge, none the better & if no worse of any consequence a little more time is worn away, precious time worn away without a right improvement
Set this evening at Home Sister Eliza was there very acceptably & staid all night*

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February 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 2nd of 2nd M 1809 / A Considerable gathering at Meeting considering the walking & how many are absent at the Quartely Meeting at *Providence* which is held this day - My mind was frequently with them while at meeting but believed I was not far from my proper place in being where I was - My H spent the Afternoon at P William's I took tea with them & spent part of the eveng*

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February 3, Friday: Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (who is known to us as [Felix Mendelssohn](#)) was born in Hamburg, 2d of four children born to Abraham Mendelssohn, a banker, himself the son of the enlightenment philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, and Lea Solomon, daughter of the Prussian court jeweler and granddaughter of Daniel Itzig, a financial advisor to King Friedrich II of Prussia and one of the most affluent citizens of Berlin.

Johann Friedrich Reichardt's Bradamante to words of von Collin was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 2nd M / This forenoon recd a letter from our friend & correspondent B Burinton [Purinton?] which was very acceptable, it gave an acct of the decease of Abner Rogers a young man, friend & pevot [?], who has left an affectionate wife & several small childrem in a very destitute & helpless situation which closely affected my mind, in consideration of my own state, never till now could I form any adequate Idea of the excruciating pangs attendant on such a separation



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Sister Ruth spent the Afternoon & staid all night with us –

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February 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 2nd M / A Cold heart is a very uncomfortable thing, when we are sensible that it is cold. I think I am fully sensible that mine has been so today

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February 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 2 M / Silent meetings & very small but one female in the forenoon & none in the Afternoon - No doubt but many of our dear Sisters would have been glad to have met with us but the Storm was so great it was really unfit for them to expose their delicate bodies – It has been a very precious day to me, very tender in spirit & mind I trust proffitably exercised, indeed I know not the time when I had so sweet a day, it hath seemd as if a calous scale was lifted from my heart & the tender part sufferd again to feel. I desire to be thankful

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February 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 2 M / Sister Ruth hath been very acceptably with us since last sixth day Afternoon, & has gone home this morning My H - N Almy (our border) With myself spent the evening at Neighbor Vinson's

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February 7, Tuesday: The widowed [Abigail DeWolf](#), who had survived her husband [Mark Anthony DeWolf](#) by 15 years, died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7th of 2 M 1809 / This eveng I was called to Watch with our friend Edward Sisson I got to his house soon after Sunset & found him nearly about to close this scene of trouble & I firmly believe enter another & far better - he was past speaking but by signs & Motions appeard very Sensible – he departed about half past 9 OClock in the eveng – Assisted by our friends R Mitchell & Jon & Dennis we laid him out & I set up the remainder of the Night with John Chase – I was with him when he breathed his last which was very easy & quiet after a very distressing



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day, indeed his whole illness tho' but ten days was very distressing - When I first entr'd the room I was much struck with the Awfulness of the Scene & was glad I was there believing some feelings I had were of a nature that would be lastingly beneficial

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February 8, Wednesday: Fearful of an attack by Napoléon, Emperor Franz of Austria and the Imperial Council decided to resume war against France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 2nd M / This day is the commencement of trouble in our family Brother James has gone to NYork & it appears he has left P Sluman [Sherman?] in a State of Pregnancy

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February 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 2 M / The Mind at meeting not in a State to enjoy much of the end for which we assembled - We dined at Father R's my H spent the Afternoon & eveng there & I took tea At my Fathers

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February 10, Friday: Brutal street fighting having gone on for two weeks in Zaragoza, the French exploded a 3,000-pound mine under the Spanish stronghold in the convent of San Francisco and launched a desperate assault.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 10th of 2nd M / The funeral for E Sission I understand was attended by many friends & that O Williams spoke by way of testimony at the house - but being unwell myself was unwilling to use the exertion to get there, the Air this Afternoon being cold & damp
Sister E kindly spent the eveng & brother D Called*

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February 11, Saturday: Robert Fulton received a patent for his steamboat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 11 of 2 M / The day has passed as usual -

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February 12, Sunday: Abraham Lincoln was born in a rustic cabin on Nolan Creek near Hodgenville, Kentucky and [Charles Darwin](#) was born on a country estate near Shrewsbury in Shropshire.



The child named Abraham would go on to become revered first as the bravest of frontier Indian-slayers and then as the author of an “[emancipation](#)” order in which he purported to have set free all persons whom he had no power to set free while keeping in slavery all persons whom he had the power to keep in slavery — surely one of the most cynical political documents ever produced by the powers of the human mind. The child named Charles would go on to author one of the most inspiring scientific treatises ever produced by the powers of the human mind, on the origin of species, and to be condemned as the creator of a new pseudo-scientific legitimization for the black [slavery](#) that as a young man he had seen in brutal practice along the coast of South America — a slavery which, for the remainder of his life in his comfortable home in Down, England, would be giving him recurrent nightmares and attacks of panic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 2 M / Rather small meetings & no preachings - Sister E dined with us - In the Afternoon I went to Saml Thurstons & took tea & spent the eveng & my H at brother Davids

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February 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 13 of 2 M / Again nothing worthy of note, or if worthy little engagement to insert it, being very void of life in the Mind

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February 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 2nd M / I have but little to say else than the



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day has passd & Oh! that I could insert that it had passed with improvement

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February 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 2nd M / I have felt today as I fear I am a poor cast away & depression has particularly hung over my mind this evening -

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February 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 2nd M / In the first meeting my mind was Somewhat roving but towards the last of it life seem'd to spring up & I was enabled to put up a little petition in secret for the continuance of divine favor - In the last (preparative) complaints were enterd against two Young men for keeping company on account of marriage with young women not of our Society - One and own & the other a brother in law which however exercising to part with them as brothers in the Church I thought it best they should be thus reported & their Case forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting -

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February 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 2 M / Our dear Sister E spent the day & eveng, & will stay all night with us. I love the dear girl & more so at this time because she seems to be in a sweet & tender frame of mind -tho' I have been in a dead unfeeling state most of the day, yet at setting down with her this eveng & particularly toward the close at her reading a few chapters in the Bible - my mind seemd so reached with a precious tenderness that my heart was made thankful for the favor & I believe every mind present in measure partook of the sweetness that then seemd to be vouchsafed - My dear H & N Almy composed our circle

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February 18, Saturday: French attackers at Zaragoza finally gained the upper hand against the Spanish.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 2 M / It hath been a day wherein my feelings have



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been quickened, & I enabled to put up a little petition for divine help I am ready to hope the Lord will yet again make bare his holy Arm for my deliverance from the body of Sin & Death with which & have so long been burdened -

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February 19, Sunday: The Spanish junta ordered that all weapons in the hands of civilians be surrendered immediately.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 2nd M / The traveling being perilous Our meetings were small particularly on our Sisters Side of the House, & tho' not much of the fullness was experienced in meetings, it has been to pretty good day, a good degree of tenderness in the mind, accompaniend with a degree of exercise that I hope (at least) will be proffitable. Sister E hath been with us all day, from the walking unable to get to Meeting

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February 20, Monday: Fulton left Washington for New-York.

The US Supreme Court ruled that the federal government had more authority than any individual state.

The starving Spanish survivors in Zaragoza surrendered (approximately 54,000 soldiers and civilians had died within the walls during the two months of the siege).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 2 M / Nothing material as to any thing in my own mind - It is a very Icy & slippery time, & as in the inward so in the outward A man or woman have need to "take heed to their STEPS"

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February 21, Tuesday: British forces completed their conquest of the French island of Martinique.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 2 M / Verry barran as to life, a little however felt at times - F S called at the shop & read several peaces of writing that I hope may be useful -

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February 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 22 of 2 M / Another day gone & with respect to myself
much as yesterday -*

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February 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 23 of 2 M / Rode in a Sleigh with R Taylor to [Portsmouth](#)
to attend our Moy [Monthly] meeting - Being a cold Snow Storm
my H thought prudent to omit her attendance tho' unwilling - Our
first meeting was Silent & to me a dull time as was our last the
wheels of discipline moved hard - three young men were
complained of & committees appointed to treat with them. JG, TG.
& T L were those alluded too - I dined at J Mitchells - R T &
Sister E (who rode home with us) at R Mitchells - I am sorry to
add that it hath been a day of but little sensible improvement
or favor - several occurrences took place at meeting & one in
particular that was unpleasant -*

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February 24, Friday: [Asa Fitch](#), America's first fulltime [entomologist](#), was born in Salem, New York, to doctor and judge Asa Fitch and Abigail Martin Fitch. (The Fitches were descended from the Brewsters of Plymouth — which is neither here nor there.) First and second report on the noxious, beneficial and other insects of the State of New York: made to the state agricultural society, pursuant to an appropriation for this purpose from the legislature of the state (C. Van Benthuyssen)

Richard Brinsley Sheridan sat with a glass at a nearby London coffee house as his new Drury Lane Theatre burned to the ground: "A man may surely be allowed to take a glass of wine by his own fireside."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 24 of 2 M / A friend (R M) called to see me to converse
on some occurrences that took place at meeting yesterday our
views were correspondent & I hope the matter well be helped,
love & unity is a very desirable object but there are two friends
among us that are wide from it - Set the eveng at home & read
The History of the Abolition of the Slave Trade by T Clarkson,
he is a wonderful man & worthy of praise for his able & zealous
activity in promoting the object*

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February 25, Saturday: French forces defeated the Spanish northwest of Valls in Catalonia.

The Spanish junta ruled that any money or property taken from the French would belong to those who took them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 2 M / Met with the School committee & afterwards



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with the Trustees committee - my H at her fathers

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February 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 2nd M / Mt H & myself attended meetings which were Silent & I guess to her they were Seasons of trouble. Oh! that I was better than I am, then would it be better with me -

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February 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 27 of 2 M / Alass I am a poor thing yet; with respect to every thing & particularly in a religious life, Barraness & dullness is my frequent & nearly constant portion, when shall it be better? when I am more faithful & watchful -

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February 28, Tuesday: Great Britain and Portugal concluded a treaty of alliance and trade.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 28 of 2 M / Here endeth the 2nd Month, & I would that more of the right thing had been acquired in the course of it -Sister E spent the Afternoon & evening with us -

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March 1, Wednesday: After learning that [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had accepted an offer in Kassel, three young Viennese aristocrats, Prince Joseph Lobkowitz, Prince Ferdinand Johann Nepomuk Kinsky, and Archduke Rudolph, agreed to pay the composer an annuity for life if he would promise to remain in Vienna.

Three days before he left office, US President Thomas Jefferson signed the Non-Intercourse Act limiting the embargo to trade with Great Britain and France and repealing the Embargo Acts of 1807 and 1808 (which hadn't been working).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st of 3rd M 1809 4th day of the week / A Day of but little life, yet something of it has been experienced -

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March 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 of 3 M 5th day / Silent meetings – Sister E spent the evening with us – received a long & very acceptable letter from my dear friend Susanna Barker which in the evening I reply too, by her request –

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March 3, Friday: Napoléon created his elder sister, Princess Elise, as Grand Duchess of Tuscany and annexed Lucca to Tuscany. He also created 5-year-old Charles-Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte as Grand Duke of Berg, under his own regency.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 3 M 3 / The mind under a little degree of life this eveng A friend called at the Shop this afternoon who agrees with me that there is but little life in our meeting of late & that there is a cause for it of a serious nature – In the eveng at Aunt M Goulds & brother D R's

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March 5, Sunday: The Cello Sonata op.69 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed publicly for the initial time, in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 3 M / We were favor'd with good meetings the life seem'd to circulate a little more than common in both. Our friend D. Buffum in the forenoon was uncommonly lively & authoratative in his gift – he told us that in order to finish a worl it must be begun & persevered in or we should not have the Answer of Well done in the end he pointed out the Wiles & Stratagems of the enemy in obstructing our progress in the works of religion & recommended watchfulness &c in the Afternoon we were silent in the evening I finished the first volume of Clarksons History of the Abolition of the Slave TRade – I love Clarkson, he is a wonderful man & appears to me to be specially raised for the work in which he has devoted his whole life, as much a G Fox was to gather the Society of [Quakers](#) into a body

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March 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 3 M / The usual rounds thro' the day – in the eveng Brother David gave us a kind call –

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
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 March 7, Tuesday: Johann Georg Albrechtsberger died in Vienna, at the age of 73

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 7 of 3 M / The mind this eveng on a low key discouragement
seems to present its self on every hand Oh that I could be
centerd in that which is immovable*

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 March 8, Wednesday: [Samuel H. Hammond](#) was born in Bath, New York, a son of Lazarus Hammond, founder of the nearby village of Hammondport. He would be educated at Franklin Academy in Plattsburgh, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4 day 8 of 3 M / My dear frd P Dunham was over & took dinner
with us – Sam Vinson & wife spent the Afternoon & eveng I was
obliged to leave them in the eveng to meet at B Hadwens with the
Directors of the African Society*


 March 9, Thursday: In ENGLISH BARDS AND SCOTCH REVIEWERS, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) ridiculed [William Hayley](#)'s TRIUMPHS OF TEMPER and TRIUMPHS OF MUSIC.

French troops crossed from Spain into Portugal, but somewhat behind schedule.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 9th of 3rd M 1809 / Silent meeting & a dull time, towards
the close my mind became aroused a little but no great food was
dispenced – The mind this eveng in a thoughtful mood –
Father & Mother R took tea with us –*

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 March 10, Friday: The ice went out of the Hudson River for the year. At some point during this month Fulton's *Steamboat* would be able to go back into Hudson River service.

Samuel Wesley began a series of lectures on a variety of musical subjects at the Royal Institution, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 10 of 3 M Nothing worth inseerting the mind in a lean poor
State –*


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 March 11, Saturday: Charles Hastings Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 11 of 3 M / The mind still lean & barran insomuch that I scarsly dare mintion its religious State

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 March 12, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 3 M / Our Morning meeting was silent & I believe the flood gate of life was a little opened & flowed over the meeting generally & for myself I can say that I was favor'd with a small draught from it – In the Afternoon Our friend H Almy came to town with a concern to be at our meeting or as he said to eat this Passover with us he was livly in testimony & supplication & I believe his testimony was well adapted to the state of some present – In the eveng brother D R called to see us, after he retired we spent the remainder in reading the second Col of Clarksons History of the Abolition of the Slave Trade

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
 March 13, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) took his seat at the House of Lords.

King Gustaf IV Adolf of Sweden was forced from power by his nobles and liberal army officers because he had been pressing toward a war against Russia. He was succeeded by an uncle as Carl XIII.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 13 of 3 M / Much occupied at Trade, in the eveng called at the widdow Birds to see Aunt M Wanton who is here on a visit & is in a low distressed state of mind [this entry Xed]

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 March 14, Tuesday: Benjamin Thompson invented a portable drip coffeepot⁶⁰ and wrote a treatise “Of the Excellent Qualities of Coffee and the Art of Making It in the Highest Perfection.” In about this time frame he also introduced the potato as a staple food and wrote an article “Of Food, and Particularly of Feeding the Poor.”⁶¹

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 14 of 3 M I think that a little of the lofe of religion has been with me, tho' at times very dry & barran –

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60. Benjamin Thompson would invent, also, a kitchen range, a double boiler, the convertible sofa and the photometer, and improve the Argand lamp. See “On the Management of Light in Illumination.” He was the most eloquent advocate of efficiency, of wider wheels on carriages and of double glazing on window panes. He believed in inducing the poor to occupy their time in the spinning of wool.



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March 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 15 of 3 M / A good degree of life has been moving on my mind I am desirous to be thankful to the Lord who is able to raise from the very lowest to the highest state of favor. I can say, tho under a sense of my unworthiness that I have been helped this day & enable to breath in supplication a still further renewell of life & light - My dear P Dunham called to see me who seldom fails of doing me good, "As iron sharpens Iron so doth the countenance of a man his friend". My mind is affected & I hope before the silver cord is loosened I may experience more of the fullness of the Spirit

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March 16, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s ENGLISH BARDS AND SCOTCH REVIEWERS was published.

Robert Fulton leased a house at 75 Chambers Street in New-York.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 3rd M 1809 / We had a pretty good meeting, but my mind was roving, yet a little life experienced. This Afternoon more Sweetness. An agreeable opportunity in conversation with a Youth who seems to be under a divine visitation. I crave that his mind may be rightly directed - Sister E Spent the Afternoon & eveng with us

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March 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 3 M / variously occupied in the Afternoon went with C J Tenney to several women to procure a mistress for the African School, we found one willing to undertake -

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61. The French began to use the expression *à la Rumford* in the manner in which we now say we are going to dine "at the Golden Arches." As THE RUMFORD COMPLETE COOK BOOK issued by the Rumford Chemical Works of Rhode Island had it,



He was the first to study diet; to invent an effective oven, and roaster, and tea kettle, and boiler; to advocate drip coffee; to suggest holes in the handles of pots and pans so they can be hung up; to analyze fuels and the management of heat; to devise the modern airtight stove; to lay out efficient kitchens; to reason about the construction of oven doors an thereby open up the great field of insulation.



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March 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 3rd M / Pretty much engaged at trade, yet a good degree of life seem'd to pervaid the mind - wrote a letter to my dear Cousin Elizabeth Chace which hath been on my mind for some time

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March 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 3rd M / Being wet walking my dear H thought best not to attend Meeting In the course of the day I made several calls particularly at Aunt M Gould, R Taylors &c At meetings the mind was in a dull mood as to life & I thought the Afternoon meeting was little or none favor'd - George Engs took tea with us & father R called - spent the remainder of the eveng with my H at home I reading Clarksons History of the Abolition of the Slave trade & she a late collection of London Epistles -

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March 20, Monday: A hastily assembled Portuguese force trying to stop the French advance on Oporto was easily broken up by the French at Braga.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 3 M / Nothing but the same round as every day -In the eveng called at brother D R's & J Earls -

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March 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 3 M / Occupied as usual, at Trade - This eveng heard of the sudden departure from this Life of our friend Nathan Green of Greewich - having been hospitably entertained at his house at the Quarterly Meeting time, the information affected my mind with serious reflections -

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March 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 22nd of 3rd M 1809 / The mind perhaps in a little better State than at sometimes - Sister E & neighbor Towle & wife set



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the eveng with us –

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March 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 23 of 3 M / At meeting a low time, but was a little helped by the sweet offering of Dear H Dennis. she reminded us of the dry bones we had read of in scripture which united joint to joint was covered with sinues & when the breath of life was breathed on then became a great Army, & of the famine in Israel how plenty was sent in a short time, tho' it was thought unless the window of heaven were opened it could not come to pass, thus she believed if we abode in the faith & patience an Army would be raised us as it were if the dry bones & food be sent from a quarter we knew not – In the preparative meeting S Bowen requested care of friends for her Son George – This Afternoon & eveng we had the company of our Dear abovementioned [sic] friend H Dennis, her husband partook tea with us. Father & Mother Rodman Also – She is a friend I dearly love & on whose company this eveng my mind hath been made to rejoice with an hope that the life of religion is not yet extinguished, but that there is a little of it yet remaining –

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March 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 24 of 3 M / Aunt Molly Wanton is still in her old way. I have been to see her this mornig it is hard to know what line of converse to pursue with her all is turned against herself – Sister E spent the day with us –

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March 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 3 M / This Afternoon my dear friend Hannah Dennis came to see me a little while at the shop, her sweet spirit comforted me& Oh how I craved that I might so partake thereof as to be lasting – She related several things of her own exercise which were lessons of deep instruction & one in particular allmost made me humble, at least I felt it go deep & home to my feelings – Met with the School committee in the Afternoon –

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March 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 26 of 3d M / Our meeting was large & I have no doubt was more than commonly favor'd, our friend D Buffum was large in the exercise of his Gift on the necessity of a religious life & at a second standing indicated to impress on our minds the necessity of preparing for Death
In the Afternoon I had a Still better meeting tho' silence reigned it did seem as if the door of hope was opening that the times would be better ere long. I really was comforted & refreshed – After meeting visited the Alms House & set the evening at home with m dear Hannah –*

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March 27, Monday: Tsar Alyeksandr addressed the elected Finnish Diet at Borgå. From this point forward, Finland and Russia were united only through the person of the Tsar.

With the help of cannon from British ships, Galician rebels were able to retake Vigo from the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 3 M 1809 / My dear H is not very well, I allways feel anxious when that is the case, in the eveng at home with her Sister R was there also –

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March 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28 of 3 M / Since dinner the mind has been brought into an exercise or impression which has given rise to feelings which I have not felt for some time - I have remembered the Words of our Saviour to Peter when he tells him "that Satan had desired to have him, to sift him as wheat" but that he had prayed for him that his faith fail not How comfortable must this have been to poor Peter to have been assured of the intercession of his dear Lord & Master, & could my dear Aunt Molly Wanton but feel this how should I rejoice for her, but the dear old woman cannot see nor be made to believe that Christ is still before his fathers throne, making intercessions for her & all the World besides, her distress is truly painful tho' there is nothing in her case but that which existed in the mind without any real foundation & I have no doubt but that her dear redeemer is mindful of her & will keep her as in the hollow of his holy hand as her faith is kept in him & will not suffer an hair of her head to fall to the ground without his notice — Our friend E Thornton [educator?] came to town this Morning, & this evening I called at O Williams's to see him, found him in a very free state of mind & his conversation truly instructing & edifying,



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*he is here on a religious account & hath travelled thro'
Narragansett & on first day had two meetings there on first day
& on first day visited the Aged & infirm on the Island –*

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March 29, Wednesday: King Gustaf IV Adolf of Sweden formally abdicated his throne due to recent military reverses.

As the French army attacked Oporto, 12,000-15,000 civilians attempted to flee across a bridge made of boats (Ponte das Barcas). When that bridge collapsed, hundreds were killed. The French troops gave over to murder, looting, and rape. 8,000 Portuguese men, women and children were killed. At the same time, at Medellin, the Spaniards almost gain a victory over the French but in the end were forced to flee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 29 of 3 M / Our friend E Thornton expected to Visit the
Aged & infirm today in Middletown but was prevented by
indisposition*

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March 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th 3rd M / Our first meeting was large & favored with
a well authorized testimony & supplication from our friend
Elisha Thornton - in the last we had much business & c some of
it liabor'd, but on the whole we got through pretty well all
except in one instance which was attended with circumstances
very unpleasant –*

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March 31, Friday: In the Cossack village of Sorochyntsi in Russia's Ukraine, Nikolai Gogol was born, and in Suffolk, England near Woodbridge, [Edward J. Fitzgerald](#) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 day 31 of 3 M 1809 / Our friend E Thornton appointed a meeting
at the 4th hour this Afternoon for the inhabitation of the Town,
from which I have just return'd & may say that it was a time of
rejoicing to me finding the current of Gospel communication to
flow thro' him copiously to the people & with good Authority*

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April 1, Saturday: In Vienna, Franz Joseph Haydn sold his piano.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 1 of 4th M 1809 / I think I may acknowledge that the Mt has come in pretty well for a very precious current of life has attended me most of the day, but especially this evening for which my soul is thankful & desires to bow in humble acknowledgments -- Brother David & Joanna, & sister Ruth took tea & spent the eveng with us - In the course of the day finished a litter to my dear friend S Barker



April 2, Easter Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2nd of 4 M / Silent meetings but tollerabley good, after tea took a pleasant walk 'round the town with our border N Almy -between meetings wrote a ltter to Aunt Patty Stanton



April 3, Monday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day 3 of 4 M / Our friend E Thornton was at [Tiverton](#) meeting yesterday & at [Portsmouth](#) today, at [Portsmouth](#) I understood he was much favord & D Buffum --
This eveng I went among the black People to give information of a Meeting which Our Above mentioned friend has appointed for them tomorrow at our Meeting House at the 4th hour in the Afternoon*



April 4, Tuesday: [Benjamin Peirce](#) was born in Salem, Massachusetts. He would begin his education as a protégé of Salem's Nathaniel Bowditch.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 4 of 4 M / Several have called at the shop this mornng with whom or among whom considerable religious conversation has passed -experienced something of the life of religion under a sense whereof I feel in a good degree thankful & humbled, knowing & feeling my great unworthiness. Oh Lord help me! help mine infirmities --Attended the meeting this Afternoon appointed for the People of colour by our friend E Thornton. Though it was a meeting in which I believe he experienced deep waiding yet in the [] was crowned & his testimony owned by the divine light & presence of ministers of this place Patten, Tenny Gibson Green & Merwin attended



April 5, Wednesday: In New-York, Fulton completed the cabins on his *Steamboat*.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 4 M 1809 / Our friend E Thornton has been out visiting the Aged & infirm today - I wrote to Micajah Collins & Rowland Greene -



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
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 April 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 4 M / I did not forget that it was 5th day, nor that it was Meeting day, but strange as it may be I did actually forget to look at the watch at 11 OClock, & did not recollect it untill a Quarter past the time, & concluding it better to stay at home than to disturb the Meeting at an unseasonable time, I did so. I am almost ashamed to acknowledge it tho' I write & no one else is present –


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 April 7, Friday: An agreement was reached between British Minister to the US David Erskine and US Secretary of State Robert Smith in Washington about the outstanding issues between the two countries. Erskine promised that Britain's policy would change by June 10th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th of 4th M / The mind this mornng brought under exercise is led to consider mine unworthiness & short comings, I feel but little assurance to speak to others concerning their faults when my own look me so openly in the face. Oh Father renew the visits of thy grace in my heart, that thro' the mediation of thy Son I may be raised from my low Estate

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 April 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 4 M / Nothing to insert but the dayly exercise, or employment of life, as ever attended with perplexities but as I advance in life these must be expected & as my cares increase, patience & fortitude must be exerted – Sister E spent the day with us

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 April 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 4 M / At meeting this mornng our frd D Buffum spake a short but lively testimony [h]is opening was "Trust in the Lord for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength, he observed that in the outward there were many occurrences that are allarming & in the state of society many that were afflicting & deeply exercising & that there was never a time when it stood us more in stead to flee to the Lord for help & that while he had been setting this comfortable portion of scripture ran through his mind They that trust in the Lord shall be like Mount



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Zion never removed, & the righteous man shall possess his Soul in peace &c – in the Afternoon we were silent, like the mornng I experienced the shuffling of the enemy but was so far favord as to be enabled to keep up the contest After Meeting went down to J Dennis's & found him & six of his chhildren down with the Hooping Cough, but he & his wife very cheerful & far from considering it as the greatest calamity

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April 10, Monday: The Austrian army crossed the River Inn at Branau into Bavaria, which was allied to the French, without a declaration of war. Residents of the Tyrol revolted against the Bavarians.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 4th M / Aunt Molly Wanton has had a very restless day, she is in a very trying State both to herself & those about her, & tho' we have called medical advice, yet I believe that nothing short of that Power which heals the Lunatick we read of in scripture can heal her of her infirmity

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April 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 11 of 4 M / Occupied as usual the mind in pretty good trim Our friends O Williams & Wife & Sister R spent the Afternoon & eveng with us – it was a very agreeable visit & I hope proffitable –

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April 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 12 of 4 M / The mind in an agreeable frame especially this evening feeling a sweet opened to converse on pleasant things with innocency – Sister E set the evening with us –

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April 13, Thursday: A day after learning of the Austrian advance into Bavaria, the emperor Napoléon left Paris for the front.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 4th M / At meeting the mind in rather better case than at some other times, but tho' I strove to overcome some rovings yet they would attack me on every side so that a



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quiet waiting place was hard to come at - we sat in silence & the meeting small, various engagements in the Afternoon - Aunt Molly grows worse & this Afternoon broak the window of the room she is in -at home in the eveng -

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April 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 14th of 4 M / Aunt Molly continues quite deranged in her mind whether ever the Dear old woman will be restored to a Sound mind is not is his in uncertainty, but whether she is or not, I desire we may be favord with patience to endure the conflict & that her present state of mind may prove as a solomn warning, or instruction -

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April 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15th of 4th M / Occupied as usual. I know not as any spiritual impresment, but [?] my unworthiness, Oh! my wickedness

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April 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 4 M / At meeting this forenoon I thought we had a remarkable favor'd time, quiet, & a little bread dispensed - Our Fr A Greene was over & favor'd in a remarkable sweet testimony And our fr D Buffum too, I don't know that I ever heard him more powerful, My mind was roving, but experienced help - In the Afternoon my dear H not being well I staid at home & experienced a precious sweetness of mind for which I trust I am thankful - Brother John & Sister Eliza went this morning to [Tiverton](#) & had a pleasant visit to our dear & much beloved Sister S Barker - Sister Ruth has been so kind as to devote most of this day to my H I am thankful for it -

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April 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17th of 4th M 1809 / Aunt Patty Gould dined with & after dinner went to [Portsmouth](#) with cousin Z Chase - O that I was more deep in spirit, I trust it hath not bee the most careless



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of days tho' I have nothing to boast of –

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April 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 18 of 4 M / The mind thro' favor has been sweetly favor'd
this day. Oh! that I may be truly thankful, humbly thankful
Sister R kindly spent the Afternoon & eveng with us*

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April 19, Wednesday: French and Austrian forces clashed near Kelheim and Abbach on the Danube River southwest of Ratisbon (Regensburg). The French successfully defended against Austrian attacks.

Based on the Erskine-Smith agreement of April 7th, US President Madison resumed trade with Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 19 of 4 M / There seems to be a considerable Stir among
the People about the Election. I hope & trust from my present
feelings that I shall not get much into the Spirit of it tho' I
may go & quietly put in my Voat
I went to town meeting, the spirit of party was manifest, & the
Potsherds clashed severly but I apprehended the best men
prevailed – Aunt Molly & Hannah Gould Sat the Afternoon & part
of the evening with us –*

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April 20, Thursday: [James David Forbes](#) was born in Edinburgh, a junior son of Sir William Forbes, 7th Baronet of Pitsligo.

French troops attacked the Austrians between Abensberg and Eckmühl south of Ratisbon (Regensburg).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 4 M / Silent meeting. I labor'd to get the mind
quiet & did enjoy a degree of it, but short of what I wanted –
A degree of life in the preparative Meeting – Alice Almy, Wait
Buffum, Sister Ruth & Eliza were our guests today & Our Nancy
Almy who hath lived with us the last 3 Months went home the time
we agreed to keep her being out –*

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April 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 4 M / Nothing of consequence to relate, as indeed



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every day the case yet I keep every day scribbling –

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April 22, Saturday: British commander Arthur Wellesley landed at Lisbon at the head of a combined British-Portuguese force.

Austrian troops occupied Warsaw.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 4 M / "Empty as a beggars Can," Our house was Whitewashed. Sister R very kindly came up & assisted my Dear H in the undertaking –

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April 23, Sunday: After four days of furious fighting, Austrian forces retreated north of the Danube at Ratisbon (Regensburg). The Austrian rear guard held the Ratisbon garrison against French attacks until evening.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 4 M / Poor dull meetings, both Silent - In the eveng while setting alone with my dearly affectionate Wife we seem'd Silently inclined, & a precious sweetness arose in which I was helped to raise a Silent supplication for our mutual help & advancement –

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April 24, Monday: Mergentheim was attached to Frankfurt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 4 M / A day wherein the mind has had a little ability to look unto God for help. Oh precious favors -- Aunt Molly Gould [dined?] with us & spent part of the Afternoon – Sister E spent the evening & Ne[torn] Towle & wife called & set an hour with us –

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April 25, Tuesday: A treaty of friendship was signed between Great Britain and the Sikhs in Amritsar. British influence in the region was bounded by the River Sutlej.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 25th of 4th M 1809 / It has been a day of feeling, a day wherein the mind has been drawn to the center of good, & particularly this eveng while setting at the window with my dearly affectionate H desires were renew'd on my soul that we might more & more daily witness the inshinings of divine light & grace to illumine our minds in passing thro' time, that in the end we may receive the CROWN

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April 26, Wednesday: At New-York, Fulton's *Steamboat* began its 1st voyage up the Hudson River.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 4 M / Yesterday rec'd a very acceptable letter from my much beloved friend Joseph Austin of Nantucket - Aunt M Wanton continues much the same -

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April 27, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 4 M / Went this morning on Horse back to Portsmouth to attend our Monthly Meeting, before Meeting stoped at Z Chases & P Lawtons While riding out the mind was brought in many serious reflections particularly on the necessity of Seeing our own State & condition & the many things that Obstruct a clear sight -At meeting our friend H Almy had a short but very acceptable testimony & to me it was a most excellent Meeting - In the last we had much buisness & Some laboring cases, but a good measure of life was retained thro' the Whole And I dont know as ever I was better satisfied with my own conduct in any meeting, the life was more than commonly prevalent in my mind & I feel truly thankful for once more being able to feel & be renewedly confirmed that the good spirit is with me at least at times -

After meeting dined at Z Chases then rode home & found my Dear H as well as when I left her - Father & Mother R took tea with us & E Earl set the evening & G Robinsons called -

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April 28, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6 day 28 of 4 M / Nothing material to insert, - Aunt M Wanton is much as usual - In the evening my H & I wrote to B Purinton of Salem

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April 29, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:



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7th day 29 of 4 M / The usual rounds of labor from the House to the Shop &c – I hope the mind a little life has bee felt

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April 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 4 M / Silent meetings & to me rather dull times, Sister R Rodman is very unwell which is cause of sorrow to me Brother D Rodman called this eveng very acceptably –

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[Newport](#) 4th M 30th 1809,

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May 1, Monday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 5th M 1809 / Having made a new Book & finished my old one, I feel desirous that as it were a new course of life may be also persued i e more of the divine life sought after day by day, for the longer I live the more I feel the importance of daily bread from heaven, outward bread norisheth the boody, but that does the soul Oh! that an daily & hourly concern may rest on my mind to labor & toil for it –

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May 2, Tuesday: Austrians held the Ebersberg bridge over the Danube against strong French assaults but were finally dislodged.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 5th M / Our friends have gone on board the Packet for [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting there next 5th day – I hope they may have a good time & that they may be refreshed together – When it hath been so that I could go with them with propriety I believe I have ever been thankful for the Opportuniy, but it is now otherways, there are circumstances which render it imprudent to leave home & I think I have not a repining thought, but believe that it is in best wisdom for me to remain within mine own tent at this time



May 3, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 5th M / Election days are allways of tumult & anxiety, this has been peculiarly so to me, for in addition to



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the noise & crowd of people that have appeared in the streets, I have had to feel on account of several near relatives that are much [the next five lines have an X through them] unwell, Sister Joanna hath for a day or two, been much unwell, Sister Ruth hath also been alarmingly siezed with a stiff neck & pain in her side, Aunt Molly Wanton continues in a distressed State of mind & needs much care, but over all & above all my dear Father was this Morning taken with an unusual sickness at his stomach attended with Stupor & inclination to fall asleep in a few minutes after speaking, this affected me very seriously so that my whole frame was shaken – I may also add that my dear H is a subject of anxiety – so that my state at this time is quite a tried one – but my dear father is a little more bright this Afternoon for which I am thankful, for he hath been a tender & affectionate Parent & I hope his setting sun may go down with brightness – The day closes without any accident that I have heard of, & less drunkenness than common on such days



May 4, Thursday: The Austrian royal family evacuated from Vienna, including [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s patron Archduke Rudolph. The composer penned the first movement of the piano sonata op.81a "Les adieux" upon the occasion.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 5th M / 1809 / Our sick folks are better this morning, father is much brighter from a portion of Physic & Sister Ruth from a Perspiration – My mind was yesterday Afternoon & again this morning much with our friends that have gone to Quarterly meeting at [Greenwich](#). they had a pleasant day yesterday, but it is rainy this morning & I fear they will have an unpleasant time today – I hope they will be refreshed together & be enabled to say at their return it was good for them to be there – Our meeting was very small & to me a poor time tho' I thought there were them that who experienced refreshment.



May 5, Friday: F.A.P. Barnard was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts to the attorney Robert F. Barnard and his wife Augusta Porter Barnard. They named their infant for his mother's brother, Frederick Augustus Porter, who had just been killed at [Niagara Falls](#).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 5th M / This Morning our dear Sister Joanna was comfortably Put to Bed with a fine boy, which has in measure put an end to anxiety on her account, I am glad yea thankful on hers & brothers Davids account as they are connections to whom I feel united by a very tender tie About two OClock this Afternoon our friends all returned from [Greenwich](#) safely, & say they have had a comfortable time & that Anne Greene & Abigail Robinson were much favord in public testimony – Father R was the bearer of a message of love to me & my dear H from J Casey & wife to our



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family - E Earle & Sister Mary spent the evening with us -



May 6, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 5th M / The usual rounds - the mind in a dull state or a state of almost insensibility, a friend called to see me this afternoon & seem'd very open & free to converse on good things, but I could not but feel or at least be sensible how little my mind was warmed by what he said, tho' I joined a little in the converse with him, so as to avoid incivility - Sister E spent the Afternoon & evening with us



May 7, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st 7 of 5 M / Not being very well myself & my dear H more so than myself, thought it most prudent to omit meetings but understood by brother David that in the forenoon Our friend D Buffum was very lively in public testimony In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent - We read alternately in the Scripture. Hannah Adams View of Religion. Whitefields Journal &c - Neighbor Towle called to see us a little while in the evening She is a very neighborly Woman -



May 8, Monday: The New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, a precursor of the American Bible Society, was formed in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 5th mo 1809// Sister Ruth is laboring under a painful Blister for her stiff neck - She has my sympathy but I fear it will avail her nothing - Aunt M Wanton is more like herself than she hath been for some time - My dear H is very smart & this eveng called to see Sister R & Sister Joanna & her little Wm he is a sweet little creature - As to myself I am the same as common a poor dull thing, but perhaps the vital spark is not quite extinguished -

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May 9, Tuesday: The French army surrounded Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 5th Mo // Aunt Molly is as bad as ever again today - My dear Mother has an afflicting time, Oh that our trials may be sanctified - Alice Almy spent the day with us -



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 May 10, Wednesday: Carl XIII of Sweden formally began his reign after the abdication of his father.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 5 Mo // The day has pafsed as usual - P Dunham is over & called to see me, we compaird notes a little with respect to our spiritual progrefs he seemd to be variously tried, but he said most particularly with unbelief in a future state -Mine is a want of life, like an old gangrene Sore that is past feeling & fit for nothing but to be disceverd from the boody, I have thought that if there is any part in me that is rotten, that I should be willing to undergo a Severe operation that I might be preserved alive while my boody is here


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 May 11, Thursday: A Missa in B^b by Antonio Salieri was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 5 Mo // Silent Meeting & rather a dull time but a little degree of favor - when going to meeting I could but think how poor & destitute I was of that which would insure me a season of improvement

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 May 12, Friday: At 9PM, French forces outside Vienna began to bombard the city. This went on all night. Directly in the line of fire was the house of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#). Fortunately, the composer escaped the shelling, either to the house of his brother Caspar Carl or that of the poet Ignaz Franz Castelli. Four shells exploded near the home of Franz Joseph Haydn, one blowing open the door to his bedroom. He was shocked but physically unhurt. The building housing the Imperial and Royal City Seminary was hit by a shell. Fortunately, none of the students, including Franz Schubert, were injured. Also in the line of fire was Maria Anna Lager, who in two years would become the mother of Franz Liszt.

French defenders of Oporto were defeated by the British and Portuguese, forcing them to retreat north to Léon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 of 5 Mo // My dear H hath been much unwell today which has been the cause of much anxiety - much better this Afternoon



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& spent the eveng Sociably O Williams & wife being with us, also brother David. -

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 May 13, Saturday: French troops occupied Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 13th of 5th Mo // Awoke early & endeavored to turn my mind inward, but could not experience the feelings that I wanted to so fully as I wished, was however a little helped at least to feel thankful that my dear H had rested comfortably & was much refreshed, tho' had had several hard spells of coughing in the night & soon after waking this morning -
There has been an insensibility over my mind that is very hard to bear, it is hard to want to feel & not be able too, but I'm more & more confirmed that the fault is my own, Oh that I may daily call on the Lord for Grace & if I do in sincerity I believe I nor no one else will be sent empty away.
Sister E spent the eveng with us & will stay till tomorrow*

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 May 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 5 M 1809// Much unwell with a pain between my shoulders, which confind me from Meeting all day - I spent most of the meeting hours in reading the Scriptures to my dear H who is also confind & at present labors under a very afflicting cough - I was favored to read the Scripture with a little degree of understanding tho' but little feeling & was dry & hard all day tho' I labored to draw the mind to the center of feeling. E Earl called between meetings & sister E returned with a prospect of staying with my H while I went to meeting in the Afternoon but not being materially better thought best to stay & let her go - In the evening Neighbor V....n [sic] came to see us, her conversation in our present weak state was more tedious than edifying -

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 May 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 5 Mo // Favor'd this morning with a precious



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serceptibility of mind. I love to feel it. Oh that it may continue - I feel better this mornng of the pain between my shoulders, but am laboring under the effects of a heavy Cold - perhaps there has not been that full current of life thro' the whole day, as I felt a little experience of in the morning, however it has not been the worst of days or at least not so barran as some days - Sister Marcy was with my H today & sister Eliza this eveng - -

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May 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 5 Mo // I have been thinking what I should compare myself too & really am at a loss, but most conclude that I am a poor thing & shall hardly ever be worth more than I am at present My dear H has been cause of anxiety being much unwell but is better this evening - Rec'd a letter P[er] Post from Edward Wanton of Richmond Virginia containing the account of his father Gideon Wantons Decease the 8th of last Mo, it affected my mind with seriousness so much so that I could not keep it out of my mind the whole evening - he was an aged man & decendant of a respectable family in this town & was a distant relation of my Mothers, for many Years was himself a respectable & influencial charracter but alafs as hum=nature is all liable he fell from his high standing, but I am willing to hope he has experienced forgiveness & is at Rest

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May 17, day: The emperor Napoléon signed a decree in Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna annexing the Papal States, abolishing the temporal power of the Papacy, and ordering the imprisonment of Pope Pius VII at Savona.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 5 Mo // My H continuing poorly - I have not been without religious impressions of thankfulness for my many favors. Oh may I remain so

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May 18, Thursday: A 2d French army in Portugal, pursued by the British and Portuguese, managed to straggle across the border into Galicia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 5th Mo 1809// I was favord with a precious meeting as soon as I took my seat I felt the Sweet & Precious life to arise to a good degree of consolation & confirmation - for very frequently of late I have been ready to cry out under a Sense of my poverty, insomuch that I have thought there was no good thing in me, & that I had never known much about a religious life & if I had at all, by my disobedience & unfaithfulness it was all taken away. Oh how precious how inexpressibly Sweet it is to set down in a Meeting & feel as if the fountain of life was unsealed that we may drink thereat with ease - an enjoyment like this to one in my present situation is like food to a man that has been long deprived of it - Oh that I may ever be thankful, humbly thankful, to the good & gracious giver for all his Mercies Spiritually & temporally - My Dear H has been most of the day pretty smart

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May 19, Friday: Andrew Law received a US patent for the Art of Playing the Organ and Piano Forte.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 5th Mo // It has not been the worst of days with me, tho' I have nothing to boast of, I'm weak & poor, yet have something, & may I be thankful for that something. My Dear H continues smart - But Dear Aunt M Wanton continues much Deranged in her mind

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May 20, Saturday: [Alexander Culbertson](#) was born in Pennsylvania.

French forces captured Oviedo in Asturias from the Spanish.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 5th Mo // Time steals away & alafs how poorly improved. I often think of it with sorrow & hope to be more afsiduous with respect to those things that belong to the Soul's peace, both yesterday & today I have had a little life particularly in our pauses at Meals when it did seem as if a little of the precious life did arise & spread over the Mind & was sweetly breathed in thankfulness for our outward favors, &



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that we might know an increase of inward sustinance Oh Father help us.

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May 21, Sunday: Austrian forces attacked French troops who had just crossed to the area of Aspern and Essling, north of the Danube across from Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 5th Mo// At Meeting this forenoon My mind was exercised on a subject of Misunderstanding which was occasioned by an individual who took up a subject & officiously reported what had passed between me & R Hath on the subject of Mixed Marriages & has made an uneasiness between me & Brother J Rodman - thus difficulties are made without occasion or grounds - D Buffum was sweetly engaged in testimony & particularly affecting at a second standing when his opening was "If the righteous are scarcely saved where shall the Sinner & ungodly appear" In the Afternoon we were Silent but a pretty good meeting to me. In the eveng father R & brother D called to see us & passed a little pleasant Time.

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May 22, Monday: After two days of fighting at Aspern-Essling, the French were forced to quit the field, leaving 45,000 casualties on the battlefield.

The Spanish junta announced that a new cortes would be called within a year.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22nd of 5th Mo // Had a little explanation with brother J Rodman & hope things were left a little better in his mind than yesterday. I'm willing he should know that I feel pretty keenly the disaprobation of his friends, & if that destroys good brotherhood on his part I must abide by it, but I am unwilling he should think that I attatch any blame to the young woman that he is addressing for any commission or omission of his, which was so reported by the officious meddler, but is nothing like the doctrine I advance on the subject. I hold that people are guilty of Sin in proportion to the light & knowledge they have received & that contracting matrimony with one not of Society [not a Quaker] is more sinful for him than most young men of my acquaintance, is, what I firmly believe, because he hath known more of religion & been more remarkably visited with the inshinings of that light which would have been as a light to his paths & a lamp to his feet than most young men - My dear H



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continues very Smart, & Sister Ruth us still very kindly with us --

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May 23, Tuesday: French attempts to dislodge the Spanish from Alcañiz in Aragon were thrown back with heavy losses, and they were forced to retreat to Zaragoza.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 5th Mo // Yesterday Afternoon O Williams & Wife returnd from their journey to Liecester & have a prospect of going there to live they will be a mifs to us in this Town & Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Last first day morning departed this life at his House in [Portsmouth](#) Doctor Peter Thatcher Wailes & is to be committed to his Mother earth this Afternoon - he hath been a dilligent attender of our first & week day meetings at Portsmouth when ability of body would permit for many years, but never became a member, & was thought by some to be quite as much in profefsion as Practice - We have recd letters from Aunt M Stanton with the intelligence that she is coming on to spent a little time, the prospect of which is very pleasant as Dear Mother is much confind with Dear Aunt Molly who remains in a state of derangement. -

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May 24, Wednesday: An officer of the French occupying forces paid a visit to Franz Joseph Haydn to make his acquaintance. The two had a pleasant chat and the officer sang an aria from The Creation. The composer was emotionally uplifted by the experience but this was the last music he would ever hear.

Birth of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#)'s son Caleb.

Friend Stephen wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 5th Mo // This day of all days in my life has been the most anxious. I have known anxious moments both by day & Night, but never like this, but it is what I expect to experience again -My dearly & truly precious Wife was This morning taken much unwell & thought best to send for help which I soon procur'd & came to the shop it not being necessary for me to Stay - when I went to dinner I went in to see her but was not permitted to stay long, during the time I was with her I experienced such endearing sensations as I did not know I was capable of, my whole man was melted, but things appearing in a pretty good train I came again to the shop & all the Afternoon 'till now about 1/2 past 6 OClock I have really had as much as I was able to endure without Showing more weakness than is Manly - When Cousin Anne Green who has come over to attend our Moy



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[Monthly] Meeting tomorrow called at the door & dropt the information that my dear H is in bed & has a son, but I am still in suspense, not knowing how she is, & whether the child is perfect, cousin Anne not having been there, but heard it from father R –

Before the usual time of shutting shop impatient to know exactly how it was with my dear suffering H, I went up to the house & found it as Cousin Anne had told me & the Child sound & perfect, & its dear Mother quite as comfortable as her situation would admit, he has a good pair of Lungs & if he should live & take a religious turn may at least make a preacher that may be effectually heard over our whole Meeting house – Oh the thankfulness unspeakable thankfulness of heart that I feel that my Most of all endeared earthly friend is thus far comfortable. Such sensations of joy, affection & gratitude I never, till now was Sensible that I possessed or was capable of feeling –

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May 25, Thursday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 6th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th 5th M 1809// My very precious H rested quite comfortable last night considering her suffering of Yesterday & the little boy (whose name we have concluded this morning to call **Caleb Gould**) is also pretty well – I have thought I have many times duly & thankfully number'd my blessings, but indeed & in truth I have never had so much to be thankful for as this day & I am unable to put my feelings in order on paper, or by my tongue to express what I feel to the full. My dear H was never half so indearing tho' I thought I love'd her to the extent of love before, to the friends who assisted us I feel my heart enlarged in love & good will but to kind Providence my heart is bowed in humble gratitude that he has been pleased so to help us, Oh that I may never forget his goodness, daily looking unto him & ascribe all honor & praise –*

I attended meeting. In the first Holder Almy was twice engaged in testimony & D Buffum once, it was to me a good time, & for this may I not forget to be thankful – In the last we had much buisness, & I believe I lost strength in not expressing a short sentence in addition to one expressed by another friend but on the whole I thought I was helped to throw in my mite tollerably



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May 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 5th Mo 1809// My dear H again rested well last night & little Caleb never waked from the time he went to bed till nearly sunrise - I feel gratitude indeed for this days favor, & Oh father increase in me a grateful disposition for all thy mercies, all they Blessings - Wrote to my dear friend Susanna Barker giving her an account of our well fare & my feelings - This evening called at D Huntingtons to see our ancient friend James Bringhurst, he has been a long time confind at Holder Almys but is now recruiting, tho' very feeble - he gave me the following lines written very fine on a peace of paper with his own hand, since his confinement, being 78 Years of age last 12th Month -

*Could but our tempers move like this machine
Not urged by passion or delay'd by Spleen
But true to Natures regulating power
By virtuous acts distinguish every hour
Then health & Joy would follow as they ought
The Laws of motion & the laws of thought
Sweet health to pass the present moments o're
And endless Joy when time shall be no More*

It was written in lines about an inch & 1/4 long & all the lines within an 1/2 of paper which for a man so advanced in life is remarkable -

While setting with the dear old Man so advanced in life I could but reflect on the apparent difference between him & myself, he near the grave weak & feeble, & I in Youth & activity, & yet may be called to render an account much sooner than him. Oh that I may when the time comes, be in a frame of mind like his

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May 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27th of 5th M 1809// My dear H remains as comfortable as common but not quite as smart as Yesterday// My affection & thankfulness I think daily increases & Oh! saith my soul may there be a proportionable increase of devotion to my God to whom for all my Blessings I am wholly indebted & sole dependant

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May 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 5th Mo // Our Meeting were both silent, I labor'd to get the mind settled & entered on the right foundation but was unable get where I wanted too or where I expected to from my feeling early in the morning - -Dear Sister Ruth staid with us last night & also this day she is preciously kind both to me & my dear H who remains comfortable - In the eveng made a little call at O Williams

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May 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 5th Mo // I think My H is not much mended from Yesterday tho' no materially worse, yet (particularly since dinner) my mind has been anxiously depressed on her account, an hundred fears & suspicions intrude themselves upon me, such as, that when she gets about, (if she ever does) her old consumptive complaint will then return, as her cough is still a little troublesome, that suckling will have that tendency, that the additional care & fatigue her Child will be unfriendly to her constitution & above all should unerring Providence See meet to take her to himself what would become of poor Me, these as heads of the Matter afford room for fears & suspicions which sometimes allmost over power me -Since her confinement she hath been far nearer my Life than before & when ever I have been into her room to look on her as she lays in Bed, my very heart hath been allmost melted, & I never felt more tenderness that today - She allways, & even in her most exquisit suffering looks pleasant & since that has subsided she appears to possess a truly thankful heart, which hath several times been manifested by a copious flow of tears. May I bow in humble deep prostration before the Lord for his many fold blessings & favors. Oh Lord be near my dear Wife & help her by the assistance of thy holy all sustaining Spirit. - - -

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May 30, Tuesday: British Foreign Minister George Canning disavowed the Erskine-Smith agreement of April 7th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th 5th Mo // My dear H is comfortable but weak. I continue to feel for the dear precious creature & hope she may be again perfectly restored. Oh father be thou I pray the her strength & stay in weakness, bear up her mind in all trials that



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*may await her thro' this State of probation & tribulation. And
Oh dear Lord be pleased I intreat thee to center all our hopes
& expectations in thee & enable us to walk together to thy honor
& glory, help us to be honest parents discharging our duty
faithfully to our offspring*

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May 31, Wednesday: Franz Joseph Haydn died peacefully at his house in Gumpendorf, Vienna at 12:40AM, age 77.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 31 of 5th Mo // This mornng before breakfast Dear Aunt
Martha Stanton arrived from NYork – seeing her & Dear Aunt Molly
together was very affecting, it tender'd all that could be
tenderd in me, indeed I believe my feelings was never more
susceptable than they have been for some time past. I love to
feel so for then I can hope that the springs of life are not so
low or dried, but that I may yet advance in the right way, & I
am sensible that it requires judgement to discriminate between
religious impressions & the affectionate nature, but I believe
no one ever progressed very far untill their hardness of their
Nature was in some good measure subdued.*

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June 1, Thursday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s journal The Friend (this publication would continue until March 15, 1810).

The remains of Franz Joseph Haydn were carried in an oak coffin to Gumpendorff Church, carried around the church three times, blessed, and placed in Hundsthurm Cemetery.

Three Piano Sonatas op.53 by Leopold Kozeluch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 6th Mo 1809// Our meeting was large as usual,
& to me a little favor'd, but life did not rise into dominion
as at sometimes, but I desire to be thankful for what little
bread I did receive "& humbly hope for more" –*


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 June 2, Friday: A requiem mass was said in memory of Franz Joseph Haydn in the Gumpendorf church (the music was a setting of the requiem by Michael Haydn).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 2nd of 6th Mo // Pretty much the usual round, – whenever
I have been home to meals my dear H & little Son seem'd renewedly
endearing*

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 June 3, Saturday: Austrian troops were forced to withdraw from Warsaw by advancing Russians and Poles.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 3rd of 6 Mo // My dear H for the first time since her
confinement was able to set at the table with us at dinner & tea
– I desire to be thankful for all my blessings*

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 June 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 6 Mo // At Meeting this forenoon Our friend D
Buffum near the close was concern'd to stand up & as he said call
on the Afsembly somewhat in the language of Scripture "Come
brother come Sister let us go up to the house of the Lord to the
Mou [sic] of the God of Jacob" &c – In the Afternoon S Bateman
said a few words & I rather am disposed to think they were said
with a good intent
It has been rather a dry day with me tho' not the worst of times*

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 June 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 5th of 6 Mo 1809// The mind more occupied about outward
things than is proffitable, things that will never proffit me
in any sense, but so it is we are apt or at least I am apt to
suffer the mind to be off the Watch – My dear Wife & Son are
very Smart, & for that I desire to renew my thankfulness to Him
who is able to keep them so – Sister R spent the day & evening –*

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June 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 6 Mo // I am ashamed to say it but most of my time today has been spent at Town Meeting by which I have gotten nothing but the Head-ach - I thought it best (all things considered) to go up & Voat for such men as I thought most propper to fill the various appointments or Stations in Town, not particularly to join with any party for I am of opinion that neither side hold up candidates for Office that are exactly what they ought to be, therefore a propper Selection should be made & I believe I endeavor'd to make a just discrimination, but there is, but very little if any real substantial satisfaction in persuing even that & I believe it will amount to a serious inquiry in my mind whither I shall give my attendance at another Town meeting very soon

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June 7, Wednesday: In London, William Crotch played a program of his own organ and piano arrangements of the music of Handel for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the composer's death.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 6 Mo // "Is there any growth in the truth" I am apprehensive there has been but very little increase with me this Day I'm lean poor & weak -

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June 8, Thursday: The first ocean-going steamboat, the *Phoenix*, left New York for Philadelphia (but hadn't yet arrived in the open ocean).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 6 Mo // Silent & perhaps not quite as barran a meeting as at sometimes. Some friends have arrived that expect to attend our Anual Sacrifice but none that are in the Ministry that I have heard of - In the Afternoon engaged at the meeting house in making arrangements of the Seats to accommodate our Meeting next first day -

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[Thomas Paine](#) died in New-York (well, we all must die somewhere). His request that he be buried as a [Quaker](#) had been refused by the [Religious Society of Friends](#). His age (72) would be incorrectly registered on what is said to be his gravestone on his farm in New Rochelle, New York (a stone which neglects to mention the interesting fact that although it is stating the truth when it states that he was buried there, in fact his body is no longer in the vicinity). An obituary notice published throughout the United States would sum up his life in the phrase “He had lived long, did some good and much harm.” What was this man’s offense, that had called forth such a bitter dismissal in an obituary? Well, it seems that when this citizen’s country had fucked him over, while he had been serving it selflessly at great personal risk and loss during the period of its greatest difficulties, **he had noticed and he had objected**. A word to the wise chauvinist: when your country eventually fucks you over, **you aren’t to notice** — no, that’d be very disloyal of you. You’re supposed to just grin and grit your teeth, and go on playing the patriot.

(AWTTW.)



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Famous Last Words:



"What school is more profitably instructive than the death-bed of the righteous, impressing the understanding with a convincing evidence, that they have not followed cunningly devised fables, but solid substantial truth."

— A COLLECTION OF MEMORIALS CONCERNING DIVERS DECEASED MINISTERS, Philadelphia, 1787



"The death bed scenes & observations even of the best & wisest afford but a sorry picture of our humanity. Some men endeavor to live a constrained life — to subject their whole lives to their will as he who said he might give a sign if he were conscious after his head was cut off — but he gave no sign Dwell as near as possible to the channel in which your life flows."

—Thoreau's JOURNAL, March 12, 1853

1794	George Jacques Danton	he had been convicted of not having made adequate use of the guillotine	"Show my head to the people. It is worth seeing."
1798	Giovanni Casanova	having spent his life collecting sequentially and in tandem 132 pubic scalps	"I have lived as a philosopher and died as a Christian."
1799	George Washington	fearing being buried alive (a common fear for that period), he was being heartily reassured by his physician	"'Tis well."
1806	Charles Dickinson	he was dueling with Andrew Jackson	"Why have you put out the lights?"
1809	Thomas Paine	his physician asked whether he wished to believe Jesus to be the son of God	"I have no wish to believe on that subject."
... other famous last words ...			





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June 9, Friday: Horace Mann, Sr.'s father made his will. He left Horace enough to finance a college education, although later, in the grip of the “log cabin” school of greatness, the great Mann would assert that he had been provided only with an “example of an upright life” and a “hereditary thirst for knowledge.” – Since he was encouraging everyone to be like him and rise like him, **it would hardly do to tell the truth.**



Carl Axel Trolle-Wachtmeister became Prime Minister for Justice of Sweden, while Lars von Engeström became Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 6 Mo // Early this morning a Packet arrived from NYork & brought the Melancholy intelligence of the Sudden departure out of time of Francis Mallone at the City of Washington he died the 4th of this Mo dropt down in the Street as he was walking to Church with his brother Senator E R Potter & died without a Struggle - My mind has through the day been much occupied on the above melancholy acct, I hope it may prove a solemn warning & help to keep me in remembrance of my final change -

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June 10, Saturday: John Stevens took his *Phoenix* out of New-York into the open seas, headed for Philadelphia — the world's first oceangoing steamboat.

The Emperor Napoléon annexed the Papal States to France. French soldiers removed the Papal flag from the Castle San Angelo.

This was the effective date of the end of British restrictions against US ships.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 6th Mo 1809// Thus another Year has come about,



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this day commences our anual Sacrafice at [Portsmouth](#) & friends are now riding into Town, my mind is humbles at the reflection that another year has passed away & I so lean, so poor, & weak Oh father help me with a little help, renew the visits of thy love in my heart, let not this Anual Meeting pass away without some advances in the Truth - After we had nearly all got to bed this eveng - Our friend, B Purinton came up to see my dear H & tho' it was late she went up & staid a few minutes

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June 11, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left London with Hobhouse on his first "Pilgrimage."

In retaliation for the decree of May 17th, Pope Pius VII excommunicated the Emperor Napoléon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 6 Mo 1809// Our Meeting this forenoon was large & I believe Truth reigned as much as in any meeting I have been in for sometime Our friend James Mendenhall had the weight of labor & several women spoke short testimonys much to the point & I believe well seasoned with salt - James is an excellent plain preacher no spectacular & tho plain in expression is weighty in communication - a living prayer by a Woman

Afternoon// Several women Spoke & one appeard in supplication. J Mendenhall had a few words - John Casey bore a short but very living testimony. One of the women is a workwoman at her calling -The meeting was much more crouded than in the morning but remarkably still for the Vast concorse that was there. I believe truth was in dominion - We had at tea Polly Chase & Abijah Chase & wife, brother John Rodman accompanied them in the evening - Micajah Collins & wife & M Purinton & Wife

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June 12, Monday: Birth of the first child of [John James Audubon](#) and Lucy Bakewell Audubon, Victor Gifford Audubon, in Louisville.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day // Meeting began as usual at 9 OClock. It was open'd with a short but livly & impressive testimony by our friend James Mendenhall from Virginia & after the buisness had been persued a little while another impressive testimony from our friend Micajah Collins - buisness went on pretty well but much of the weight, & I believe all was lost that might have spread over the meeting, by the very low voices of some friends.



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Cousin Alice Almy dined with us, but the situation of my dear H is such that we cannot entertain much company at any time & less at Dinner than at any other time

Afternoon// The State of Society as represented by the Answers to the Queries was entered into by which many deficiencies appeared, & drew forth many excellent & feeling remarks, particularly by our friend James Mendenhall Wm Rotch Junr & many others - We had several at tea

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June 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day// Both mens & womens meeting have been jointly occupied with the partition opened in reading the Discipline which has been revised by our meeting for Suffering which was attended with great solemnity. The mode of precedure was, The Clerk read the Old Discipline & Wm Rotch the revision & where any alteration was made Wm Rotch concisely explaine the reason, which if it was not satisfactory to any individual requested to have it marked for reconsideration, no remarks being allow'd to be made in meeting a committee was then (or when all was read) appointed to reconsider the doubtful parts in conjunction with the Meeting for Suffering with the liberty for any concern'd friend to attend & make his objections - when the Discipline was all read & before the shutters were closed our friend John Casey in a very lively manner addressed us on the Subject of Sports & diversions & hoped the dear Youth would improve their time better than he had done in his Youth, & that time passed swiftly away, "their fore dear Youth improve your time" &c then Hannah Field appeared in a living supplication & thanked the Lord that he had enabled the burden bearers to prepare a discipline &c. It was a favor'd meeting - Rowland Green dined with us - Benjm Freeborn & wife Sarah Fish Sam & G Brown & Thos Anthony took tea with us

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June 14, Wednesday: Fulton and Livingston's *Car of Neptune* was launched, in New-York.

French forces defeated Austrian forces at Raab west of Linz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// There was no meeting this forenoon in consequence of the committee appointed Yesterday to consider of the parts of Discipline objected too. They met this mornng at 10 OClock & being one instead of a better I attended with them, there was much



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debate but we were helped to end with tolerable harmony - The meeting Standing adjourned to this afternoon at 3 OClock we agreed to meet at 6 again, not having got through There was but little to attend to in the meeting & it soon adjourned - The committee soon got thro' also to pretty good satisfaction - John Casey & wife & Benjn Pearce too tea with us -

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June 15, Thursday: [John James Babson](#) was born. His father was William Babson, born in Annisquam Village, Gloucester, and his mother Mary Griffin, born in the same village. James Babson, who died in 1683, had been the American progenitor of this family. The generations in between had been John Babson, John Babson, William Babson lost at sea in 1750, and his grandfather William Babson. He would be educated in the public schools of Gloucester to the age of 14, and would go into his father's store. He would be cashier of the Gloucester Bank for 19 years, bank commissioner for 2 years, a selectman for one year, a Representative to the General Court for 5 years, a State Senator for 2 years, a member of the school committee for 28 years and its chairman for 25.

French forces threw the Spanish back at María, southwest of Zaragoza.

A great service was held in memory of Franz Joseph Haydn in the Schottenkirche, Vienna. The Requiem of Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#) was performed. The French army sent an honor guard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day// The meeting met this mornig at 8 OClock buisness was not got through with untill a few minutes before it was time for our Public meeting to begin - Public meeting was large & much favord. James Green as usual began the service. Anne Merrott began with the text "Why seek ye the living among the Dead &c & preached sweetly - then Micajah Collins preached powerfully & livingly confining his remarks mostly to the parting of friends to go to their little Meetings at home the solemnity of the occasion &c he also gave the dry sticks a shaking & encoraged the Youth - James Mendenhall reverted instructingly to A Merretts testimony adapted to those who are standing off & those that are not particularly within our Society - It was to me an excellent meeting & the impressions that I felt may they long remain - This Afternoon at the Shop I had the company of my much Valued little friend David Smith of Bolton we conversed on our religious advancement - it was a season of refreshment indeed, we both I trust were brought livingly near to other in the bond of true brotherhood & Oh Saith my Soul may we go up together hand in hand to the House of the Lord the God of Jacob - my dear friend Philip Dunham has also been with me I love him & O may our love continue - Micajah Collins & wife & Matthew Purinton & wife called to see my dear H in the Afternoon but I was not at home -In the evening I went to father R's to see Micajah & wife -



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June 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day// This morning called at father R's & brother D Rs to take leave of M C & M P & their wives, my mind was much affected at Parting with them & with all the rest of my Dear friends & desires are livingly raised that the favors dispensed at this Yearly Meeting may be proffited, that should I never live to see another I may in the last proving scene have to reflect that I have not lost all opportunities of improvement or that all opportunities of improvement have not been slighted - And now may say, not having had time to insert perticularly my feelings from day to day that I have not experienced a season of more generall favor in any yearly meeting that I can recollect, the testimonys from time to time delivered by weighty & concerned friends have all of them more or less left a good seasoning in my mind & that altho we have been so sittuated by the confinement of my dear H that we could not have as much company as would have been agreeable yet we have had considerable & perhaps as much as our circumstances would render prudent. I desire to cultivate a thankful disposition for what we have done & been able to do & leave the rest with out a murmur to him who knows what is best for us, & if I can in all things maintain this disposition, by that means I shall render a passage thro' life much more quiet than by suffering that uncomfortable article of Pride to have the predominance - It allways affects me to part with friends that I love the reflection allways arises whether I shall ever see them more - Aunt M Stanton saild this morning for NYork - Dear Sister E Rodman spent the Afternoon & evening -

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June 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day// Our friends James Mendehall & Elizabeth Hunt & their Companions, with several friends from Town went to Connanicut to attend an Appointed meeting ther this forenoon - Uncle Wm Mitchell & wife - Aunt N Carpenter, Father R & Neighbor Towle took tea with us

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June 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // James Mendenhall & his companion was at meeting also Aunt E Hunt & her companion. James spoke a little excellently,



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& his companion just observed towards the close of the meeting the "The Well of divine life was deep & that we had nothing of our own to draw with."

In the afternoon they went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend an appointed meeting there at 4 OClock - Our meeting was silent, except a lone stranger disturb'd us with a few words like a request to preach -

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June 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day // Much engaged at trade & had several articles arrivd which Uncle Stanton purchased for me in England - received a letter from Sarah Ear now at Flushing O Williams & wife took tea with -

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June 20, Monday: Horace Mann, Sr.'s father died.

Carl, son of King Adolf Fredrik, ascended the throne of Sweden as Carl XIII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day// Again much occupied at trade. I hope by outward cumber I may not loose what little I seem to have gain'd a few weeks past but the longer I live the more I am confirmd that the mann must be gathered daily - Father & Mother R - widdow Mumford & brother David & wife took tea with us

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June 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// We had Visitors this Afternoon Cousin Abigail Casey Cousin Mary Wanton, Mary Williams, Sarah Rogers, Cousin H Gardiner My Mother & Sister Ruth - Our child has been born 4 weeks this Afternoon & in the evening our nurse (who has been very faithful & kind) left us -

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 June 22, Thursday: [William Jones](#) was judge of probate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 6 Mo 1809// We made out last night with our Child considering we were new beginners, pretty well - Oh that I may be duly & humbly thankful that we have been carried thro' thus far as well as we have. Unto the Lord I ascribe it & unto him may I make suitable return of thankfulness & devotion to the cause of Truth, but Oh how weak, how poor I am without his holy aid I can do nothing, & all attempts to serve him without his help is worse than nothing -

At meeting we were silent & to me it was a good comfortable time, the mind finding easier access to the spring of life than common I commemorated this day with the one a Year ago as it was the one on which I opened my prospect to the preparative meeting of entering into a married Life former seasons of divine visitation & several of my intimate acquaintances were brought to view - I remembered Poor B Negus & J Austin two that my soul loved dearly but thro' disobedience Alass have fallen have fallen [sic] I fear never more to rise. B is a prisoner among the Spaniards in South America & Isaac fled from Prison & no one hereaway knows where he is - these two were precious & highly favord youths, the companions of my youthful days. Oh that their example may be an incitement to double watchfulness & may I be enabled to return humble thanksgiving to HIM who hath been my merciful preserver, & kept me in some good degree within his safe enclosure while several who began a profession of religion & were visited with the day spring from on high, about the same time I did or was, have lamintably sliden from the right foundation & become a grievous reproach - -when I consider & look over my life, it is a matter of astonishment, that considering the plentiful light afforded, & the little improvement made that I have been preserved as far as I have but I have none other to ascribe it unto, but the LORD Alone, whose Name & mercies may I remember with Adoration & thankfulness to the end of my days -

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 June 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23d of 6 Mo // Our dear little Caleb Seems to be unwell, which increases its dear mothers anxiety. I hope I shall be favor'd properly to sympathize with her. Mothers with young children are much to be felt for -

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June 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 6 Mo 1809// Poor, frail & miserable creatures that we are, wretched & undone without the divine help, without the smiles of Providence we are as a Vessel tossed & broken in a tumultuos sea, having neither helm or men to stear, & it is our own fault that we are thus left generally for I believe that those cases of dispondency, & debasedness of mind which generally produce suicide would not so frequently occur were we to keep our minds centerd in true faith in God & endeavor to live religious lives—

I have been this forenoon to the Alms House with the Physician to see a poor wretch who cut his throat in a fit of Drunkeness a few days past, while I was standing by to see the Doctor dress the wound my mind seem'd disposed to speak to him about serious things & accordingly began a little conversation, but he seemd so hardened & debased that I thought what I could say would be of no Avail, he seem'd to justify himself & would not admit he was sorry for what he had done or that he ever felt sorry or convicted [wrong] for any thing he had ever done in his life - I seemed much depressed while with him & lamented his wretched state Oh Lord preserve me in faith in thee, increase my faith daily, enlarge my mind in the knowledge of The the fountain of Wisdom & Knowledge --

Cousin Abigail Casey went home. I love her much -

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June 26, Monday: Constanze Mozart got married with Georg Nikolaus Nissen in Pressburg (Bratislava) Cathedral.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 6 Mo 1809// Nothing speciall, the usual rounds, & our little boy requires increased attention

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June 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 6 Mo // [This day's entry with an X through it] I forgot to mention in its proper place that last first day father & mother was up to see us it was the first time father has seen our little Son., he seem'd much pleased & remarked that he calculated on his being a pleasure to him for it was not probable he should live to see him to those Years in which he will be likly to Cause the heart Ach by bad courses - May the Lord preserve him all his life long -



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June 28, Wednesday: Having been elected on the Democratic-Republican ticket over William Baylies, [Charles Turner, Jr.](#) began to serve in the US House of Representatives, representing the 7th District of Massachusetts at the 11th federal Congress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 6 Mo // Much occupied at Trade & I dont know as much of any thing has taken place worthy of Note

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June 29, Thursday: [William Jones](#) was clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Somerset, Maine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 6 Mo // This morning under much doubt of the expediency of leaving my buisness I took Sister Ruth in a Chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting it was a Serious meeting to me & I dont know but that by going I have gotten a little peace of bread or at least I apprehended I have gain as a little experience, by not getting sufficiently deep I made a little misstep but it seem'd to be of that nature that I did not feel it to be of a criminal nature & only added a little to my experience - C Hall an elderly woman requested membership - We dined at I Almy's & stoped a little at P Lawton's - And now this evening from the precious sweetness that seems in a good measure to pervaid my mind I am induced to believe that notwithstanding I left home under unusual embarrasments & discouragements that it was best & that by going I have gotten a little peace of bread & gaine a little experience - D Buffum & H Almy were unwell & could not attend - Our ancient friend J Bringhurst after several months confinement was able to set with us today -

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June 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 6 Mo 1809// I thank the Oh father that thou hast been pleased to renew the visits of thy love to my heart this day - it has been a precious day to me I have felt more of the love & life of religion than I have for a long time. Oh my soul be thankful - This forenoon wrote a few lines to my friend Susanna Barker - Recd one from Betsy Purinton & one from Uncle Stanton - My dear



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*H has been at her fathers with our little son this Afternoon
which is the first time of her going out since he confinement*

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 July 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 1st of 7 Mo // Aunt Elizabeth Thurston din'd & spent the
Afternoon with us - I got into a disagreeable contest or argument
with a very abusive man today & found room for the exercise of
Christian Patience. he abused me very much but was in some good
degree able to say that "I was angry & sinned not" for whatever
I felt I did not discours it - my mind was humbled very much
after it - A time of favor this afternoon which is very apt to
insue after suffering*

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 July 2, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) sailed with Hobhouse on the Lisbon packet, Princess Elizabeth.

Internal government in Spain was reorganized by King José I, with the creation of 38 new provinces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2nd of 7th Mo // Silent meetings, but I believe pretty
good ones after meeting in the Afternoon went down to J Dennis's
with brother D R took tea & set sometime after in very
instructing conversation, on our way home stopt a little at
D Buffums
Mary Collins took tea with my H I wanted to converse with her
should therefore liked to have been at Home - John Rodman married*

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 July 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 3 of 7 Mo // My dear H & little son spent the day at my
fathers - My dear friend Joseph Austin of [Nantucket](#) came to the
Shop to see me this afternoon & in the evening he & Daniel came
up to see us - he is a dear Youth. I allways did love him, & hope
I all ways shall. There seems to be a sweetness in him that is
not diminished by an increase of outward care -*

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Our national birthday, Tuesday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 5th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

Under cover of a heavy bombardment and in a violent thunderstorm, French forces attacked northeast from Lobau Island across the Danube River near Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 7th Mo 1809// Much Noise of Drums, fifes Guns
being the Anniversary of what is called the Independence of the
Nation. Such days are allways a burden, I have no delight in
them from any of the Shows or noises that are made - They allways
tend to corrupt the morrals of Youth by leading them into
pernicious company
John Rodman & wife were at father Rodmans this afternoon at tea
- I wish them well, & also desire that prudence may mark theire
future steps in Life
Sister Mary who has been very kindly with us for about two weeks
past, went home to be with them & Sister Eliza came up in the
eveng to stay all night*

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July 5, Wednesday: French and Austrian forces numbering a total of 400,000 people began a major conflict at Wagram northwest of Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 5th of 7th Mo // The day has passed, tho' much occupied
at Trade not without religious thoughtfulness, indeed I think I
feel an increasing concern to be more & more religious to live
more & more in the life & spirit of it tho' I wish not to speak
it boastingly but rather in all humility for I have nothing in
any sense to boast of.
Sister R, & Aunt H Mitchell called up to see my H in the
Afternoon*

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July 6, Thursday: In retaliation for Emperor Napoléon's excommunication of June 11th, French troops arrested Pope Pius VII and conveyed him to Grenoble.

After two days of fighting at Wagram, the cost of the battle had been 70,000 casualties or approximately a quarter of each of the opposing armies. When the Austrians retreated the French were too exhausted to pursue.

On this day or the following one, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Lisbon

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 7th Mo // A Silent meeting, & to me the most drowsy one I have had in a long time, but the forepart of it was a pretty good time - In the Afternoon my Dear H went out to see our friends D Buffum & family & I went & took tea with them - David & his daughter Wait seem much unwell & it is a doubt in my mind whether either of them sojourn with us long -

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July 7, Friday: British forces occupied Samaná and blockaded the port of Santo Domingo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7 of 7 Mo // My mind is this morning much tender'd, it is which I love to feel & I hope to cherish more & more within my breast
I think this evening that I may say it has been a favord day. Our Cousin Elinor Lawton has this day come to live with us to assist my H & get what education we may be capable of giving her - We have since we have had an offspring committed to our charge been helped out by our kind Sisters one or the other of which have been with us steadily*

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July 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 7 Mo 1809// Nothing material to insert except that my friend P Dunham has been over & that we had a sweet time together in conversation in the shop. -

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July 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 7 Mo // Our meeting this forenoon was Silent Uncle



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Wm Mitchell was there & Anne Merret his companion is expected this Afternoon being this forenoon at [Portsmouth](#). – Anne Merrett [sic] according to expectations was at meeting in the Afternoon but sat in silence & if I was able to feel aright had a sorely exercising time & if I am not mistaken is not clear of [Newport](#) & probable to me her Service will lay among Members – After tea wrote to B Purinton which took me till past 9 OClock to which my H made an addition

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July 10, Monday: French troops caught up to the retreating Austrians at Znaim (Znojmo). As the battle was joined, the Austrians asked for an armistice.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 7th Mo // I understood early this morning by Uncle Wm & aunt Hannah Mitchell that Anne Merrett had a prospect of appointing a meeting for Members today - which after breakfast was concluded upon, & accordingly I gave information generally in the North part of the town

In understood also that last evening they were at father R's & that Anne appeard sweetly in supplication - I wish My H & I could have been there, but as we did not know of it & she could not have gone if she had. I hope we shall be contented, perhaps it will be made up to us in some other way -

At 4 OClk this Afternoon the meeting met according to appointment. Anne Soon stood up & addressed several states in a very pertinent manner, & considering our state it was a pretty, indeed very good meeting, the middle aged parents & youth were particularly encoraged to come forward with firmness in the cause of truth & lift up the Ancient standard to those around us that our light may shine as in the early days of our Society. She feelingly [?] put a precious seed among our youth & indeed among each class among us who were laboring to be faithful in their day

In the eveng Anne, with Uncle Wm & Aunt H Mirchell, father & Mother R & Elizabeth Hosier came up to make my dear H a little visit as she could not be at meeting this Afternoon. She addressed us both in a very sweet manner & told us that if we were faithful there were more blessings in store for us than we might be aware of -

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July 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 11th of 7th Mo // Uncle Wm & Aunt H Mitchell & Anne Merrett left town this morning, the[y] went from Aunt A Carpenters, it was a solemn parting. I was not present at the setting but shook hands with them at the door, & afterwards understood by dear Sister Ruth that it was an affecting opportunity - Anne addressed them very feelingly severally [seperately] - And now on a recollection of her visit to us last evening, I am willing to mention that tho' my dear H was deprived of the meeting yesterday & the several settings of the Yearly Meeting, yet, the deficiency was made up in Anne's sweet address to her, encoraging us both to faithfulness, believing that we had in good measure put our hands to the work & that by faithful obedience we should be enabled to go hand in hand up to the house of our God. She said on setting down with us the language of her mind seemd to be "Here have I planted & here will I water"

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July 12, Wednesday: Mistress Mary Bailey Litchfield of Scituate, wife of the Reverend [Paul Litchfield](#) of Carlisle, died at the age of 59, after she and her husband had produced 6 children. The widower would remarry with Mrs. Sarah Capen of Braintree, a widow, on October 12, 1811.

An armistice was signed between France and Austria at Znaim (Znojmo).

The 1st of 7 installments of the initial biography of Franz Joseph Haydn, by Georg August Griesinger, appeared in the *Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 7 Mo // Being very rainy this forenoon I suppose Our friend Anne Merrett & Co are at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting today as they expected to lodge at Ruth Shermans last night -- On my own part I have but little to say as to religios life - being very rainy I dined at my fathers & left my dear H to make shift without me from Morning till sunset & then found she had done very well, & our little son very well Sister E came up in the evening to stay all night with us --

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July 13, Thursday: British forces had held Gorée (Dakar) since 1800. At this point they occupied the French colony of Senegal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 7th Mo // At meeting all was silent - I thought on first taking my seat, it would be a pretty good time to me & was so for a while, but at last the mind got on the float & then drowsiness took hold of me, but did not give way to nodding, nor



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was I so heavy as I have been, it is seldom that I am tried with drowsiness -

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July 14, Friday: Russian forces accepted the surrender of the Austrian garrison of Kraków after the Poles had reduced its defenses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 14th of 7 Mo // Nothing material has occur'd to insert
-The mind not in a very livly state as to religious feelings,
but not so dead as at sometimes*

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July 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 15th of 7th Mo 1809// The forenoon was much occupied in building an enormous great Castle in the Air, which before Dinner I had the disappointment to see tumble down far more rapidly than than it was built, for but one single thought struck it at the foundation & it fell instantly
B Freeborn & O Williams were at the Shop this afternoon & much conversation on Society concerns passed between us.-
This Afternoon left my dear H & little C, & walked to [Portsmouth](#)
I left the Court house at 11 minutes past 6 OClck & at five minutes past 7 OClk I was at Z Chases which is walking a little more than 3 miles an hour. I lodged at Cousin Z Chases, in the mornng went up to Johns & from thence to P Lawtons & from thence to H Almy, & from thence to the meeting house, from thence to H Almy again, & dined & took tea & from thence in a Chaise with Sister R & E Rodman to Saml Thurstons & from thence Walked home
At Meeting I had a good time for which I trust I was measurably thankful. The meeting was silent At H Almays I met with my dear friend Susanna Barker who I have not seen in nearly a year. The last time I spoke with her was I think at the close of our Quarterly meeting in the 7th M last at Portsmouth she has ever since been confind with a Dropsical complaint - I love her much, we have had many precious times together & one of them was this day I do not when I have been to an house where there seemd to be such an precious current of sweetness running thro' every individual as at Holders all was was love & harmony. Sister Ruth & Eliza Rodman was there also I was glad for them, they are precious plants -
I found my dear H pretty well when I returnd in the evening but our little Caleb was not quite as well as common*



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 July 17, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Libson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 7 Mo // Altogether poor, as to the spirits of religion Sister Mary spent the Afternoon with us


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 July 18, Tuesday-25(?): [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse traveled through Portugal and Spain to Seville. On the way they visited Albuera.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 7 Mo // Again poor & weak - in the eveng called at brother Davids to see his children with the hooping cough - We are in great fear that our little Caleb is coming down with the same complaint -

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 July 19, Wednesday: The *Wiener Zeitung* announced the rescinding of all Austrian censorship regulations by the French. New productions in Vienna would include Don Carlos, Schiller's Wilhelm Tell, and Goethe's Egmont.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19th of 7 M 1809// Since dinner I think I feel a little something of the precious Seed moving in my mind for which I desire to be thankful

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 July 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 7 Mo // Silent meeting but not the worst of times, nor the best, for I was once tried with drowsines - In the last (preparative) it was mentioned that the time for which Our Overseers were appointed had elapsed & a committee were appointed to nominate sutable frds for that purpose. My H was at meeting which is the first meeting of buisness she has been at since the 3rd M last - Sister Ruth kindly staid to take care of the child in her absence



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July 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 7 Mo // Molly Rogers & Sister Eliza spent the day with us.

I wish I could say that a good comfortable current of divine life Attends my mind thro' the whole of the day - But I think I have not been as barran as common especially this evening

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July 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 7 Mo // When I went home to dinner I found my dear little son very quiet & sweet - My mind was a little humbled at the consideration that I was married & had Issue, a circumstance that I had so much dreaded as incident to the married state, but I can bear my testimony that I have all along since I was married thought within myself, who would live in a state of celibacy that knew the sweets of a married life? Still the prospect of Issue was dreaded as an expence & burden that I could not bear at least with fortitude - but now having come to the touch, I find I can get along for aught I see at present as well as before, & that so far from the childs being troublesome it is an amusement & affords a Secret something to the mind that I am incapapble of describing -In short it is an addition that I am sure no one in the married state can be compleatly happy without - Yet I know the most difficult or critical time has not come yet. I have much more to see & feel both inwardly & outwardly. The dear little fellow may be sick & cost me many sleepless nights, my buisness may fail, & many things happen to break my happiness, but Oh that I may be thankful for the present favor, & all that I have received & may receive. It is God that giveth & it is he that can take away, & may I be enabled to give Glory to his NAME.

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July 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 7 Mo 1809// This Morning rose early & with brother D Rodman took a pleasant walk across the Beach & went into the Water, to a mind capable & at liberty to reflect, such



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a walk will afford heart felt instruction & I trust we were enable to experience our measure of the pleasure I rememberd many past walks over the same ground with different of my young associates, much pleasant converse we have had & our minds measurably expanded upon things of the best & first importance Staid at home this forenoon from meeting partly that my H should go, & partly on account of the affect of what I drank out of the Ocean – In the Afternoon we had a Silent Meeting but in the forenoon I understand D B was favord'd in a short communication – went out to Saml Thurstons took tea & set part of the eveng. on my return home called at D Williams.

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July 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 7 Mo // But little brought to pass in any respect & the Mind in a dull frame as to religious sensibility. A Robinson spent sometime in the shop perusing old Records, a considerable conversation passed between us which I thought tended on my part to raise the spring of life a little

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July 25, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Seville in order to travel across the Sierra Morena to Cadiz, a 5-day trip.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 7 Mo // Most of the time as yet today I have been as one dead as to religious life, yet there has been intervals in which I have felt a little light as it were dart upon me, when I set down to breakfast & dinner at our little pause I was lifeless tho' I made an effort to center to the place of life & thankfulness. Oh that I could be more & more alive to best things – I think my feelings have been a little more alive this Afternoon -Avis Knowles Set the afternoon with my H & neighbor Vinson the eveng with us –

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July 26, Wednesday: The publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek's Three Trio Sonatas for piano four-hands C.230-232 and Notturmo for piano and violin C.233 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 7 Mo // Nothing of interest to insert



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July 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 7 Mo // Our first meeting was I believe a dull time. As to my own particular it was peculiarly so. And as Ruth Davis said (who preached a little to us,) "The fountain seem'd to be shut up or sealed" In the lat. for discipline we had hard labor but not so bad as at sometimes. Charity Hull was received into membership & several other matters of importance acted upon - Isaac Almy & his daughter Caty dined with us & the little boy did pretty well for the first time his mother ever left him so long - Rec'd a letter from B Purinton who is at [Providence](#) with E Griffin & H Field

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July 28, Friday: French forces attacked the British and Spanish at Talavera southwest of Madrid. After a furious seesaw battle the French would retreat toward the capital. Because of this victory, the British commander, Arthur Wellesley, would be ennobled as [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington of Talavera and of Wellington](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 7th Mo 1809// The mind most of the day in somewhat of an unfeeling state, tho' I tried to feel after the best things -In the eveng from our window we had an opportunity to hear some very harmonious Singers perform several pieces of what is called sacred Music If I was ever attracted by musick it was then, but I do not consider that my organic System is so constructed as to be as much pleased with its sound as many others - while setting attentive to the sounds of their voices I endeavor'd to turn my mind a little to examine what kind of sensations it was that it excited & came to the conclusion that it was the passionate part that was affected, & tho' it occasioned Solemn & tender sensations, I could not find that I was affected with that devotion that I have felt many times when no human voice was heard, & silence was felt thro' out the whole man - hence I conclude that if singing in that way is worship - there is a worship that far exceeds it

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 July 29, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Cadiz.

American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of “executive clemency” by the President of the United States. For instance, on this day our new President, [James Madison](#), himself the proud owner of other human beings, pardoned the skippers of 15 vessels arriving at New Orleans from Cuba with 666 white persons and 683 negroes (in fact, as we can see by inspecting PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 179, this President would remit each and every such penalty incurred, during his entire term in the office, under the Act of 1807). He must have been a truly compassionate man, for he never met a slaver he couldn’t sympathize with.


INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

It appears that our President, although he could sympathize with the sinner, could not sympathize with the sin, for during this year he would appear before the federal Congress to challenge the Representatives and Senators thusly: “[I]t appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil.”⁶²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 29 of 7 Mo // The Gun has announced the Setting Sun.
Another day has gone, gone no more to be recall’d, & all who
draw the breath of life are now a day nearer the silent grave -
Awful consideration indeed, may I proffit by it, may I take
warning from what I now feel.*

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 July 30, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) witnessed a bullfight at Puerta Santa Maria (the bull lost).

The Royal Navy began landing 39,000 men on Walcheren Island at the mouth of the Scheldt River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 30th of 7th Mo // Our meetings were silent & to me very
poor times & I believe that I was not the only one who was sent
away nearly empty. tho’ perhaps it was not altogether the worst
of times - I spent the day chiefly at home except a few calls
Vizt a little while at R Taylors between meetings - In the eveng
a few minutes at my fathers - O W’s & D R’s -*

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 July 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 7 Mo // Cousin Anne Greene spent the latter part



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of the Afternoon & took tea with us, after having spent the rest of the day in visiting the Aged & confined - Sister Eliza set the eveng

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August 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 8th Mo // Aunt M Stanton & Niobe arrived last night but did not come up till this morning -- Friends have come from [Greenwich](#) & Narragansett to attend the Quarterly Meeting - My H spent the day at her fathers - As to the state of my mind I know not what to say, it is not altogether in an unfeeling state yet there is but little gained. I feel desirous at this moment that I may deepen more & more in the best things - Sister R went home with us & set the evening

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August 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 8th Mo 1809// A Day of some feeling & depression, but I hope the depression may work for my good

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August 3, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed on the frigate *Hyperion* bound for Gibraltar.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal describing the role of visiting Friends and their missions of visiting families, as well as of speaking out in Meetings, particularly Quarterly Meetings:

5th day 3 of 8th Mo// This mornng took chaise & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Quarterly meeting. Sister Eliza went with me, my H being unwilling to leave the little boy - we arrived at R Shermans alittle [sic] after 9 OClock where I left E & went to the Meeting house to meet with the representatives, we got thro' with our buisness in Season to go back & bring E to meeting. In the first meeting James Green opened the service in which he pointed out the true way to happines which he said was in a "clean concience, a life of religion & thousands & tens of thousands of this world would not purchase it" then after a long time of waiting, Our friend Easter Griffin rose up with the text "Awake thou that sleepest that Christ may give the light" & soon set down appearing to have but little to say - John Casey then rose up & bore testimony to the universality of divine light & its all sufficiency thro' life, he said that he felt it in his



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early life but then did not distinctly see what it was but since having been brought more into the knowledge of it, he could bear testimony now in his Old age when his cheeks were furrow'd with Age & his head coverd with grey hairs, that it is all that is worth living for, he Sweetly encoraged all to walk & believe in it & very touchingly addressed the younger part of society - he had not taken his seat but a few minutes be fore Easter again rose, took up his subject & greatly enlarged to the comfort & consolation of many present, that light had again broke thro' the thick cloud of darkness that has for a long time coverd our land. I know that we are apt to think the last best, but I really think I have not heard preaching that appeard to reach the audience like hers in a very long time, such life & power attended it as was cause of admiration in my mind. Soon after she took her seat - Hannah Field kneeld in supplication, Beseeching the Almighty to "gather the people call a solemn assembly assemble the Elders & blow the trumpet in Zion that truth might arrise in its ancient splendor &c - In the meeting for buisness before we began to act James Dinson Ladd introduced himself as one traveling for his health, belonging to Wain Oak Monthly & particular Meeting in Virginia, he appeard to be a solid friend & was permitted to set tho' he had no certificate - Soon after the Queries were read & the Answers approved - Our friend David Buffum in a very weighty manner proposed the appointment of a Solid committee to visit the Moy [Monthly] Meetings & labor for the promotion & preservation of Love & Unity, it consisted of the following names John Casey, D Buffum, Sylvester Wickes, [Moses Brown](#), Thos Howland Jona[thon] Dennis & O Williams - it was also united with by the women & one appointed by them to unite with the men - but little further buisness was transacted the most important was that of reading the certificates of our friend E Griffin & H Field, & Gideon Seman who accompanied them - After Meeting Sister E & I went to H Almy's & dined, where I left her to go to [Tiverton](#) to be at meeting with Our abovementioned [sic] friends E G & H F tomorrow -I rode home with Lloyd Green & took James Green up who rode a little ways with us -

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August 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 8 Mo// Our friends Easter Griffin & Hannah Field were at [Tiverton](#) meeting today -

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August 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 8 M // Our friends E G & H F have this morning commenced visiting families in this Town & will probably go thro the preparative meeting - Recd a letter directed to me for H Field from B Purinton - In the eveng went to T Robinsons to see them. Sister E was also there

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August 6, Sunday: Alfred, Lord Tennyson was born, already bald but not yet a Lord (nor, it would seem, yet recognized as the poet laureate of England).

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Gibraltar.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6 of 8 Mo// In the forenoon Our friend E G & H F had considerable public labor, tho' as they expressed it - it was a low time - In the Afternoon they were entirely Silent except Easter appeard in supplication at the close of the meeting, previous to which H Dennis had a short testimony "Seek first the kingdom of hevin &c" D Buffum then was concern'd to repeat the cry of the woman from the Walls of Samaria to the king in time of famine, & the kings reply, which was "If the Lord do not help thee whence shall I help thee? out of the barn floor, or out of the wine press - & applied it to the present famished state of things, & that it is as impossible for the instruments to help the people as it was for the King formerly with out the Lord helpeth-
Betsy Parish took tea with us & Sister E set the eveng*

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August 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7 of 8 Mo// This mornng put a letter in the office which I have written from day to day since the first of this M to Micajah Collins giving him some acct of our Q Meeting & the progress of our friends E G & H F - I set the eveng at J Earls in company with James Denson Ladd from Virginia

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August 8, Tuesday: French forces defeated the Spanish at Puente del Arzobispo, southwest of Madrid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 8 of 8 Mo// Tho' a friend has been in the Shop this afternoon with whom I have conversed sociably, yet I feel depression hanging about me, may way seems hedged about, I feel no great encouragement as to an outward Subsistence, tho' I have been married a Year lacking about three days, & have made out to live comfortably & pay my rents & am not more behind hand than I am able to pay, except one debt recently contracted & I have the property on hand which occasioned it - yet I do not gain ground & am pretty much where I was last year, I desire to be thankful for even that, & it is no small matter to be thankful for, but it would seem a little more like security to be in a way of laying up a little so as by & bye to be able to procure a small dwelling place for myself & dear Wife to live in, but Oh that for every favor, however small, may I have a thankful heart to him who maketh Rich & maketh poor at his pleasure & may my confidence continue & increase for his mercy & tender regard is over all his works - I dont know but for the last six months I may have experienced something of a growth in Wisdom, but there is much Yet to be done, many deaths to die, before the will can be brought into a right subjection. Oh that the work may not stop but progress untill it is fully accomplished

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August 9, Wednesday: British troops captured Flushing but did not advance on Antwerp.

Ludwig van Beethoven was nominated as a member of the Gesellschaft der Schönen Künste und Wissenschaften in Amsterdam.

With the British disavowal of the Erskine-Smith agreement becoming known, US President Madison ordered a resumption of the embargo against Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 8 Mo// Called at O Williams this morning to see our friends E Griffin & H Field who lodged there last night & proceed from there this morning in their daily labor, tho' the time was short that I spent with them being nearly ready to go out, as I with D Buffum went in yet it was very sweet, occasioning something to arise in the mind that I allways love to feel -

Our abovementioned friends, accompanied by Gideon Seman & Abigail Robinson made us a visit this Afternoon. H Field began first, by observing that it was very comfortable to see a young pair coming up together speaking the same language & striving to be helpful one to another & in society & spoke very encoring [encouragingly] that we might hold on our way. E Griffin spoke next to the same effect - then A Robinsons had considerable to say desiring that we might be helpful in raising the standard of truth from its low condition among us & Said considerable



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*about the Will of the creature which I thought she ment for me.
E Griffin & H Field both subjoined considerable & it was a favord
time, particularly to my dear H They seem like very devoted women
& I hope they will do much good among us. –*

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August 10, Thursday: Ecuador gained its independence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10 of 8 M 1809// [written very dark] This day of the
week one Year ago was a day by me to be remembered. I was married
to my dear H Rodman While at meeting I reflected on what passed
twelve months ago, but could not realise it as at some other
seasons - so it is Times & Seasons are not at our command - Our
friends Easter Griffin & H field with their companion Gideon
Seaman were with us A Robinson opened the service in a few words
which is the first time in a long time that she has opened her
mouth in a public meeting in [Newport](#). H Field then had a long &
living testimony to bear among us wherein she couched much
excellent doctrine & intructive counsil to many State,
particularly the Youth - Then Easter appeared in supplication
in a most Powerful Manner on behalf of all classes & ranks,
particularly the Aged, Youth, those that are at ease in Zion the
Ministers, the Elders, & burden bearers of society, a sweet
solemnity coverd many minds & I have no doubt but the living
Power of truth was over the Assembly many being melted into tears
- A young man by the name of [here there is a blank] Parker was
at meeting from Boston, he was very attentive to the friends
when there & invited them to his fathers house & seem'd very
desirous of being acquainted with friends principals & asked
many questions relative to them, & now being at [Tiverton](#) &
hearing of their being here came on purpose to see them - he is
a Collegian & designed for a Minister in the Church of England,
but may bring up among friends if he is faithful to the light
afforded - In the eveng Sister Eliza & I went to T Robinsons to
see them but they had not returnd from their service on our
return home we met them in the street, however our visit was not
for nought, we saw our dear Sister S Barker who from severe
indisposition has been unable to get to town in more than twelve
Months, whose comapny was very grateful. –*

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August 11, Friday: French forces defeated the Spanish at Almonacid south of Madrid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 8 Mo// Our friends abovementioned are in their



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service at Middletown & have visited 11 families there today. Richard Mitchell & A R accompanied them - As to my state of mind it is rather dull as respects religious life. I have endeavored to turn inward but Oh the hardness that seems to pervaid me. Oh Lord help me to be up & doing in evebry sense of the Word - My dear H to whom I have been married one Year this day of the Mo, is very well, also our little son who is 11 weeks & 2 days old

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August 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 8th M 1809// Our friend E Griffin & H Field compleats their family visits in this Preparative meeting today except about three who they will see tomorrow. this afternoon at 5 OClock they appointed a meeting for the black people which was an eminently favord Season.- A Robinson began the service with a few savory expressions - then H Field & E Griffin had an abundance to communicate all attended with (I believe) divine Life & Power, indeed my feelings have not been more quickened with the arrisings of life in sometime in a meeting - even to rejoicing that I was thus visited & that the poor blacks was favord not only with the crumbs but even a feast of dainties

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August 13, Sunday: Future Governor Hamilton Fish was born in New-York to naval officer Nicholas Fish and his wife Elizabeth Stuyvesant Fish.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 8th Mo// At our forenoon meeting A Robinson appeard in a long & solemn supplication. Then H Field in a long & lively testimony - In the Afternoon Our dear friend & Sister S Barker appeard in a short but very lively & pertinent testimony - Then E Griffin very long & lively, then A Sherman in a few words, then H Dennis in a few more, then H Field closed in Solemn Supplication - We have had this day a watering season which I hope will not be soon forgotten & that the company & services of these friends may be the means of raising us from the low condition in which we have for so long time been wading thro' & that they may prepare the way for a restoration of love & unity & a deeper concern for the promotions of the cause of truth in the minds of many -- After tea & my H had put the little boy to bed, we went over to T Robinsons to see them as they expect to go out of town tomorrow morning - they seemd glad to see us & took a very affectionate leave especially of my dear H - in the course of the eveng we fell into Silence & they with S Barker



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had much to communicate to the family & those that were in the room not of it, this with the others was a season of refreshment, & may it not soon go off like the early dew is the desire of my mind When we got home which was but little before 10 O'clock we found our dear little son had slept the whole time, which was an encouragement to leave him again on such an occasion -

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August 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 14th of 8th Mo// Our friends E Griffin & H Field appointed a meeting at Jamestown this forenoon & have just gone down to go over the ferry accompanied with divers friends from this Town - I understand by those that have returned this afternoon, that they got along pretty well - tho' the first part of the meeting was a laboring time - Called in the evening at J Earls where was James D Ladd - I can say that this Afternoon & evening has been a season wherein the divine life has been experienced to arise in my heart, somewhat to my rejoicing -

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August 15, Tuesday: A Mass in G by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 8 Mo// Again this morning the mind seems dipped into that precious life which preserves & carries thro' & over all difficulties, & tho' depression attends me, yet, when the life is felt to arise & tender the heart I esteem it a favor & is a cause of a little rejoicing, for I have often thought that none that ever yet put their hands to the work of religion was so tried, or had a similar path to tread, seldom when I am in the company of the best friends, or hear the best preaching, can I feel that precious tenderness that some appear to feel & I have no doubt does feel, but all is hardness in my own particular, tho' at the very same time a sense is given that such seasons are favored ones, & that others are immediately profited by them, while I can feel but little of their tenderness - but tho' I am thus situated for the present, yet thro' mercy, like the bread cast upon the waters it generally after a season returns, for when I am alone & the mind turned inward a remembrance of what is past arises & a tenderness begotten that is sweet, but this is not my case wholly, or without any exceptions, there are seasons at times when present enjoyment is felt, tho' these are not frequent - Whether it is to draw my



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*attention and dependance from instruments & to place my whole expectation on him who is the Author of life & Streangth or whether it is from my unfaithfulness & Short comings that occasions my being thus tried I am unable to say exactly - Brother David & Ruth with John & his wife tooke Tea & set the evening with us - I think I like Sister Rebecca very well & I must confess that I did feel a nearness begotten in my heart towards her that was somewhat unexpected, on setting down & entering into familiar conversation with her I found she assimulated with us in a manner that was satisfactory, & considering this to be the first opportunity of any consequence, she is already pretty well upon my books.
Rec'd a letter from Micajah Collins*

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August 16, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed on the Townshend Packet bound for Malta (John Galt was also on board this vessel).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 8 Mo// The mind seems a little dipt into Seriousness - The Gun has just announced the Setting Sun, which reminds me that the Year is declining, the days are Shortening, the Autumnal season rolls on & that Winter fast approaches - Well may I be in readiness to meet its pinching cold & driving Storms as to the outward - & Oh that when the Winter of Age (if I should live to see it) shall await me, may I be favor'd with that which will norish the inner Man, tho' the outward may not be in a capacity to enjoy "The singing Men & singing Women" Oh that I may now while my bones are moistened with Marrow so lay up a treasure that when the time of Separation approaches I may be in readiness to meet the Summons

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August 18, Friday: Susan Grant was the third and final British woman to be [executed](#) for coining⁶³ during the 19th Century.

63. Coining was the practice of clipping off the edges of gold and silver coins and melting down the clippings either to form ingots or to forge other coins. This was considered as high treason, the penalty for which had previously been, for men, drawing and quartering, and for women, up to June 5, 1798, burning at the stake.



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OTHER WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1809

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
22/02	Mary Barrington		Newgate	Personate
20/03	Mary Bateman "The Yorkshire Witch"	41	York Castle	Murder

Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia decreed that higher ranks of state service be attainable only by university study or examination.

The French government of Spain dissolved all religious orders.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 8th Mo// The mind again this Afternoon in a feeling State for which I desire to be thankful - Recd a letter from L Clarke giving a circumstantial account of the progress of our friends E Griffin & H Field in Narragansett & that the probability is that they have an appointed meeting this day at New London --

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August 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 8th M 1809// The day has passed without much religious improvement, yet I think I have not been altogether as destitute of life & feeling as at sometimes. It is a favor unspeakable to be able to have recourse to the fountain & tree of life. & I believe when I am thus favored I am almost allways in good measure thankful but this I am clear in that when the mind is in an barren unfruitful State I am not sufficiently careful to dig that the fountain may be unsealed & the living waters permitted to arise in my heart, & tho' times & Seasons are not at our command & we cannot feel good when we have a mind too, yet I believe by turning the mind inward as much as in us lies at all times, we may be enabled to have much more frequent recourses to Life than we can by setting down at ease waiting as it were for the Kingdom of heaven to come with Power upon us. Oh that I may be increasingly attentive to the Word of Wisdom that speaks in every heart that I may know an increase of strength & Wisdom in my inner man - In the eveng My H & I made a little Visit at my fathers

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August 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 8 Mo// Our friends that went with our friends E Griffin & H Field return'd before meeting this morning & brought accts that they had been much favord among the people in Narragansett, Mystick & New London - At meeting this forenoon D Buffum was favor'd in a short testimony. "Seek peace & persue it" was his openeing - In the Afternoon Silent - After meeting I went to S Thurstons & took tea J Dennis & wife was there, we had a pleasant time. Saml related several interesting anecdotes of his journey with those friends - Aunt P & M Gould took tea with my H & Mother & Aunt P Stanton set the eveng with us -

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August 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 8 Mo// My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers. In the eveng I set a little while with Neighbor Towle - Recd a message from an absent friend perporting that she had dreamed I had told her that spot were growing over my Eyes & that she advised me to apply to a remedy - Whether this related to my inward or outward sight I know not, but if the case is really so in either sense, the remedy must be speedy & powerful. but I have not much faith in Dreams, tho' I think it probable my inward Sight is not very clear -

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August 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22nd of 8th M 1809// Sister Ruth & Eliza set the evening with us. I have had much serious reflection & been brought to a Sense of my shortcomings & consequent unworthiness. Oh that I may be more careful to dwell near the life, for without it what am I -Poor barran, naked lane & blind indeed - Sent a letter to L Clarke

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August 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 8 Mo// Put a letter this morning in the Office for David Smith of Bolton - My H & little son spent the day with J



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Dennis & wife in the Afternoon I walked down & took tea with them & before night Rode home in J's Chaise & carried it back as far as D Buffums & went in, J being there & spent most of the eveng with them in agreeable conversation, then walked home & found Mary Collins with my H - in walking home with her my mind was opened to communicate such advice as I thought propper, & as had impressed my mind for some time

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August 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 8 Mo// This I believe is the first time I ever omitted a meeting on acct of buisness - I wanted to attend a Vendue of C Townsend where was to be sold several articles that I wanted I was in hopes of getting cheep - but so it is, disappointments do await us. G Foxes Journal & New England Judged, books that I much wanted was bid off by one that was not a member, for more than I was able to give for them - I really hope & think it quite probable the attentive perusal of them may convince the individual of Our Principals; & in that case they will do more good probably than if I had them - I however purchased one article of household furnature pretty resonable wich we needed - But on looking over the subject of leaving meeting I do not feel well about it, I believe it would have been better for me to have gone & left the event, for those books were the object of my staying - It was also preparative Meeting & I had sometime before felt my mind engaged to attend to some buisness that came before it, but that was done without me nor did I suppose my self necessary to it - And A Robinson preached & I was also deprived of hearing that - My H & son spent the day at her fathers in the eveng brother D called to see us -

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August 25, Friday: A Sinfonia in E^b by Gioachino Rossini was performed for the initial time, in the Liceo Musicale, Bologna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25th of 8th Mo// I have nothing to boast of, my weakness is great indeed - I have been thinking this forenoon what a poor frail thing I am - alltogether dependant on the Lords mercy for every thing Spiritual & temporal, it is by him that I stand & possess the little grain of life & grace that I have. Oh the temptations that beset poor man in his passage thro' time, I fully believe there is no state nor condition in life that is



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exempt from them untill we arrive to the Statu[r]e & fullness of Christs & I dont know that even then we shall be free, for we read that he was tempted & that severly, & even in his last moments in the flesh was deepy tried praying the father that if it was his will the cup of suffering might pass from him - yet I believe there is a state attainable wherein we may be safe, tho' tempted, for we find Christ never fell - Roving thoughts & unprofitable inclinations is what I am tried with so that it is hard to have the mind settled & center'd where it ought to be. Oh father help me -- This Afternoon an officer of the Frigate Constitution came into the Shop & wanted me to repair his Hanger {for his scabbard?}. I referred him to other workmen, but he seem'd anxious for me to undertake -I was then obliged to declare to him the reason why I declined - "that my religious principals forbid War & consequently I felt scrupulous of repairing Wepons that were in use in it." it seem'd to be quite a new Idea to him, we had a little further conversation & he went away saying, it was right for every man to act up to what he professes, a young man that was with him also said the same.

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August 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26th of 8 Mo// Nothing particular as I recollect to insert - The day has passed in the usual way - the mind not much animated

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August 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 8 Mo// Early this morning I felt the arisings of divine life which was very sweet - Before meeting I called to see Aunt Patty Gould & Peter Taylor who is very low D Buffum & R Mitchell was also there D while every [one was] setting in silence around his bed spoke a few words signifying that he had been comforted in setting with him, & had to believe that he could at seasons adopt the language of one formerly when he said on this wise "Tho' I pass thro' the valley of the Shadow of death, thou wilt be with me thy rod & thy staff they comfort me" While setting with them my mind was coverd with a sweet solemnity & I had to reflect how unfit I was to come to such a trial as was then before me - At meeting I had a good time such an one as I have not experienced in sometime - between meetings I calld at J Rodmans & set a little while with Rebecca whose company was pleasant believing that she is a serious minded young woman &



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*can in measure understand the "Hebrew tongue"
At meeting silence again prevailed but to me & I believe to
others a good time - After tea Cousin Eleanor Lawton & I walked
into the common burying ground, & to the Alms house where She
never was before - Set the eveng at home, My H read Elizabeth
Hamilton on female Education*

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August 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 28th of 8 M 1809// Time passes swiftly away, & we that
are now on the Stage of action, shall soon be as if we had never
been. The corruptable returnd to its parent Earth & the Spirit
gone to meet its reward. my mind is affected with these
considerations on recuring to my visit between meetings
yesterday to Dear Old P Taylor (which I forgot to mention above)
I mentioned to him as I enter'd his room that I had come to set
with him till Rowse was redy to come, he said "I am glad of it
Stephen, I am glad to see my friends, they are very near to me,
I feel them so," the tears trickling down his cheeks - & then
said "What a poor creature is Man. Yet he is created for a
glorious purpose," much other converseation passed between us,
or at least a considerable, for his weakness would not admit of
much, being only able to speak in a whisper - It is very pleasant
to be with those in their last moments who appears to enjoy
sweetness, & serenity mind. I hope, yea, I pray, that I may so
live as to die in peace for that is the object of living here --
This eveng my H & I came down to see Aunt M Stanton & call to
see Aunt A Carpenter who is quite unwell*

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August 29, Tuesday: Oliver Wendell Holmes was born in the center of the universe, in a nice house just north of Harvard Yard in Cambridge, Massachusetts as a member of the “harmless, inoffensive, untitled aristocracy” of the “Brahmin Caste of New England,” that is,

merely the richer part of the community, that live in the tallest houses, drives real carriages (not “kerriges”) ... and have a provokingly easy way of dressing, walking, talking, and nodding to people.



He was and never would forget that he was descended from the Puritan poet [Anne Bradstreet](#) — who was descended from William the Conqueror (known on the continent as William the Bastard).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 8 M 1809// Was instructed this morning in reading the 39 Chapt Gen, how when he (Joseph) was tempted he



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*nobly withstood & tho' he was imprisoned & suffers for a while
yet the Lord wrought for him & for his faithfulness raised him
not only to the second in the kings house, but Second in the
Kingdom -*

*Thought best to go again to Town meeting, there is no solid
satisfaction gotten there, but from my present views it seems
best upon occasions to attend -*

*Father return'd this afternoon from Narragansett Mother & Niobe
went Yesterday & he went to accompany them
Set the eveng at home & read the Scripture -*

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August 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 30 of 8 Mo// Nothing material to insert. I have been the
usual rounds, from the house to the sho' & from the shop to the
house back again - & I dont know but like the Door on the hinges*

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August 31, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Malta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 31 of 8 Mo// I am this morning going to [Portsmouth](#) to
attend our monthly Meeting. I hope I shall, yea, very much desire
that I may keep my place & be favord with the precious life that
crowns our Assemblies - At our first meeting John Casey was large
living & powerful in testimony I cannot undertake to commit to
writing so as to give an Adequate Idea of his communication, but
desirous to keep the heads in remembrance, Will just say "He
seemd much exercised for the wellfare of the Church & spoke of
Lamb the Brides wife, & it was thought made the the most finished
alegories that has of late been heard from any friends, he
particularly addressed the Youth & those that are coming forward
in society to transact the affairs thereof, & said the (that)
the rebuilding of Zions Walls greatly depended on the
faithfulness of these & encoraged all to dedication" - Then Ann
Smith appear'd in a solemn manner I trust to edification of many
for my own part I thought the feeling part in me was more reached
than at the foregoing - In the last meeting buisness went on
with a good degree of order & solemnity except in one instance
of a Contentious man who took up his Sons cause & spoke very
disorderly, his son was complaind of for not paying a just debt,
& his fathers initials are D....C....*

*Anne Greene expressed a prospect she had of visiting the
families of Swansey Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was united with*



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& a copy of a minute granted - The Quarterly meetings committee produced their copy from the Quarterly meetings minutes & informed that they were willing to extend labor where it was necessary & where they were likly to do good, they met at the close of the meeting & I expect the Overseers gave them information of such cases as was likly to need their assistance - We rode after meeting to Isaac Mitchells & dined then directly home, & tho' some part of the meeting was trying yet to me it was a good one, & I hope will prove a Useful one - John Casey Moses Brown Sylvester Weeks & Anna Smith were present being part of the Quarterly meetings committee

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September 1, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 9th M 1809// The Quarterly meetings committee are in town & have been at labor in several difficult cases, & from the prospect of their labors this eveng it appears they will be crown'd with success if the parties will keep on the ground they seem to have taken today, of humility & forgiveness - I rejoice at it as my mind has been much affected with the State in which things were with Several individuals in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting [does this have to do with those in business who were tangentially connected with the Slave Trade?] --Dear Philip Dunham is over, his precious Spirit seems deepening in that wisdom is from above & to shed the savor of truth on the minds of those about him - I may acknowledge his company has been very reviving to my poor barran Spirit this day -- Rode this eveng to S Thurstons with Dear J Casey who gave me an acct of the labors of the day, with several anecdotes of his experience in early life, which I hope I may so treasure up in my mind as not soon to forget - My H spent the day at S Thurstons; I dined & took tea at my Fathers

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September 2, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 9 Mo// I dont know of any thing material to insert except that I have been the usual rounds & several agreeable friends have called at the shop to see me Vizt P Dunham, J Dennis, P Lawton & B Mott - M Williams Junr the Afternoon & part of the eveng & Sister E staid all night -

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September 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 9th Mo// This forenoon I was quite unwell & Staid from meeting - In the Afternoon at meeting, which was silent. Took tea at S Thurstons & returned early & set the eveng at home perusing the first book of Our Moy [Monthly] Meetings records of minutes -

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September 4, Monday: British Prime Minister William Henry Cavendish, Duke of Portland resigned owing to poor health.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 4 of 9 Mo// The day has passed I trust, not altogether void of religious life, but O that I could say I had deepen'd in Wisdom
Sister Ruth set the evening, & Sister E, brothers D & J gave short calls*

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September 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 5th of 9th Mo// What shall I say? Surely there is cause of Alarm to be up & doing - Oh the barraness of my spirit, occasioned by unfaithfulness or a daily watchful care -
My H & myself set the eveng with Brother David & Wife & called to Brother J & his --*

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September 6, Wednesday: [Amos Freeman](#), [Brister and Fenda Freeman](#)'s son, had married Sally Coffey of Medway during 1807. Sally must have died, as at this point [Amos](#) again married, with Love Oliver.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 9 Mo// It is a sort of a low time with me today, & how ever poor my prospects are both the outward & inward I desire to retain a thankful heart for the [that which] I do receive, being at this time renewedly sensible that I have received beyond what I deserved both of the outward substance & inward or spiritual food -Oh that I could be found worthy of a greater



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share of the spiritual. I often long to feel my mind cloathed with that spiritual breathing to God which can alone Sustain the mind thro' all the probations & temptations that can beset poor mortals in their Passage to eternity – Mother & Niobe have been several days at Narragansett & a little after dinner returned – They say & doubtless they have had a pleasant visit, but Dear Mother seem'd much affected at seeing Aunt Molly – my mind was also not a little affected allmost to weeping – Set the eveng at home perusing Old records of minutes

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September 7, Thursday: Buddha Loetla (Rama II) replaced Buddha Yodfa (Rama I) as King of Krung Thep (Thailand).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 9 Mo// We had five Ministers at meeting Vizt D Buffum, Anne Smith, Hannah Dennis, Mary Morton & Abigail Robinson, but none of them had any testimony to bear among us, or if they had they did not do it. Yet I thought it was a good meeting to more than myself, soon after I took my seat the precious life seemd to cover my mind, & if the mind got to roving it was not seem so hard to get back again – I desire to be thankful for the favor, Oh Lord help, help, for without thee what are we – Cousin L Clarke took tea with us & set part of the evening

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September 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 9th Mo// Dear Old James Brinhurst has been this forenoon to my shop & set a little while & has just gone, he seems to be in a very sweet frame of mind & indeed such a visit I have not had from any body in a long time. I was much affected at being in his company, & a spark of (I trust) divine life was livingly kindled in my mind. – to see an Old man who has wethered out the adverse storms of life & been thro' all preserved in sweet innocency is truly beautiful, he appears now to have nothing to do but patiently wait the final change which will doubtless be very soon – Oh saith my soul may all that is within me that is opposed to the divine will be brought into Subjection –

My mind has reverted frequently this Afternoon to the Visit from Dear Old James – It did seem like the renewal of love & life in my heart – My H & little Son, with Cousin Eleanor spent the day



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at my fathers.-

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September 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 9th Mo// A day of thoughtfulness on various subjects & not a little depression has been my lot - This evening walked to [Portsmouth](#) & reached Cousin Chases about 8 OClock & found them all in bed except Cousin Alice who very kindly prepared me a refreshing repast & furnished me a good bed which was very grateful to my weary limbs - In the morning I took breakfast & went up to Johns & from there to P Lawtons & from there to I Almys & from there to the Meeting house & had a good refreshing meeting as I have not had for sometime tho' all the morning I was (as the saying is), as empty as a beggars Can - Uncle Holden preached to us with a good degree of Power - from meeting I went to Cousin Chases (on my way there I stopped at Garnea Fish to see [Preserved Fish](#) an Old man of 96 Years of age & a former acquaintance & when I was a boy made Shoes for me, he seems in good health but very Childish & deaf tho' he remembers me & asked many questions about his old acquaintances in town - I dined & spent the afternoon very agreeably at cousin Chases, & toward night they sent an horse & boy half way home with me. I reached home about 7 OClock & found my Dear H & little Son as well as when I left them -

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September 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 9th M 1809// The mind in the usual frame dry & barran, but desires have been experienced to arise that the divine spirit may be more plentifully vouchsafed - Called to see brother J Rodman who is quite unwell with a fever

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September 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12th of 9 Mo// John Rodman is much better today - Again nothing but the old cry, leanness & barranness as to the inward life - Sister E spent the evening with us -

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September 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 9 Mo// The mind has recur'd to several very unpleasant circumstances which has awaited me in my life, or rather our family, which are very exercising, tho' at this time the effects are much worn off - I have remembered many things that has given me pain, yea, pain to the very heart, in times that are past - & in setting down with my dear mother this morning & talking them over a little, the sensations that they occasioned at the seasons of them, have been now again much renew'd, which has occasioned not a little depression

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September 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 9 Mo// Tho' the mind was inclind to roving at meeting, yet I trust it was not the most lifeless season - This afternoon received a precious letter from my dear friend S Barker inclosing one from Micajah to her - which was as a refreshing brook by the way to a Drooping traveller - This eveng met with some account of the Death & dying sayings of Robert Mott of NewYork son of James Mott, which was really edifying to my mind & raised the precious life in my mind. I really wish it was more circulated among our Youth

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September 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15th of 9th Mo// My mother Aunt Stanton & her daughter Niobe with Aunt P & H Gould set the Afternoon with us - In the eveng I was at Rowse Taylors on buisness & set the remainder at home —

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September 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 9 M 1809// Nothing material to insert - I am as ever a poor thing, tho' a little of the good thing has been moving at times on my mind -




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 September 17, Sunday: Russia and Sweden agreed to peace and to set their border at the River Torneälv/Torniojoki.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 9 Mo// Last night I spent in Watching with Peter Taylor, he had a comfortable night considering his situation but is fast drawing down to the grave - I Slept most of the forenoon & did not go to meeting - but went in the Afternoon & had a pretty good Silent meeting - Sister Eliza spent the day & eveng with us & took care of the child while my H went to meeting -

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 September 18, Monday: The Covent Garden Theater, London reopened after the devastating fire of 1808.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 9 Mo// The day has passed with a considerable degree of feeling on divers subjects - Father & Mother Rodman Set the evening with us --

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 September 19, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Malta on board the brig-of-war *Spider* for Greece and Albania.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 9 Mo// The mind is this morning brought into feeling & depths are raised in me this Wise. Create in me O Lord a clean Spirit - I must desire that the Old leven may be purged away & a new & clean spirit to possess the place of one that is very defective. I feel my unworthiness & short comings, & am almost ready to fear that I shall never rise above what I am Was with Peter Taylor all the eveng till 1// 2 past 10 OClock who seem'd in great distress at times, & apparently breathing his last, it was a lesson of deep instruction to me. I had many reflections & feelings that it is impossible for me to describe

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September 21, Thursday: In England, the Perceval ministry began as British Foreign Minister George Canning and Secretary for War Lord Castlereagh engaged in a [duel](#) on Putney Heath. Canning was upset that Castlereagh had taken troops he had intended for Portugal and used them in the Walcheren operation. Canning was struck in the thigh. Public sentiment would turn against both the duelists.

[Sophia Amelia Peabody](#) was born to the dentist [Nathanael Peabody](#) and the Unitarian [Elizabeth Palmer Peabody](#). She would attend the 2d (soon to be Unitarian) Church in Salem, Massachusetts. She would attend a school run by her mother and by her sister Elizabeth Palmer Peabody there and upon graduation, would become a teacher in that school as well.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 9 M 1809// At meeting Our friends D Buffum & Mary Morton were very acceptably engaged in Short testimonies - In the eveng a little while at R Taylors

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September 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 22 of 9 Mo// This Afternoon attended the funeral of Peter Taylor. he was carried to the Meeting House, the funeral was very large & in my opinion conducted with much more decent solemnity than if the meeting was held at his dwelling - My mind was solemnized & believe the minds of many more that were present was also -

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September 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 9 Mo// The day passed much as usual - In the eveng we had several of our Sister & a brother call to see us the evening pased very Satisfactorily - to me

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September 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 9 Mo// At Meeting this Morning M Morton was very very sweetly engaged in testimony to considerable length. I dont know when I have been more quickened from a friend preaching - In the Afternoon we were silent but perhaps not the worst of times to me In the eveng made several short calls among my friends



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September 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 25 of 9 Mo// This has been a day of no little depression occasioned from my poor prospect as to a living, & what has added to it I have had an old watch to tinker that has tried me much & when I am perplexed with a Watch that I cant make go it allways depressed my Spirits --
Set the evening at home -*

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September 26, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) set foot on Greek soil for the first time when the *Spider* anchored at Patras.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 9 Mo// This mornng I found that Abijah Purinton was in Town & lodged at Father R's last night, after breakfast he called up to see us a little while & informed us that Betsy Purinton, Hannah Collins & James Breed was on there way here on a visit to this Quarterly Meeting - Immediately wrote to L Clarke & inclosed one to them that it might meet them at Narragansett & wrote to Matthew informing him as far as I knew of their progress, & that I had written to them - Abijah went in the Packet to NYork about 9 OClock this Morning - Aunt Stanton & Niobe went about Sunrise

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September 27, Wednesday: The *Spider* was in the Channel between Ithaca and the mainland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 9 Mo// The day has passed wuth the usual rounds Recd this Afternoon a long acceptable letter from my frd D Smith of Bolton -

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September 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 9 Mo// In the first meeting M Morton was very sweetly engaged in testimony - it seemed as if light sprung out



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*of the Darkness that surrounded us – In the last which was our
Moy [Monthly] Meetg for discipline the buisness went on with a
good degree of love & harmony – Several of our weighty members
were absent on the committee from the Quarterly Meeting to visit
the Moy [Monthly] Meetings Vizt D B J D O W & S Thurston – Of
the Women A Robinson & S Barker were also absent on the same
buisness – I Mitchell & Elizabeth Lawton dined with us – & our
little boy did very well without his Mother while she was at
Meeting In the Afternoon Father R & myself took tea with R Taylor
inorder [sic] to be with the family & read his fathers Will which
we did & I thought there seem'd to be a solemnity among us at
the time --*

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September 29, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse landed at Prevesa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 29 of 9 Mo// Again the day has passed & what acct have
I to give of my faithfulness? Since I have nothing to boast of
which indeed to me belongs blushing & confusion of face that my
talent is no better improved - My H & little son spent the day
at father R's – & Philip Dunham Set the evening with us at our
dwelling –*

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October 1, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Prevesa for Janina. That evening they arrived in Salakhora.

Adrien Boieldieu was hired by Tsar Alyekandr to write and teach at the Imperial Theater School, St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1st of 10th M 1809// At Meeting this morning Our friend
Benjm Mitchell from [Nantucket](#) – on his way to Nine Partners where
he is going to settle) was with us & preached a little evincing
himself to be a friend of descenment & green in life - In the
Afternoon he was with us also but set in Silence, but our friend
M Morton was solemnly & livingly engaged in supplication on
behalf of all classes present & particularly for the Aged "thise
who had lived many days & seen many sorrows". -- Sister E staid
with Our little boy while My H went to meeting & set the evening
with us –*

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October 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 10 Mo// Recd a letter this forenoon from L Clarke informing of the Satisfactory opportunity that our friend B Purinton had in Narragansett & that she was to have a meeting this Afternoon at 2 OClock at Connanicut & would probably be over this evening or tomorrow Morning – Sure enough as I went from O Williams to carry my little boy home (where My H had been to spend the Afternoon) I went directly to the ferry Wharf & found our friends had come as advised by L C letter in the morning. I found Betsy was accompanied with her sister H Collins & James Bread[?] Lewis was also with them – they went directly to father R's, & after I had assisted James in taking care of the horses I went home & waited on my H down [escorted her] & we spent the eveng with them – My mind while setting with them was refreshed & much brought into feeling with them in their undertaking --

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October 3, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Salakhora and arrived in Arta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 10 Mo// Our friend B Purinton seems to see but little about appointing a meeting with us today & if she sees us at Meeting at all it will not be till 5th day.– She has been at father R's all day – My H went to see them in the forenoon, returned home to dinner & went again in the Afternoon & took tea & went home again before evening – & J Bread with us & set an hour (I believe) to mutual edification, we (J & myself) returnd & found several come in to set the evening with them & it passed very agreeably -- J Bread was at my shop to see me twice & in the forenoon I walked about the town with him a little & went into the Common Burying ground –

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October 4, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Arta and arrived in St. Demetre.

Spencer Perceval replaced William Henry Cavendish, Duke of Portland as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 10th M 1809// Our friend B Purinton & companions, accompanied by Sister Ruth in the Carriage with them, & Sister Eliza & Rebecca in a chaise by themselves & O Williams & wife




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went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Meeting this morning expecting to return this Afternoon
They returned this evening & I understand B was much favord at Meeting. They dined at R Shermans & took tea at P Lawtons - I set the evening with them at father R's --


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 October 5, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Janina.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 10th Mo// At meeting our dear friend B Purinton was favord (first) in supplication & then in testimony I hope yea, very much desire, that her labors may prove useful & if not immediatedly felt, that like the bread spoken of by the Wise Man, cast upon the Water to return after many days - They dined at O Williams then made several little calls, & among the rest a few minutes on my dear H which was sweet & precious to us, parting in near love to one another - They went down to father R's where the carriage was waiting for them & at a little past 3 OClock set off for [Tiverton](#) to an appointed Meeting there tomorrow, accompanied by Sister Ruth & brother John -

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 October 6, Friday: John W. Griffiths, who would develop the "Clipper ship," was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 10th Mo// I hardly know what to say except that it is hard times with me inwardly & outwardly, it seems as if every thing has worked wrong today, & I believe I should have gotten the Hip this evening if brother D & Sister E had not set most of the eveng with us & helped to dispell the Vapors by very areeable conversation. -

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 October 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 10 Mo// This Afternoon Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle P Lawton & lodged at his house - in the Morning (First Day) he kindly sent his boy & chaise with me to Benj Chases where I set up the Clock that I went to do, & Walked to Benjm Freeborns which was the first time I was ever at the house of that excellent Friend tho' I have long been acquainted with him - from there




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to meeting where our friend H Almy was engaged to turn the minds of the people from the outward to the inward & I may acknowledge his testimony tended to raise my mind from a dead state which it had been in all the Meeting before - din'd at P Lawtons & on my way home call'd at cousin Z Chases then at cousin Alice Goulds & took tea - then at Saml Thurstons & set a little while then home & found my dear H much unwell, & am apprehensive she is threatened with a fever -

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 October 11, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Janina for Tepelene to visit the Ali Pacha. Byron wrote "Lines Written During a Thunderstorm."

Traveling east along the Natchez Trace in Tennessee on his way from St. Louis to the District of Columbia, Meriwether Lewis committed suicide at Grinder's Stand, an inn south of Nashville.⁶⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 10 Mo// The day has passed without any thing remarkable the same rounds as usual & the mind in the same state as usual Oh when shall I feel more of the incomes of love & Life in my heart — Sister Ruth spent the Afternoon & evening with us very agreeably on our parts -

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 October 12, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse were at Zitsa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 10 M 1809// Again the Day has passed without any material variations from the usual corse of things at Meeting a dull time to me, tho' not as hard as sometimes

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 October 13, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Zitsa and arrived at Mossiani.

Pedro Rivero replaced Martin de Garay Perales as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 10 Mo// Again the mind in a poor dull condition with but little to feed upon but the dry husks, & in a low

64. Later, theories that he had been murdered would arise, but neither William Clark nor Jefferson doubted the original, on-site reports that Lewis had simply shot himself. Few historians give credence to the murder theory.



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October 14, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Mossiani and arrived at Delvinaki.

A treaty of peace was signed at the Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna. Austria gave up Trieste and Illyria to France, Galicia to Saxony and Russia, and Salzburg and the Inn District to Bavaria. Austrian lands in Poland were handed over to the Duchy of Warsaw and Austria was required to pay an indemnity of 85,000,000 francs. Southern Tirol was transferred to the Kingdom of Italy. Austria would join the continental system against Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 10 Mo// This morning recd a letter dated Yesterday from Cousin L Clarke which was edifying as any one I ever received from any person - as soon as I opened it I thought that it contained something for my instruction & I dont know that I ever received a letter that seemd to raise the Seed of life in my mind, or at least so immediately touch something that is feeling, as that did — My H spent the Afternoon at Brother Ds & I took tea with them

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October 15, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Delvinaki and arrived in Libokhovo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 10 Mo// In the forenoon we had a pretty good tho' small meeting Sarah Fish preached & I have no doubt was Authorised [genuinely spiritually based and unprepared] — In the Afternoon We were silent & after meeting went with Saml Thurston to D Buffums took tea & spent the forepart of the evening very agreeably, then returnd & set the rest at home - I have, or hope I have, not been wholly void of life today tho' the Stream has not risen very high

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October 16, Monday: Before the King, Queen, and the entire court, Georg Joseph Vogler gave the inaugural concert on the organ at St. Peter's in München (which he had recently rebuilt).

A decree of King José I of Spain abolished internal customs barriers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 16 of 10 Mo// I have had the company of several of my friends at the Shop with whom I have had good unity & whom I love their company has been strengthening

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October 17, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Libokhovo and arrived in Cesarades.

[Pierre-Louis-Georges Du Buat](#) died at Vieux-Condé, which was then in Flanders rather than in France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 10 Mo// I have passed another day & of course am one day nearer the Silent Awful grave. How Awful indeed it is to die; my feelings are often arrested with the consideration, & Yesterday an occurrence took place that gave scope to reflection -A Man in our neighborhood who had lived a wicked life, who had professed the Universalists Doctrine & practiced drinking to excess had been a long time unwell, but as well as usual, & walked out & while at a Dram Shop (whether he had been drinking I know not) but while there he was taken in pain, carried home at nine O'clock in the Morning & before 11 O'CLOCK Died - his name is -- Millvill -I know the mercies of God are great & extended to the eleventh hour; but how it is with this poor man I leave— Oh that it may serve as a warning to those of us who are left to sojourn a few more days, that we no longer slight the mercies & long suffering & tender visitations of Him in whose hands we are & from whose Eye we cannot hide -

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October 18, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Cesarades and arrived in Ereeneed.

French troops attacked a superior Spanish force at Tamames, southwest of Salamanca, and were thrown back with heavy losses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 10 Mo// No material occurrence that I recollect, the day has passed with the usual rounds - recd a letter from my much valued friends M & B Purinton which was very acceptable --

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October 19, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Ereeneed and arrived in Tepeleni.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19 Of 10 Mo// Our first meeting was silent & to me a pretty good time – The last (preparative) two young men were complained of, one for attending a military training, the other for keeping company with a woman not in Membership & neglecting the attendance of our meetgs Very sorrowful indeed to see so many of our youths depart from society, but perhaps if a thourough search of the Camp was made some of us who make a more strait appearance would be found to weigh lightly in the ballance –
My H left the little boy at her fathers & sister R took care of him while she went to meeting - we dined there & she spent the Afternoon –*

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October 20, Friday: The reception of [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse by the Ali Pacha.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 10th Mo// The day passed as usual – In the eveng I called to see Sister Rebecca who I must confess feels near to my best feelings, & while setting with her the precious life arose very sweetly in my mind, our conversation turning on subjects which I trust were reciprocally interesting

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October 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 10 Mo// My mind is this morning dipt into feelings that are sweet, & I trust I feel thankful for the favor –Nothing material to insert thro' the day. In the eveng while sister R took care of the little boy, my H & I went to T Robinsons & spent the evening, S Barker being there. Also J Morton & Wife

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October 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 22 of 10 M 1809// When I went to meeting I found very unexpectedly, that Rowland Green & Doct Otis were there – soon after I took my seat I Said in my heart - the life circulates among us, & so I apprehended it proved, very soon after our frd S Barker appeared in supplication returning hearty thanks to the



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Lord for his many favors to the workmanship of his hands in continuing the day of visitation, raising one here & another there, who are standard bearers &c Then Rowland in testimony spoke largely to the different states present in a remarkably pertinent & solemn manner, recommending love among bretheren; pointed out its beauty & usefulness, exhorted us to Watch & be sober, & not to slight the day of visitation, for in proportion as we reject the light that is manifested within, in the same proportion we loose [lose] our spiritual strength, & the light that is within us becomes darkness

Then M Morton concluded in solemn supplication, which embraced the exercise of the opportunity in a manner as solemn & beautiful as any I ever heard - it was a favor'd meeting indeed, & I believe the hearts of many (or at least) some who have for many Months sat in desolate places were again made to rejoice, & comforted with the hope that the lines in "New England Judged" are not yet applicable, or at least fully so, to us.

*"Thy candle light forevermore extinguished shall be
The voice of bridegroom & the bride be hear no more in thee--"*

In the Afternoon Rowland was again concern'd in testimony very sweetly - he endeavor'd to shew the nature & tendency of the christian Religion & the importance of our embracing it, here & hereafter, & endeavor'd to apprise the Youth of the many subtil Snares which satan lays in the way to obstruct our growth therein - Rowland & his companion were from New Bedford Yesterday on his return from Nantucket where he has been engaged in paying family visits -After meeting I took a walk into the common burying ground & went into the Work & Alms house - then went home & in the eveng finished a letter which I had begun some days before to Micajah Collins. --

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October 23, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Tepeleni and arrived in Locavo.

A young German named Stapps attempted to stab the Emperor Napoléon but was intercepted by the emperor's aide, General Rapp (the man would be offered clemency by Napoléon in return for an apology but would refuse and be executed).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 10 M 1809// This mornng My dear Mother related to me her feelings for sometime perhaps two years past, about society [the Society of Friends] particularly when she has been at meeting, & as she told me was much affected & wept She said that many times & almost allways when she went to meeting, she felt desolation so to prevade her mind, that she has frequently shed tears, & looked about & said to herself - where is the weight, surely we are in a very desolate condition,



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& what will become of us - when she told me my mind was much affected & desires were raised that I might be one that should put forth a hand to help in raising the Standard among us - She also added that yesterday she had the best meeting she had had in a long time. -

In the eveng met with the Directors of the AFrican Benevolent Society at Wm Pattens

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October 24, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Locavo and arrived in Delvinaki.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds with no particular occurrence either within or without that I recollect, except that as one of a committee from the directors of the African Society I attended to the appointment with the rest & agreed with a Master to open an eveng School.

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October 25, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Delvinaki and arrived in Zitsa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 10 Mo// Nothing material but the usual rounds thro' the day, from the Shop to the house & the house to the Shop.

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October 26, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Zitsa and arrived in Janina.

After his defeat of Austria, Emperor Napoléon arrived back in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 10 M 1809// Rhode [sic] with beloved H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, (Mother R took care of the little boy the while) Stopped before meeting at H Almys & took a little sustenance - At meeting M Morton was very sweetly engaged in testimony & in the last buisness went on pretty well - to me it was a precious meeting, especially the last, wherein my mind was brought to feel a sweet income of the precious life & my heart rejoiced in the belief that I was yet permitted to taste the dainties of the Lords table, tho' not to feast very largely -& was incoraged to accept appointments to



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treat with two young men One for bearing Arms at a Military training the Other for keeping company with a young Woman not in membership with us, which however incapable I am of performing, I thought It was best for me to accept & do what I could - & Also found strength when it was preposed to enter into subscriptions for the poor of Society, to stand up & mention, that since the Matter was preposed I had remember'd, & according to my measure had been dipt into sympathy with friends in early times when they suffered much spoiling of goods [goods confiscated] & imprisonment & yet when supscriptions were made they allmost allways exceeded what was wanted for the purpose, & had Money left - We took dinner at P Lawtons & then rode home & found our little boy had been very well thro' the day which was also cause for thankfulness

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October 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27th of 10th Mo 1809// The day has passed as usual as to the outward, & I hope some little strength has been gaind, at least I think I feel a little of the precious life stirring in my mind this evening --

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October 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 10 Mo 1809// I have had various concerns today The first was with S Earl with whom I had to deal plainly for some of her misconduct - The next to treat with Wm Hadwen for appearing at a training the committee were Joseph Sisson David Rodman & myself - We all spoke one language & I believe it was a favor'd season, a season I trust not soon to be forgotten by me & me the younger part of the committee Vizt D & myself were much comforted by the presence of Joseph he being an Aged friend & experienced in such labors - We endeavor'd to impress on his mind the inconsistency of War with the christian profession & the importance of religion, & left him to consider of our communications but were sorry to feel that as yet we have not made much if any immress of convincement on his mind My H spent the Afternoon at brother Johns In the forenoon our old border N Almy became our guest for a week -

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October 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29 of 10 Mo 1809// At meeting this Mornng we were silent - in the Afternoon we were favord with a sweet testimony from our beloved M Morton - between meetings I went to see S Earl on the subject of yesterday & dealt plainly with her, at first I thought I should do but little good, but before we parted there seem'd to be an opening for a settlment - After meeting in the Afternoon I saw her again & asked her if she was willing to go with me to see R Williams & try for an amicable adjustment she said, yes. accordingly we went & in a very few minutes & in a few words they agreed to leave the things that are past & labor to cultivate a spirit of love towards each other, which I sincerly desire may be the case, & am encoraged to hope it will - I think in this case I have stood my ground uprightly & believe I have done some good, which is indeed cause of humility & thankfulness
Thus ends this day which has been a laborious one -*

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October 30, Monday: Francisco de Saavedra y Sangronis replaced Pedro Rivero as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 10th Mo 1809// I am thankful to be able to say that my mind has been favord with a precious current of life flowing most of the day - it has been an encoraging Day, a day of feelings, the fountain easy of access

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October 31, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) began writing the first canto of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 10 Mo 1809// Again a pretty good day for which I desire to be thankful - Many of our friends have gone to Swanset to attend the Quarterly Meeting nest 5th day, they have a pleasant time as to the Outward & I hope it will prove proffitable as to the inward, while we who stay behind may be permitted to partake with them tho' at a distance

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 November 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 11th M 1809// Those of our friends who expect to go to Swansey today have a fine pleasant time, & Our friends J Morton & Wife who saild for New York this Morning have a pretty fair wind, tho' not a great deal of it - Neighbor Saml Vinson & wife took tea with is & spent the eveng.

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 November 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 11th M 1809// Our meeting was small, but according to my feelings He who promised to be with the "two or three", was with us, & his presence was comfortably felt by some present - Those of our friends who have gone to the Quarterly meeting =, desired that while we sat lonely together, they might enjoy the fullness of the spirit - On the eveng of the 21 of last M on going to Thos Robinsons My H in treading on stones in the dark put out a couple of little bones in her foot, & before Meeting Sweet was at the Shop. I told him of it, & we went up & in a few minutes he slipt them in again, with no difficulty & without hurting her much, for which I was thankful - The mind thro' the day has been in a pretty good state of feeling --

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 November 3, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Janina and arrived in St. Demetre.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 11th M 1809// I may acknowledge that it has been a good feeling day, the fountain of life a little opened to my rejoicing - I have seen several friends from Quarterly Meeting who say it was a favor'd time our friend D Buffum John Naley & John Casey were much favord in testimony - Today & this eveng Dear Aunt M Wanton has been much more rational & like herself than she has been for a long time, & if she finally gets better again I dont know but the beginning of her mending may be here dated. I do most fervantly desire she may, for hew own sake & that of dear Mothers who has had as much as she could seemingly live thro' for many Months, indeed more than a year

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 November 4, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left St. Demetre and arrived in Arta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 11th Mo// I may again acknowledge with thankfulness that the good spirit has been near – what an inestimable favor it is to feel the precious incomes of life in the mind, to feel that when we turn our minds to Wisdom that she will incline her Ear

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 November 5, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Arta and arrived in Salakhora.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 11th Mo// At meeting this forenoon I had a good comfortable time, life seem'd easy of access, and towards the close cousin Anne Greene appeared very lively in testimony – In the Afternoon it was rather a restless time I did not feel as in the Morning – Brother D's son Wm is very sick, we stopped to see him & our minds were dipped into sympathy with them

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 November 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6th of 11th Mo// Not so much life today, however I have felt some motions of it in the mind – Nancy Almy who has been our guest for several days went home this Afternoon. –

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 November 7, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Salakhora and arrived in Prevesa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7th of 11 Mo// The Day has passed with the usual rounds, & I do not recollect any thing material to insert – Brother Davids little Wm is no better, –

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November 8, Wednesday: American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of “executive clemency” by the President of the United States. For instance, on this date the fault of John Hopkins and Lewis Le Roy, who had imported an African as their slave, was forgiven by the tolerant pen of President [James Madison](#) (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 184-5).⁶⁵

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed in a Turkish vessel from Prevesa and came to anchor off the coast near Parga. They were caught in a storm and came close to being shipwrecked, but at the last moment their many sins were forgiven as they received the “executive clemency” of a compassionate Deity.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 11th M 1809// My mind is this morning in a sweet state of feeling, the life flows sweetly, & Oh that I may be thankful for the favor -- Brother Ds son Wmm is no better --

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November 9, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Parga by land and arrived in Volondorako.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9 of 11 Mo// I dreamed last night that Sister R R & myself were in the presence of the King & Queen of England who talk with us freely particularly the Queen - We seem'd to be in a large Brick building like our Court house & for a while set in a long entry & then were invited into another room & went - the King seem'd to be a large fat man dark eyes & dark complexion - I told him he looked as I had form'd an Idea of him - the Queen was as I saw her in fancy, a small Woman, thin & dark complexion & talked more than the king - I dont insert this thinking it any ways probable that we shall ever see them or that it is any ways ominous, but because my Dream seem'd so very livly on my imagination & has continued so all the morning
At Meeting we were Silent, & small in numbers, but one Man set on the Old mens Quarter, tho' there was as many as usually does, on the Young mens & considerable many Women - In the evening made Several calls but spent the most time at Aunt M Goulds*

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65. This President, we may here point out, may have himself owned human beings, but at least he was the 1st US President to regularly wear trousers.



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November 10, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Volondorako and arrived in Castrosikia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 10th of 11th Mo// Nothing material on my own part -
Brother D Rs little Wm remains very low, he cannot remain long -*

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November 11, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Castrosikia and arrived in Prevesa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11 of 11 Mo// This forenoon, buisness calling, I went to [Portsmouth](#), Dined & did what buisness I had to do at Thos Potters, then went to B Chases & did what call'd me there then to Benj, Freeborns took tea & staid all night the eveng was past most agreeably in conversation with B & Wife - In the morning we went to meeting - Russel Davis was there & preached - H Almy also preached & A Sherman said a few words - but according to my sense of feeling - Holder was the most of a Minister & none of them was very lively - After meeting I went to Z Chases, Dined & took tea - While at tea Go [George] Gould came in & told me that D Rodmans Child died yesterday towards night which hastened me home as soon as tea was over - I found my H at her father's intending to stay all night -I called at Brother Ds & my fathers in the eveng & then return'd to father Rs & soon went with fatigued limbs to bed. -

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November 13, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Prevesa and anchor off Vonitsa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13th of 11th M 1809// This Afternoon attended the funeral of Brother David Rodmans child - it was a solid silent opportunity, & many people attended. -

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November 14, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Vonista and arrived at Lutraki. Byron wrote "Tambourgi, Tambourgi" (which became part of Canto II of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE) and Stanzas Written in Passing the Ambracian Gulf.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 14th of 11th Mo// Pretty dilligently at Trade thro' the day, & not much religious life in the mind

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 November 15, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Lutraki and arrived at Katuna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 11 Mo// My H has been since 7th day at her fathers on a visit & this day after dinner we again commenced housekeepers - I have been much occipied at Trade & unable to enjoy much of the life of religion -

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 November 16, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Katuna and arrived at Mukala (Machalas?).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 11 Mo// A poor dull meeting to me - Wm Dean of Salem was there. I should be glad if the object of his visit was like to prove more successful or gratifying, but Alass the Young Damsels health is such that it is improbable she will ever make a Wife for any one -

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 November 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 11 Mo// Much occupied at Trade, & the mind in allmost a dead state as to religion - Neighbor Towle his Wife & daughter spent the Afternoon & evening with us also Sister Ruth -

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 November 18, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Mukala and arrived at Guria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 11th M 1809// The day has passed I hardly know how Uncle P Lawton Dined with us & Mother R spent the eveng is pretty much all I can say about it

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November 19, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Guria and arrived at Aetolikon.

French forces defeated Spanish forces at Ocaña, opening the way to Andalusia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 11th Mo// Our meetings were Silent & to me dull seasons - I suppose the fault was my own, for the mind was in an unsettled state, tho' I did try to center down to the life, but it seem'd as if it was withheld in consequence of my not laboring sufficiently for it when out of meetings - Spent the eveng with R Taylor at D William's on buisness respecting Nicholas's affairs -R & myself being the committee

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November 20, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Aetolikon and arrived in Missolonghi.

France ended its occupation of Vienna.

[Mary Clark](#) was born.⁶⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 11th Mo// Alass another day of my life has passed over, & what returns I have made to My God for the blessing I know not - tho' I do not feel that I have done any thing that is much amiss - It is a season of famine with me, I cannot get hold of any thing, or but little of any thing, that is food of heavenly kind, for the Mind, & if in this state I can be preserved from Sin I shall be thankful, for in those days of fast it is, that Satan is the most buisy. -

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November 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 11 Mo// I have had a little religious conversation with a young man this evening wherein my mind was rather singularly opened to explain the Nature of Religion - The conversation gave rise to feelings in my own mind that I was glad to feel

66. Don't you suppose this sister of [Alvan Clark](#) would have been the "Mary Clark" who was the author of A CONCISE HISTORY OF MASSACHUSETTS, FROM ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT. IN THE FORM OF QUESTION AND ANSWER (1830), BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE FATHERS OF NEW ENGLAND: INTENDED TO ACQUAINT YOUTH WITH THE LIVES, CHARACTERS AND SUFFERINGS OF THOSE WHO FOUNDED OUR CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS (1836), and THE EARLY LIFE OF WASHINGTON: DESIGNED FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND AMUSEMENT OF THE YOUNG (1838)?



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November 22, Wednesday: The Reverend Samuel Ripley was ordained over the first religious society in Waltham.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22nd of 11 Mo// The day has again passed & perhaps I may say a little of the divine life has moved on my mind especially this evening – Sister mary spent the day & evening with us

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November 23, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Missolonghi and arrived in Patras.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 11th Mo// Silent meeting, & tho' my mind was much in the roving order, a stillness was at length experienced, & I trust a little of the Life felt to circulate tho' it seem'd to be much (as it were) underneath – no buisness of importance at the Preparative Meeting –

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November 24, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24 of 11 Mo// I arose early this mornng & found a Severe Storm of Snow, did what I could & came to the shop & being all day alone & from my dear wife & Son, have gotten quite low spirited – I dined at Aunt A Carpenters & intend to go presently to see how they fare

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November 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 11 M 1809// Pretty much at Trade, but the mind has not been secluded from good –

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
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 November 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 11 Mo// It has been a good day to me the precious life has moved on my mind with a good degree of sweetness - I have had good meetings, in the Mornng D Buffum preached to us in a very livly manner - in the Afternoon we were silent - I have spent most of the day at home in the precious society of my endeared H & little Son - Brother D called to see us in the evening Also Father R & brother Isaac in the course of the Day

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 November 27, Monday: [Fanny Kemble](#) was born in London. Her father Charles Kemble was a stage manager at the Covent Garden Theatre, her mother Marie Kemble an actress.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27th of 11th Mo// It has been a day (to me) of some feeling sensibility on various subjects - In the eveng called a little while at the black school. At Aunt M Gould & D Williams's - Dear Aunt M Gould is in a poor destitute situation is entirely blind with one eye & the sight in the other fails fast, my pittty & tender compassion was much excited in setting with her this evening, & desires were raised in my heart that the Lord may help her that he Who was her Guide in Youth may be her Staff to lean upon in Old Age -

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 November 28, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28th of 11 Mo// Sister Ruth spent the day with us of which we were very glad, her company helped to dispell some lonesome feelings of which my Dear H has many -

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 November 29, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 11th Mo// Nothing material to insert Sister R went home this eveng - called at Aunt M Goulds -

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 November 30, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 30th of 11 Mo// Our first meeting was short & to me a time of drouth - The last was long, & also a season of drouth & famine, several weighty matters were before us, but such was my state that I dare not meddle much with them, & was only active in those matters in which I was concernd, (i e) answering to those appointments that I was under - Before meeting I recd a very acceptable letter from my friend S Barker which I answered this evening - Uncle P Lawton was our only guest at Dinner Sister R took care of the little Boy. -

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December 1, Friday: Economic competition being decidedly mean-spirited and un-American, Robert Fulton, Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, and Colonel John C. Stevens of Hoboken agreed to a compromise. Fulton and Livingston were to be assigned a steamboat monopoly on all New York State waters, the run to New Brunswick, New Jersey, plus all steam navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers while Colonel Stevens was to be assigned a monopoly on Chesapeake Bay, all steam navigation of the Connecticut, Delaware, Santee, and Savannah Rivers, plus the run along Paumanok Long Island Sound between New-York and [Providence, Rhode Island](#). The division being arranged, they could proceed to soak their customers to the maximum extent feasible.

In [Newport](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 12th Mo 1809// Perhaps I have a little more Life than yesterday - Sister E spent the eveng with us & staid all night

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December 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 12 Mo // Some little degree of feeling, tho' not very deep I hardly know what to say of myself, but that I am a poor thing

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December 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 12 Mo // At meeting this forenoon our frd D Buffum was very livly in testimony from the text "He that knoweth to do good & doeth it not to him it is Sin" - In the Afternoon we were silent - My mind has not been in a very settled state nor have I been able to strive much to have it otherwise - Attended the funeral of Moses Siefas who was brought this Morning from NYork & buried at 1 OClock; this was the first funeral I ever attended in the Hebrew Order -



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After meeting in the Afternoon attended the funeral of Samuel Vernon – Sister Mary Spent the evening with us.

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December 4, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Patras for Athens. They slept at Han on shore.

After four and a half months on Walcheren Island, the final British troops were removed and transported home (4,066 of them had died during the operation, almost all from disease).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 12th Mo // What shall I say? why I think I may say with some propriety that it has been a day of thoughtfulness, & remembrance of various mercies, or at least I have recognized them with a degree of thankfulness – father & Mother R have taken tea with & Mother sets the evening –

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December 5, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Han and arrived at Vostitsa.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 12 Mo // A day of a degree of best feeling, but Alass I have nothing to boast of I'm a poor thing, & know not when I shall be otherways

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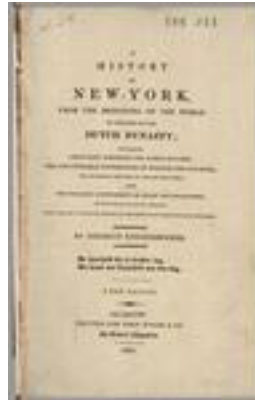
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December 6, Wednesday: KNICKERBOCKER'S HISTORY OF NEW YORK by "Diedrich Knickerbocker" (the 26-year-old [Washington Irving](#)) was published by Inskeep and Bradford of Philadelphia.



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This would go through many editions, translations, revisions, and reprintings during the author's lifetime. In 1812 Irving would negotiate with the Philadelphia publisher for a revised edition correcting some misprints, altering spelling and punctuation throughout, eliminating various allusions to chivalry and the classics, condensing the comic preamble on world history, and deleting various references to Knickerbocker's problems as an historian. About 1/10th of the material would be replaced, leaving the book still at 130,000 words. Among the additions would be a "Further Account of the Author," Chapters 4 and 5 of Book II which narrate the exploration for the New Amsterdam settlement and Oloffe's dream, and the history of the Long Pipes and Short Pipes in Chapter 6 of Book IV (a satire of American political parties which replaced the quarrel of the Squareheads and Platterbreeches). In 1815 Irving would desire a 3d edition of A HISTORY OF NEW YORK, illustrated by the drawings of [Washington Allston](#) and C.R. Leslie. Irving would continue to revise A HISTORY OF NEW YORK periodically over the next 30 years, until the Author's Revised Edition, G.P. Putnam's collected edition of his writings, in 1848. Although a subsequent edition in 1854 would contain a number of minor corrections and revisions supplied by Irving, and a Grolier Club edition in 1886, after Irving's death, would reprint A HISTORY OF NEW YORK with additional small changes based on Irving's 1848 manuscript, for all practical purposes the last major form of the text would be per the 1848 Author's Revised Edition. For it, Irving would revise Books V, VI, and VII, rework the Peter Stuyvesant section, add material on Van Rensselaer, delete the allusions to Jefferson's policies, delete passages regarded as "coarse," soften the satire of the Dutch, polish the style, and add "The Author's Apology," making this 1848 text some 7,000 words longer overall than previous editions. In 1848 he was 65, a revered American man of letters, a diplomat, and an international celebrity. The edition of A HISTORY OF NEW YORK issued 1848 would be a vastly different book from the version he had written as a young unknown.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6 of 12 Mo // Pretty much today as Yesterday - Sister R
R is quite ill today with a Severe cold -*

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December 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 12 Mo // Our Meeting was Silent but not the worst of times to me – Aunt M Wanton somehow fell last night in getting out of bed & hurt her hip & back & is in much pain, poor thing she suffers much many ways, but has been better for several weeks past than she has for many Months past in her Mind – Sister R R is better today – My H & Son in good health, A Blessing

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December 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 8th of 12 Mo // Some little degree of life – Mother R this Afternoon came up & took care of the Little boy while my H took a little run among her acquaintance & to take the fresh Air, which she much needed being much confined within doors

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December 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 12 Mo 1809// The day has passed with the usual rounds it has been very rainy, but between showers Sister Mary came up intending to pass several days with us, which will make the time pass more socibly with my dear H in these lonesome stormy days --

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December 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 12 Mo // Silent meetings, I hardly know how to say what kind of ones to me – perhaps there was a little degree of life experienced in each of them, but I fear a roving mind had the asscendency – A sympathetic visit to aunt M Gould between meetings

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December 11, Monday: After a siege of six months the Spanish defenders of Gerona in Catalonia surrendered to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 12 Mo // It has been a very stormy uncomfortable day, & my boody somewhat affected with my usual rheumatic complaints which usually attack me under my shoulder blade, in the middle or small of my back, today in the middle & into my side, so that it has not been a very comfortable time, tho' I have been favord with tolerable cheerfulness My H & little Son are pretty well. -

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December 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 12 Mo // Nothing much out of the comon course of each day my pilgrimage has occur'd - wrote an answer to a letter rec'd sometime past from my frd David Smith this evening.

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December 13, Wednesday: [Olive Wiley](#) was born to [Keturah Green Wiley](#) and [Benjamin Brown Wiley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 12 Mo // The day has again Passed with the usual rounds & tho' very poor in Spirit & purse too, yet I have much to be thankful for - And among the first & greatest of my blessings are that Myself with my dear H & Son are in good Health.-

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December 14, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Vostitsa and arrived at Larnaki.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 12 Mo // Our meeting was large considering the bad travelling & I believe was a pretty good time to many minds, to me it was better than common of late - In the eveng called at Aunt Patty Goulds to see Aunt Molly who left fathers this forenoon in consequence of a fall which hurt her side - it is remarkable that two in one house, first Aunt Molly Wanton & then Aunt Molly Gould should fall so soon together & hurt themsleves



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so as to be allmost helpless

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 December 15, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Larnaki and arrived in Chryso.

In his office at Fontainebleau, before his brothers and sisters, the Emperor [Napoléon](#) and the Empress Joséphine de Beauharnais signed an act of annulment.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 12 Mo // Frank Sayer, an acquaintance of mine & boarder with Aunt A Carpenter arrived from a Voyge to sea, on going in to see him my mind very feelingly recurred to the joy we felt on the arrival of my poor brother David who is now in his silent grave, Many times when he has come home from a long tedious Voige, how were our hearts renew'd at the sight of him, & at hearing his recital of his many adventures, but Alass he's gone no more to return.

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 December 16, Saturday: By act of the French Senate, the Emperor Napoléon was divorced from the Empress Josephine.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Delphi, the cave of the Pythian, and the stream of Castaly.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 12 Mo 1809// The mind has been much pertubated in consequence of letters received from NYork from Aunt M Stanton & Wm Burling [two lines crossed out and heavily inked] I hope the matter of dispute may be amicably adjusted

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 December 17, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Chryso and arrived in Arakhova (Rhakova).

At the age of 78, [Margaret "Meg" Smith](#) died. She would be buried near the remains of her husband [Venture Smith](#).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 12 Mo// I had pretty good meetings - & in the forenoon H Dennis appeard very sweetly in testimony - in the Afternoon Silent - My dear H was at Meeting forenoon & Afternoon



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-I went out to S Thurstons took tea & set the evening -

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December 18, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Arakhova and arrived in Livadia.

After an illness of five days during which he sometimes thought he was giving Latin instruction, [Alexander Adam](#) died. His last words were "It grows dark, boys, you may go."

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 12 Mo// Brother David & wife & John & Wife & sister Ruth took tea with us & passed the eveng very pleasantly on our part

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December 19, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 12 Mo // About three days ago I heard that Isaac Austin was confind in the Penitentiary at Richmond, (Virginia) on being convicted for an attempt to Steal Negroes. The news much affected my mind, & has this morning been much revived. he was a youth that I tenderly loved, but Oh how has he fallen. I feel more about it than I can express, he has known much of divine good, but by letting his mind out after great things in the world, has lamentably Slidden from the right foundation, & gone from one Act of wickedness to another untill he has gotten where he is - may his fate be a solemn Warning to me - it is indeed very humbling to consider what he was, & might have been, & what he has now come to. -



December 20, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 12 Mo // I have been laboring under an heavy Cold for several days, & I think it seems somewhat increased today, & I dont know but the hypocondriae may have attacked me, for I feel something of a conceit that I am going to be sick. -



December 21, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Livadia and arrived in Mazi.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 12 Mo// I am better in health than yesterday - We had a Silent, & pretty full meeting for the season, both meeting



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were dull seasons, in the last (Preparative) we had the quarterly Meetings Epistle read - My H spent the Afternoon at Neighbor Towles. I took tea with them, & the only aloy was that H was quite sick with the nead Ach.-

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 December 22, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Mazi and arrived in Thebes.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 12 Mo// The mind unpleasantly affected, but Patience must be exercised. Wm Stanton a poor thing has moved here from Hudson & has undertaken Clock Making & Watch repairing, but if he goes on in insinuating false hoods about his fellow craftsmen will not be of long standing here, especially when his Character in Hudson is known. -

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 December 23, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 12 Mo // Less concern'd about Stanton's conduct than yesterday, it is unpleasant to lay under false sensure, but I think my conduct is justified & his condemn'd

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 December 24, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Thebes and arrived in Skurta.

[Christopher Houston Carson](#) was born near Richmond, Kentucky. His father Lindsey Carson was a Scots-Irish farmer who had served during the Revolutionary War under General Wade Hampton. There were already 10 children in this family, 5 by a 1st wife and 5 by Kit's mother Rebecca Robinson Carson (eventually the total would reach 15).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 12th Mo// At our Morning meeting Our D Buffum was very lively in testimony - & in the Afternoon, Silent & to me both were poor barran seasons - After meeting I walked home with D Buffum & took tea J Dennis was also there we spent the eveng agreeably, but Poor Waits situation could but excite sympathy. I think she fails fast & will not continue long in Mutability

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 December 25, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Skurta and arrived in Athens. They took lodgings with Marci, mother of "The Maid of Athens."

France organized the Illyrian Provinces in the Balkans. The Province of Fiume was created.

In Danville, Kentucky, Dr. Ephraim McDowell removed an ovarian tumor from Jane Todd Crawford. This first operation required 25 minutes, of course without anesthesia. The patient would survive for an additional 32 years.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 12 Mo// Sister Ruth spent the day & eveng with us very agreeably on our part. My H seems quite unwell with a cold

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 December 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 12 Mo // Aunt Molly Wanton was taken last night with something like an Apoplectic fit but soon recoverd & is nearly as well as usual - dear Mother has many trials - My mind has seem'd to enjoy a little of the sweetness this morning for which I desire to be thankful -

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 December 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 Mo 27// The day has Passed as usual except that I took dinner at my fathers being so rainy that I thought best not to go home - I have felt heavey hearted, on various accounts today I hope all will work togteher for my good. Oh that I may center in Spirit on that sure foundation which cannot be shaken by fluctuations of human events, but learn in the School of probation to be still & know that my dependence should not be placed on things here -

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 December 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 Mo 28th 1809// The weather being very cold & my Dear H in poor health a Cough &c attending her, she concluded not to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - So Sister Ruth & I took Chaise & went together - & stopped before meeting a few minutes at H Almys - Our first Meeting was Silent - In the



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last, Our friend Sarah Fish laid before us in a tender weighty manner, a concern that she had for sometime felt to accompany Our friend Ann Smith on a religious Visit to Friends in the Southern parts of the State of NYork Pensylvania Delaware the Jerseys & Maryland as far as Baltimore which claimed much feeling, & expressions of unity & sympathy from many friends The other buisness was conducted in much harmony & I thought it was a remarkably good meeting - tho' several of our most active Members were absent -Aftermeeting [sic] we went to Richd Mitchells & dined then rode home & found my dear H & little sone were pretty well - The riding (owing to the hubby frozen ground was very bad & in some places dangerous but we went & came safe for which I feel thankful -

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December 29, Friday: William Ewart Gladstone was born.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 Mo 29// My mind is this morning in a somewhat of a tender feeling frame. Oh that I could allways feel so, but Oh of late how barran & destitute of life - Spent the evening very sweetly at Thos Robisnons -



December 30, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) finished writing Canto I of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE.

Giovanni Paisiello was nominated as one of the eight "associés étrangers" of the Fine Arts section of the French Imperial Institute.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 Mo 30// With this Day I compleat the 28 Year of my life - And I feel thankful to be Able to Say that it hath been a day wherein I have experienced a considerable portion of the precious life to work on my mind - Rec'd a precious Comfortable letter from my dear Friend Micajah Collins this Afternoon which was indeed a brook by the Way

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December 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 Mo 31// At meeting this forenoon H Dennis preached a little to us very sweetly - Between Meeting I went to D Buffums to them in their Affliction - & staid till eveng - Wait Died



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early this morning. In the eveng Abigail Robinson preached very comfortably to the family - it has been a day of precious feeling to me, for which I hope the Year ends Thankfully

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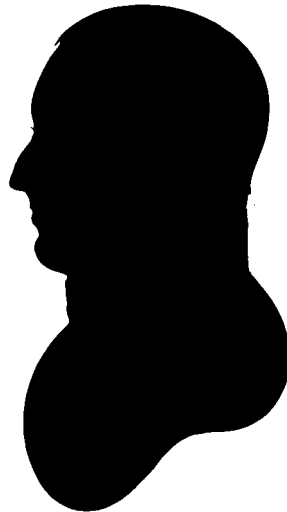
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1810

➡ January 1, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st Mo 1st 1810// The Gun has fired which announces the setting sun - The first day of the new Year has so far gone & what now have I to say? What account can I give ? - Why I think I may say it has been a day of some feeling & perhaps I have felt the precious life to circulate in my mind with a degree of sweetness. Oh saith my Soul at this time may the coming year, be a year of increased devotion & Watchfulness, for we know not how soon the thread of life is to be cut, & we hastened to eternity, therefore the more Watchful we are to have our lamps lighted & well trimed the better chance we Stand of entering with the bride groom into the bride Chamber.⁶⁷



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➡ January 2, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 M 2nd// This Afternoon took my dear H in a Chaise & went to see our friends D Buffum & family, who seem much affected with their loss, after setting in sympathy with them a couple of hours we returnd -

67. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 10 for May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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January 3, Wednesday: The Prussian royal family returned to Berlin for the first time since the French occupation of 1806.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 3rd day// The mind in a feeling frame. Oh that I could ever dwell near the fount of life - In the evening attended the African Benevolent Society -



January 4, Thursday: Louis Spohr's concert on this night in Berlin attracted a large audience, once it becomes known that the recently returned Queen of Prussia had requested tickets.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 M 4 day // Wait Buffum was inter'd after meeting, being brought to meeting - Holder Almy preached - The first part of the meeting was a Solid time to me And now this Afternoon & evening the mind has been much under serious reflection on several subjects - recd a letter from B Purinton which was very acceptable - Wrote this evening to Micajah Collins



January 5, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 M 5th day// The mind has been turned to reflect on several sudden deaths that has occurred of late - particularly a woman by the name of Perry who died in a fit of intoxication -how ought such occurrences to Stimulate us to Watchfulness, for we know not in what day or hour we may be Summoned to our long home - The young may & the Old must die, & of what importance it is to be prepared for the change, but Alass too, too many are careless & think another time will do, when we have accomplished this that or the other favorite Worldly object, or some favorite sensual gratification, we will then turn our attention to things of a serious nature, this, "counting on long years of pleasure here" go on from Step to Step, till at length they are hastened to eternity in a state unprepared, & at a season when they are not aware.



January 6, Saturday: By terms of the Treaty of Paris, Sweden joined the Continental System while France recognized Sweden's sovereignty over Pomerania.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 M 6th 1810// My mind tho' dilligently occupied at Trade, has been Seriously reflective - This evening Set an hour

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with my dear Mother who seems to be very unwell but innocently cheerfull & has diverted me with a relation of occurrences in her younger years.



January 7, Sunday: The Rogerenes, followers of this English religious reformer John Rogers (1648-1721), advocate of nonresistance to evil,⁶⁸ had settled in Connecticut, at the towns of New London, Groton, and



Ledyard. There they were being molested by the authorities due to their unwillingness to take part in state violence by the serving in any militia or by the paying of any military fines for failure to serve in such militia. For instance, in this year 1810 one Alexander Rogers of Waterford CT, in his 83rd year, published a tract entitled "Petition to My Fellow Countrymen" pointing out that he was being forced to "suffer for conscience's sake, in defense of the gospel of Christ; on the account of my son, who is under age, in that it is against my conscience to send him into the train-band."⁶⁹

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st Mo 7th day// At meeting forenoon & Afternoon, both silent, It has been a day of feeling, yea, sweetness, tho' in meetings I was more barran than out of them - Sister E took care of the little boy while my dear H went to meeting this Afternoon -by invitation I took tea with Aunt P Gould & regretted that my

68. Not the same John Rogers as the BIBLE translator who was born circa 1500 and was burned on February 14, 1554 in [Smithfield](#) near London, nor the same John Rogers as the citizen of Pembroke who was murdered by "poor Julian" on September 12, 1732.

69. To study this religious reformer John Rogers's faith and practice, since he had unwisely listened to the teaching of Jesus "Resist not evil" and had come to believe in the insane principle, upon which no life can be founded, of refusing to offer resistance to evil, you cannot consult the encyclopedia, but you can see J.R. Bolles and A.B. Williams's THE ROGERENES (Boston MA: Stanhope Press, 1904).

"Rogerenes," former Seventh Day Baptists who followed John Rogers of [Newport](#), combined [Baptist](#) and [Quaker](#) principles with a belief in miraculous healing and attracted adherents in both [Rhode Island](#) and Connecticut, usually from among well-to-do rather than poor settlers.





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H could not go too. –



January 8, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st M 8th day// My mind has had to look over several subjects, & they look dark, the Way much hedged about, but I hope my faith & patience may not fail, but be established on that which is not Moved by the fluctuations of human events –



January 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st M 9th day// I find I have a vein of pride running through me that I hardly thought I possessed, or if I did, that it was in better subjection than it is – I have been much tried for several days, & had I not have summoned up resolutions last eveng to have said "get thee behind me Satan" I hardly know how I should have gotten along, nor do I yet, unless I keep Strictly on the Watch, even unto prayer, for he is ever buisy, & if once repulsed, will again & again make his impudent assaults on the human Mind, & without the most rigid adhearance to the Truth will be likely in the end to gain his point.–



January 10, Wednesday: Jacob Baker, Jr. died in Lincoln (the remains are presumed to be in the Baker tomb in [Concord's](#) Town Hall Cemetery, behind Bemis Hall).

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 10th 1810// A day of exercise of Mind, but the good hand has been felt to be near in that Midst of conflict –



January 11, Thursday: Johann Ludwig Krapf was born into a Lutheran family of farmers at Derendingen, near Tübingen in Württemberg, in southwestern [Germany](#). He would be found to have a gift for languages, and would initially studied Latin, Greek, French, and Italian, adding more and more languages throughout his life.

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) and Joséphine de Beauharnais, age 46, formally ended their childless marriage (on March 11th, petitioner would remarry, by proxy, with Maria Ludovica Leopoldina Franziska Therese Josepha Lucia von Habsburg-Lothringen of Austria, age 18 and never been kissed).

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st M 11th// At Meeting the mind was rather barran & dry, tho' before & since a good degree of life has been



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experienced -I feel oppressed & depressed with my infirmities within & trials without - Called at brother D R's thins eveng & set a little while very pleasantly -



January 12, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st M 12th -// I feel those heavy & cast down feelings that I have been much tried with for Several days, greatly dispelled this morning for which I feel thankful, tho' I believe suffering is good for us, but it is hard to be made willing to bear it -.



January 13, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Eleusis.

An advisory body of elder statesmen, the Council of State, was formally opened by Tsar Alyeksandr.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st M 13th// The day has passed with a degree if feeling My dear Mother has been very sick for several days - we hope the effects of Medicine will be beneficial - Joseph Rodman arrived from NYork this morning - Sorrow, sorrow, sorrow

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January 14, Sunday: William Willard Wheeler died at the age of 75.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st M 14// At meeting this forenoon, Our frd D Buffum appeard very sweetly in testimony "Occupy until I come" was the Scripture that he arose with & I believe many minds were edified by his communications - It was to me a precious Meeting, the life the precious life arose sweetly in my mind soon after I took my seat - Oh that I may be thankful - In the Afternoon it was also a pretty good time - J Dennis went home with me between meetings, & partook of a scanty morsell but all appear'd to be satisfied -It was a little remarkable that all the apprentices that D Williams [clockmaker] has ever taken were at meeting this forenoon Wm S -J R - W C myself & D A- The first three are as poor worthless men as any I know off & what the last two will come to is yet uncertain

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 January 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1M 15// Oh! the baneful effect of spirituous liquor, how does it brutalise its votaries, this evening poor J R came home intoxicated & was so furious & wicked in his conduct that his father was obliged order him to leave the house, a most affecting circumstance to the family & his dear sisters in particular with whom I feel deeply & hope they may be favor'd to stand their ground with firmness -

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 January 16, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Mendeli.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st M 16th 1810// Another day has passed. Some religious life experienced, but nothing to boast of - poor J R continues very troublesome - Our little Caleb seems to be quite unwell today

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 January 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 17// Caleb seems better today --Nothing material the old grief remains in father R's family with but little abatement -My Mother is still much unwell but we are in hopes she is getting better, tho' slowly -

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 January 18, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) walked around the peninsula of Munychia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 1st M 18th// Silent Meeting, the last (preparative) was dull, tho' the reading of the Extracts from the Yearly Meeting seem'd to enliven us a little -

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January 19, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Athens and arrived at Vari.



60,000 French troops begin a major invasion of Andalucia.

[Henry Thoreau](#) would describe this day, in his journal for January 11 and January 22, 1857, as “Cold Friday,”



January 11, 1857: Began snowing yesterday afternoon, and it is still snowing this forenoon.

Mother remembers the Cold Friday very well. She lived in the house where I was born. The people in the kitchen—Jack Garrison, Esther, and a Hardy girl—drew up close to the fire, but the dishes which the Hardy girl was washing froze as fast as she washed them, close to the fire. They managed to keep warm in the parlor by their great fires.



January 22. Snows all day, clearing up at night, — a remarkably fine and dry snow, which, looking out, you might suspect to be blowing snow merely. Yet thus it snows all day, driving almost horizontally, but it does not amount to much. P. M.—To Walden. I never knew it to make such a business of snowing and bring so little to pass. The air is filled so that you cannot see far against it, i. e. looking north-northwest, yet but an inch or two falls all day. There is some drifting, however. You wonder how the tree sparrows can seek their food on the railroad causeway, flying in the face of such a fine, cold, driving snow-storm. Within the woods it is comparatively still.... I asked M. about the Cold Friday. He said, “It was plaguy cold; it stung like a wasp.” He remembers seeing them toss up water in a shoemaker’s shop, usually a very warm place, and when it struck the floor it was frozen and rattled like so many shot. Old John Nutting used to say, “When it is cold it is a sign it’s going to be warm,” and “When it’s warm it’s a sign it’s going to be cold.”

having already made mention of it in [WALDEN](#):

[WALDEN](#): Though, when I had been exposed to the rudest blasts a long time, my whole body began to grow torpid, when I reached the genial atmosphere of my house I soon recovered my faculties and prolonged my life. But the most luxuriously housed has little to boast of in this respect, nor need we trouble ourselves to speculate how the human race may be at last destroyed. It would be easy to cut their threads any time with a little sharper blast from the north. We go on dating from Cold Fridays and Great Snows; but a little colder Friday, or greater snow, would put a period to man’s existence on the globe.

THE GREAT SNOW



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The weather that winter had been unusually moderate. December had been warm and very little snow had fallen. The ground was bare in southern New England, though there was snow in the northern states, enough “for good sleighing.” The previous day had been mild, with a warm south wind, but about four o’clock in the afternoon there had been a snow squall and the wind had come up, changed around to the north-northwest, and increased in force until it blew “with great violence.” The temperature, which was 45 degrees in Salem MA, suddenly began to plunge. Eighteen hours later, it had fallen 50 degrees. In Springfield MA, people witnessed a heavy fog passing down the Connecticut River. The cold air congealed into a fine snow, which rose 40 feet above the water and was most conspicuous about 2PM. At Amherst NH, it was 14 below zero. At Weare NH, the temperature fell 55 degrees between Thursday morning and Friday morning. Few people ventured out. A winter hurricane had swept in. At times and places the wind was so strong it was difficult to stand. The gale force wind continued all day, and houses and barns were blown away. Huge stands of trees were blown down, or splintered so as to “render them unfit for timber.” In Chester NH, the wind so moved a house that one corner fell into the cellar. At Sanbornton, three children died while their parents were attempting to get them in a sleigh from their home, the roof of which had gone, to a neighbor’s house. The sleigh kept blowing over, and though a neighbor attempted to help, the children froze. The neighbor would not recovered from snowblindness.

The cold would continue until the morning of the following Monday, when the wind would change to the southwest and the temperature begin to rise. Many of the livestock, however, would be found to have frozen where they stood.



Here are Zechariah Allen’s diary entries for this storm as experienced in Providence, Rhode Island:



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Jan 19. 1857 violent gale and snowstorm Train to Boston got as far as Mansfield, broke the plow and returned etc Edward J Cushing passed the night with me being unable to get back to his home. Has long pleasant conversation, has been through a lot with C and now feels toward him like a son

1/23/57 several degrees below zero last night, violent wind, more drifting. ...Most inclement has been the past week. It has produced in every bosm a thrill of grateful thankfulness that a shelter from the freezing cold and food are available to sustain existence. (The next day he would report that the cold Friday was -20 to -28.)

1/26 I ventured to go to the mills today [but a later entry would indicate that he didn't make it all the way]. The roads are in places cut through deep snow drifts. It has been difficult to keep the attic stories of either of the mills warm. The water wheels have all been kept sufficiently free of ice to operate regularly and no delay and no delay has occurred from the destruction of ice. But the snowstorm on Monday last was so severe that only 3/4 of the hands went into the mills. The inclemency of the weather has prevented me from going out to the mills since the 17th of January, nine days ago. On the south side of the dam the road is blocked by a snowdrift 16 feet deep. I think there will be snow remaining from this drift until the 10th of April next. The icehouse at Allendale was nearly full last Saturday night when the snowstorm commenced One or two days work more will be requisite to complete the filling of the icehouse.

1/28 William D Ely returned from Hartford last evening by the first train that has come through from Hartford to Providence since the 17th The drifted snowbanks are high as the top of the locomotive chimney in the deep cuts along the road. (He here pasted in a number of newspaper articles that showed all the records that were broken often for the coldest temperature ever recorded throughout the NorthEast.)

Here are Oliver Ames's diary entries for the storm as experienced in North Easton, Massachusetts:

January 18th — this was a cloudy dark day & verry cold thermometer in the morning from 8 to 10 degrees below 0 cold all day. I had a yoke of oxen brought here by Caleb Easton the 17th and left on trial for two weeks— the weighd 3400 — one measures 7 feet & 1 inch & the other 7 feet & 2 inches.

The 19th it began to snow yesterday afternoon wind northeast and snowd until noon today the wind blew verry hard last night and today the snow was verry fine and dry and blew into heaps verry badly & fild up the cannal so that we could not run the enjoin the river was fild up so that it would not run in the chanel & flowd out onto the land it was the worst time about managing the water that I have ever known.

the 20th and 21st were fair days but pritty cold

the 22nd there was a fine snowstorm today with a high wind & cold wind about north west there was about 4 inches of snow fell

the 23rd this was a fair day & verry cold & windy thermometer 18 degrees below zero in the morning & 9 below at noon the wind yesterday and today fild up the roads badly

24th the thermometer was 30 degrees below zero this morning it rose rapidly and at noon was 19 above 0 it was fair in the forenoon and a little cloudy in the afternoon wind about south

the 28th it is colder today wind northeast but thaws some and our cannal is thawd out and they are at work at Joel's Shop for the first time since the 17th

Feb 4th the wind was southwest & much the warmest day we have had for a long time the snow melted pritty fast

The 7th it was foggy this morning wind southerly and cloudy all day but did not thaw but little our team went to Bridgewater on wheels today for the first time since the 3rd January

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 1st M 19th// The day has passed, I hardly know how. A very cold day however may be said of it & but very little accomplished in the line of my buisness, in the eveng I was at home & tho' we had a good fire we had much ado to keep comfortable. -

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January 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day [sic] 1st M 21st// At meeting this morning our friend D Buffum was much favor'd in testimony, & my mind was touched with the precious life, tho' the body was not in a very comfortable state owing to the extream cold of the weather. - In the Afternoon we were silent & warmer than in the Morning - In the eveng called at O Williams & went up to see Ruth & her little Catharine

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January 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 M 22// Nothing material to insert - the Day has passed with the usual rounds - to little proffit (I fear) in any sense -

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January 23, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the Temple of Athena at Sunuim.

In the face of the French offensive, the Spanish junta abandoned Seville for Cádiz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 M 23// The weather is warmer & a little more buisness can be done. The mind touched with a feeling of life at times

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January 24, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Keratea and arrived at the plain of Marathon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st M 24// At seasons the mind thro' the day the mind



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has felt the precious arisings of truth but Oh how short are its visits. My Mother continues poorly but we hope is better

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 January 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 1 M 25// Our first meeting was Silent & to me a poor time – the last (Monthly) was long, much buisness & I thought dull work – S Fishes Certificate was sign'd by many friends Sister E & Mary Collins set the evening with us –

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 January 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 1 M 1810// We took tea at Neighbor Vinsons & set the evening pleasantly


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 January 27, Saturday: Publication of the Variations for piano op.34 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 1 Mo// Joseph Rodman took a dish of tea & set the evening with us – Oh that there was more stability in mankind –

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 January 28, Sunday: Most of the Spanish junta reached Cádiz and was able to set up a government.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 1 Mo// Our friend D Buffum was large & satisfactory in testimony this forenoon – in the Afternoon silent – brother D Rodman & I sat the eveng at T Robinsons very pleasantly


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 January 29, Monday: The Spanish junta in Cádiz awarded power to a 5-man regency council.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 1 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds –


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 January 30, Tuesday: With Archduke Rudolph returning to Vienna, for the occasion [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) presented the 3d movement of his Piano Sonata op.81a “Les Adieux,” entitled “Das Wiedersehen.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 1 Mo// Again the day has passed with but little variation from the usual rounds – Friends that are going to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly meeting will have a cold suffering time my mind has been with them several times today but my present situation is such that my body must be where it is. –


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 January 31, Wednesday: A Supreme Council of Regency was set up in Spain to rule for King Fernando VII in opposition to the French. Nicolás Ambrosio de Garro y Arizcún, marques de las Hormazas replaced Francisco de Saavedra y Sangronis as First Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 1 Mo// The Month ends with but little life, & the eveng with a suffering tooth Ach – Brother David called to see us

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 February 1, Thursday: French forces captured Seville without a fight.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 2 M 1810// A low time at meeting, the mind however enabled to take a little sip of the fountain – Thought much of our friends at Quarterly – How pleasant it would be could I be with them –

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February 8, Thursday: Articles of agreement were signed at New Haven, Connecticut, creating the firm of Townsend, Bronson & Co., comprised of Jacob Townsend, Alvin Bronson, and ship's master Sheldon Thompson, to engage in maritime commerce in New York State.

Napoléon places Catalonia, Aragon, Navarre, and the Basque country under military rule.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 2 Mo// At meeting my tooth Ached so that I was not in a situation to be very much edified but doubtless more might have been experienced if I had been more Watchful – Hannah Dennis & Abigail Sherman Dined with us & spent the Afternoon with the Addition of M Williams & Sister E & also Joseph –

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February 9, Friday: While conducting rehearsals for Silvana in Stuttgart, Carl Maria von Weber was arrested by the police along with his father. He would be held incommunicado in an inn for 16 days under three charges: 1. theft of silver articles, 2. embezzlement of Duke Ludwig's money (actually done by his father — the amount was repaid but with borrowed money and the lender was demanding his money back) and 3. bribery and "association with plots for military exemption."

[Henry Swasey McKean](#) was born in Boston, son of the Reverend Professor Joseph McKean, S.T.D., LL.D., Boylston Professor of Rhetoric, Oratory and Elocution at [Harvard College](#), and Amy Swasey McKean. Henry's daddy would found Harvard's Porcelian Club and now has a gate in his honor:





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[Henry](#) would grow up in Fay House (which had been built in 1806 as the 1st brick house in the vicinity of the road between Cambridge and Watertown and was therefore even more impressive then than it is now as the original building of Radcliffe College).



Then [Henry](#) would be sent to Boston Latin, from which he would graduate of course with high honors (he would turn out to be especially, especially adept in the field of mathematics).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 2 M // Nothing material to insert - the mind in not a very advancing state as to best things

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February 10, Saturday: King Friedrich of Württemberg dismissed criminal charges against Carl Maria von Weber and his father. The case was referred to a civil court, where Weber's creditors waited.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 10 of 2 M // The mind similar to Yesterday – Oh that it was better with me – but so it is –

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February 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 2 M // Hannah Dennis & Abigail Robinson were much favor'd in testimony this forenoon in the Afternoon we were silent – I was much troubled with the Tooth Ach & hardly in a capacity to enjoy any thing. – Set the evening at home in much Pain- My father & father R gave us short visits.

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February 12, Monday: Since Fort Bowyer was again attacked by the whole British force, as it retired from New Orleans, Captain Lawrence was forced to surrender it (the site of this old fort is now occupied by Fort Morgan). We can't be too hard on him. –A guy's gotta do what a guy's gotta do, right?

America's white captains of slaver vessels such as the *La Coste* of South Carolina, even when caught red-handed and convicted, could expect at the last moment to be the beneficiaries of the "executive clemency" of the President of the United States of America. For instance, on this date William Sewall, convicted for importing slaves, was pardoned by President [James Madison](#) (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 194, 235, 240). We can't be too hard on him, he's a white man after all. –A white guy's gotta do what a white guy's gotta do, right?

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 2nd M [February 1810] // Severe suffering with the tooth Ach & not courage to have it extracted, pain is very hard to bear, but after suffering is abated we better know how to appreciate our favors. –



February 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 2nd M // Tooth better, but not well, the mind unable to enjoy much of the precious life



February 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 2 M // Nothing material to insert Sister R spent



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the Afternoon & evening with us very agreeably on our part –



February 15, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 2 Mo [February 15, 1810] // Our dear brother Philip Dunham was at meeting also [Paul Cuffe](#), the latter Dined with us – dear Philip was much favor'd. I think I never heard a more living & baptizing supplication from any person, & at the funeral of Joseph Wilbours Wife this Afternoon his testimony was living & Powerfull

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February 16, Friday: John Richardson was appointed Superintendent of New York's Onondaga Salt Springs.

The Grand Duchy of Frankfurt (Main) was created, under French control. Prince-Archbishop Karl Theodor Anton Maria, Baron von Dalberg of Regensburg became Grand Duke of Frankfurt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 2 M // Nothing material, but the usual rounds

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February 17, Saturday: [Rome](#) was formally annexed to the French Empire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 2 M // Much occupied at Trade. The mind in a poor condition as to life, indeed I have suffer'd so much with the tooth Ach of late that my head has been so confused that I have been unable to think on any subject –

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February 18, Sunday: King Friedrich of Württemberg was about to banish Carl Maria von Weber when 42 creditors pressed their cases against him, causing the duke to re-arrest the composer at the expense of the creditors (he would finish Silvana during his imprisonment).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 2 M 1810 // I went to meeting in the forenoon, & Abigail Sherman preached a little to us "This day choose whom



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you will serve, if God be God serve him but if Baal be God serve him" but I suffered so much with the tooth Ach that I could feel but little else, however these thoughts run thro' my mind, that when a person had the tooth Ach they were for putting off the sure remedy (extraction) & trying Paliatives which only tend to keep us longer under suffering, when if we would come to the point at once & have it out, our suffering would be soon over - so I thought it is with those who are called to make religious sacrifices, allways dreading the thing required & putting it off from season to season in hopes to make something else answer, but nothing will give permanent peace but A sacrifice of that which is required at our hands -With these thoughts I went home concluding to try one prescription more, & if that did not answer I would then think more seriously of extraction, which I did, & staid from meeting to make the experiment, but all would not do, so accordingly I put on my boots early in the evening come out of the house not letting any boody know where I was going, & went to J Lawton & had it pulled & return'd on my way rejoicing, as did my dear H when She found my sufferings in that respect (at least for a time) were ended

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February 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 19 of 2 Mo// The mind in rather a poor state but not so Poor as at some times. Our little Son is very sick today, & Sister Ruth is very affectinately with us - he appears to be about his teeth.

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February 20, Tuesday: Andreas Hofer, who had led the uprisal of the Tyrol against France and Bavaria, was executed in Mantua (Mantova).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 2 Mo// Our little boy has been very sick today, so that I began to be apprehensive of the Issue but is this evening much more quiet & comfortable. -

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February 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 21 of 2 Mo// Our dear little son continues much better
-I desire to be thankful, but I desire also but to have my
affections to much placed upon him, so that if he is taken from
this to a better home, the Shock may not be to Great*

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February 22, Thursday: It was determined that Carl Maria von Weber owed three times his assets. Weber agreed to a debt payment arrangement to placate the creditors. They petitioned for his release.

[Alexander Wilson](#) whipped up his courage and resolved upon a grand river adventure:

Pittsburgh Feb. 22 1810.
*I have resolved to navigate a small
Bateau which I have bought, I name the
Ornithologist, down to Cincinnati, 528 miles,
myself, -*
Yours most sincerely
Alex Wilson

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1810// Went to [Portsmouth](#) with Rowse Taylor
to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. (The little boy being so
unwell that my Dear H could not leave him) Our first meeting was
silent, in the last there was much buisness, which got along as
well as usual, but no great or uncommon degree of life in either
Meeting - We dined at Our friend R Mitchells, & came home soon
- I was sorry that I was so pinched for time that I could not
call at H A to see our Ancient friend James Brighthurst who seems
to be near a close as to this World but will doubtless in my
mind be admitted to a mansion of Rest in that which is to come.
Found my H & son pretty well*

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February 23, Friday: King Friedrich of Württemberg ordered the release of Carl Maria von Weber, and his banishment.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 2nd Mo// My mind has today been favor'd to experience the arisings of life in a sweet & precious degree for which I desire to be thankful - In the evenging called at B Hadwens - his mother departed this life this afternoon

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February 24, Saturday: Henry Cavendish, physicist, died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 2 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except the usual rounds at Meals & my occupation -

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February 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 2 Mo// Had pretty good meetings in the forenoon our friend D Buffum was engaged in a short but very alarming testimony from the text "If the righteous are scarcely to be saved where shall the ungodly & sinner appear" - My dear H & little son are pretty Well

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February 26, Monday: Carl Maria von Weber and his father were awakened in the morning by a police officer and escorted to the border at Fürfeld. They were banished from Württemberg forever for their enormous debts. From this day, Weber would keep a diary. On the first page he wrote, "Born again for the second time."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 2 Mo// Attended the funeral of our friend Elizabeth Hadwen We went to the meeting house & had a solemn opportunity, our friend D Buffum skillfully engaged in testimony

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February 27, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Mannheim.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 2 Mo// Peter Cozzens was buried. I could not attend his funeral but was desirous too, he was a goodly & clean spirited old man & son of a member of Society but not a member himself - he lacked about 8 days of 90 Years of age -

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February 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 2 Mo// Heard this Afternoon that Our ancient friend James Brighthurst Deceased last evening at the huse of Holder Almy last eveng. How the Aged pass away from us. -

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March 1, Thursday: [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin \(later Frédéric François Chopin\)](#) was born in Zelazowa Wola in the Duchy of Warsaw near the capital, second of four children born to Nicholas Chopin, Alsatian tutor to the children of Countess Ludvika Skarbek, and Tekla Justyna Krzyzanowska, personal attendant to and distant relative of the countess.

Hannover was made part of the Kingdom of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day [sic] 1 of 3 M 1810// We had a silent meeting & tho' my mind would now & then jostle from the right place yet it was a pretty good time to me - I was lead to reflect on the many deaths that have taken place in our Society since the present year commenced, chiefly among those that are far advanced in life, & how soon we whose boones are moisened with marrow & blood thrilling in our veins, if pernitted inhabit this Tabernacle of clay even to advanced life, must pass away as they have done, & perhaps "here today & gone tomorrow", so that we cannot be too soon in readiness to meet our final Awful Change. I feel desirous to be in the faithful discharge of my duty, obedient to every intimation thereof that when my account is called for, it may be in readiness to present to him the Judge of all & from whom there is no Appeal My much valued friend Richard Mitchell called at the shop this afternoon & staid an hour or two in which time we had much interesting & feeling conversation, it was to me & I believe it was so to him a season of much tender feeling - How precious are sweet opportunitys when those who are acquainted with the Hebrew tongue call in & set who down in a brotherly way to converse on those things which are near to our best life-



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March 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 2 of 3 Mo// The mind in a better frame than usual, a geed degree of life has been experienced. –

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March 3, Saturday: France annexed Dalmatia and attached the Tyrol to the Kingdom of Italy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 3 of 3 Mo// This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) with brother D Rodman on our way to [Tiverton](#) to attend the funeral of Our good old friend James Bringham – We lodged at Benjamin Freeborns, & were very comfortably & agreeably entertain'd in the evening by conversation with our friends Benjm is a man of experience & value - In the Morning after breakfast we rode to Tiverton & crossed the new Stone Bridge at Howlands ferry which is the first time I have been there since its completion – We went to Thos Barkers at the time appointed for the funeral & saw the corpse of the good old man which looked natural & pleasant considering how long it had been kept - I serv'd as a bearer & soon Moved to the Meeting house after a pretty length of Silence Our frd Wm Almy rose up & preached the truth to the people, & as soon as he concluded Our friend D Buffum was up on his feet & spoke with much life & Power for a considerable time – After a considerable pause in which the Minds of many present appeared to be dipt into much feeling, the Meeting concluded & we took the corpse from the Meeting house to the grave on Shoulders where after a suitable pause it was decently interr'd We returnd & dined at Thos Barkers, & after going into the chamber to see my beloved Susanna who is mostly confind by sickness We returnd homeward stopping on our Way at Benjm Freeborns to get what we left there the night before - We got safe home a little before sundown & found our wives & little ones Well – I can say with repect to myself that it has been a very favor'd visit to me a time I hope not soon to forget. –

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March 5, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Athens and embarked on board the *Pylades*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 5 of 3 Mo// Engaged all day with Sam Thurston & Richard Mitchell in taking an inventory of the personal Estate Elizabeth Hadwen. We dind & took tea With Benjamin

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March 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 3 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that I am quite indisposed with a cold & sore throat -

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March 7, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Smyrna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 3 Mo// I am still unwell & more so than yesteray with an horseness & soreness in my throat - Brother D & Wife & brother J & Wife took tea with, Sister Rebecca set the eveng

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March 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 3 M 1810// I went to meeting, tho' before I went I thought I was too much unwell, but was glad I did as it was a pretty good time - A Sherman express words as follows "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard neither hath it enter'd into the heart of Man to conceive the good which the Lord hath laid up in store for those that love him" Sarah Fish was present but had nothing to Say among us -

A Cough came on with violence late this Afternoon which causes a great oppression & soreness at my lungs, medicine (however) taken this eveng has a Salutory effect

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March 9, Friday: The publication of [Jan Ladislav Dussek](#)'s Three Duos concertantes for piano and harp C.234 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Archduchess Marie-Louise renounced all claims to the imperial throne of Austria and swore allegiance to France. At Schönbrunn Palace a marriage contract with the emperor [Napoléon](#) was signed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 3 Mo// My health is poor, my breast is sore, & I have no doubt but being affected as my breath & lungs are at present for any considerable length of time, the termination would be severe but I think the Coltsfoot & Hysop tea Sweetened with Honey & a little Sweet Nitre with it which I took last night & the Coltsfoot & Indian bran sweetend with honey today has a good effect – Rec'd this morning a very acceptable letter from my friend Micajah Collins

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March 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 3 Mo// My cold seems better today, tho' I was much exposed this morning in rising at the early hour of 4 OClock & went out at the Alarm of fire which happened in Capt Whites house a few doors below where I live, but fortunately the fire was extinguished without great difficulty & did not do but about \$200 damage to the house

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March 11, Sunday: In Vienna, the emperor [Napoléon](#) got married by proxy with Archduchess Marie-Louise of Austria, daughter of the Emperor Franz I. In Bergamo, Simon Mayr's Cantata per le nozze di Napoléone con Maria Luisa d'Austria to words of Count Carrara-Spinelli was performed for the initial time, for the marriage of the Emperor and the Archduchess. Ferramondo, another cantata by the same composer to words of Carrara-Spinelli, was also performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1day 11 of 3 Mo// I staid at home this forenoon while my dear H went to Meeting & took care of the little boy – In the Afternoon We went together & Sister E took care of him the while we had silent meetings, & to me it was a pretty good time In the evening went to see my dear Aunt Martha Gould

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 March 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 12 of 3 Mo// Occupied as usual, in the evening rote to
Uncle Stanton – Recd a letter from Wm Burling –*

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 March 13, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Smyrna and slept at Han, near the river Halesus.

The New York State Senate passes a resolution calling for Gouverneur Morris, Stephen Van Rensselaer, DeWitte Clinton, Simeon De Witt, William North, Thomas Eddy, and Peter B. Porter to be appointed commissioners to explore routes for a [canal](#) across the state, and to recommend improvements to Onondaga Lake.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 13 of 3 Mo// Again the usual rounds & but little else,
my cold seems better for which I desire to be thankful with all
the rest of my favors. –*


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 March 14, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Han and arrived in Aiasaluk, near Ephesus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 14 of 3 Mo// My H & little Son spent the day at my fathers
Sister Ruth was there in the Afternoon, which was very agreeable
– Recd a long letter from Lewis Clarke. –*

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 March 15, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus.

Last issue of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s [The Friend](#).

The New York State House of Representatives concurred with the Senate's resolution calling for Gouverneur Morris, Stephen Van Rensselaer, DeWitte Clinton, Simeon De Witt, William North, Thomas Eddy, and Peter B. Porter to be appointed commissioners to explore routes for a [canal](#) across the state, and to recommend improvements to Onondaga Lake.

ERIE CANAL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 15th of 3 M 1810// I had a poor dull meeting, but the fault was my own. Oh when shall I experience more of the fullness.

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March 16, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Ephesus and returned to Smyrna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 3 Mo// Our Little soon [son] seems quite unwell I suppose it owing to his teeth, none of which are through but his gums much swollen – Mary Collins spent the Afternoon & evening With us –

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March 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 3 Mo// Called With B Hadwen to see Arthur Flagg whose father deceased yesterday, he was a very respectable African Aged 77 Years & had been in this country about 56 years – We thought it our duty to call & offer what assistance we could render, having much to feel on account of the Poor Oppressed African race. We saw the Corps which had a placid countenance & looked as when alive. I immediately thought of (I think it was) Thos Says, Vision when he Saw the Poor blackman cloathed in white & some of White skin, in not so favorable cloathing –

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March 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 3 Mo// We had silent meetings – Our little Caleb seems to be very sick. I hardly know how the case will terminate. Attended the funeral of Arthur Flagg – And who would presume to say that Africans does not possess feelings & affections as strong as those of White people, when they view the solemnity of their funerals, and in particular the tears that was shed at the grave of this goodly old man, my very heart was rent to see how much affected his children were at parting with him, & was not lessened to see his poor old country Man & brother in the Church (that he belonged to), Sipeo Tanner, shed tears over the grave of his brother – Arthur was a man of uncommon respectibility, had purchased his own time of his Master, his Wife & several of Children & besides that, had by his industry & prudence acquired considerable property, & died Much above



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want after having supported a large family very reputably - Such a Character is respectable as the Cholor of their Skin be as it may

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March 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 3 Mo// Our dear boy continues very ill his disorder proved the canker rash & teething - The Doctor thinks his case has been doubtful all day - this evening he considers him a little better - Sister E will set up with him tonight, this is the first time we have ever employ a Watcher -

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March 20, Tuesday: Eusebio Bardaji y Azara replaced Nicolás Ambrosio de Garro y Arizcún, marques de las Hormazas as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 3 M 1810// Our dear little boy had a comfortable night & seems better this morning, has continued so thro' the day & eveng so that we are in hopes he may be restored - tho' the prospect has appeard gloomy

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March 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 3 Mo// Our dear little son is still better but is yet quite sick, but we think if no change for the worse takes place that he will be likely to be healed of this disease My mind has been seriously thoughtful about him & began to think how I could be reconciled to parting with him; he has many little endearing ways which entwine him closely to the heart, & his removal would be a very severe trial to the feelings, but the consolation that our loss would be his gain, that by an early removal from time he would escape the Snares of satan, would be very great. -

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March 22, Thursday: Jan Ladislav Dussek's three sets of variations for piano C.235-237 were performed for the initial time, in the Odéon, Paris by the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 3 Mo// Our little son continues better, which I desire to be thankful for, as it appears to be consistent with Divine Wisdom to lend him to us a little longer. Attended Meeting which was silent in the last (Preparative) Josiah Lawton inform'd thro' the medium of D Rodman that he proposed publishing his intentions of Marriage with Mary Collins.

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March 23, Friday: In the "Rambouillet Decree," the Emperor [Napoléon](#) directed the seizure of all ships of the United States of America entering French ports (his order was issued retroactive to the previous May 20th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 3 Mo// Divers have gone from town to attend the funeral of Joshua Barker an aged man & Uncle to my valued friend Susanna Barker. I should have been glad to have gone but having latly been at Tiverton I thought the time that it would take was more than I could afford - I understand he left time suddenly, having a cold for several days but not more unwell than he frequently was & about. As usual the family carried him his breakfast, & when they went to him again found him on the floor Dead. -

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March 24, Saturday: David Melville of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) patented a "Lamp, Gas."

FIRE

LIGHTING THE NIGHT



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 3 Mo// Father R dined with us & I dont know but it is the first time. - The mind in a dull frame as to religious sensibility, but I trust a little has been experienced-

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March 25, Sunday: The Commercial Bank of Scotland was founded in Edinburgh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 3 M 1810// In the forenoon our friend David Buffum was very living & Powerful in testimony - In the Afternoon we were silent & after meeting I went home with J Dennis & took tea & spent the evening very agreeably - In walking home I could not but commemorate seasons that I had spent at the same place with an once beloved Youth & former companion of mine, good times we have had together, but now Alass Alass Alass he has fallen from the faith, how thankful ought I to be that I am thus far preserved from bringing open reproach on the precious testimony, - & how ought I to pray for help to continue to the end. Sarah Wilbour from South Kingston was at meeting today but had no




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public Service.

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 March 26, Monday: Mathilde von Guise, an opera by Johan Nepomuk Hummel after Mercier-Dupaty was performed for the initial time, in the Kärntnertortheater, Vienna.

Der Fischer und das Milchmädchen, oder Viel Lärm um einen Kuss, a divertissement by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Lauchery, was performed for the initial time, at the Royal Theater, Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 3 Mo// The day has passed with the usual round except that in the eveng I met with the Directors of the African Benevolent Society at Wm Pattens

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 March 27, Tuesday: Publication of three works by William Crotch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London: the glees Hail all the dear Delights, on Returning to Heathfield Park and Sweet Sylvan Scenes, and the air with variations for piano Milton Oysters or, Yeo, Yeo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 3 Mo// I have felt some motions of life on the mind today. Oh! that they may increase - Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from Jos Bringhurst in answer to one I wrote him sometime past respecting his brother James's decease. -

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 March 28, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) finished writing Canto II of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE:

HEREDITARY BONDSMEN! KNOW YE NOT WHO WOULD BE FREE, THEMSELVES MUST STRIKE THE BLOW?--*British Poet.*



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 3 Mo// I have experienced a little life at times in the course of the day but I am a very barran creature, & If I feel no more tomorrow I shall be of but little service at Meetings



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March 29, Thursday: John H. Farnham, a student of [Harvard College](#), wrote his sister Mary B. Farnham in Newburyport to tell of a [duel](#) that had taken place involving Daniel Ripley (a law student, son of the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) and Madam [Phoebe Bliss Emerson Ripley](#) of [Concord](#)):

This morning I was saluted with no very agreeable piece of intelligence, which perhaps you may not be informed of & so I will give you a rough draft of. I was asked whether I had heard anything of Ripley's fighting a Duel. No I answered with much surprise when I learned that D.B. Ripley attended on tuesday evening the company of Cadets - that among the officers nominate for Election was a Mr. Wells for captain whose nomination Mr. Ripley & Mr. Bourne strenuously advocated. The election of Mr. Wells was last - after the business of the company was transacted, sat down to a party of whist - Bourne presently came up to the table & observed with marked [?] chagrin & contempt that had it not been for Ripleys foolish defence of said Wells as Captain, his election would have been carried. Poor Daniel was puzzled for an answer to so severe an attack. Presently he replied No sir, you mistake, had it not been for your duplicity he might have been elected. -Bourne knocked Ripley down. In the interim I know [not] what passed - but in the morning Ripley sent a note to B demanding some honorable satisfaction or reparation for the gross insult he had received. Bourne answered his note with contempt and scurrilous abuse & defiance. Ripley then sent him a challenge - which Bourne accepted - Each of them with their seconds - immediately took horses & carriages & rode as far as [Pawtucket](#) to boundary town between Massachusetts and [Rhode Island](#) [because duels were illegal in Massachusetts] - & walked out onto the field of combat - The first fire fell to Ripley - He fired & shot Bourne through the Coat - Bourne then apologised & said if Mr. Ripley was satisfied he was. Mr. Ripley was satisfied - thus ended this unfortunate affair, which will certainly be a great disadvantage to Ripley - although he had the best side....

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 3 Mo // Our first meeting was Silent but I believe was a pretty to me favord time - the last [Monthly Meeting] was large & an abundance of buisness came before us - J Lawton & M Collins published their intentions of marriage & performed Well. - David Buffum expressed a prospect he felt to accompany Elisha Thornton to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting which was united with & he furnished with a Coppy of a Minute - buisness went on with much uniminity which was a comfort - Hannah Dennis Wife of George & Susanna Hicks Dined with us -



March 30, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30 of 3 Mo// Recd a letter from Jos Bringhurst Junr



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respecting his fathers decease - The mind in a dull state—

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 March 31, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 3 Mo// The Mind in a feeling state, & under a degree of Depression. -

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 April 1, Sunday: Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) went, accompanied by his brother/tutor, to Darmstadt to study with Georg Joseph Vogler.

In a civil ceremony at Saint Cloud, the Emperor [Napoléon](#), this time in person, got married with Archduchess Marie-Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria (the cantata for the occasion was by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#)).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 4 M 1810// We had silent meetings & in the Afternoon a very small one owing to a severe storm of Wind & Rains - My mind was in a very roving condition, I was hardly able to have one good thought - Oh how often is this my case.

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 April 2, Monday: In a religious ceremony at the Louvre, the emperor [Napoléon](#) got married with Archduchess Marie-Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria. At night, at the Tuileries Palace in the presence of the honorees, Cantate pour le mariage de l'Empereur by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul to words of Arnault was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 4 M // Reluctantly submitted to the Appointment of guardian of Violet Flagg a black Woman, but hope to be found faithful in the discharge of my trust.-

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 April 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 4 M // The mind not a little reflective on many subjects what concern me



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April 4, Wednesday: James Freeman Clarke was born in Hanover, New Hampshire to Samuel Clarke and Rebecca Hull Clarke.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Darmstadt for studies with Georg Joseph Vogler.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 4 of 4 M // Our friends E Thornton & D Buffum sail'd
this morning for NYork with a prospect of being at Philadelphia
Yearly Meeting*

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April 5, Thursday: The House of Commons ordered the arrest of Francis Burdett, radical Whig MP. The charge officially leveled against him was that he had published a speech in the House, but what most of the members of parliament disliked about him was his advocacy of liberal ideas such as reform of Parliament, prison reform, and freedom of speech. The streets were so flooded with his supporters that the officers sent to arrest him were unable to do so.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

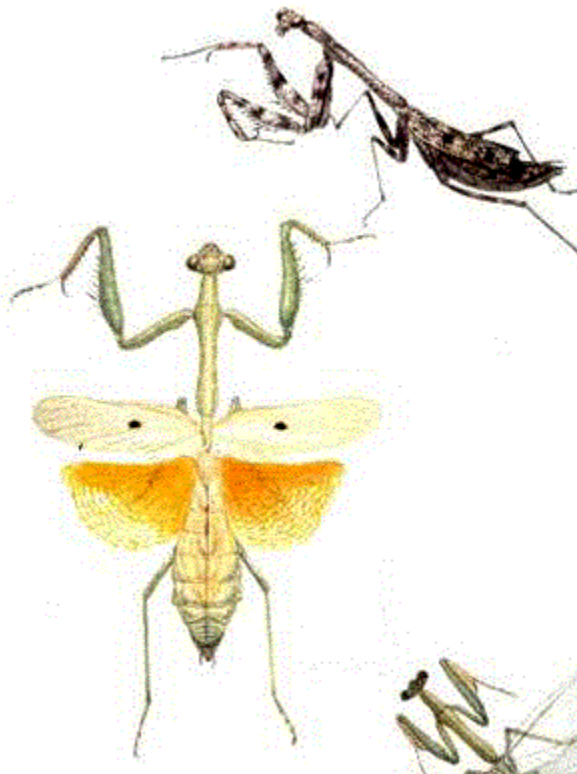
*5th day 5th 4 M // From present appearances it is presumable
that Our frds E T & D B have had a fine passage to NYork & were
there before Noon today. - I was at meeting. i.e. I presented
my body, but mind was in a very roving condition. I tried to
center down to the Life & did feel a little of it arise but Alas
how poor I am I can but morn over myself that I am so lean, poor
& barran*

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April 6, Friday: Supporters of Francis Burdett began rioting and attacking the residences of the Prime Minister and prominent Tories.

[Philip Henry Gosse](#), who would develop the 1st institutional aquarium, was born on High Street in Worcester, England as the 2d son of an itinerant painter of miniature portraits⁷⁰ and a lady's maid. His childhood would be spent mostly in Poole, Dorset, where his aunt Susan Bell would teach him to draw and would introduce him to zoology (much as she had her own son, Thomas Bell, two decades his senior, who would become his great friend).

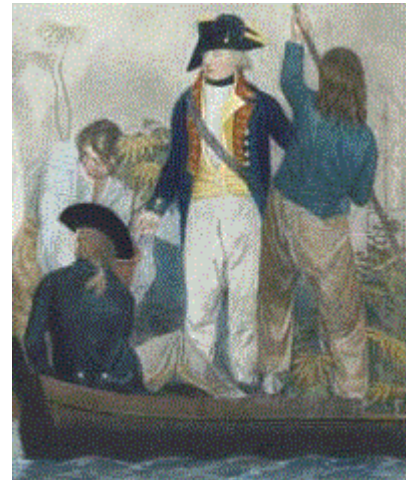


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ENTOMOLOGIA ALABAMENSIS

An illustration from Philip Henry Gosse's *Entomologia Alabamensis*, an unpublished collection of drawings and sketches of animals and plants, including 48 insects from Alabama.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6day 6 of 4 M // Nothing but the usual rounds thro' the day, & the usual dull sensations with respect to religious Sensations -



April 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 7th of 4th Mo// The Mind seems disposed to be serious & Oh that I could but experience the life of religion renew'd -

70. It is now interesting to compare the watercolors of English people, done by the father Thomas Gosse (1765-1844) who had trained at the Royal Academy, with the watercolors of butterflies and beetles done by the son. In both artists a microscopic inspection of the detail of this work will simply astound you.



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April 8, Sunday: After two days of rioting, armed troops were called in to London and Francis Burdett, MP was taken into custody and escorted to the tower (he would be released in June with no charges being brought).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 4 M // After a Silent & very roving Meeting, I walked out to Cousin Alice Goulds & took dinner & found the dear Old Woman very low & apparently near her final change, soon after dinner I went into her room & spoke with her & set some considerable time her sister Hathaway was also there, & I can say in truth that my spirit was uncommonly refreshed with the arrisings of life, the whole family seem'd very tender, but particularly Cousin Alice & the Widdow Hathaway & cousin Alice Junr who is deeply afflicted with a painful Cancer in her breast & to all human appearances will soon terminate her carrier [career] of life. I staid the afternoon & took tea & when I came away went again into the room & took leave of Cousin Alice. She seem'd perfectly sensible & collected in her Mind sent her love to my father & Mother & Wife. I told her I had had a very agreeable visit altho I had not had much of her company & conversation she reply'd she was glad to see friends come to the house, & if she did not say much to them their company was refreshing - I do not know the time when I have had more Sweet sensations, & been better paid for leaving Meeting - I walked home & stopped at Saml Thurstons by the way. -

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April 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9th of 4 M 1810// Our little Son was very restless so that his dear Mother nor myself got but little sound sleep. I often feel much sympathy with my endeared Wife in her anxieties & fatigues, & much desire she may be favord with patience & that I may not be found slack in my Duty towards her. - he seems very smart & lively this afternoon

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April 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 4 M // My dear Mother is very unwell today & I



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dont know but the days of her Years are nearly number'd, she has passed thro' many sorrows of late, & her constitution seems much exhausted thereby, well go when she will, my loss will be great indeed. I shall loose a tender & ever affectionate parent whose change from time, I pray may be to the Mansions of eternal rest – This eveng had an opportunity with John Green in company with J Sherman, on account of keeping company with a young woman not of society – the poor thing justified his conduct & we were unable to afford him any apparent help – Mary Williams Junr spent the Afternoon & eveng With my dear H –

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April 11, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Smyrna on the frigate *Salsette* bound for Constantinople.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 4 M// My H spends the day at her fathers. Also Sister Joanna – I dined & took tea with them –

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April 12, Thursday: The *Salsette* anchored off the coast of Tenedos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 4 M// We had as Silent meeting. – as usual my Mind was roving, but I thought it was rather more composed or centered than common – Thus days & weeks pass away & this is my general complaint – Oh that I may yet experience more of the divine life, – In the Afternoon met with the School committee. –

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April 13, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the ruins of Alexandria Troas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 13 of 4 M// Occupied as usual. Oh the leaness of my Spirit. When shall more of the life be experienced, but poor I am in every sense of the Word, & I see no other way at present but to bear my poverty with patience, & endeavor by perseverance to gain ground – Mother Rodman set the evening with us, also brother David –

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April 14, Saturday: The *Salsette* anchored off the coast of Cape Janissary.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 4 M 1810// Tho' much unwell with the rheumatism in my shoulder thro' the day, I thought it expedient to go to [Portsmouth](#) as buisness called me there, this afternoon, in the eveng I went to cousin Z Chases & lodged- And the next day I tarried their untill afternoon then in my walk home stopped at Cousin Alice Goulds & found them much as when I was there last first day the Old Woman very low & wearing out & Cousin Alice Junr in much distress - I then came home & found My H & little son at her fathers where we lodged - I did not go to Meeting, because I was unwell & thought it unsafe to Walk the distance, & was not free to take the seat of one of the family in the Chaises, which they kindly offer'd - While the family were gone I set down & read Clarksons Portrature & several manuscripts letters which they handed me, & my mind was much sweetned & refreshed thereby. here Satan would fain sugest to my mind that I had as well stay from meetings as go to them, seeing it is so frequently my lot to be so barran of life, but that will not do, tho' I am tried with roving & tossings, I must go & wrestle for life - It was a day of much sweet & precious feelings for which I desire to be humbly thankful & ascribe the favor to Him alone who can soften the stoney heart at his pleasure. -

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April 16, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lt. William Ekenhead set out on their initial attempt to swim across the Hellespont, but that day the water turned out to be too cold. Then Byron explored the Troad.

Dr. Abraham Skinner, who had been practicing medicine in Acton for some 29 years, died at the age of 53.

Dr. Abraham Skinner, was from Woodstock, Conn., and commenced practice in Acton, in 1781, where he died April 16, 1810, aged 53. He married Sarah, daughter of Francis Faulkner, Esq. 1788.⁷¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 4th Mo// The mind not very susceptible, but a little degree of Life has been experienced. My H is still at her father's & expects to be for several days - We spent the Afternoon with E Hosier which was very agreeable to us.-

71. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)




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 April 17, Tuesday: King José I reorganized local government in Spain along the French model.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 4 M // I feel a depression of Spirits which hangs about me & has at times all day. I sometimes think there is nothing to make me joyous, still there is something that bears me up daily


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 April 18, Wednesday: Publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek's Piano concerto C.238 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 18 of 4 M // A day of tumult, tho' my mind has been greatly preserved out of the mixture. I have been to town Meeting, & there was much strivings for mastery, the evil spirits was very prevalent among the people, which will allways be the case till we become good men. - I hardly know what to say. I wish I could be excused from going to town Meetings, I am no party man, but wish good order & good government, & goodly me to rule over us. -

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 April 19, Thursday: Wealthy landowners in Caracas, refusing to recognize Joseph Bonaparte, overthrew the Spanish captain-general and formed a junta to rule in the name of Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 4th M 1810// Philip Dunham is over & was at meeting - we had no preaching. - by wrestling I was favor'd to feel a little life to spring in my mind - Set most of the evening with C J Tenny in pleasant Conversation

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 April 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 20 of 4 M // Since last seventh day we have been at father Rodmans & after dinner today we went home, having spent with them an agreeable Week -

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April 21, Saturday: This was the year in which the Emperor [Napoléon](#) declared himself to be divorced. He wrote to Josephine:

My love, I have received your letter on April 19 - it is in a bad style. I am always the same; persons like me never change. I do not know what Eugène has told you. I had not written you because you had not written and because I wished only what should be agreeable to you.

I note with pleasure that you are going to Malmaison and that you are content. I shall be happy to receive news of you, and to give you news of myself. I say no more till you have compared this letter with yours; and that, I shall leave you to judge which is the better or the greater friend, you or I.

*Adieu, my love; keep well and be just to yourself and to me.
Napoleon*

At the height of his power and prestige, [Bonaparte](#) would wed Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 4th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, father Rodman dined with us & towards eveng my father called to see us but being very unwell was able to set but little while -



April 22, Easter Sunday: The Spanish evacuated the garrison of Matagorda near Cádiz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 4 M // Staid from meeting this forenoon to take care of Caleb while my dear H went - After meeting in the Afternoon J Sherman & I went to Saml Thurstons & took tea & on our way home called at D Williams's - While at home this forenoon I spent my time in Reading Truth Vindicated by Elizabeth Bathhurst which is an excellent book & one that in my young years tended much to Strengthen & confirm me in Our principles -


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 April 23, Monday: Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin was baptized.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 23rd of 4th Mo// I have felt exercised on several subjects, & the mind in a low state. I dont know that it is worth while to mention the causes, it will do no good, & tho' for several days I have said little or nothing of the State of my mind, yet I have not been without reflections - My mother set most of the Afternoon with my H & mother R & neighbor Rathbone the eveng. -

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 April 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 4 M // Again but little else than the usual rounds, the mind perhaps not in an entire dead State, a little of the life has been felt to circulate in the mind particularly this evening. -

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 April 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 4 M // With my dear H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. In the first meeting A Sherman said a few words. In the last we had much buisness, & considering all things it went on pretty well, it was a considerably favor'd time with me & I desire to be thankful - We dined at P Lawtons & then rode home & found our little son (whom we left at father Rs) had been very quiet, & my H appeard to suffer but little inconvenience from leaving him

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 April 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 4 M // Cousin L Clarke is over & has called & set some time with me in the Shop today - my mind has been favor'd to feel a little of the life to circulate today. Oh that there may be a double dilligence to go down in spirit, & search for the Pearl of Price. - Brother David called to see us this evening.-

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 April 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 4 M // The mind again today Seems touched with life, which is allways comfortable to feel & for which I desire allways to be thankful

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 April 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 4 M // We had Silent Meeting & to me rather dull seasons What more shall I say? but that I am a poor barran creature


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 April 30, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the springs of Bunarbashi.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 4 M // I seem to feel allmost out of conceit of myself in every respect, but this will not do; I must try not to be discouraged but hold fast the faith however discouraging prospects may seem at present -

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 1st of 5 Month (May 1), 3rd day of the week (Tuesday): In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 5th Mo// Our friends have gone to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting they have rather a Dull time the Wind not very brisk & what there is not very favorable - It would be very congenial with my inclination to be with them on board the Packet but so it is I must not be gratified in that respect, I have no one to leave in my Shop & my pecuniary standing will not admit its being Shut, tho' I cannot find on examination but that I should be willing to make the sacrifice if it seem'd required of me to go. - There is now much noise in the Street the Governoer has just come down the river which hass occasioned the discharge of Guns & other noises. I think my mind has been raised above it in a degree, & Oh that I may strive to keep the mInd so center'd, that thro' all the noise & stir that may occur tomorrow I may be favord with tranquility through the whole.-




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
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 2d of 5 Month (May 2), 4th day of the week (Wednesday): The *Salsette* anchored off Castle Chanak Kalessia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 5 Mo// Surely those that contend, that those who are of a different complexion from our selves are not accountable beings & have not minds capable of mental improvement, are mistaken, & no greater proof is needed than in the instance of [Paul Cuffe](#) a man of colour who has been to my shop today, whose spirit seems sweet & lovely, & mind expanded far above these lower objects, he felt near to my best life & my spirit was much refreshed in his company, by the arisings of the precious life. -It has been a noisy day but no more so than common for Election days, as usual there has been much Spirituous liquor drank & peoples min in quite heat. however not much violence committed, which is a favor -

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 May 3, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lt. William Ekenhead made their 2d attempt to swim the Hellespont in emulation of Leander (about 4 miles on a slant with the current) and succeeded. Ekenhead completed the swim in 1 hour and 5 minutes and Byron got ashore 5 minutes later.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 5th M 1810// Josiah Lawton & Mary Collins were married this day, they spoke handsomely & the meeting was large & quick considering the occasion - We had no preaching & no Man Elder present the rest are absent to the Quarterly meeting - In the afternoon by invitation I went to the wedding house & took a dish of tea with them & while setting in the company I felt a sweetness to attend my mind and a little silent Supplication was breathed for their Spiritual improvements. My dear H was also invited but could not attend.-

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 May 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 5th Mo// Our friends have this Afternoon returned from [Greenwich](#) Quarterly Meeting - as they walked up Street my heart leaped within me & near love & unity was excited with them, from a full belief that they had been to do the Lords Work, & I trust many of them have been well engaged & witnessed refreshment of Spirit, from the little visit I can again repeat



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*that it would have been very pleasant to have been with them,
but my situation & circumstances are such, that I feel pretty
clear that it was best for me to be at home*

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May 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 5 of 5 Mo// The day has gone which is the chief I can
say about it, except that my mind has been much occupied about
the best & most expedient method of making provision for friends
at the Y Meeting time being one of the committee for that purpose*

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May 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 6 of 5 Mo// Our Meetings were silent - I staid at home in
the morning while my H went - After meeting in the Afternoon
Sister Ruth went home with me & set the evening*

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May 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd 7 of 5 Mo// My mind much occupied respecting the provision
for friends at Yearly Meeting time & in the eveng met at O Ws
for that Purpose*

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May 8, Tuesday: [Walter Scott](#)'s THE LADY OF THE LAKE was published. It featured a "Lord James of Douglas" character who had unjustly been outlawed:

Frederick Douglass's NARRATIVE

On the morning after our arrival at New Bedford, while at the breakfast-table, the question arose as to what name I should be called by. The name given me by my mother was, "Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey." I, however, had dispensed with the two middle names long before I left Maryland so that I was generally known by the name of "Frederick Bailey." I started from Baltimore bearing the name of "Stanley." When I got to New York, I again changed my name to "Frederick Johnson," and thought that would be the last change. But when I got to New Bedford, I found it necessary again to change my name. The reason of this necessity was, that there were so many Johnsons in New Bedford, it was already quite difficult to distinguish between them. I gave Mr. Johnson the privilege of choosing me a name, but told him he must not take from me the name of "Frederick." I must hold on to that, to preserve a sense of my identity. Mr. Johnson had just been reading the "Lady of the Lake," and at once suggested that my name be "Douglass." From that time until now I have been called "Frederick Douglass;" and as I am more widely known by that name than by either of the others, I shall continue to use it as my own.

[NEW BEDFORD MA](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 5 Mo// But little brought to pass in the line of my occupation, however I have earned something - the mind occupied about things which tend to but little or no advantage spiritually or temporally.

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May 9, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote "Written After Swimming From Sestos to Abydos."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 5 Mo// Again the mind occupied about that which proffiteth not. C J Tenny set the evening with us - & here is another instance to confirm the doctrine that times & seasons

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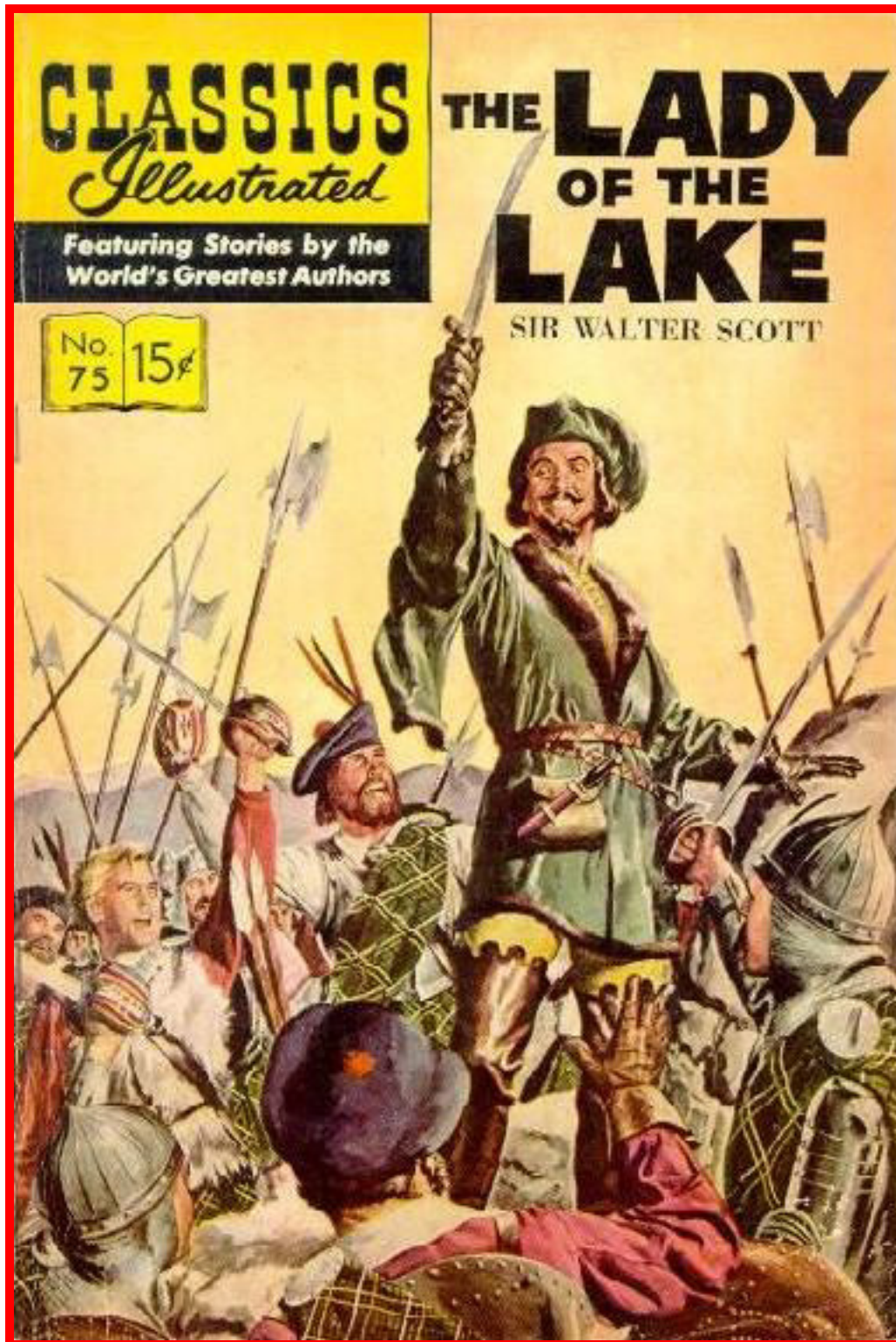
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are not at our command, for when I was with him at his house some evengs past my mind was open & could converse with clearness on religious subjects but this eveng I was shut up & could say but very little, perhaps it was all for the best. -

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May 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 5 M 1810// My mind has been favor'd with the sweet precious arisings of life this morning under which I wrote a few lines to my friend P Dunham - Oh! that at meeting I may experience a continuance of it -

At meeting the life arose but like the ebbings of the sea returnd again, & then return'd again - alternatly, but on the whole it was a good quiet favord time to what I have some times And again this afternoon at the funeral of Rowse Taylor's child I had a sweet little opportunity in silence & for the favor this day experienced it is in my heart to Say God be praised. - Our friends D Buffum & E Thornton arrived in the forepart of the Afternoon from their journey to Philadelphia - Recd a letter from Micajah Collins which convey'd the melancholly tidings that D. B Alley & his wife were in a state of delirium & he so bad as to be chained & that some hopeful friends at Concord had been so unwatchful as to make them their oracles & were like to be carried quite off from the ground of Truth. -

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May 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 5 Mo// Nothing material to insert execpt the usual rounds the mind in a good degree of feeling for which I feel thankful

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May 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 5 Mo// My H this morning took the little boy down to her fathers to spent the day & this forenoon a mistake occurring about a Watch that I sent to Wickford it became necessary for me to go up to Wickford & therefore prepared, but since the mistake being rectified, the necessity is taken away, but as our friend Sarah Fish is in town & going up to set out from there with A Smith on a religious visit to friends in some



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of the Western & Southern Yearly Meetings I think as I am prepared I will go with her & am now just going down to the Packet. - We arrived in Wickford some time before Sunset after a pleasant passage of about 2 hours took tea at Our friends A & A Smiths, & I lodged at their brother Johns who is a friend of much kindness & hospitality as they are all in that place -

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May 13, Sunday: The *Salsette* anchored off Venaglio Point. They got their first sight of Constantinople.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Breakfasted at J S - At meeting in the forenoon Our dear friend Hannah Dennis spoke a few words very sweetly & acceptably then Ann Smith & then our dear & venerable John Casey appeared in a long & baptizing testimony which I think could not fail [to] affect every mind present - at the conclusion our last mentioned friends requested that the inhabitation of the Village might be invited to set with us in the Afternoon & accordingly we had an enlarged meeting. The good old man was very living & Powerful in his testimony & I have no doubt his communication will live in the minds of some that were present when his body shall return to its parent dust - I dined & took tea with J S & John Casey also took tea - In the eveng went down to Avis & Ann's where we had a sweet & very affecting opportunity. Ann took occasion to say that the opportunity was unexpected but agreeable, & that she had been reflecting during the time of our silent setting together of the very great uncertainty of time, & that as she was soon to be seperated from her beloved friends & connections it was very uncertain whether she should ever see us more & if she her self should be favord to return, it was doubtful whether some that were present would not be called to their long homes, before her return, so that she felt it to be a solemn thing to part with her friends she exhorted all to be diligent & faithful that when the sumons to almighty Purity came, we might be ready [to] meet it with joy & not sorrow - It was an affecting season indeed & many tears were shed - I return'd to my friend John's & lodged -

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May 14, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Constantinople.

French forces captured Lérida in Catalonia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day took breakfast at Johns & then went to Avis & Anns & staid untill the carriage was ready at the parting opportunity (which was very solid & affecting) Ann appeard in a solemn supplication when our minds were again much affected even to



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many tears - Soon after they went away We [i.e.] [Preserved Fish](#) Hannah Dennis & myself went onboard the Packet & had a pleasant passage home in just 3 hours - I found my dearly beloved Wife & little son as well as when I left them & my outward concerns as well attended too as they could be in my absence -. which is cause of real thankfulness & confirmation that it was right for me to make the Sacrifice - I have been much favor'd to feel the partition that has for a long time stood between me & the precious life removed, & the life very sweetly raised in my mind which is worth all that I may have lost of an earthly nature -

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May 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 5 M 1810// The day has passed with the usual rounds & the mind has been favor'd to witness the precious life to circulate in the mind, for which I desire to be thankful and ascribe all praise to him who is the Author of every good thing

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May 16, Wednesday: The County of Hanau was annexed to Frankfurt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 5 Mo// The mind again favord with a good degree of sweetness tho' there has been some alloy -

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May 17, Thursday: After 16 years of occupation, Great Britain annexed the formerly French Seychelles Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 5 Mo// At meeting my mind was in some degree favord with the arisings of the precious life, on the whole it has been a Day of precious feeling - My H & little son were at my fathers & spent the day - Sister E spent the eveng & staid all night

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May 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 5 Mo// My mind has been favord with the precious arisings of life for which I desire to be thankful, the partition that is so frequently between me & divine favor, has been very much removed, & a sweet tenderness has cover'd my mind. Oh how precious it is to feel it. - Philip Dunham is over & has been at the Shop -This morning put a letter in the Post office directed to Micajah Collins - We took tea at brother D R's -

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May 19, Saturday: Two works by Samuel Wesley were performed for the initial time, at the Hanover Square Rooms, London: In exitu Israel for chorus and organ, and Father of Light and Life for chorus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 5 Mo// It has not been the worst of days to me. I have much to be thankful for - We took tea at brother J Rs My H is now paying some visits that have been long due

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May 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 5 Mo// The forenoon meeting was a good composed one to me, & the life seem'd to flow with sweetness. D Buffum was lively in testimony In the Afternoon I stay'd at home to mind the little boy while my H went to meeting And wrote to David Smith - In the eveng went to D Williams, & sent [set] an hour then came down to my brothers & set a while there, then home -

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May 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 5 M 1810// I may acknowledge that it hath been a day of sweet refreshing life. The mind has been uncommonly tender thro' the day & especially this Afternoon & evening - Sister R spent the Day with us. -


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
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 May 22, Tuesday: The Principality of Regensburg was annexed by Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 5 Mo// A Day of some life. The mind brought into an agreeable frame, for which I desire to be thankful -

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 May 23, Wednesday: [Sarah Fuller](#) was born in [Cambridgeport](#), Massachusetts.⁷²

[King Solomon II](#) was deposed as the [Kingdom of Imeret'i](#) (in [Georgia](#)) was annexed by Russia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 5 Mo// The mind again refreshed with the Springs of Life.

This eveng in looking forward to Y Meeting while setting at home with my dear H, my feelings were quite raised to a lively sensibility that I seldom have. I rememberd some favord seasons, at that time & as from present apperiences We shall be more at liberty to enjoy the company of our friends than the last. There seem'd something encourageing in the prospect, but how will be cannot tell, sickness or other disappointments may assail us & all our promised enjoyment be frustrated, but be that as it may I hope we shall be favord with the Life of Religion

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 May 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 24 of 5 Mo// Our little son has this day compleated the first Year of his life, he has thus far been a comfort & Oh saith my Soul may he live & grow up in the innocency, my spirit is at this moment bowed with desires that he may Walk in the paths of truth & learn in the days of his Childhood to know the Lord, that, when he grows to mans Estate he may shun the subtil snares of Satan - It has been a good day to me, tho' at meeting my thoughts were roving, but were more easily corrected than at Some seasons Dear H Dennis was concerned in a Short testimony Also Abigail Robinson - My H left the little boy at father Rs while she went to meeting. We dined there & she spent the Afternoon, I took tea at My fathers.

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72. At age 10 she would be given permission to assume her mother's name, Margaret.



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May 25, Friday: Following Napoléon's conquest of Spain, an assembly in Buenos Aires voted to create "a provisional junta of the Provinces of the Rio de la Plata," governing for Fernando VII over what has by now become Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Cornelio Saavedra was named president.

Three Chilean revolutionary leaders were captured by Spanish authorities in Santiago before their plan could be acted upon.

This was [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 7th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 5 Mo// I wrote this morning to Sarah Fish in hopes it may reach her while attending Yearly Meeting in N York I have had some sweet & precious feelings of life expecially this Afternoon for which I desire to be thankful. -

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May 26, Saturday: According to the journal of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), there was some nasty stuff going down in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) — but then better judgment prevailed at least for the moment:

7th day 26th of 5th M 1810// Strange to tell, the Widow Olaphant this day presented a petition to the Court now Setting in this Town for liberty to Send a black Woman to Carolina to be Sold. The black woman is a person of More, far More principal than her self, & I will hazard the opinion, is much more eligible for heaven & happiness, she has served her mistress faithfully her whole life & is a professor, & (I believe in measure) a possessor of religion, & now to even desire to Send her from her native land to be Sold into the hands of people as bad as herself & away from all acquaintance to drag out her existance in an augmented suffering servitude, is horable to think of - but exulting to the cause of humanity, & the shame & confusion of cruel tyrant [Slave-holders](#) be it said, that that the poor unprincipled Wicked Woman was frustrated in her design (at least for the present) & will doubtless be so at the next Court - by the exertions of Sam'l Vinson, Benj Hadwen, Green Burrows, Wm Langley & a few others the petition was postponed untill the next term

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May 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 5 M // We had Silent meetings & I thought they were good ones, tho' doubtless in many instances the seed was under suffering - My Mother was desirous that we should leave our little son with her while my dear H & myself went to meeting which we did, & we dined & took tea there - In the evening I called a little while at our friend Thos Robinsons

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May 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28 of 5 M // The day has passed with but little advancement in any respect. I have felt but little life circulating in the mind, I suppose, (& indeed there is no doubt) but it is my own fault for if I had have sought I might have found. -

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May 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 5 M // Busied about several things which will turn to but little account. - A report is in circulation respecting Amasa Southwick & his Wife of [Smithfield](#) which is of a disquieting nature Sorrowful indeed

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May 30, Wednesday: Variations for cello J.94 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Heidelberg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 5 M // Again busied about many things some of which will probably never turn to much acct in any respect -Wm Maxwell was drowned this afternoon behind the fort sailing for pleasure poor man he yesterday Swore our of Goal being put there for debt & today has entered another world, taken away in full health. A Solemn Warning -

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May 31, Thursday: John Field got married with Adelaide Percheron, his mistress and one of his pupils, in the French Catholic Church, Moscow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 5 M 1810// I am just going to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting a poor dull creature. Oh that the life may arise in my mind - We had a Silent Meeting but I thought it was a good one - In the last we had not an abundance of buisness & what we had went on pretty well - Cousin Zacheus [?] Chase Dined with us of which I was very glad, as he is a dear friend of mine at whose House I have spent many hours of happiness in my early days, & now in more mature Years whenever I go to see him those days of my boyhood are very pleasantly renew'd

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June 1, Friday, and 2, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7 days 1 & 2 of 6 M 1810// The usual rounds & nothing material to insert. The mind in a milling State of life, nothing to boast of. -

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June 3, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 6 M // We had silent meetings, except in the forenoon O Williams read the London Epistle for last year - both were low & I thought suffering seasons to many present After meeting in the Afternoon Visited the Work & Alms Houses

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June 4, Monday: Karl August von Hardenberg replaced Karl Friedrich Ferdinand Alexander, Count von Dohna-Schlobitten as Chancellor of Prussia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 6 M // Pretty much occupied at Trade. Tho' some degree of religious life, which I esteem a favor & desire to be thankful -



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June 5, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 5 of 6 M // The day has been principally Spent in a way
that it is probable I have added but little or nothing to my
best interest - I, however feel not very much condemned,
believing that I did for the best -*

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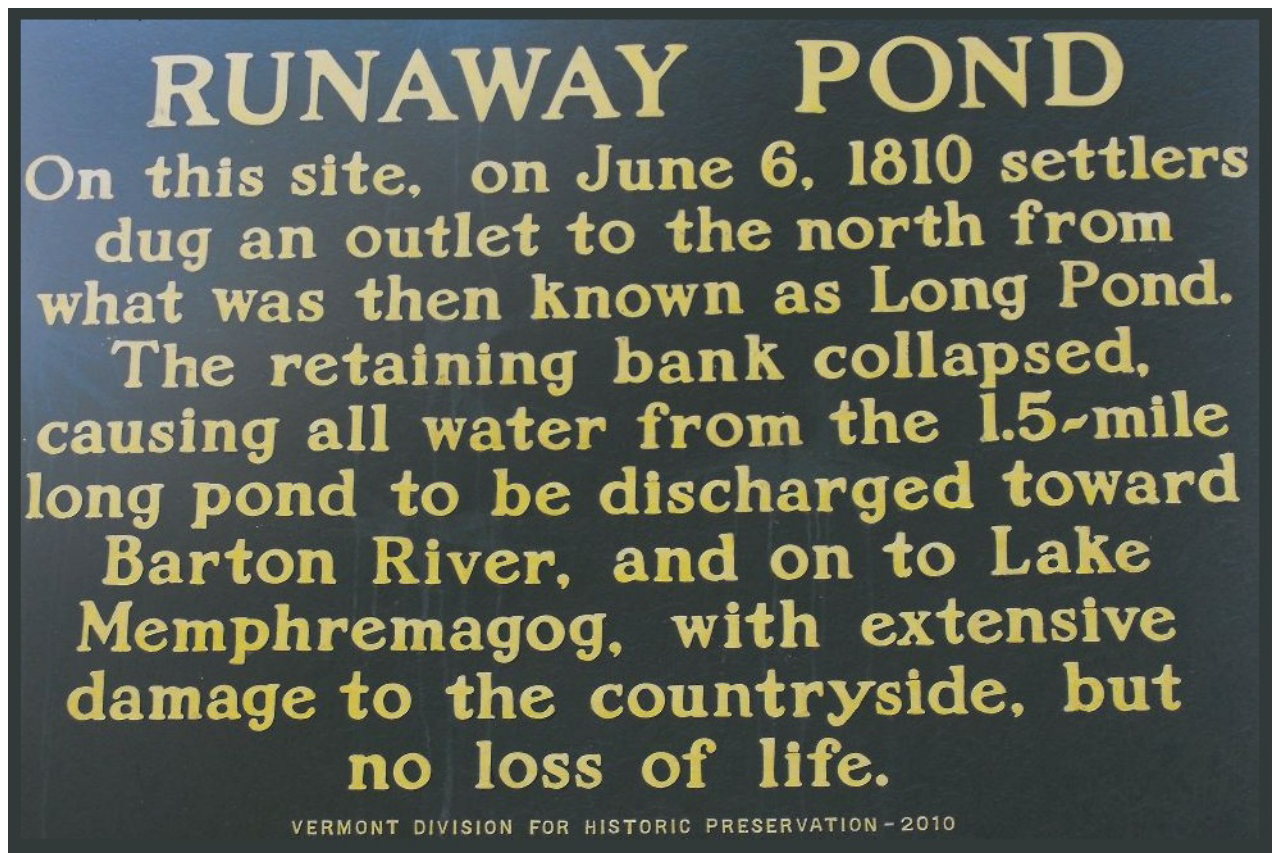
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June 6, Wednesday: In Vermont, there is an abrupt watershed in which high lakes on one side drain directly into Lake Champlain, while high lakes not far from them drain another way, into Lake Memphremagog. The waters being low at the mills on the Barton River, a trench was cut across the divide from one high lake, Long Lake, which was draining by way of a small stream into Lake Champlain, to another lake some 200 rods distant but at a much lower altitude which flowed in the other direction. The idea was to let some of the Long Lake waters flow down the other way at least temporarily. But “on a sudden the lake burst its borders, and poured with its whole mass down the descent, rushing with inconceivable velocity in an immense column, three quarters of a mile wide and eighty feet in depth, across the country.”



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 6 M // My dear friend P Dunham is over & was to see me this morning. I was glad to see him, we had much agreeable conversation & the Sweet & precious life was raised (I believe) in both our minds, for my own part I can say that the quick in my heart was touched & feel thankful for it. -

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June 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 7 of 6 M // At meeting my mind was closely beset by roving thoughts, but I thought they did not prevail as mightily against me as at times, a little more quiet experienced than common for me to have - no preaching. -

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June 8, Friday: At the Paris Opera that evening, Persée et Andromède, a ballet-pantomime with music by Franz Joseph Haydn, Etienne-Nicolas Méhul, and others, to a scenario by Gardel, was performed for the initial time.

That night at 10:30PM, in Zwickau, Saxony southwest of Chemnitz, Robert Schumann was born as the 5th and final child of August Schumann, a bookseller, publisher and author, with Johanna Christiane Schnabel, daughter of the chief surgeon to the city of Zeitz.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 6 M 1810// Occupied various ways & principally in making arrangements at the boarding houses at the Yearly meeting time, things, at them, appear to go on well

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June 9, Saturday: Carl Otto Ehrenfried Nicolai was born in Königsberg (Kaliningrad), the father being Carl Ernst Daniel Nicolai, a composer. The physical and mental condition of the mother, Christiane Wilhelmine Lauber, was such that the connection would end in a few months, and until age 10 he would be being brought up with foster parents.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 6 M // The day principally spent in preparations for the ensuing Y Meeting. 4 OClock P M friends begin to come into town - I feel lean & poor in spirit, my weaknesses arise, but Oh that strength may arise Superior to them, but alas there is so much of human nature, unsanctified unredeemed nature remaining in my system that I feel allmost without hope that the life of religion will be very flourishing with me. I feel at this moment humbled in recollection of what little progress I have made since last year this time, I recollect that then my mind was humble & in a tender frame. My dear H just put to bed with a fine boy & in a comfortable way of recovery which excited sensations of gratitude to the Lord for the favor. The little boy has continued to grow & is all that can be expected from him at his Age, & yet there is not that deepening in the root that I desire, I have none nor nothing, but myself to lay the blame to, & therefore hope to take courage & press forward in watchful



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care over my own thoughts & actions, that thereby a Stop to those roving unprofitable things which so continually are revolving in my mind may properly be subjected. -

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June 10, Sunday: In Paris, Du trône ou jusqu'à Toi, a cantata by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul to words of Arnault, was performed for the initial time, to further celebrate the union of the Emperor [Napoléon](#) with his bride Marie-Louise.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Our Morning meeting was large. The public laborers were John Shoemaker, E Thornton, Betsy Purinton & Lydia Rotch - in the Afternoon (as it usually is) the meeting was larger the public laborers were Peter Hoxie, Joseph Douglas, Cyrus Beady & E Thornton & altho I do not consider them as still & quiet meetings as some we have had at some Yearly Meetings Yet I thought they were favor'd with the Wing of devine love & in good measure owned by the great Master - We had at Dinner the company of Daniel Johnson - at Tea Micajah Collins & Wife Matthew Purinton & Wife, Henry Russel & Wife Edward Cobb & Wife, Easter Newhall & several others that I do not now recollect - Easter lodged with us -

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June 11, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day // Easter breakfasted with us Thos Watson John Fry, Philip Dunham, Jos Scott & Abby Anthony dined with us - Wm Almy, Easter Newhall Edward Cobb John Smith & Betsy Parrish took tea & Easter & Edward Cobb lodged with us
Our Meetings today have been preciously favord with the overshadowing Wing of Divine goodness - And as to my own particular I may humbly & thankfully acknowledge that my stoney heart was removed & an heart of flesh vouchsafed - In the morning Jas Green opened the meeting in a few words which savord well E Thornton follow'd him in a long, excellent lively & well adapted discourse -- In the Afternoon Richard Jordan & Willet Hicks arrived from N York & attended Meeting Richard opened the meeting in a long & powerful testimony & during the course of the setting many excellent pertinent & feeling remarks were made by divers friends Viz Rowland Green, John Shoemaker, Thos Titus, Willet Hicks, [Moses Brown](#), D Buffum, Cyrus Beady, [Paul Cuff](#) & Several others. This is the first time that ever a man of colour delivered his opinion in our Yearly Meeting & I guess in any in the World. Meeting adjourn'd till 4 OClock tomorrow Afternoon*



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June 12, Tuesday: Mequinenza, southwest of Lérida in Spain, surrendered to the French.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day // Eastes & Edward Cobb breakfasted with us in the forenoon I came to the Shop & wrought a little with my hands at my trade -At meeting Willet Hicks John Shoemaker & Thomas Titus made many feeling remarks but I thought it was the poorest setting we have had - At dinner we had Peter Hoxie & Wife, Lewis L Clarke & Nicholas Jones, several friends called afterwards. At tea we had Chad Smith - Our usual [lodgers] Eastes[?] & Edward-

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June 13, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// Eastes & Edward Cobb at Breakfast - Our Meeting ended this setting which began at 10 OClock - We had many excellent testimonies Viz Micajah Collins, John Shoemaker, John Casey, Willey Hicks & E Thornton & some others -We concluded under a precious covering of life altho we had set nearly four hours. And now I may remark that I esteem it a very precious favor, that I have been able to see many of my friends at my home whom I love & withall to feel the sweet arisings of life circulate on the mind. Oh that I may be preserved in thankfulness, for every favor. We had at Dinner Eastes Newhall & several young men that I do not know by name At tea we had a good circle & in the evening as many as our house would hold, all agreeable & clever friends -

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June 14, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day// Our friends have principally gone that were ar the boarding houses - as are Our endeared friends Eastes Newhall & Edward Cobb who lodged with us, they seem'd very near to us - At Meeting Richard Jordoan was very powerful & living in testimony & Supplication & the Good & venerable Thos Titus concluded the meeting in a few sweet & lively expressions -there were many people present & all were very quiet & attentive, & I



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have heard this of Several that were well pleased that were no members –

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June 15, Friday: Incidental music for Goethe's play Egmont was performed for the initial time, in the Hofburg Theater, Vienna (the play had been produced on May 24th but [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had not yet have the music ready).

Zur Feier des 15ten Juni for solo voice, chorus and piano by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Darmstadt (the work was in celebration of the birthday of their teacher Georg Joseph Vogler).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 6 M 1810// Yearly Meeting has passed, & Alass who of us that are now living will live to see another is very uncertain. I desire for my own part to improve from the favor of attending the past, & leave the event of another, to Him who best knows what is best for us – We have had the company of many friends who we love, & been able to entertain them satisfactorily for which among the rest of my blessings I desire to be thankful. & altho I have been incumbered with many Cares both previous & at the time of the Meeting with respect to the boarding houses, Yet it has been a season of favor to my Mind tho' not as much of the flowing in of the precious Spirit as at some seasons, Yet not that empty & barran feeling which is so often my lot. –

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June 16, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 6 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, Sister Ruth goes to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon to commence School keeping for the Summer. We shall miss the company of the dear sweet creature, but if our loss will be any advantage to her it would be selfish murmur especially when we reflect that it is but temporary. She is indeed a very pleasant & interesting companion & one that I feel much nearness towards in every sense. –

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June 17, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 17 of 6 M 1810// At Meeting this morning D Buffum was concerned in a very lively testimony concerning the light within & in a very feeling & Affectionate manner addressed the Youth present

After meeting I went to Sam Thurstons & dined & from there to the Widow Anthonys & after I had rested, a little to Cousin Alice Goulds Where I found them in a very distressed State the dear old Woman low in body near unto the conclusion of all things here - And dear Cousin Alice Junr in a very distressing condition both to herself & those around her; her breast & indeed her whole boody is in excruciating misery from the effects of her cancerous humor which has now struck over her whole boody & the Smell of the room so extreamly offensive that it is with difficulty it can be endured, but comfortable to add, amidst all her pain & suffering she seems very quiet & comfortable in mind, patient & resigned to the Solemn Scene of Death which is fast hastening upon her, her situation was such that while I was there, I thought my mind was very uncommonly solemnized & brought into stillness & did not say much neither at entering nor parting, except that I was glad to see her & felt comfortable in her presence, she enquired after my Wife & child & fathers family -

Not finding that I could be of any use there Henry & I walked up into Cousin John's Woods & so down to his house & set sometime. he (Cousin John) related an anecdote of his grandfather & my great great grandfather that took such place in my mind that to preserve it in remembrance I will insert it here. he said that Collins told him that he Watched with old Danial Gould the night he died & that he (Collins) was a young man at that time, & Daniel appeard to have his perfect senses & would frequently call him by name & say "Oh This is the Truth, What I have been professing is the Truth, I feel it so" by which it appears that in his last moments he was confirmed in the Truth as he had been professing it & that so far from being shaken at the revilings & Whipings which he had received at Boston in the early part of his days that he was faithful & perserved [preserved] with an undeviating step, that path which seem'd cast up for him, & that even in Death his confidence was strong in the Lord -

Well this brings to my remembrance what Was told me a few days past of one of my Mothers relations by the name of Wanton a Son of old Edward Wanton that was so much persecuted & Whiped at Salem, he Was by birth right a member of our Society, but married a presbyterian, & when married they could not agree on What place of public Worship to attend, he would not go to the presbyterian Meeting, nor she to the [Quakers](#), so they agreed to go to the Church of England, & he said in reply to a person that asked him about it "We have concluded to go to the Church & will both go the Hell together" he retained a love for Friends as long as he lived & entertain'd many in his house And in his last Illness, on his Death bed, declared, "My fathers God, is my God & I die in the faith of the Quakers." by which it evidently appears to



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me that he had lived in reblion [rebellion] to the light that he had received, but at the last was compelled to declare his principals, tho' he had practiced others & those that he did not fully believe in - And I may now add that I believe it is a very uncommon occurance for one to leave Society & become fully confirmed in another mode of Worship, or another set of principals, but that they allways feel a certain something condemning the path they are persuing, & secret something drawing their mind in love to friends & their principals, which in the conclusion of time with many that have gone off into the broad road, they have been compelled by the just witness of Truth in their mind to acknowledge, so that I believe it is not an easy matter to Quench or put down, that light & Witness for Truth which is early implanted in the tender mind

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June 18, Monday: Caleb Callender Billings got married with [Nancy Thoreau](#) (who was three months with child).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 6 M 1810// Occupied at Trade & but little to insert more than the usual rounds from the house to the Shop & from the Shop to the house again. -

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June 19, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 19 of 6 Mo// Visited the African School in consequence of the misconduct of one of the Schollars. I found much satisfaction, in conversing with the child, that tho' she had behaved much amiss & was a bad example among the other children, yet on being conversed seriously with, was brought to tears & promised to behave better in future, which induced the Directors to let her stay one week longer on trial, & then we inform'ed her if she did not fulfill her promise, she must be discharged from the school. I feel real pleasure to find that the rest of the schollars improve fast & that they are in a way to become more useful members in community than those of their colour that have gone before them. -

My H spent the Afternoon with Mary Barker & I took tea with them

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June 20, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 20 of 6 Mo// Again the usual rounds at Trade & nothing very material to insert, but that I am a poor thing. -

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June 21, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 6 Mo// I was favord on setting down in meeting with the arisings of Life, which for a time was very sweet & precious, but the jostlings soon took hold of me but the life was not jostled all away for it was a good meeting, yea, the best I have had for a long Season, & my heart was raised in thankfulness to the Author of every blessing, that again he was pleased to remove the partition wall that so often seperates me from divine enjoyment.- My Dear H & little son spent the day at my fathers

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June 22, Friday: Russian forces occupied Sukumi and a protectorate was declared over Abkhazia.

The Clarinet Concerto no.2 by Louis Spohr was performed for the initial time, in Frankenhausen.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 6th Mo// The day has passed with but little variation from the usual rounds. Brother David called to see us in eveng

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June 23, Saturday: Fanny Elssler was born as Francesca Elssler in Vienna, daughter of a musician who worked as a sheet music copyist for Joseph Hayden.

John Jacob Astor founded the Pacific Fur Company, to begin to exploit the western coast of the North American continent.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 6 Mo// Oh! the leanness & barranness of my spirit I have nothing to eat, poor & in a state of starvation for spiritual food, but Alass the fault is my own

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June 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 6 Mo// At meeting this forenoon I was favord with an Anchor which kept my mind from roving about as it does sometimes & on the whole it was a good time to me. We had no preaching -

In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of Caleb while my dear H went, both meetings were silent -

This Afternoon Cousin Elizabeth Stanton was brought to my fathers very sick, being unable to take care of herself it was thought best take her there - About 7 OC [o'clock] this eveng Aunt M Stanton arrived from NYork, which will be a great release to my dear Mother as cousin Elizabeth's being there, would occasion a great addition of care & fatigue. -

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June 25, Monday: Fredrik Gyllenborg replaced Carl Axel Trolle-Wachtmeister as Prime Minister for Justice of Sweden.

The French forces laying siege to Ciudad Rodrigo in Leon began to bombard the town.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25th of 6th Mo// Oh that there was more of religion alive within me I feel as if there was nothing good in me

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June 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 6 Mo// I have felt the strivings of the two opposite seeds - & I dont know but the good seed has gained a little ground- Visited the African School, & found that the Child whose conduct called us there a week ago today was not improved - We therefore thought best to dismiss her from the School for one Week & then if she would make suitable acknowledgements & promise to do better, We would admit her to the School again - The poor thing Was very much overcome at the manner in which we sent her away & my heart Ached for her, but decision was necessary.-- My H & Son & Sister Joanna spent the day at Saml Thurstons. I dined & took tea at my fathers.-

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June 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 6 Mo// The mind in a low State from several circumstances. I feel low & as if I am never to rise from what my present standing is as respects outward interest & that in my spiritual standing I am daily going backward or at least take two steps backwards to one forward - Oh that I may yet advance in the Work of Religion -

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June 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 6th M 1810// Rode with my dear H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. We carried Our little Son & left him at Anne Anthonys while we went to Meeting - We stoped a little while before meeting at my dear Cousin Z Chases - Our first meeting was to me a Blessed One, for I can say of a truth, that my feelings have not been more Alive in a long time, yea I cannot tell the season of similar precious favor, it seem'd as if there was no exercise to keep the mind to the right center. Oh saith my soul may all that is alive within me be stired up to more Watchfulness & care that I may not have so many barran meetings - Dear H Dennis was concerned in a few Words which were very sweet & precious to my feelings - Buisness in the last meeting went on with much love, & the life which I experienced in the first was in good measure with me in the last - We dined At Anne Anthonys - & Soon after we went into the house her Son Adam was brought home with a Severe Wound in the foot occasioned by an Axx in cutting down a tree. I held his foot & assisted the doctor while he sewed up & dressed the wound, we left him in much pain.

We rode home before Sunset & the little boy behaved very nicely both going & coming & while there -

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June 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 6 Mo// The day has passed pretty much as usual, the mind has been favord with a degree of Yesterdays Sweet savor for which I trust I have felt truly thankful.-


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 June 30, Saturday: New-York mayor DeWitte Clinton, along with fellow [canal](#) commissioner Thomas Eddy and his son, left New York for Albany, New York by steamboat.


ERIE CANAL

Bayreuth was annexed by Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 6th Mo// I feel again a good degree of life in my mind, it seems as if the good spirit was near

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 July 1, Sunday: DeWitte Clinton's boat arrived at Albany, New York before daylight. He and the Eddys put up at Gregory's tavern. A meeting of the [canal](#) commissioners was held at the Surveyor-General's office. All of the commissioners were present except Porter, who would arrive that evening. Morris and Van Rensselaer was making the journey by land; the others by water. General North was to meet the boat at Utica.

ERIE CANAL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 7th Mo// At Meeting this forenoon Our Dear H Dennis was concerned in a Sweet testimony also D Buffum in a few Words. to me it was a good Meeting - In the Afternoon We (ie) my self & Wife went down to my fathers intending to go from there to meeting but his Clock being much to slow we got deceived in the time of day & when we got into the meeting house Yard the Meeting was gatherd & still. I took out my Watch & found it was half an hour past the time of gathering, unwilling to disturb the meeting we turn'd & came to my fathers again & spent the Afternoon - In the eveng I called at D Ws D Rs & J Es

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 July 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 7th M 1810// Nothing material occurs to insert. The mind in not a very lively state, & not as dull as at some ties

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July 3, Tuesday: Due to actions by the Emperor, his brother Louis Bonaparte abdicated as King of Holland in favor of his sons, either Napoléon Louis or Louis Napoléon it didn't much matter which, and on this night began a flight into Germany — headed toward safety in Austria. (Can you imagine having a guy with as much blood on his hands as [Napoléon](#), as an intimate loving relative? –Louis must have been just scared shitless.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 7th Mo// Again the usual rounds. And how long they will continue is a thing sealed & known only to him who sees & knows all things – I feel desirous to be doing my days work but Alass how short I come of faithfulness in allmost every respect.

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Our national birthday, Wednesday the 4th of July:⁷³ Steele White of Georgia marveled at the skill with which [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s "illuminated mind could pen a 'Declaration of Independence'."⁷⁴

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

An entertainment headlined as "Columbias Independence" was presented at the Washington Theatre in Washington City.

After a delay in Albany, New York for the proper celebration of our Independence Day, DeWitte Clinton's party departed at 4 PM, getting precisely as far as Willard's Tavern in the city's 3rd ward.

In Connecticut, New Haven's citizens had a "plowing match."

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

Reviewing [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Symphony no.5 for the *Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung*, E.T.A.

73. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 6th birthday.

74. AN ORATION, COMMEMORATIVE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, DELIVERED ON THIS FOURTH OF JULY, 1810 (Savannah GA)



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Hoffmann wrote that Beethoven's instrumental music "opens up to us the kingdom of the gigantic and the immeasurable. Glowing beams shoot through this kingdom's deep night, and we become aware of gigantic shadows that surge up and down, enclosing us more and more narrowly and annihilating everything within us, leaving only the pain of that interminable longing, in which every pleasure that had quickly arisen with sounds of rejoicing sinks away and founders, and we live on, rapturously beholding the spirits themselves, only in this pain, which, consuming love, hope, and joy within itself, seeks to burst our breast asunder with a full voiced consonance of all the passions." He sure had enjoyed the heck out of the performance! Don't you wish you could have been there?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 7th Mo// It has been a day of much noise & parade about streets, being what is called Independance but no accident has happened that I have heard off from any of the Military exercises - A little boy fell from a Chamber Window (Gilbert Chases Son) but was not very much hurt - My H spent the day out at Jonathon Dennis's with Sister Joanna, I took tea with them. -

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July 5, Thursday: Phineas Taylor Barnum was born in a manger in Bethel, Connecticut.

We don't know because photography hadn't been invented yet — but this may have been more or less what he looked like as an infant:



There had been rain during the night. While waiting for their captain to return from a trip into Schenectady, New York the DeWitte Clinton party climbed a high hill to view the city and the river valley. They got under way at 9 o'clock, pass the mansion built by Sir William Johnson and then past a decades-old native American pictograph on an elevated rock. They tied up at Cook's tavern for the night.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 7 Mo// This is the first time that I recollect of ever staying from meeting on a week day, on any temporal buisness.

It seem'd as if it was best not to go, being out of town Yesterday Afternoon put me behindhand, but I was glad to find that I did not feel indifferent when the hour came. I found a reluctance at staying at home & hardly knew how to forego my usual practice -- This Afternoon met as one with a committee to



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consider of selling a lot about Sixty feet on Tanner's Street & 70 deep, to O Williams to build a Tanery on, & tho' I am not convinced of the good policy of disposing of the land, consented to it for various reasons. – Saw Gideon Wilbour an old apprentice of my fathers who low lives in NYork State.

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July 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, the mind in the usual mood –

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July 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 7 Mo// I have been favord with a good degree of Sweetness. – The mind in a state of sensitivity to best things –D Buffum & P Towle happened in the Shop & fell on conversation which did very much interest me & occasioned very pleasant reflections & good feelings

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July 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 7 M 1810// I had two good silent meetings for which I desire to be thankful. I spent most of the day at home except in the morning a call at Aunt M Goulds & between meetings another at my fathers.

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July 9, Monday: Holland was annexed by the Emperor [Napoléon](#)'s France, along, of course, with all its overseas colonies.

The Spanish defenders of Ciudad Rodrigo in Leon surrendered to their French besiegers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 7 Mo// It has seemed as if the good spirit has been hovering about my mind. I have had to reflect on many things of



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a serious nature, & particularly to recur to seasons when the divine hand has undoubtedly been on me for good. I have no doubt but I have had a good, a very good beginning, but thro' halting & disobedience I have had much to walk in dry places, but I have never seen the time Yet when I thought the strivings of the Lords spirit had ceased with me, having to experience at times the arisings of light & life to the comfort of my inner man. But Alass how painful to insert, there has not been that inward faithfulness that has been required at my hands, hence I have not grown in grace as I might have done, and Oh! that I may renew my covenant, & again shake my self from defilement, that there may be a journeying forward –

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July 10, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was at the Ambassador's audience with Sultan Mahmoud II.

British forces captured the islands of Réunion and Mauritius.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 7 Mo// The precious life has been sweetly revived upon my mind this morning & desires has arisen afresh that I may be enabled to draw nearer & nearer the fountain – It has been a day throughout of more favor than common for which I desire to be thankful – My dear Cousin Alice Gould Junr Daughter of Thos departed this life this forenoon between 11 & 12 OClock after a long & uncommonly distressing Illness (a Cancer in her breast) Which she bore with great patience & fortitude, being resigned to go hence, & manifested such sweetness of spirit as rendered her company desirable to all that visited her tho' her pain was violent, & the last time I visited her (17 of last Mo) She was so low that she could speak nor bear to be spoken to but little, yet she seemd so sweet & precious in Spirit that I have not forgotten it since.-

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July 11, Wednesday: Macquarie Island was claimed by Great Britain and annexed to New South Wales.

The populace of Santiago, Chile rose in armed revolt against their Spanish governor, who had ordered the exile of the three revolutionary leaders captured on May 25th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 7 Mo// It is a great trial to have to deal with dishonest people, & I have this afternoon been engaged with one that is so which has unhinged me from good feelings –




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 July 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 12 of 7 M 1810// A pretty good silent meeting - In the Afternoon My dear H & Myself went to Middletown to attend the funeral of Cousin Alice Gould, which was to me a good favor'd season. D Buffum spoke a few words very feelingly & pertinently -After the funeral we staid & took tea with the family & then rode home thankful that we went -

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 July 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 7 Mo// Rote to Rowland Greene giving him some acct of the death & buryal of Alice Gould. -

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 July 14, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Constantinople on board the *Salsette* with Ambassador Robert Adair.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert except the usual rounds from the shop to the house & from there back again

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 July 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7 Mo// My state of mind seems but indifferent as to life We had silent meetigs but Alass poor me was empty as a begars Cann - Took tea at D Buffums & after tea we fell into Silence which lasted for the space of half an hour in which I felt more real quiet of mind than I had thro' the day -- On my way home called a little at D Williams. -

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 July 16, Monday: The Governor of Chile, Francisco Antonio García Carrasco, resigned his post.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 7 Mo// I have nothing to say, except that I have lived, & to comply with Wm Penns advice to his children "Keep a journal if it be but a line a day. -


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 July 17, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived at Zea. Hobhouse left for England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 7 Mo// The usual similarity of my life, perhaps the mind a little more lively frame than at some of my dearest seasons

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 July 18, Wednesday: DeWitte Clinton's party arrived at the outlet of Onondaga Lake in New York.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) returned to Athens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 7 Mo// My mind was quickened this morning with a little of true spirit of life, which I love to feel, & has lasted in good & comfortable degree thro' the [day], may I be thankful for every revival & renewal of every tendering Season that occurs.

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 July 20, Friday: In South America on this day, the nation of Columbia achieved its independence.

In [Concord](#), Massachusetts, [Amos Freeman](#) and Love Oliver Freeman's infant died at 3 months of age.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 7 Mo// It has been a day of no small seriousness to me I heard it had it intimated that a certain dear friend of mine was assailed with a weakness that I had no Idea of - OH! how necessary it is for the very foremost of us to be careful & Watchful over every part of our conduct, & particularly our appetites & propensities to excess in every particular. Who will fail, or fall into evil & become as burden next, is unknown - sure this dear precious friend of mine has known much of religion




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& advanced much further in it than myself – I feel hurt, yea deeply afflicted, but what shall I say? certain it is a Solemn Warning to me to be Strictly on my Watch for the enemy is forever lurking as in ambush that he may overthrow those that are desirous to Walk in the paths of virtue

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 July 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 22nd of 7th Mo// I have had some hidden exercises today, but was favor'd this forenoon with a pretty good meeting in which our frd D Buffum was as much favord in testimony as I think I ever hear him – In the Afteernoon we were silent & to me more roving than in the forenoon – Visited the work & Alms houses & took a walk around the Point After meeting, & in the eveng called at D William' E Hosier's & father R's –

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 July 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23rd of 7th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds – & nothing material has occur'd – A little life has been felt to circulate.

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 July 24, Tuesday: At the Bridge of Côa near Almeida, British and Portuguese troops produced heavy casualties among the French invaders, delayed their advance into Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 7 Mo// Sure it is a Solemn thing to die. I have been in the room several times today with Cousin Elizabeth Stanton who was dieing & truly my mind was humbled under the consideration of our frailty & what poor distressed objects we are when reduced to a bed of Death – She died a little before 5 OClock this Afternoon & from her peaceful & inoffensive life I feel no doubt of her being at Peace – She died at my fathers house where she was brought four weeks ago last fist day. –

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July 26, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) arrived in Patras.

DeWitt Clinton, one-time Governor of New York State, was visiting John C. Spencer, who had served as Secretary of War, in Canandaigua. At the local coachmaker's shop, a "plain coachee with leather curtains" with an inscription on its back in large letters **V*F** was in for repairs. This was brought to his attention as belonging to the prophetess [Jemimah Wilkinson](#), who resided with 30 or 40 followers at Crooked Lake some 25 miles to the southeast. "She is opposed to war, to oaths, and to marriage; and to her confidential friends she represents herself as Jesus Christ personified in the body of Jemima Wilkinson."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 7 M 1810// Our first meeting was a dull heavy time Our friend H Almy spoke feelingly & pertinently to the state of it as he expressed it, a "Dumb stupid Silence" seemd to prevail, I thought I was favor'd with ability to wrestle a little but it was not to much effect – In the last (Monthly Meeting) it seemd as if I had more life than in the last, & spoke to the buisness with a good degree of Satisfaction to my own mind – David Bowen & Elizabeth Folger Chase published their intentions of Marriage – We had no company at Dinner – After dinner We attended the funeral of Elizabeth Stanton from my fathers house, many people attended & I thought it was a good solid opportunity.
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July 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that the Day has passed in the usual way, & the mind not very lively. –

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July 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 7 Mo// Early this morning I felt the precious life to arise very sweetly in my mind which has continued with me thro' the day, & I may say that it has been a day of precious favor Several friends have been in the shop that I love dearly & with whom I have conversed to my help & encoragement


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 July 29, Sunday: In upstate New York, DeWitte Clinton's party left the Genesee River and headed west on Ridge Road.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 7 Mo// Our meeting this Morning Was silent - In the Afternoon D Buffum in a very lively manner repeated the first Psalm with little or no remarks upon it - Both mettings were poor roving seasons to me - After meeting D Rodman & I went to the Work & Alms houses. Sister Elizabeth took tea & spent the evening with us -

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 July 30, Monday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) concludes his studies at Eaton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 7 Mo// I believe the mind has not been employed to much if any proffit today, & I doubt whether my body has also.
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 July 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 7 Mo// Some of our friends have come from S. Kingston to attend the Quarterly Meeting, among whom is our friend Peter Hoxie it looks pleasant to see them - I am glad to see them

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 August 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 8th Mo// Cousin L Clarke has come over this Afternoon, on seeing him pass by my mind was very pleasantly saluted with the passage of scripture "As Iron sharpeneth Iron so doth the countenance of a man his friend" - he has set some time with me in the shop very pleasantly & I can say the life was raised in my mind. -

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 August 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 8 Mo// This day was our Quarterly Meeting held at [Portsmouth](#) We left our little Son with Aunts Molly & Hannah Gould



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& my H & Self took Chaise & having buisness at Cundels Mills stoped there & walked round to view the curiosity of the carding spinning & weaving Machines, also the beauty of the place which my H thought exceeded any thing she had ever seen in nature. I was there at near as I can calculate about 15 years ago in the Winter, & both my Age & the Season proclued much knowledge of the place, but now at a pleasant season & at more maturer years can say it is a place which nature has done an abundance for, & by the hand of Art might be still more improved, but in my mind it does not exceed Lawtons Gulley in the West road – before meeting we stoped a little while at the usual stoping place (Holder Almays) – The Meeting was large & I must add was a favord season as, I was ever witness of – James Green opened the Meeting with a few words which I thought well off being edifying to my mind – then John Casey in a living testimony, then Elisha Thornton proclaimed the truth with life & great Power, I think to exceed any thing I ever heard from him – And I thought & it was the opinion of better judges that truth was greatly in dominion, to the gladening of the hearts of many that have set under depression & that were in doubt with respect to certain doctrines – Our last meeting I have but little to say about, the first part of that Was good, but the latter was hurt by the introduction of a Money Matter which was improperly managed – Thos Howland of [Greenwich](#) was appointed to the Station of an Elder – We dined at Uncle P Lawtons & on our way home Called again at Cundels Mills to settle the buisness we went upon in the morning & brother D & Sister E R riding in company with us, we took another stroll into the Gulley which I believe was reciprocally pleasant to us then rode home & found our little boy well & had done well thro' the day, which with our favor at Meeting is cause of real thankfulness – I had forgotten to mention another cause of gratitude in riding home our horse stumbled & came very near to throw us both out of the Chaise, but happily no damage was done –

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August 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 8 Mo// Several friends have been in town belonging to [Greenwich](#) whom I love – My Mother Aunt P Stanton Aunt Molly Gould & Cousin P Hazard have spent the Afternoon with us the two grandfathers called in the eveng –


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
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 August 4, Saturday: [Robert Purvis](#) was born in Charleston, South Carolina to [William Purvis](#), a cotton broker, and his mistress Harriet Judah, a free mulatto daughter of the manumitted Moroccan slave Dido Badaraka. The baby was of a wonderfully light complexion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 4 of 8 Mo// It has been a day of exercise, but the cause is hidden & must not be written as there can not possibly be any use arise from it either to myself or any one else - The usual rounds of life as to the outward.


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 August 5, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon](#) announced his "Trianon Decree" placing heavy tariffs on colonial materials.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 8th M 1810// We carried our little son to my fathers this mornng Which enabled my dear H to attend both meetings which was gratification to her as she has been much confind of late to what she was once - We dined & took tea at fathers - Our Meetings were both Silent & I believe dull Seasons to most present - I may confess that I do not know when I was so tried with drowsiness & particularly in the Afternoon. -

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 August 6, Monday: [William Davis Ticknor](#) was born into a farming family just outside Lebanon, New Hampshire, a cousin of [George Ticknor](#) of Boston.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 8 Mo// From a very dead State my mind has been aroused this evening with a very close impression of the Language "Why Stand ye all the day Idle?" Surely this is applicable to myself for I am very dull & come short every day of what is required of me. I sometimes fear that my light will grow dimer & dimer untill it finally is extinguished. Oh Lord I desire to thank thee for this little quickening & pray that thou would'st renew thy visits of love in my heart as in days that are past -

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 August 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 8 Mo// The day has passed as usual, except that



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I have read a few pages in the Journal of our friend John Richardson & have had my mind much animated & strengthened thereby. I read the account of his first visit on [Nantucket](#) & his visit to Lynn & his dispute with George Heath. I hope that as long as I live I shall be preserved in the love of friends writings, for I do consider they are a great help in religious exercise - & Now may insert that my posterity may be inform'd that it is my wish that they may frequently & attentively read the religious writings of ancient friends, for I believe they will greatly tend to confirm & establish them in the right way. I well remember & have cause to be thankful for the benefit I received in reading the journal of that Ancient worthy G Fox in my younger years. The impressions then made were very great, & have, at seasons remained ever since

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August 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 8 Mo// Time passes with swift wings, & alas how soon do we come to a termination of our flight thro' this World. I feel tho' not yet arrived at the meridian of life that I am hastening with unremitting pace to the House appointed for all living, & Oh! saith my Soul may I be in readiness when the times comes - We daily see the aged, middle aged & even infants called to their long rest, two middle aged & one youth has left time within my knowledge this Week. - Sister Ruth made a Short visit in town this Afternoon

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August 9, Thursday: DeWitt Clinton recorded in his diary a reading of a pamphlet about an interview a Mr. Eddy had had with Universal Friend (he had not himself met her) at her settlement of Jerusalem in upstate New York: "I ... purchased a pamphlet relative to [Jemimah Wilkinson](#).... Mr. Eddy, who visited her at the Crooked Lake, says, that she is about fifty-seven years of age, of Rhode Island, but of what sect he could not learn. That she has about forty or fifty adherents, the principal of whom is Rachel Miller [actually, Rachel Mallin], aged upwards of forty, formerly a Quaker seamstress, of Philadelphia, in whose name the title deeds of the property are held. That she lives in a handsome, plentiful style, and is about completing a very large and elegant house, on a commanding position. That a large tract of land was purchased from Gorham and Phelps for eighteen cents an acre, but what proportion is held by Rachel, for the Friend, as she is called all over the country, he does not know, as some of her followers have receded from her and appropriated part of the land to their exclusive use. That her dress, countenance, and demeanor are masculine in a great degree; and that her conduct is marked by garrulity and vanity; and that when closely questioned she evinces great irritation. That she adopts the [Quaker](#) style of preaching; like them she is opposed to oaths and war, and does not prohibit, although she discountenances, marriage. That her discourses, as well set as conversational, are texts of Scripture combined without regularity or connection, but indicative of a retentive memory. That she has no peculiar creed, unless in relation to herself; that in this respect she veils herself in mystery, and does not distinctly say what being she is, although she represents herself as a spirit from heaven, animating the defunct



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body of Jemima Wilkinson. But what kind or order of divine being, whether the soul of a departed saint, an angel, or a second Christ, she does not communicate to the profane. Her power is founded on the extreme ignorance of her followers, operated on by her impudence and cunning. Vain, ignorant, and talkative, but shrewd to a degree, she will maintain her dominion, notwithstanding, over some of her sect – a dominion tottering, however, with the decadence of her mind and the failure of her personal charms. When interrogated as to her doctrine, she referred to a book published by Bailey, of Philadelphia, of five or six pages, consisting merely of salutary advice written by her, and full of Scripture quotations, but containing no peculiar creed or dogmas [THE UNIVERSAL FRIEND'S ADVICE TO THOSE OF THE SAME RELIGIOUS SOCIETY].”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 8th Mo// I have just read the account of the death of our friend Deborah Derby of Old England, she with Rebecca Young paid a religious visit to America & attended the Yearly Meeting of New England in the 6th M 1795. I well remember the gospel labors of these Sweet & valuable Women, & to hear of the death of the oldest & most experienced I think is much to be regretted, especially to friends of her own nation

From the (London) Gentleman's Magazine.

"Died at her seat at Colebrook Dale, Deborah Derby, widow of Samuel Derby, Colebrook Dale, Shropshire aged about 58. This worthy woman had been a very acceptable Minister among the Society of Friends for 30 Years. She paid a religious visit to the meetings of Friends in America (having the plenty & accomodations of this World, in which she abounded) with earnest desires to promote the great cause of Christianity in those remote regions"

I had a destitute meeting, & was disappointed for I was in hopes to have felt more of the sap of life to arise than I did, feeling as I apprehended in a pretty good frame of mind before I went –

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August 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 8 Mo// I feel a little of the precious influence this morning & desire to be Thankful – The life has in measure been with me this the (Day,) but not so much as in the morning. –

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August 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 8 M 1810// Desirous of paying the last tribute of love & respect to my endeared friend Susanna Barker I took Chaise (my H thinking it best not to go) & sister Elizabeth went with



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me to the funeral it was at 10OClock at the house & eleaven at the Meeting house. we got there before 10 & I served as a bearer of the remains of my dear deceased friend – At the meeting (which was nearly as large as the house would hold) we had a good favor'd season. Our friend D Buffum first rose with the Scripture querie "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life" he very clearly set forth the way that any one might & hoped none would reject the terms – Then A Robinson rose with the words that follow the text "& he went away sorrowful" & spoke upon the whole text in very pertinent & lively manner & closed by repeating the whole passage – After the meeting had ended we proceeded to inter the remains of our dear Susan which was done after a suitable pause at the Grave –I dined at the house of our deceased friend & staid until towards Night then rode home, very thankful that I went, for many reasons – Found my H & little son had faired well in my absence, of which I was also thankful –

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August 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13th of 8th M 1810// The day has passed with the usual round & the usual feelings, so that I think there is nothing material on my own acct to insert. – Sister Rebecca is in a very tried situation & is like to have a broken breast & my dear H is threatened with the Disentary

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August 14, Tuesday: Samuel Sebastian Wesley was born at No.1 Great Woodstock Street in London, the initial of what would turn out to be a total of seven illegitimate children sired by Samuel Wesley upon his housekeeper, Sarah Suter (this musician and composer also had three legitimate children by Charlotte Louisa Martin, from whom he had become estranged).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 8th Mo// Put a letter in the Post Office this morning directed to the care of J Morton Philadelphia for Sarah Fish, which I wrote yesterday –

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August 15, Wednesday: French forces laid siege to Almeida, Portugal.

King Carl XIII of Sweden adopted the Frenchman Jean Bernadotte as his heir.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 8 Mo// My friend & Old Mistress M Williams came to the shop this Afternoon & spent an hour with me in conversation, which turned on many subjects, some pleasant, but most of them were painful, that is, they related to painful circumstances which exist & have existed among us. – And Oh! that I may be more honest & deep in the truth that nothing may draw me away from the little claim I have to a religious profession, that when the day comes that I am to yeald up this body to its parent Earth I may do it without remoss, [sic] Oh! that all impurity may be purged away & Oh! that I may be preserved from falling into the many snares which the Adversary of our Souls has Spread in the World to draw us from Good to evil, & the Sin of Drunkenness is the most of all on my mind with terror at this season, for I believe many that have run well for a Season & indeed Shewed no Small fruit in religious exercise have become captivated with the love of Spirituous liquor & Alass how sorrow ful – I dare not commit to writing all I feel, nor name the object in view, but indeed I am sorrowfully affected – Oh Lord preserve us from this & every other temptation which may eclipse our profession, & wound the tender growth of the precious seed in our hearts.

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August 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 8th Mo// I have had a little conversation with Brother D R this morning which has been pleasant & edyfing, the mind being in a Serious mood & reflective on several subjects, have had a fresh to examine my own standing which I fear is much more superficial than some of my friends are aware, tho' I believe I have a desire to be honest & do the work assigned me while the Day lasts, but Oh this daily, (almost daily) Death of Mind that so often is upon me & I sometimes think is upon our whole meeting in this town. How shall I arise to newness of life? sure there is no way for any of us to arise untill the great fountain of Love & Life is opened for our reliefe, & that I fear & indeed it is plain that it cannot be opened untill there is more inward faithfulness, untill we live in the daily watch against those little things which obstruct the ways of divine Life in the mind. There are many things which are accounted little things in themselves, but alass we find by Scripture testimony that the little foxes spoiled the tender vines, & I have been confirmed by years experience, that those little



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things that are offensive in the divine sight, do nip the tender buddings of Divine Life in the Mind & thus our journey to the city of religious establishment, is protracted, to a painful degree. -

It was singular to me that at meeting my mind should be full two thirds of the time occupied in reflecting on a certain Man (A.. C..) who has not been to meeting five times in 20 Years & never discovered that he was present untill towards the conclusion of the setting when I happened to look in a direction different from what I had done in the meeting & saw him setting - But I know not why I should think it singular, I frequently find that when I am thinking of a person, he suddenly & unexpectedly presents to view or I hear something from him -

In the Afternoon met with the committee appointed at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting to consider of disposing a part of the Medow field in [Newport](#) - We concluded to propose to the Meeting to sell a row of house lots on Farewell street. - When I went home to tea I found my dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah Gould had spent the Afternoon with my H - Daniel Buffington of fall River Dined with us - I was at his house in 1806 with Cousin Zacheus Chase & lodged, as we return'd from the Quarterly meeting at Swansea in the 11th M. -

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August 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 8 M 1810// The day has passed with the usual rounds & I do not recollect any thing that has occurd worth inserting -

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August 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 8 Mo// Attended the funeral of Peleg Peckham son of Thos Peckham this Afternoon. -

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August 19, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was back in Athens staying at a Capuchin Monastery.⁷⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 8 Mo// Owing to a want of Zeal in many of our

75. According to [Lord Byron](#) this was a Franciscan Convent that was being occupied by Capuchins.



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meetings we [were] very small, the weather was wet which I suppose was the reason that many did not attend that does commonly – They were dull heavy meetings to me. I all most said in my heart "There is neither dews nor Rain nor field offerings" Sat most of the eveng at home except a short call at father Rodmans. – Wm Burling saild for NYork this morning –

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August 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 8th M 1810// Nothing material to insert - I have this eveng written to Jos Bringhurst at Wilmington Delw in answer to his of Third M last -

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August 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 21 of 8 Mo// Put a letter in the Post Office to Jos Bringhurst this morning
When the Mail arrived this Afternoon it brought a letter from my friend Micajah Collins, which came at a period when my mind was in want of something to cheer it up a little, or at least divert it from feelings which were depressive - Oh saith my Soul at this season, "how I long to be delivered from the body of this death", this death of mind, with which I am so often tried, & be raised unto newness of life in Christ - but Alass how fluctuating is the human mind, for when a little of the sap of life begins to circulate & the mind brought a little into the enjoyment then Satan renews his attractive influences to draw us therefrom & matters not how much we profess so that he can deprive us of the profession of Religion – Brother D R gave us a call this evening which (as his allways are) was very grateful.
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August 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 8 Mo// It has been a day of considerable reflection & I think a good day or at least a pretty good day for me - it has felt as if the good spirit near to my encoragement, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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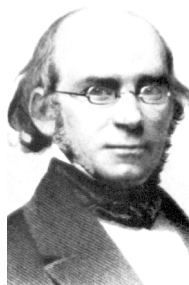
August 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 23 of 8 Mo// There are several persons who lay sick unto Death in this Town. Elizabeth Cornell an old friend & acquaintance lays low in body & as I hear by my Mother who Watched with her last night is in a very Sweet state of mind, resigned & ready to leave this vail of tears which indeed it has been to her for several years past – Another person, wife of A...G... also lays near her end & I understand is in a very different state, her mind distressed & shocked at the prospect of entering the World of Spirits, for whom I have felt my spirit drawn in mental aspirations that she may yet feel peace & quietness before she comes to the final Chan Change
Another person that I have known from infancy lays near an end of things in this World – her name is Judith Casey, a person guilty of allmost every vice, as Drunkeness Whoredom Theft & lying, my Aunt P Stanton called to see her this morning (as an old neighbor) & found her sensible that Death was near, & her account of her so took hold on my mind that I believe I shall go to see her, before long. –
Our meeting was rather Small, but I must acknowledge that to me it was a comfortable season, altho the mind roved about a little, yet there was that in feelings which was comfortable & encorageing-
Our little boy spent the day at his grandfather Goulds, & was very engaging in many of his little ways. I hope yea pray that he may never be less beloved than he is at this time –*

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August 24, Friday: [Theodore Parker](#) was born in Lexington, Massachusetts. The youngest of 11 children, he was the son of a proud farmer and the proud grandson of the Captain Parker who had commanded the Lexington minutemen.



Two works for wind band by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) were performed for the initial time, in Vienna: “Marsch für böhmische Landwehr” and “Marsch für Erzherzog Anton.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 24th of 8th M 1810// Aunt Martha Stanton is about going to NYork having heard of her husbands arrival which seems to occasion some stir in the family, to get her things prepared, but the Wind continues the wrong way – Edward Wanton of Richmond Virg. in [is] a son of Gideon Wanton late of this town Deceased, spent most of the Afternoon with me in the Shop. – My mind is much in the usual mood, except feeling a little more depressed than common



August 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 8 Mo// I must again acknowledge that I have felt visitation of divine love renew'd upon my spirit this day for which I desire to be renewedly thankful. – Aunt Martha Stanton & brother Isaac Sailed for NYork. –

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August 26, Sunday: French besiegers began to bombard the fortress of Almeida, Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 8 Mo// Our Meeting in the forenoon was large but I thought was not very much favor'd (at least) my feeling were not so. D Buffum had a lively testimony to bear – In the Afternoon we were silent & small in number – I took tea with my cousin Henry Gould – & called in the eveng to Mary Williams jun who is quite sick with the Bilous fever. – Then went home to attend to my own infermities which are considerable, my head & throat is much affected with an heavy Cold, I am feverish & very much debilitated. – I took a tea made of Alder flowers, Sage & Coltsfoot, put my feet into warm Water & took two pills of Assa foetida & went to bed

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August 27, Monday: In the midst of the French bombardment, the main powder magazine of Almeida exploded, killing 500 Portuguese soldiers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 8 Mo// My cold is much better this Morning, but our little boy had a very uneasy night & is not well which I Suppose is the effect of teething. he is now 15 Months old & has gotten but 4 teeth, the two fore upper & under –



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Attended the funeral of Elizabeth Cornell this Afternoon

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August 28, Tuesday: The British and Portuguese defenders of Almeida were forced to surrender to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 28 of 8 Mo// Our little son had a very restless night, an extream high fever & very nervas, but has seemed thro' the day to be more comfortable & this Afternoon particularly I think has been on the mending hand, for which I am very thankful, for he is at present such an engaging little creatrue that it would come close home to loose him, but I desire to strive to hold him as tho' I did not - that if he should be taken from us, the Stroke may be the less Severe - How such little objects take our affections but I think I can say that I guard against a foolish fondness
I have had many reflections on various subjects today*

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August 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 8 M 1810// Our dear little son continues very sick he has an high fever & is very weak, but it appears to me his fever is not as high as it has been, we discovered yesterday that he had one double tooth partly cut through, & he has three others that are much swollen -

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August 30, Thursday, and 31, Friday: The death of Caleb Gould, as recorded in the journal of his father Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#):

5 & 6 days being 30 & 31 the 8th Mo 1810// Our precious little son seemd on 5 day morning to be comfortable but very much reduced in his strength he rested well the forepart of the night but more uneasy toward day so that his Mother was up several times to give him his drink & medicine & also gave him the breast which he took freely - & as he seem'd comfortable except weaknss I considered it best as father & mother Rodman much desired it, to take him down to their house, concluding that my dear H would have company of which she was very destitute at home. I made it up in my mind that if he died I should feel the consolation that



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I did for the best, & accordingly we wrapped the dear little creature up & brought him down with which he seem'd pleased, - he seemd comfortable after he got there & I saw nothing why I should not go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, having some papers which was necessary to be there & the School committee was to meet, I thought it best to go & accordingly I took sister E & we went -

We had a good meeting & H Almy preached at least to my edification, buisnefs also in the last went on in a comfortable way & I thought & still believe it was best & right for me to go. We dined at Isaac Almys & on our Way home Stopped at P Lawtons to see Sister Ruth a few minutes, & then rode homeward & as we got to the corner of Obadiah Williams house in Broad Street, brother David Rodman met us & convey'd the hevy tidings that Our Dear & Precious little Son was no more in this life. We rode home & found him a sweet little Corpse in the Cradle - He continued much as when I left him untill about 2 OClock in the Afternoon & was then taken more alarmingly ill & died about 1/2 after 4 OClock. It was remarkable that a child of his age being only One Year, three Months & six days should manifest so much patience as he has since his sickness, he has never been peevish or fretful but allways Mild & placid, he continued to know all around him & about half an hour before he left time he sucked, & his Mother, as was her usual practice told him to kiss his dinner, he kissed her breast & then as usual began to suck & after that kissed his grandmother Gould & several others, apparently looking with his dear little eyes & noticing all around him as long as he lived he died so easy that they could scarcely determine the moment his breath left his body -he was buryed in the upper burying ground by the side of his little cousin Wm on Sixth day following, & has beyond doubting gone to the Arms of his Saviour & is now fleeing around the throne of God with Angellic Sweetnefs.

He has been so remarkable observing, & sweet disposition child that many have said that he was not long for this world & indeed there has not been a day pass over our heads but that we have remembered that he was mortal & even before he was born his Mother seemd impressed that the Child was not long for this World & both before & since would frequently weep at the prospect - the dear little fellow whenever he saw his Mother weep would sob & cry as if his heart would break & his countenance could not be changed until hers was. -

He has been a remarkable healthy child & has enjoyed as much happiness as possible for him too, he would amuse himself by the hour together with his little play things, & every fly, very Dog, Cat, Duck, Hen Pigeon or what ever else that was animated, he would seem delighted with, & want to have them in his hands - he had just got so as to lispe a few Words, would imitate the Dogs barking, the ducks & utter many monysyllables, which with his very numerous little endearing ways renderd him a very desirable Object - but he is taken from the evil to come, Our lofs is his gain. & tho' we may be blefsed with other Children,



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it will be a long time before we shall have one that will arrive to his very agreeable Age - & he is our All, we have no other to turn our attention too, hence We shall feel the mifs of his company the more & will render the trial harder, but I greatly desire we may proffit by the dispensation & deepen in our devotion to the Cause of truth, for this cause I have no doubt he was taken from us & Oh saith my soul may it have the right effect -

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September 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 9 M 1810// We are still at father R's & expect to be for several days - It has been a lonesome day particularly to my dear H - Whenever we eat a meal we think of our dear little Caleb, how he would watch for us to be done that he might have his turn at the table & if pernitted to set up with us in his little cheer how solidly he would set & watch our countenances until our pause was over, & how sweetly he would ask for MORE when he was out of food - these may seem like childish observations but out of the abundance of the heart, the Mouth speaketh. - Neighbor Towle & wife very kindly came & set the eveng with us -

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September 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 9 Mo// A week this day our dear little boy was Well & enjoyed himself as well as at any time in his life. he is now in the silent grave at rest - We attended meetings which were silent & reflective - Our Dear Sister Ruth return'd to her Post of school keeping this afternoon which was a renew'd trial to us all for her company is very desirable. She has been on many occasions very useful to us, & we love her dearly, but pleasant things are often withheld from us for our Benefit, & I hope we shall in this, as in all other similar occasions, IMPROVE -

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September 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 9 M 1810// Our dear little boy often turns on the mind, his dear little actions rush on the mind & also the monysillables which he uttered -- I endeavor to keep in quiet,



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September 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4 of 9 Mo// Brother Isaac arrived this morning from NYork, whither he went to accompany Aunt Martha Stanton. he says they recd the news of the decease of our little son while at breakfast yesterday morning & were much surprised. The day has passed pretty much as our days commonly do, except the Vacancy of our dear little Caleb - In the eveng My H went to see Sister Joanna & while she was there I called to see G B Robinson & Wife who have latly become housekeepers

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September 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 9 Mo// Nothing material has occur'd to insert, the mind in a serious frame, tho' I think I do not feel the loss of our dear little son as fresh as I have done, yet his enticing & very endearing ways rush hard on the mind at times

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September 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 9 Mo// I am just going to meeting & greatly desire it may prove a season of divine refreshment, tho' at this moment I feel very barran of that life which is the Crown & diadem of our Assemblys - David Bown & Elizabeth Folger Chase will be married & I suppose our meeting will be large - Our Meeting was large, the Young people spoke & appeared in a very becoming manner, David Buffum preached excellently, & the ground of his testimony was forn'd on these words from a Certain Author (I believe Watts) "No moment granted Man but for Account" I don't recollect that I ever knew a more solemn meeting at the time of marriage - But the life did not rise much in my mind, yet I thought I was favord to partake in measure of what was circulating among us. -

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September 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 9 Mo// This morning put two letters in the Post Office one For Sarah Fish directed to the care of John W Kimm or Evan Thomas Baltimore & the other to Thomas Ladd Richmond Virginia in which I wrote a few lines to Isaac Austin & requested Thos to give it to him, he being in the State Penitentiary & Thos is one of the Managers I have felt a concern to address Isaac for sometime & knew of no other way to get a letter to him but to send it that Way The day has passed with some Serious thoughts, & my mind has very often turn'd on Our Dear little boy

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September 8, Saturday: The *Tonquin* sailed from New-York for the mouth of the Columbia River, with the nucleus of the Pacific Fur Company.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 9 Mo// I have felt my spirit very sweetly tenderd this Morning, & desires raised that I may be found in the faithful discharge of Duty – This eveng My dear H took a Walk down to Fannys, a black Woman that was very fond of our dear little boy, & with whom he was as quiet as with his Mother & on our return called into our habitation, which looked lonely –

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September 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 9 M 1810// This morning visited the grave of our dear little Son his spirit was not there, it has fled to heaven, yet the place that his remains are deposited awakes the tender sensations We felt at parting with him – We had silent meetings & both pretty large. The morning meeting was to me a very good one, being favor'd to keep the mind in a proffitable train of reflections & to feel a good & comfortable degree of life. We dined & took tea At My fathers & in the eveng & took a pleasant Walk around the Point with Brother David. – In the eveng recd a very sweet tho' short letter from Sister Ruth. –

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September 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 9 Mo// This morning recd a letter from Sarah Fish dated at Philadelphia 7M 14 where it has been between here & there all this time I cannot tell, but notwithstanding it was written allmost two months ago it was very acceptable. - My friend O Williams Called at the Shop the Afternoon, we had much interesting conversation together & I believe that both our minds were quickened with a right feeling - After having spent about 12 days at father Rodmans we this evening return'd to our solitary home renderd so by the loss of our precious little boy, whose loss we have felt deeply & shall much more so on returning home as every thing allmost about the house form'd a part of his amusement & he allmost the whole of ours for I may repeat it again he was a sweet engaging little fellow as I ever saw - My dear & truly affectionate H was very heavy in heart & could scarcely forbear to weep the Whole evening - Father R gave us a call & smoaked his pipe which helped us a little. -

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September 11, Tuesday: [Mount Vesuvius](#) erupted: "Effusiva — Bocche alla sutura del 1631. Lave a W, SE verso Ercolano, Boscotrecase ed Ottaviano. Danni ai campi coltivati."



MOUNT VESUVIUS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 9 Mo// Jonathan Dennis's daughter came to live with us a little while this morning, for the benefit of J Rodmans School who will probably be agreeable company for my H. - Several friends called at the Shop to see me this mornng among whom was Samuel Thurston who inform'd me that A Woman friend was every day expected to arrive in NYork from England on a religious visit - he also mentioned that he had heard that Our friend John Hall of England had departed from this World. I remember him well he was in this Country in the time of my apprenticeship & lodged at David Williams's with whom I lived. - I well remember the Savor of his Ministry - Thus the Ancient Standard bearers are removed & who are there among us to rise up in their places, Surely I believe they will be found, however low the State of Society may get in particular places, yet Truth I believe will



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not only hold its own but increase in the World-

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September 12, Wednesday: The Duchy of Salzburg was incorporated into Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 9 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, except that Our friend D Buffum & Wife & E Hosier spent the Afternoon with us & in the eveng my H & myself went to J Peckhams to see John's Child -

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September 13, Thursday: Horace Morison was born, the 3rd of seven children of Nathaniel and Mary Ann Hopkins Morison, in Peterboro, New Hampshire.

In Tuscany, Grand Duchess Elise suppressed more than 100 religious houses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13th of 9th M 1810// Our meeting was pretty large, & to me a season of Some favor - Our friend Holder Almy was with us & broke bread in a lively & feeling manner, - Our friend H Dennis dined with us & spent part of the Afternoon, her company was very sweet
In the eveng waited on my H to T Peckhams to Watch with Johns Child. - Our dear little Caleb is still the very feeling companion of my mind, in passing by the ground in which he lays he was brought very affectingly to mind. -*

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September 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 9 Mo// Recd a very acceptable letter from Cousin L Clarke dated yesterday - It has been a day of feeling & some sweetness

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September 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 15 of 9 Mo// I have had a good & comfortable degree of life. The mind raised a little above the State of death & barrenness that I am tried with at seasons. I desire to be thankful & believe I am so, whenever my mind is tendered by the love of Truth

Our beloved friends Sarah Robinson & her daughter Abigail set the Afternoon & forepart of the evening with us - they are both friends & relatives that I set store by - And very valuable many ways, particularly in Society - This is the first visit they have made us since we were housekeepers & I am very apprehensive it will be the last we shall ever receive from Sarah as she goes abroad but seldom & is quite Aged. -- My Mother also took tea with us -

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September 16, Sunday: Silvana, a romantic opera by Carl Maria von Weber to words of Heimer after Steinsberg, was performed for the initial time, in Frankfurt-am-Main, conducted by the composer. The work was a moderate success but was overshadowed by a spectacular balloon ascent by Mme Madeleine-Sophie Blanchard, first female professional balloonist and widow of Jean-Pierre Blanchard, balloon pioneer — at the theater, everyone including the singers could talk about nothing else.

Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla placed himself at the head of a band of laborers, Indians, and prisoners in Dolores to the northwest of Ciudad México, in resistance to Spanish rule in Mexico. He inspired them with a cry “Long live religion! –Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe! –Long live the Americas and death to the corrupt government!” His act would be constructed to have been the beginning of the Mexican Revolution.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 9 Mo// Our Meetings were silent - & the Afternoon was a very dry time to me - I went to J Dennis's to tea & on my way stopped at D B's to see a flock of Merino Sheep - When I came home in the eveng found my Dear H alone at home, & in a depressed State of Mind. I did deeply sympathise with her & was almost sorry I left her so long -

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September 17, Monday: The royal government of New Spain placed a price on the head of Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, and three other revolutionary leaders. On the same day the Mexican rebels formed their first rudimentary government, in San Miguel el Grande (San Miguel de Allende).

Samuel Wesley's edition of the first twelve preludes and fugues from Book I of THE WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER by Johann Sebastian Bach was published (over the following three years the entire collection eventually would get published).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 17 of 9 Mo// Nothing Material as I recollect to insert
-The mind in a thoughtful serious frame - Molly Rogers spent the
day with*

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September 18, Tuesday: An assembly in Santiago, Chile created a national government for the first time (this would eventually be celebrated as Chile's independence day).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 18 of 9 Mo// I have just returned from the Episcopal
Church where Dr Waterhouse & Dr Fansher are innoculating the
inhabitants of the town for the Kine Pox. To be sure to any one
that may read this but myself it may savor quite as much of human
weakness as may be deemed manly, but to see large numbers of
dear little babys brought in to be Vaccinated was a very
affecting scene to me & allmost as much as I could well bear -
Some weeks ago when it was first concluded to inoculate the
town, Our dear little Son was alive & well & I had concluded to
carry him to the places agreed upon by the committee of the town
to have him innoculated, but alass he has it not now to undergo,
he is freed from that & every other human Malady, & is now I
have no doubt a little angel in heaven - but I can but feel the
loss of his precious company, & I came as near Wishing him back
to us again when I was at the Church as I ever did (& I think
much nearer than I ever did) since he was removed from Earth -
it was but for a moment, for as soon as I could recollect the
weakness, (I might have said the wickedness) I immediately
checked the desire with censure upon myself - but who at all
times can check the -effusions of human weakness -Surely I
cannot & I doubt if there are many that have arrived to that
State of christian fortitude but that it is a State attainable
I have no Doubt
Our neighbor Saml Towle set most of the evening with us*

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September 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 9 M 1810// The mind in a reflective Mood on divers subjects, & I dont know but I may say I have had a good share of best feelings –

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September 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 9 Mo// Our Meeting was large for the middle of the Week & to me a season of good favor – In the Eunice Earl called to see us & set a couple of hours –

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September 21, Friday: Robert Fulton showed a model of his improved torpedo boat in New-York's City Hotel.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 9 Mo // At about half past 2 OClock this Afternoon I went to the [Baptist](#) Meeting house of which John B Gibson is Minister & was vaccinated in my left Arm by Dr. Fansher who is employed by the Town to inoculate the inhabitants – In the eveng brother David set with us – But I must not forget to insert that in the Afternoon I had a very precious visit at the Shop from our friend & Brother [Paul Cuffe](#) which did indeed seems as a brook of refreshment by the Way –

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September 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 9 M 1810// I am going this morning on buisness to Narragansett, where I hope my mind will be enabled to feel the precious spirit of truth to go & be with me Arrived at Narragansett about 11 OClock AM – Walked up to Cousin Peleg Gardiners & in the Afternoon Cleaned his Clock, the purpose I went for – Cousin L Clarke & I took tea & spent the evening with Cousin Casey –

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September 23, Sunday: Anglo settlers subdued the Spanish garrison at Baton Rouge, proclaiming a “Republic of West Florida.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

(First Day) Rode with cousin Lewis from Peleg Gardiners towards the meeting house in S Kingston but found it rained & thunderd so violently that I thought best to turn off & go to Cousin John Hazard in North Kingston where I spent the day which was a very stormy one aftermeeting cousin Lewis returnd to J Hazard & in the Afternoon Set out again for Hopkintown to attend their Moy [Monthly] Meeting there the next day I lodged at J Hazards & the next morning 2nd day [Monday] went back to P Gardiners, it rained nearly all day & the Wind was so violent that the ferry boats could not pass, so I stay'd there & lodged again - the next 3rd day I went several times to the ferry but the Wind & seas raged so violently that altho' the ferry boats passed several times, My faith was not equal to the task, so I returnd & went to the Widow Carpenters on a little buisness & there dined, then returnd again to P Gardiners where in the eveng Cousin Lewis joined me of which I was truly glad for my spirits had gotten quite low, & had I have given way to my feelings thro' the day I should have conducted very childish, but the Manhood within me supported me - being so much longer from home than I expected when I went away, was no small trial to my feelings -this morning 4th day I arose by daylight & crossed the field to the ferry, found a favorable opportunity & came over & found My dear Wife & all things at home, as well as I left them, for which I trust I am thankful

Altho this visit has been attended with unpleasant weather & I have been obliged to join in some kinds of conversation that was not my eliment or appear unsociable, yet I have had Some precious feelings, & view of some Subjects which were proffitable

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September 27, Thursday: French troops attacked a combined British/Portuguese force at Buçaco and were repulsed with great losses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 9 M 1810// It is our Monthly Meeting day - & presently I expect to attend -- I feel the operation of the spirit of Truth in my mind, but I also feel a mixture of evil, which I hope to keep under, but Alass how weaek is human Nature, how easily does the enemy, work himself into those places where he ought not to be admitted. —

I had a very good quiet meeting both in the first & last, being favor'd with the prescious arisings of Life - Our friends Holder Almy & Abigail Robinson were very acceptably engaged in Public testimony - And in the last we had a considerable buinssess in



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the transaction of which I felt a Quiet Solemn covering A Robinson & H dennis expressed a concern to pay a religious [visit] to [Smithfield](#) Moy [Monthly] Meetg & some meetings in that Quarterly Meeting which was united with & a copy of a Minute granted them - Also it was propsed of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting's giving forth a testimony concerning Our Ancient & venerable friend Mary Mitchell deceased of the Island of [Nantucket](#), but formerly of this Island - We had the company of Caty & Nancy Almy at Dinner whose company was very pleasant - I have indeed had a very comfortable day for which I desire to be thankful - How pleasant it is, yes, how rejoicing it is, to feel the arisings of life & light upon the mind - My dear friend & Brother Philip Dunham spent the evening with us very sweetly on our part -

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September 28, Friday: It was suggested in the Herald of Gospel Liberty that Calvinism provoked in some cases a condition of melancholy so extreme as to produce self-hatred leading even to suicide.⁷⁶ In a few years the famous case in point would become that of the self-murdering Reverend Joseph Buckminster (1751-1812), the one who had courted the Elizabeth Whitman and who was later to be fictionalized as Reverend Boyer in Hannah Webster Foster's account of the Whitman tragedy, *THE COQUETTE*. Whether Whitman's fate had any bearing on Buckminster's suicide is unclear, for according to Cathy Davidson, Buckminster had been known even in his prime to have been prone to fits of depression. Leon Jackson's doctoral dissertation has dealt very extensively in this regard with the Unitarian controversy and quotes an *ms* letter (original now in private hands) which suggested that the minister's death was the result of (Calvinism-induced) madness: immediately prior to his death Buckminster "was oppressed with religious melancholy, which became absolute derangement, and he made an attempt to destroy himself."⁷⁷

What cheer can the religious sentiment yield, when that is suspected to be secretly dependent on the seasons of the year, and the state of the blood? I knew a witty physician who found theology in the biliary duct, and used to affirm that if there was disease in the liver, the man became a Calvinist, and if that organ was sound, he became a Unitarian.

SUICIDE

CALVINISM

Suicides enumerated in *THE DIARY OF MARTHA BALLARD, 1785-1812* (Camden ME: Picton Press, 1992)

Date	Sex	Method
March 5, 1786	M	<u>hanged</u> self
July 5, 1790	M	<u>hanged</u> self
ditto	M	shot self
March 29, 1791	F	method not stated
October 11, 1796	M	cut throat
March 15, 1807	M	cut throat
April 16, 1807	M	<u>hanged</u> self

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 9 M 1810// It is a Month this day since we followed our dear little precious Son to his grave the remembrance of him is indeed very lovely, & it is affecting to reflect on the loss of him, but the confirmation that we have received that it is all right & in the Wisdom of Providence that we Should be deprived of him is very consoling, Still when I reflect that he is gone forever gone from us in this World, it is almost as much as my manhood is master of -

76. "Melancholy Effects of Calvinism, or the Human, Killing Doctrine of Fatality."

77. Also: did the Reverend Joseph Hawley of Northampton end his life (and the revival that was going on) by cutting his throat with a razor?



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Our dear friend P Dunham has spent a considerable time with me in the shop today & I trust our minds were mutually comforted & Strengthened in the company of each other – In the eveng we called to see our kind friends & neighbors Saml Towle & Wife. –

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September 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 29 of 9 Mo// My mind has this morning been brought into tender feelings, & desires raised for my advancement & establishment in that life which is in the Truth. I sometimes feel as if there was a growth, but alass how soon does death & dryness, possess the place of more lively emotions, & I am left in a State truly hard to bear, but I suppose those seasons are proffitable, we are not to experience a continual feast in the mind any more than in the body. –
I have been informed since my return from Narragansett, that our dear friend Jonathan Dennis for the first time appeard in a public testimony in our mmeting in the Afternoon on first day last being 23 day of this Mo – & I wish his encouragement very sincerely & hope that as his mind becomes rightly impressed with a message to the people that he will be faithful in the discharge thereof. –*

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September 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 9 Mo// Perhaps owing to the symptoms of the Kine Pock I have had a very dull day & poor Meetings – In the forenoon Our friend D Buffum was engaged in testimony, & those I esteem as judges said it was very much favor'd – My dear H being quite unwell did not go to meetings – I went to the Alms House & in the evening with father R to Thos Robinsons. –

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October 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 10thM 1810// It has again been a dull day, my body & mind have been depressed –

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October 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 10 M 1810// The mind I think a little raised from yesterday, but I feel very poor & low, in every respect - I received a letter this afternoon from David Smith which I thought was a little reviving - Brother D Rodman set the evening with us

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October 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds - We spent the evening at J Earls - My mind been reflective on various subjects & the pleasant hours we had with our dear little boy has many times come across me with feeling. I forbear to complain of his loss but we do miss him very much indeed

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October 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4 of 10 Mo// We had a Silent Meeting & to me it was a pretty good one, tho' the enemy was near to step in when opportunity offered with his suggestions - I was carried back to my child hood, to recount the many visitations of the divine spirit in those day upon my mind, which I found were many & that if I had acted in Strict conformity to the monitions of truth & should have been further advance in religious growth than I am at present - I should not be so weak, so vulnerable to the shafts of the enemy -
My H spent the Afternoon & eveng with D Williams & Wife & I took tea with them & spent the evening - Sarah & Abigail Robinsnon also spent the Afternoon there -*

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October 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 5 of 10 Mo// My mind has been brought under various important reflections, which I hope will prove useful - My H spent the evening at her fathers -

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October 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 6th of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds
-The mind in its usual mood of late, Sometimes better * sometimes
worse*

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October 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were silent, & to me seasons
of much barrenness, the mind on a continual rove from the right
thing
We dined at my fathers - & my H took tea at her fathers while I
went to see Saml Thurston who expects to be absent three or four
weeks with A Robinson & H Dennis who are going to [Smithfield](#)
Quarterly Meeting on a religious visit. -*

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October 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 8 of 10 Mo// The mind in a dull state as to the Life of
Religion, & as to the outward nothing out of the common course
has transpired -*

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October 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 9 of 10 Mo// Recd by the Afternoons Mail a letter from
my friend Jos Bringhurst Junr of Wilmington Delaware, & one from
Thos Ladd of Richomnd Virginia & one annexed thereto from Isaac
Austin, which was all very satisfactory - My Mother & Wife Spent
the Afternoon with the goodly Widow Bird & I took tea with them -*

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October 10, Wednesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) began studies at University College, Oxford, where he would soon be meeting Thomas Jefferson Hogg.

Cassius M. Clay was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th M 1810// The mind in a dull lifeless state, poor & destitute of every living thing. Oh! when shall I be raised, when shall Life be more raised into dominion in my tabernacle of clay - Brother David called in the eveng -

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October 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 10th Mo// A poor dull meeting again destitute of all good, I hope others that were at meeting was in a more lively frame than I was, or I believe the Lord was not acceptably Worshipped - Our meeting was quite as large as common for the day of the Week - Sister Ruth spends the day in town her company is very acceptable indeed & my H spent the Afternoon with her at her fathers - In setting with my Dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah Gould this eveng my mind was raised from that dead state in which it was most of the day. Our dear precious little son was in part the subject of our conversation, they mentioned with affectionate emotions the several very pleasant days that he spent with them & the comfort & satisfaction his company was to them. They loved him dearly, as well as we did ourselves, indeed



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every body loved him that was with him, his many & uncommonly endearing & attracting ways drew their affections imperceptably - but Alas he is gone, & Oh that I may not grieve for his loss, beyond what is right, I feel a care on my mind, but his remembrance is daily renew'd & I think is brought closer home than at the period of his death, that is the way things operate with me in a general way, when trouble is immediately upon me I do not feel at [it] as I do Sometime after.

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October 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 of 10 Mo// Cousin Anne Greene Dined with us & in the Afternoon my H went out to Saml Thurstons on buisness of Society & came in & spent the evening at Aunt Patty Goulds - I took tea at my fathers A Greene being also there - In the eveng I met Thomas Cottrell in the Street & had a little religious conversation with him he seem'd very tender in spirit & promised to come & see us tomorrow if the Wind did not favor his going home to NYork. when I went to Aunt P Gould for my H I found my father there, it so occur'd that our conversation turn'd on incidents of my childhood & some occurrences in the family before my father was married which were interesting to my feelings & my mind being preciously quickened with a feeling of life was able to enter into the conversation with a degree of pleasantness for which I desire to be thankful - Oh Lord preserve me, be yet with me & leave me not, but renew the visits of thy holy Spirit upon me. -

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October 13, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) returned to Athens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 10 M 1810// It has been a day of considerable favor to me - my mind has been led into reflections of a very serious nature -

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October 14, Sunday: Two vocal trios by Luigi Cherubini were performed for the initial time, at Chimay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were both pretty well



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attended, & to me were seasons of deep reflection, we had no public offering. Edward Lawton took tea with us, his company was very pleasant -This evening I was called to father Rs to converse with a committee appointed at our last Preparative Meeting to report the names of Overseers for the coming Year & strange as it may appear, they had thought of me for one to Stand in that Station. My mind is humbled under consideration of being held as one to oversee my brethren, & many times Since the subject was committed to my consideration (which was several days ago) It hath been often reiterated in my mind "Overseer, oversee thyself" but however imperfect & weak as I am, I considered it best to leave it with the committee to do as they thought best, which I hope will be to look for some other friend in my place. -

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October 15, Monday: Cantate auf die Einweihung der Berliner Universität by Johann Friedrich Reichardt to words of Brentano was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, the mind deeply reflective on various subjects, & desires have been raised for newness of life. Oh that I could feel more of the enlivening spirit of truth that the body of Death & poverty with which I am often surrounded may be removed -

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October 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 10 Mo// Aunt Nanny Lawton dined with us, & in the evening we went & spent it at my fathers - The mind in rather a depressed state -- Neighbor Nicholas P Tillinghasts daughter Patience arrived

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October 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 10 Mo// I hardly know what to Say of the state of my mind it has not been in a very stupid state nor yet in a very lively one - We took tea with Neighbor Vinson & in the eveng she read a letter from _____ Smith of [Providence](#) to his sisters & brothers on the subject of his late conversion from Deistical principals to a belief in the Christian religion which was very



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extrardinary & altho there is some things in the manner of his convincement that does not altogether accord with my experience of the nature of the progress religion in the Mind yet I am inclined to believe he has had a remarkable visitation of Divine Providence & if it does not evaporate by too many words or blow away in the whirlwind he may make a noble advocate for the precious cause of Truth -

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October 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 10 Mo// Our first meeting was silent & a season of but little proffit to me tho' I think I may say that there was not that hardness that I sometimes feel - Our last (Preparative) was very uncomfortable on account of the cold, yet we had a considerable buisness - The committee appointed at the last to report suitable persons names for Overseers, reported Richard Mitchell, Sam Thurston & Jon Dennis who are the same as last Year I was truly thankful that my name was left out for I dreaded the task extreamly - Our old neighbor Mary Donaly set the eveng with also Sister Eliza & brother David -

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October 19, Friday: [Mexican](#) revolutionary leader Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla proclaimed the end of [slavery](#) in the nation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 10th M 1810// Loy'd Green dined with us & my dear father & mother came up to Set the evening with us. My mind has been in rather a low frame, but not very uncomfortably so -

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October 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 10 Mo// Nothing material to insert - the mind about as usual of late, poor & barran of allmost all that I want-

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October 21, Sunday: [Marcus Spring](#) was born in Northbridge, Massachusetts to Adolphus Spring (1772-1847) and Lydia Taft (1772-1838). He would attend Uxbridge Academy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 21 of 10_Mo// Our meetings were large as usual, and I dont know but what I had a degree of life setting in them – both were Silent & no one present that would be likely to speak in the line of the Ministry D Buffum having gone to Salem & A Robinson & H Dennis to [Smithfield](#) – We dined & took tea at my fathers & in the eveng I went a little while to D Williams – Recd letters from Aunt P Stanton. –

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October 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 10_Mo// My H spent the evening at Brother Ds – I went to Wm Pattens to meet with the Directors of the African Benevolent Society. – The mind I think more free from depression than for several days —

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October 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 of 10_Mo// Engaged in piling some Wood which tires my body – The mind in a pretty cheerful frame, but I am suffering with the tooth Ach –

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October 24, Wednesday: In [Concord](#), Gaius Proctor's house burned, with a loss amounting to \$800.

Provision Against Fire. – The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.⁷⁸

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 10_Mo// I am indeed a poor thing today, being much

78. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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afflicted with the Ague in my face, but hope to be favor'd with patience

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October 25, Thursday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), John S. Roby of Concord & Hannah Whitman of Groton filed an intention to marry.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 10 Mo// I thought this morning that as my face was less sore & painful than yesterday that I might go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meetg, but on going out found the Air Sharp & cold concluded to get O Williams to take my dear H in a Chaise & for them to go together which he was very willing to do but in the course of the Day I have almost regretted that I had not have risked it, as the weather has been very pleasant & moderated since morning – On the return of Obediah & Hannah she stoped at Os & spent the evening I also went & found it had been a very exercising meeting especially on the mens side of the house, & strange as it may be, a man whose initials are I...A... objected to one of the Overseers proposed by our preparative Meeting which cast such an obstacle in the way that the matter was referd for further consideration – Oh when shall we get to be what we ought to be, & this occurrence has excited desires afresh in my mind that I may give double dilligence to the subjugation of my Will & Passions.

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October 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 10 M 1810// My mind has been much occupied with a serious subject Vizt the Occurrence in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting yesterday, but I hope it may be ended without much difficulty – Went this afternoon with the committee of the Directors to the African School to see the childrens progress & dismiss it for the season – We were highly gratified with their improvement & solid deportment, & offerd them such Advice as occured & left them –The committee also met at C J Tennys to agree on an eveng School but could not come to a conclusion at that time – Set at home in the evening recording Certificates

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October 27, Saturday: The Prussian government issued a Finanzedikt promising certain liberal reforms such as equalization of the tax burden, freedom to start businesses, tariff reform, secularization of Church lands, and sale of state owned lands.

President Madison annexed the western part of West Florida (between the Perdido and Mississippi Rivers) to the United States of America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 10 Mo// My mind has been favord with a precious degree of life for which I desire to be thankful – I rode this eveng to [Portsmouth](#) with Isaac Almy, & arrived at my very affectionate & much beloved cousins L Chases where I ate some supper & spent the evening very much to my satisfaction, We being very glad to see each other in Morning 1st day [Sunday] I went to P Ls & I A's a little while before meeting – At meeting we were silent & to me not a very bad time but nothing to boast of as to Life – I dined at I A's & called at P Ls in the Afternoon, took tea at Cousin L C & walked home in company with Brother D R who walked out in the morning on our way home we stoped at Saml Thurstons – We found our wives Well & also the rest of our friends – I am glad I have been to [Portsmouth](#) & spent a little time with Cousin Chase who seemd truly glad to see me – I have spent much very pleasant time with them in that House, more than I ever expect to again, & they are very near my heart she being a near relation (my fathers own cousin) when I was a boy & even in infancy my dear Aunt Patty Gould used to take me there so that the intimacy has been of long standing – but I am thinking it is not long ere it will be broken, my dear cousins are aged & infirm & the probability is that they are drawing to the conclusion of terestial things & that the pure spirit of truth may so operate in them as at the final chance as to enables them to sing the triumphant song "Oh Death where is thy sting Oh Grave where is thy victory" is my fervant breathing – But Alass who knows but they may live to see my days numbered long before theirs are. –

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October 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 10 Mo// My spirits have been low, perhaps the dulness of the weather may contributed something to it, but I think it is not wholly owing to that I set the evening at home, & almost finished recording the Certificates of public travelling friends which I began some time ago.

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October 30, Tuesday: Robert Fulton demonstrated a model of his torpedo ship.

The Prussian government nationalized both Catholic and Protestant lands and assumed control over them.

Mexican revolutionaries overwhelmed Spanish troops at Monte de las Cruces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th 10 M 1810// My dear father & mother have this day made a visit to our dear cousins Zacheius Chase & family & while setting with them this evening my mind was affected with the consideration that they are all old folk & before many revolving suns will be numbered with the dead. they expressed much Satisfaction which amounted to joy that they had made them one more visit --

I had an opportunity of performing what I thought was a religious duty toward W—C— he seemd much affected & deeply sensible of his situation. I encouraged him to Close in with the present visitation for he knew not how soon the thread of life would be cut, to seek retirement & be faithful —

My H spent the Afternoon with Aunt A Carpenter —

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October 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31st of 10 Mo// Here endeth the day & the Month, & that is the principal that I can say about it - The time has passed & is gone & fear to but little purpose. — Oh how lean & poor I am in every sense —

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November 1, Thursday: At New-York's Corlear's Hook, Robert Fulton successfully demonstrated his underwater cable-cutting knife.

As of this date Napoléon's Berlin and Milan decrees were revoked in regard to the United States of America. Normal commerce between the two nations was resumed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1 of 11 M 1810// Our number at meeting was Small & several of our heads absent, attending the Quarterly Meeting this day held at Somersett
It was to me a dull season as to life tho' I had some proffitable reflections — I forgot to mention in yesterdays insertion that*



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I spent the eveng at C J Tenny's our conversation was on various religious Subjects & our African School - I believe it was a Satisfactory opportunity to him & it was to me as I had an opportunity of explaining some of our customs & doctrines which he was not acquainted with.

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November 2, Friday: Jacob Freeman and [Nancy Freeman](#)'s son Jacob Freeman, Jr. died at the age of 19.

Friedrich Hermann Otto replaced Hermann Friedrich Otto as Prince of Hohenzollern-Hechingen.

The Prussian government issued an edict ending the restriction of certain trades to guild members.

President Madison decreed that as of February 2d of the following year, trade with France would be restored and trade with Great Britain ended.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 11 Mo// The day passed away in rather a dreary manner, it was a severe snow storm in consequence of which I did not go home at noon & dined at my fathers - notwithstanding the severity of the weather many of our friends that went to Somerset Quy Meeting returnd.

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November 18, Sunday: [Asa Gray](#) was born in Sauquot, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Went to meeting & on my way thither heard of the decease of Cousin Alice Gould widow of Thos Gould of Middletown - We had a silent meeting which was to me a good one for which I desire to be thankful - Dined at Cousin Chases & in the Afternoon went with him to Middletown to see the family of my deceased cousin & his own Sister. we found them in a comfortable Situation, & I have no doubt but the dear old woman has gone to rest. She has been a woman of a very exemplary life & meek in spirit & if she had not known the support of religion I think she could not have been borne up under the many & complicated trials that have Awaited her expecially in the latter part of her life. She died about 10 OClock last evening - After tea I walked to Saml Thurstons & set there a while & then home



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 November 19, Monday: Piano Concerto no.1 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Mannheim, with the composer himself at the keyboard, on what might well be his 24th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 11// It has been a day of some feeling for which I desire to be thankful.

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 November 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 11 Mo// I had some conversation with a young man this forenoon (E W L) which was Somewhat to the relief of my mind Brother D R was present & spake to my help - D seems to be well engaged & I hope that both he & I may know & increase in Wisdom. -I regret that I cannot attend the funeral of my dear Cousin Alice Gould which is this Afternoon, but as it rains fast & I cannot Walk & as my wife thinks her self not fit to go I think I cant afford to hire an horse for myself The funeral I understood from those that was there, was large & well conducted - Aunt Patty Gould went with Abigail Robinsnson in the Chaise. -

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 November 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 11 M 1810// The usual rounds, & the mind in a the usual frame - I am a poor lean creature -

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 November 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 11 Mo// A Silent meeting, but to me a pretty good one In the last (preparative) R M suggested the convenience of having an Horse which was submitted to the considerations of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting

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November 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 11 Mo// Sister Ruth spends the day with us - My feelings have been very lifeless, if I attempt to turn the mind inward it seems as if I could feel nothing of good. -

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November 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 11 Mo// I have this morning been dipt into feelings which are good, & I hardly tell any thing that gave rise to them, only on a sudden I felt them arise - Times & seasons are not at our command, we cannot command one good thought or raise one heart felt sigh for help, only as we are assisted by the Spirit of Truth, And Oh! saith my Soul at this time may I be more favor'd with ability to press forward for the mark of the prise & high Calling, for with my continued leanness & poverty I am Sick -Well there must be a cause that good is thus withheld that cause is within mine own heart, it is for the want of an inward labor when thus brought into feeling, to dwell under it - My H & Sister R spent the day at Jonathan Dennis's - I went & spent the evening & at the usual time of coming home we concluded to stay all night.

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November 25, Sunday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) began his 1st voyage from [Westport](#) to Freeport, Sierra Leone in his 69-ton *Traveller*.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 11 Mo // We breakfasted at Jonathans & then came home & prepared for meeting - At Meeting D Buffum broke Silence which has not been broken for many weeks before, he spake lively to the necessity of a religious life - Between meetings my dear father came up to see us & mentioned that he felt much fatigued with the walk, but thought that he felt as it was very pleasant, as perhaps it might noon [soon?] Snow & he should not come again very soon if ever -Our Afternoon meeting was silent, after which I visited the Work & Alms Houses - Set most of the evening at home -

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November 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 26 of 11 Mo// The usual rounds at trade but this Afternoon & evening the mind has been brought into a feeling exercise on acct of a difficult case that exists in Society & desires begotten in my heart that it may be rightly ended - My H set the evening at Neighbor Towles

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November 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 11th M 1810// My H & Sister Joanna Spent the Afternoon at D Buffums. Brother D & myself took tea with them & at night they came home in the Chaise & we continued the evening which was an agreeable one. J Dennis was also there -

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November 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 11 Mo// Pretty much the usual rounds - the mind under exercise which I hope may prove profitable. -

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November 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 11 Mo// In our first meeting Cousin Anne Greene appeared in testimony twice Our friend D Buffum was also engaged in testimony & I thought I never heard neither with more Authority -

In the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) we were much favor'd untill the last subject came before us which was an exercising one indeed, but I can say my mind was favord with a calm thro' the whole & I dont know that the enemy got any hold of my mind during the whole trial for which I desire to be thankful It was the subject of the contested overseer - Anne Anthony & her Son & daughter dined with us & in the evening I went over to Thos Robinsons a little while.-

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November 30: Oliver Fisher Winchester, rifle maker, was born.

Carl Maria von Weber drew up statutes for the Harmonische Verein in Darmstadt — an organization to promote new musical works.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6 30 of 11 Mo// The mind reflective on divers important subjects
In the eveng Brother D R Set with us our time was principally spent
in reading Letters of R Shackletons &c - My dear father keeps
about but his health is very low & seems hardly able to Set up,
tho' still he sets on the board and works considerable I think
& feel much about him. -*



December 1, Saturday: Mexican revolutionaries captured the Pacific port of San Blas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 1st of 12 M 1810// Father seems more comfortable than
yesterday - This afternoon the committee in the difficult case
at our last Moy [Monthly] Meeting met, the result was trying, &
the agreed to meet next day.*



December 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2 of 12 M // This morning before meeting by a miss step
I fell down Stairs & how ever it happened I cannot tell but I
came head foremost came very near putting my shoulder out hurt
my arm, nearly sliped out both my knee pans scraped both shins
& strained the cords in my right instep very much - I got on my
feet & felt myself much bruised & felt very faint but took some
safron drops & felt better, went to meeting & dined at my fathers
with my Wife -in the Afternoon went to meeting again tho' very
sore, particularly my knees & when meeting broke was scarcely
able to rise, walked home, took tea & set the evening at reading,
at betime took some Salts had my bed warmed & got into it - &
was thankful I was no worse, tho' more hurt than I have been in
Years -*



December 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 3 of 12 M 1810// I continue better of my hurt of
yesterday, & feel thankful it is no worse - Sister Mary spent
the day with us & Brother D set the evening -*




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 December 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 12 M // It has been a very Stormy day & when i came to the Shop I did not return home untill evening & dined at my fathers. When I went home found my dear H & Sister Mary who continues with us has been pretty well thro' the day -

 December 5, Wednesday: President [James Madison](#) got up on a platform so he could be seen (he was shorter than our Senator Paul Wellstone) and addressed both houses of the federal Congress.

"Among the commercial abuses still committed under the American flag, ... it appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil." HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 11th Congress, 3d session, VII. 435.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Undoubtedly, the Act of 1807 came very near being a dead letter. The testimony supporting this view is voluminous. It consists of presidential messages, reports of cabinet officers, letters of collectors of revenue, letters of district attorneys, reports of committees of Congress, reports of naval commanders, statements made on the floor of Congress, the testimony of eye-witnesses, and the complaints of home and foreign anti-slavery societies.

"When I was young," writes Mr. Fowler of Connecticut, "the slave-trade was still carried on, by Connecticut shipmasters and Merchant adventurers, for the supply of southern ports. This trade was carried on by the consent of the Southern States, under the provisions of the Federal Constitution, until 1808, and, after that time, clandestinely. There was a good deal of conversation on the subject, in private circles." Other States were said to be even more involved than Connecticut.⁷⁹ The African Society of London estimated that, down to 1816, fifteen of the sixty thousand slaves annually taken from Africa were shipped by Americans. "Notwithstanding the prohibitory act of America, which was passed in 1807, ships bearing the American flag continued to trade for slaves until 1809, when, in consequence of a decision in the English prize appeal courts, which rendered American slave ships liable to capture and condemnation, that flag suddenly disappeared from the coast. Its place was almost instantaneously supplied by the Spanish flag,

79. Fowler, HISTORICAL STATUS OF THE NEGRO IN CONNECTICUT, in LOCAL LAW, etc., pages 122, 126.



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which, with one or two exceptions, was now seen for the first time on the African coast, engaged in covering the slave trade. This sudden substitution of the Spanish for the American flag seemed to confirm what was established in a variety of instances by more direct testimony, that the slave trade, which now, for the first time, assumed a Spanish dress, was in reality only the trade of other nations in disguise."⁸⁰

So notorious did the participation of Americans in the traffic become, that President Madison informed Congress in his message, December 5, 1810, that "it appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil."⁸¹ The Secretary of the Navy wrote the same year to Charleston, South Carolina: "I hear, not without great concern, that the law prohibiting the importation of slaves has been violated in frequent instances, near St. Mary's."⁸² Testimony as to violations of the law and suggestions for improving it also came in from district attorneys.⁸³

The method of introducing Negroes was simple. A slave smuggler says: "After resting a few days at St. Augustine, ... I agreed to accompany Diego on a land trip through the United States, where a *kaffle* of negroes was to precede us, for whose disposal the shrewd Portuguese had already made arrangements with my uncle's consignees. I soon learned how readily, and at what profits, the Florida negroes were sold into the neighboring American States. The *kaffle*, under charge of negro drivers, was to strike up the Escambia River, and thence cross the boundary into Georgia, where some of our wild Africans were mixed with various squads of native blacks, and driven inland, till sold off, singly or by couples, on the road. At this period [1812], the United States had declared the African slave trade illegal, and passed stringent laws to prevent the importation of negroes; yet the Spanish possessions were thriving on this inland exchange of negroes and mulattoes; Florida was a sort of nursery for slave-breeders, and many American citizens grew rich by trafficking in Guinea negroes, and smuggling them continually, in small parties, through the southern United States. At the time I mention, the business was a lively one, owing to the war then going on between the States and England, and the unsettled condition of affairs on the border."⁸⁴

The Spanish flag continued to cover American slave-traders. The rapid rise of privateering during the war was not caused solely by patriotic motives; for many armed ships fitted out in the

80. HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, page 32.

81. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 11 Congress 3 session, VII. page 435.

82. HOUSE DOCUMENT, 15th Congress 2d session, IV. No. 84, page 5.

83. See, e.g., HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 11 Congress 3 session, VII. page 575.

84. Drake, REVELATIONS OF A SLAVE SMUGGLER, page 51. Parts of this narrative are highly colored and untrustworthy; this passage, however, has every earmark of truth, and is confirmed by many incidental allusions.



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United States obtained a thin Spanish disguise at Havana, and transported thousands of slaves to Brazil and the West Indies. Sometimes all disguise was thrown aside, and the American flag appeared on the slave coast, as in the cases of the "Paz,"⁸⁵ the "Rebecca," the "Rosa"⁸⁶ (formerly the privateer "Commodore Perry"), the "Dorset" of Baltimore,⁸⁷ and the "Saucy Jack."⁸⁸ Governor McCarthy of Sierra Leone wrote, in 1817: "The slave trade is carried on most vigorously by the Spaniards, Portuguese, Americans and French. I have had it affirmed from several quarters, and do believe it to be a fact, that there is a greater number of vessels employed in that traffic than at any former period."⁸⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 12 M // Pretty dilligently occupied at trade, in the evening wrote to my Aged friend Jos Bringhurst.-

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December 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 12 M Our Meeting was Silent, & a season of a little Life to me, at least I felt it to arrise a little in my mind for which I desire to be thankful – My H spent the Afternoon & evening at E Hosiers & I took tea with her –

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December 7, Friday: Theodore Schwann, physiologist, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 12 M // My mind has been much occupied respecting an enlargement of my buisness. Many plans suggest themselves, but which or whether any different from my present, is best to persue I am unable to determine. I wish to be directed arightly & feel the danger there is in lanching out largely into the concerns of the World, I know that a wordly disposition is the bane of religious life, but my present buisness is scarce sufficient to bring the Year reputably about, & I think it better indevoavor to apply myself a little closer to the concerns of

85. For accounts of these slavers, see HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, pages 30-50. The "Paz" was an armed slaver flying the American flag.

86. Said to be owned by an Englishman, but fitted in America and manned by Americans. It was eventually captured by H.M.S. "Bann," after a hard fight.

87. Also called Spanish schooner "Triumvirate," with American supercargo, Spanish captain, and American, French, Spanish, and English crew. It was finally captured by a British vessel.

88. An American slaver of 1814, which was boarded by a British vessel. All the above cases, and many others, were proven before British courts.

89. HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, page 51.



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*life than be negligent with respect to a competent maintainance
– I believe I can say from experience that we may apply our
selves closely to buisness & yet not have our minds buried in the
earth being dilligent in buisness, fervant in Spirit serving the
Lord –*

*But Oh that I may not plead an easy excuse for Gain. I think if
I know my own heart I can honestly say, I do feel a very anxious
Solicitude, to be a Sincerely religious Man & have lived on Small
means a long time because I could be as much as possible
unincumbered with many worldly cares, but it seems necessary
that Something further be done to get daily bread, & I am now
trying to fix upon the Safest way of enlarging my buisness –*

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December 8, Saturday: [Elihu Burritt](#) was born in New Britain, Connecticut.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 8th of 12th M 1810// The mind occupied on various
Subjects & this evening a little life is raised. I hope that I
may be favord to see & feel aright, both as repescts spirituals
& temporals, & not blunder into any thing without duly weighing
the consequences*

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December 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9 of 12 M // Our meetings were Silent, in them there was
in my mind a Strong contest between the World & the Master. The
latter of which I wrestled hard against, but whenever there was
the least relaxation of watchfulness, it would come up against
me with boldness, but I cannot call them bad meetings as there
was not that hardness which I so often feel to my Sorrow &
wounding -We spent the evening at brother D Rs very agreeably.
Edw Lawton was also there –*

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December 10, Monday: Bentheim and Holstein-Oldenburg were annexed by France.

Lüneburg was attached to the Kingdom of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 12 M // Nothing material to insert –



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In the evening neighbor Vinson & Wife set with us -

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December 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 12 M // Mt Mother & Wife set the Afternoon at Thos Robinsons. I took tea & set the evening with them, & while Setting there my mind was lead into reflections of a Serious nature, particularly that there was several aged people present, & we none of us, knew whoe turn might be first to be summoned to our long home, it it pretty certain that a few more revolving Suns will bring the aged to a conclusion in this World & yet they may live to see us that are younger, first in our graves Our visit was pleasant & instructing -

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December 12, Wednesday: Lucien Bonaparte, brother of the French emperor, and his wife, having been captured by the British while attempting to escape to the United States, were brought into the harbor of Plymouth, England.

[Mary Ann Thoreau Billings](#) was born to Caleb Callender Billings and [Nancy Thoreau Billings](#). She would get married with Charles Lowell of Bangor on October 2, 1834.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 12 M // The day has passed pretty much with the usual rounds, except that I dined at Aunt A Carpenters as the weather was Stormy -

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December 13, Thursday: [Napoléon](#) annexed the north coast of Germany (Bremen, Hamburg, Lübeck, Aremberg, Münster) to France in an attempt to tighten his blockade against Britain. Parts of the Kingdom of Westphalia were also annexed by France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 12 M // I staid away from Meeting, as a man that was going many miles off wanted his Watch clean'd & was to call for it while meeting was setting, but as it happened I might have gone, he did not come untill the Middle of the Afternoon, & I may now say that I believe, there is nothing lost by dedication of heart to the good cause - I got the Watch done time enough to have gone to meeting, & ought to have gone -



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December 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 12 M 1810// The day passed as usual. In the evening my mind was refreshed & quickened with life by reading in the journal of our Ancient friend Stephen Crisp, for which I feel thankful – Sister Ruth spent the night with us

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December 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 12 M // Sister Ruth Staid with us last night & part of this forenoon – This morning when I came down to the Shop I saw much people around the Watch house, & on enquiry found a Woman had been taken there, who was apparently crazy & had beaten & bruised old Abram Easton a black man. she lived with him in the house late the property of Old Gideon Wanton. he lays dangerously ill of his bruises & she is confind in Jail. --

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December 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 12 M // Last night old Abraham Easton Died, as I came down to go to meeting I was warn'd to attend as one of the Jury of inquest at 11 OClock, which deprived me of Meeting in the forenoon – We found a bruise on the left side of his forehead about two inches above his eye quite dinted in by which it appeard his Skull was broken, another place appeard cut over his right eye but not so deep a bruise as the other, his right jaw was much Swollen, & his right ear was cut thro', Our verdict was that he came by his Death by those bruises by some person unknown –

*At meeting in the Afternoon we had a Silent meeting, after which I visited the work & Alms Houses in company with R Taylor & D Rodman – I set the evening at home & rote to Micajah Collins –
– This evening Brother Isaac was Married to Sarah W Hammet
Daughter of Nathan Hammet, by Caleb J Tenny*

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 December 17, Monday: [Professor Carl Phillip Gottfried von Clausewitz](#) got married with [Countess \(Gräfin\) Marie Sophie von Brühl](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 12 M // Read this evening in the journal of our Ancient friend David Hall, by which my mind was a little quickened with life

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 December 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 12 M // Attended the funeral of Old Mary Anthony In the 86th Year of her Age. She was a presbyterian, her father & Mother & two of her Sisters were Members of our Society. She was inter'd in the upper burying ground in friends meadow field –

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 December 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 12 M // We have this day had a meeting with brother Isaac & his Wife at My fathers. it is the first time I ever saw her & it is remarkable that She nearly exactly answers the Idea I had receivd in a Dream the night that they were Married. She has the same cast of countenance, but is a little Differently Dressed. –I have felt my mind introduced into a feeling exercise & concern that I may renew the Watch that thereby become an example of Sobriety, & by Life & conversation become a preacher of Righteousness. Oh that the truth may reach to the hearts of the people, as I now feel I can say I long that my heart may be renewd before the Lord – –

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 December 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 12 M 1810// A Silent meeting & some of our friends absent waiting for the Corpse of Philip Chases Wife to Little Compton where it is to be inter'd tomorrow. She died at Tamany Hill farm where she has lived 2 years past – In the Preparative meeting we had no buisness for the Moy [Monthly] Meeting but raised a little money to purchase an Iron basin to Set on the Stove with water for the benefit of the head, a pair



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of tongs &c.

This evening father Rodman recd a letter from Uncle Wm Mitchell at Nine Partners informing that Joseph Rodman was in that vicinity & had met with a Severe bruse in his leg & had been very like to Die, but was a little better. If a thorough reformation was wrought in his mind it would be a mercy to him if he was removed from time for the danger of a relapse into former wickedness would be very great -

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December 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21 of 12 M // We were in expectation of Brother Isaac & Wife to take tea with us, but the wet weather prevented their coming
Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening with us. -*

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December 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 12 M // My Mind has been reflecting on various Subjects, among which is the necessity of keeping the mind in a State of Watchful care, so regulated as not to be ruffled at the petty incidents of life, for I believe we are often rendered very unhappy from circumstances which in themselves will weigh nothing in the scale of trials. I have often found myself much annoyed by them to the dimunition of my spiritual Strength, they may be compared to the little foxes which nip the buds of life, but they are little things & may by attention be kept out from the enclosure of our mind -.

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December 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23 of 12 M // At meeting H Dennis preached & D Buffum rose with her subject & improved upon it with much feeling
In the afternoon Silence prevailed, my mind in both meetings was roving, but it seem'd as if a little life was underneath -between meetings I stoped with the committee that purpose to hear the testimony that they have prepared concerning our frd Mary Mitchell, & think it a very suitable One - After meeting D Rodman & myself went out to Saml Thurstons, took tea & Set the evening*



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very agreeably & I trust not unprofitably –

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December 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 12 M 1810// My wife spent the Afternoon at Brother J Rodmans, I took tea with them & set part of the eveng -Also in the evening I visited Brother Isaac & Wife having this day Commenced house keepers in the Widow Potters House in Clarke Street. –

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December 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 12 M // Last evening we hear'd some heavy Guns fired & were at a loss to know the meaning of them. This morning it proves that a large armed Spanish Brig or a Brig owned by Americans under Spanish covering was cast away on Brentons reefe. She fired about 7 OClock in the eveng about 5 Guns, & in five minutes after the last gun was fired the Masts went off & lay in that condition untill about 12 OC at night & then went to peaces the people 21 in number got on deck, eleaven of them were washed of & drown'd including the Captain Mate & Super Cargo, the other 10 reached shore about 5 OC this morning & are now at a house in the neck in a very brused condition It appears that She was fitted out for the purpose of going to Africa for Slaves, but has been thus brought up. It appears to me that the divine hand is very pointedly turned against that traffic & will continue to work against them untill a thorough stop is made

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December 26, Wednesday: Raùl di Créqui, a melodramma serio by Simon Mayr to words of Romanelli, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 12 M // Nothing material. The mind not very lively, & the usual rounds of each day of my life – I had however forgotten to say the Brother Isaac & Wife, My mother & Sister RR set the afternoon & evening with us –



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 December 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 12 M // Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the M Mtg The first was silent in the last we succeeded in appointing all the overseers which were proposed for [Newport](#). The determination of which has occasioned much execrise, as one of them was opposed by a certain individual possessing more Will than Grace.

A testimony concerning our friend Mary Mitchell was presented & refered to next meeting - We dind at cousin Z Chases - In riding out this morning I know not when I suffer'd more with the Cold -

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 December 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 12 M 1810// In the eveng Set a little while at Rowse Taylors. My mind rather on a low key. -

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 December 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 12 M // Went this morning to Narragansett on buisness; took an horse from couisn P Gardiners & Rode to cousin J Hazards where my buisness lay & there staid all night -

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 December 30, Sunday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer), Carl Maria von Weber, and three others founded a private musical association, the Harmonischer Verein, in Darmstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Rode with Lewis Clarke to South Kingston lower meeting house were I found an agreeable meeting & was all owing to my measure comforted - Return'd to J Hazards & dined, then crossed the Ware & took teas with cousin Casey then rode to Cousin P Gardiners & lodged. -



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December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd// About 1// 2 past 2 OClock this morning I was awoked as with a "voice long & loud" & a stamping over my head which before I was fairly awake thought it was my cousin L Clarke who Slept in the chamber above me, but when I was fairly out of dose, I found my head much affected with a ringing - I concluded I was hag-ridden & thought I would turn over & it would soon go off, but in a few minutes I felt an uncommon feeling in my head as if my blood was running into it & pressing upward from my feet & legs attended with a numbness, & had three turns of this kind which quite alarm'd me & I was ready to conclude & do still believe I was threatened with an Apoplectic fit - I awoke some of the family who readily & kindly came to me & administer'd a little medecine, but I could get no more sound sleep for as Soon as I verged toward sleep this rising & numbness would come on & It would awake me in a fright. I attribute it to fulness of habit dining late riding much more on horse back than common & drinking Some Strong tea the evening before - all the day I felt my head much out of order - In the morning I found the wind was high & a driving snow storm & was unable to get home or go abroad. -

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1811



January 1, Tuesday: The Grand Duchy of Berg was annexed by France.

As of the end of the year William Parkman had been replaced as postmaster of [Concord](#) by John L. Tuttle.

Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) and his crew of nine black seamen set sail in the *Traveller* from Philadelphia, bound for Sierra Leone, a colony that the British had created on the west coast of Africa as a dumping ground for poor blacks from London as well as for black Loyalists who had come to despair of their existence as free people under the conditions of Nova Scotia. For three months Cuffe would be meeting with government officials and with local chiefs, visiting schools and Methodist meetings, and distributing Bibles, while forming estimates of the prospects that would be faced by any black Americans who might choose to emigrate there.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

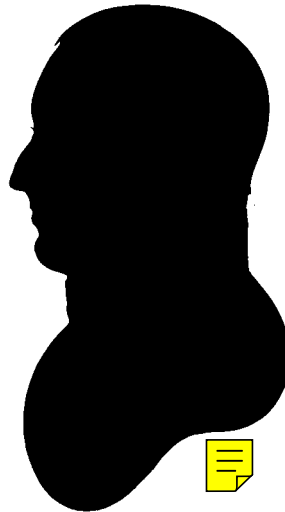
3rd day 1 of 1 Mo 1811// Still confind at cousin Peleg Gardiners by heavy Wind no ferry boats passing. The mind as quiet as could be expected considering how much longer I am detained from my buisness than I expected & how much my buisness at home is in want of me-⁹⁰



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January 2, Wednesday: [Senator Timothy Pickering](#) (1745-1829) of Massachusetts became the initial US senator to be censured (he had revealed confidential documents communicated by the US President).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day// This morning a fine opportunity presents to come a cross the ferry which I did after breakfast at cousin Gardiners - was detaind an hour & upwards on Connanicut which gave me time to call & see my Aged Cousin Joseph Greene who is now in the 87 Year of his Age - Cousin Anne was gone to meeting so that I was deprived of her company - I arrived in town before dinner & found my dear H was well & my buisness as well off as it could be without me - My H having been mostly at her fathers in my absence we concluded it was best to stay there all night -

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January 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day// After breakfast we again commenced house keepers having been long absent from my buisness & of course much behind hand in my Watch Work & thought best to stay from meeting which I was very loth to do, but customers was pressing - This (I think) is the third time in eight years that I have staid from meeting on account of buisness, which I know is not many but more perhaps than is right - I am desirous of doing right, but

90. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 10 for May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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fall far short –

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January 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 1st M 1811// I have been much engaged & perplexed with various things, I yet live in hopes that things will be better with me in every sense, - but here I am, turnd of 29 Years of age & got no further yet, the prospect is Small. Oh Saith my soul at this season, may I be more watchful & dilligent. – Called this evening to see our goodly neighbors Saml Towle & Wife –

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January 5, Saturday: [George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales](#), began to serve as Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland due to the incapacitation of his father [King George III](#) (it is now inferred that the father's incapacitating illness, an illness which had turned his urine blue and had resulted in episodes of insanity, had been porphyria). For most of George's regency and subsequent reign, Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, as Prime Minister, would be in de facto control of the British government, while George, as "His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," gave himself over as always to self-indulgence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 1 Mo// Occupied at Trade Sister Eliza & Mary were our visitors today. –

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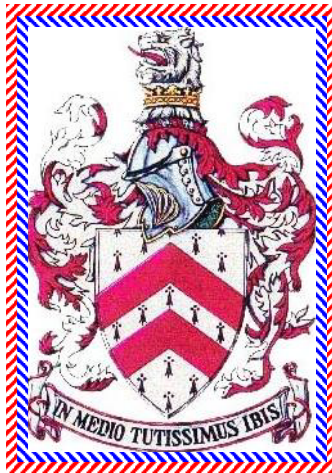
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January 6, Sunday: In the Hermitage of St. Petersburg, Rien de trop ou Les deux paravents, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Pain, was performed for the initial time.

Charles Sumner was born in Boston.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 1 Mo// Silent Meetings, & tho I wrestled hard was unable to obtain what I wanted, yet I thought I felt a little of the good spirit as it were running underneath – Edwd W Lawton & Saml Potter 2 young men from [Smithfield](#) took tea & set the evening very pleasantly on our part.

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January 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th of 1 Mo// This evening visited the African school & found that the improvement of the schollars was a compensation for our labor with them - the called at J Earls & set a little while –

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January 8, Tuesday-10, Thursday: In what has been the largest slave revolt in the United States, Louisiana [slaves](#) revolted in two parishes. The leader of the revolt was [Charles Deslondes](#), a buggy driver from St. Domingue, property of the widow Deslondes. At a plantation about 35 miles from New Orleans the Andry family and their overseers were attacked, killing Mr. Andry's son Gilbert Thomassin Andry and putting the family to flight. The servile insurrectionaries were able to supplement their hoes, machetes, and clubs with a few firearms and some ammunition and set out downriver. At another plantation, Jean Francois Trepagnier was killed. The slave army by day's end had gotten almost 25 miles in the direction of the city by the time the wounded Mr. Andry returned with a local militia of some 80 white men. Communication had been made to Claiborne and US troops were approaching, under the command of General Wade Hampton. Troops from Baton Rouge were also approaching. The slaves were immediately overwhelmed by this firepower. Those who hadn't simply been shot down, including Deslondes and his leaders, were summarily executed and decapitated, and 45 heads were mounted on pikes. At the Destrehan Plantation, there were quick trials in which 21 of some 30 accused were found guilty and immediately executed, and their heads added to the long row of pikes along the levees.

SERVILE INSURRECTION

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 1 Mo// The usual rounds of the day. Rote in the eveng a letter to David Smith of Bolton -

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January 9, Wednesday: Lieutenant [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) was surveying the [Rhode Island](#) harbors when, through faulty piloting and bad weather, his *USS Revenge* was wrecked on a reef off [Watch Hill](#). The commanding officer himself would, however, be exonerated, to the point of finding himself being commended — for having attempted to salvage government property.



(Divers would discover the wreck during August 2005, but not identify the vessel until January 7, 2011.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 1 Mo// The usual buisness of the day. in the eveng call'd to see a couple of friends a little while & then went home & read James Montgumires Poem called the West India's it is an enchanting performance; the slave is treated in a point of view that cannot fail to awake the feelings of its advocates into an utter abhorance of it.

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January 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 1 Mo// Our friend Edward Brooke & his Companion



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John Pennock from Pennsylvania were at meeting, which owing to the Days being very stormy was very Small, tho' I suppose some of us exerted our selves more on his account as he (Edwd) appears to be a sound & weighty friend & appeard in testimony, I trust to the edification & instruction – for my own part may add that to me it was a better meeting than common – Recd a letter from Micajah Collins this forenoon –

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January 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 11 of 1 Mo// Our friend E Brooke & John Pennock are still in town the wind is so high that they cannot get over the ferry to Connanicut. – The usual rounds as respects myself. –

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January 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 1st M 1811// Our friends E Brooke & J Pennock went over the ferry today & are to be at meeting at Connaanicut tomorrow – nothing material to insert as respects myself

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January 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 1st Mo// We had silent meetings & small one tho' in the forenoon we had a respectable gathering. In the Afternoon only 10 Women but three of them were not members. I felt my mind a little drawn forth to them in love & thought of taking an opportunity with one of them – The weather was very stormy –In the evening brother David set with us

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January 14, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) sent his valet, Fletcher, home.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14 of 1 Mo// A very hevy Snow Storm again today – I did not go home to dinner & in the evening when it abated we stepped into neighbor Vinson & set with them. –




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 January 15, Tuesday: [Abby Kelley](#) (Abigail = “Father’s Joy”) was born in a farming family of Pelham, Massachusetts. The family would relocate to Worcester during this year. Her mother was a birthright [Quaker](#), considered “the strictest of Orthodox Friends.”

In a secret session of the US Congress, the federal government determined to annex Spanish East Florida by entering into a Secret Act and Joint Resolution “against the Amelia Island smugglers on the Atlantic coast of Florida” (STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 471 ff).⁹¹

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 1 Mo// Recd a very acceptable letter from my Aged friend Joseph Brinhurst of Wilmington (Del) dated 12 M 10 1811 which was as a pleasant Brook by the way – Sister R set the eveng & lodged with us

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 January 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 1 Mo// The mind has been engaged in various reflections, & that of an enlargement of my buisness in the Spring has been of most weight. I think it necessary that I should try to acquire a little more property - or at least to get a little more too Answer present needs, as what I now get is but a very scanty pittance - I feel every fear of the consequence of an extention of trade that it seems to me, is possible for any to feel & whether my fortitude is equal to it I do not know, but my friends advise me to it & think there is no danger of a failure, but Oh! how I feel the dread of a Debt which it will be out of my power to pay, unless a Sale of goods beyond what my present fears lead me to apprehend will be in my power to make.— I desire in this as in all other undertakings to keep an eye to “Wisdom which is proffitable to Direct” - but Alass it sometimes Seems as if it is with me as in the days of Israel of old when “there was no open vision”. I crave that my mind may not sink below hope or if favord with something in addition to my present income, not rise above a fear, but in all things keep the middle path, which consistent with Agwis [?] Prayer is much the most safe to walk in, but as I have hinted it is hard to foresee what will be the issue, if I can but be favord to feel a permission I think it is all I can expect –

91. Amelia Island is on the Atlantic coast of Florida, at the point at which the peninsula of Florida joins with the mainland of the continent.




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 January 17, Thursday: A force made up of some 80,000 poorly equipped Mexican revolutionaries were defeated by a smaller Spanish force at Calderon Bridge near Guadalajara (the battle was over quickly, when a royalist hand grenade landed in the insurgents' ammunition storage area).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 1st M 1811// Our meeting was Silent, & I think it was not the worst of times with me altho the mind was inclined to rove yet it was not so hard to get it to its center again as at Some seasons, when indeed I become as a Ship driven to & fro in a tempest. - We took tea at Brother Isaac's which is the first time we have broken bread with them - While setting with them in the evening I took but little part in the conversation but set musing & was introduced into feelings of a very serious nature, that of Death was brought close home, the solemn Scene of parting with a near & dear friend or relative was so impressingly brought to the view of my mind that it seem'd as if it was all most real. I know not why my mind was thus turn'd except it was for my own benefit

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 January 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 1 Mo// Nothing material to insert except the usual rounds.

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 January 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 1 Mo// Our friends Rowse & Mary Taylor took tea & set the evening with & Father & Mother Rodman with them - Rowse & Mary are about moving to Ohio, so that as this visit is the Alpha I fear it will be the Omega, they are valuable friends & acquaintance of ours, & their loss will be great. I regret that any of their description Should leave us, that can Stay. --

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January 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 1 Mo// Our morning meeting was Silent but a very comfortable Season to me - Jonathan Dennis dined with us - In the Afternoon Our friend Sarah Fish preached very sweetly & we had a good meeting - Set the eveng at home with my dear H -

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January 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 1 Mo// Our beloved friends Susannah Freeborn & Sarah Fish Dined with us & set a part of the Afternoon. My H went with them to D Williams where we took tea together -- Their visit to us was a very comfortable one & I can say that the life was very preciously raised in my mind

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January 22, TuesdayIn violation of the Peace of Tilsit, the emperor [Napoléon I](#) annexed the Duchy of Oldenburg to France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 day 22 of 1 Mo// Nothing material has occurd thro' the day - In the eveng I set at home transcribing the manuscript Jornal of our friend Mary Mitchell deceased, at the request of Saml Thurston who wants it done to carry to the next meeting for suffering - being well acquainted with the deceased I was very willing to undertake the task. It was very comfortable to read the account of her convincement, it appears that she was much helped & strengthened by reading a book which was very precious to me when I first was visited with the day Spring from on high Viz Elizabeth Bathhursts "Truth Vindicated" Oh how has that book tended to strengthen & enliven me in the days of my Childhood -

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January 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 1 M 1811// Again this evening engaged in transcribing the manuscript Journal of our friend M Mitchell.-

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January 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24 of 1 Mo// In the first meeting Our fr H Dennis
preached Sweetly to us - In the last (preparative) Some weighty
& pertinent remarks were made on the first & second Querys by D
B -
Sister E & M set the evening & lodged. Sister M has been with
us Several days. -*

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January 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 25 of 1 Mo// I dont think it best to say much at this
time but the mind has been much in a reflective Mood today -
We set the evening at Brother D Rs.*

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January 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 26 of 1 Mo// My H & Sister Ruth Spent the day at their
Uncle Job Almys - I went out & spent the evening with them.*

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January 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27 of 1 Mo// Silent meetings, & to me seasons of much
famine After meeting in the Afternoon visited the Work & Alms
houses -*

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➡ January 28, Monday: John Jacob Astor and Northwest Fur Company president William McGillivay signed an agreement to form the Southwest Fur Company.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 28 of 1 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds –
& the mind in a dull state. –*

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➡ January 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 29 of 1 Mo// This evening I finished transcribing the
first 20 pages of manuscript Journal of our friend Mary Mitchell
deceased which has occupied Several of the last evenings since
I began it –*

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➡ January 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 30 of 1 Mo// Our friend Peter Hoxie has come over from
Narragansett to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting tomorrow. It
was very refreshing to see him & hope his company may prove to
us as it did to the primitive Church at the coming of Titus –
"God that comforteth those that are cast down comforted us by
the coming of Titus" 11 Cor 7 chap 6 Verse. –
This evening I had a little Struggle to know what was best to
do – I was in the Afternoon invited to attend a lecture on
complexion to be deliverd by Dr. Coleman. I felt some little*



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*doubts of its being best to go, but however on looking it over
I could see no hurt in it. Yet on looking about for the advantage
I apprehend it was but little to me*

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January 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 31 of 1 Mo// We have indeed had a very precious meeting
& the coming of our friend P Hoxie has, I have no doubt been a
peculiar blessing to us. he was concern'd in a very weighty
testimony & supplication in the first meeting & Holder Almy was
also concern'd in testimony which I have no doubt was applicable
to many states present I know it was to mine - In the last (Moy
[Monthly] Meeting) Our friend Peter was useful in his remarks -
much weighty buisness was before us. The testimony concerning
Mary Mitchell Deceased was Sign'd & forwarded to the Quarterly
Meeting - George Dennis & Peter Lawton dined with us. -*

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February 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 1st of 2nd M 1811// Nothing material to insert, except
that it has been a very Stormy day & I did not go home to dinner,
& dined at my fathers. Set the evening at home with my dear H
who has been very lonely thro' the day -*

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February 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 2nd of 2nd Mo// Last night I had another turn similar
to the one I had a few weeks past at P Gardiners in Narragansett.
I dont know exactly what it is but, am fearful the effect will
one day or another be serious. The day has passed as usual.*

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February 3, Sunday: [Horace Greeley](#) was born in Amherst, New Hampshire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 3 of 2 Mo// The day was very stormy, but our meeting on the mens side of the house was pretty well kept up only three Women in the forenoon & in the Afternoon but two - of the three in the forenoon two were not members & of the two in the Afternoon One was not a member. This I thought must be a little mortification to Some that were not there who might with exercion gone - In the forenoon our friend D Buffum was very lively in testimony - I set the evening at home & wrote to Micajah Collins. -

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February 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 2 Mo// I did not go home to dinner because it was very Stormy & bad walking & dined with Aunt A Carpenter - my mind was feelingly in sympathy with my dear H. Whenever she is left alone her mind is much occupied with thoughts on our dear departed little Son - Set the evening at home -

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February 5, Tuesday: [William Henry Harvey](#) was born at Summerville near Limerick, [Ireland](#), the youngest of 11 children of Friend Joseph Massey Harvey and Friend Rebecca Mark Harvey. His father, Friend Joseph Massey Harvey, was a prominent merchant. He would start his education at Ballitore School in County Kildare (a [Quaker](#) institution, emphasizing science). Upon leaving school he would join the family business.

In person I am tall, and in a good degree awkward. I am silent, and when I do speak say little, particularly to people of whom I am afraid, or with whom I am not intimate. I care not for city sports, or for the diversions of the country. I am equally unknown to any healthful amusement of boys. I cannot swim nor skate. I know nothing of the delight of these, and yet I can amuse myself and be quite happy, seemingly without any one to share my happiness. My botanical knowledge extends to about thirty of the commonest plants. I am very fond of botany, but I have not much opportunity of learning anything, because I have only to show the plant to James White, who tells me all about it, which I forget the next minute. My mineralogy embraces about twelve minerals, of which I know only the names. I am totally unacquainted with foreign shells, and know only about two hundred and fifty native ones. As to ornithology, I have stuffed about thirteen birds. In chemistry I read a few books, and tried some experiments. In lithography I broke a stone and a printing press. These are my pretensions to science.



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King George III of England having been legally declared to have become in some unknown manner incapacitated –insane– George, Prince of Wales set his signature to documents making him regent for his father. He was 48 years old while his whacko daddy was 72. (Although by strict interpretation the Regency Era begins in this year and ends in 1820 with the death of George III and the crowning of the Prince Regent as King George IV, in common use the term often describes a broader era, to wit the period between the end of the Georgian age and the beginning of the Victorian age, many of what we term “Regency” romances actually being set during the previous decade.)

In America, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 2 M My mind has been refreshed this Afternoon with the precious savor of the spirit of life, it is as food to an hungry Man - Set the eveng at home except a short call at Neighbor Towles



February 6, Wednesday: Carl Maria von Weber performed a farewell concert in Darmstadt at the palace of Grand Duke Ludwig. In need of funds, he was leaving the tutelage of Georg Joseph Vogler.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 2 Mo// The last five days has been a continual storm of Snow & rain with high Winds, which has prevented our friends from setting away for [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, a few have however this morning attempted to get there tho' it is Still very Cloudy & Windy. - Sister Mary set the Afternoon & eveng

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February 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 2 Mo// Our meeting was as large as usual considering that divers are absent at Quarterly Meeting - & I believe it was a comfortable season to some & perhaps to some others, a season of poverty. to me it was pretty good & this afternoon my feelings have been Sweetly quickened with life. -

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February 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 2 Mo// My H having been so long confin'd by bad weather came down to her fathers yesterday morning, where we staid last night.-




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 February 9, Saturday: Publication of the Concerto for piano and orchestra op.34a and the Twelve Dances op.39 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 2nd Mo// We went home this morning after a visit of two day & two nights at father Rs where they were glad to have us & where I was glad my H was as it is very lonesome at home in stormy weather to have none to speak to for Several hours together.

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 February 10, Sunday: Russian troops captured Belgrade and the Turkish army defending it.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 2 M 1811// A Stormy day & meetings small & silent. In the afternoon my H being At her fathers I went & took tea with Aunt Patty Gould & in the evening set a little whhile at D Williams's

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 February 11, Monday: On or about this day, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Thomas Jefferson Hogg](#) wrote on [THE NECESSITY OF ATHEISM](#).



For the 3d time in 4 years, President Madison prohibited trade with Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 11 of 2 Mo// Our neighbors Sam Towle & wife & Daughter took tea with us & set the evening. Brother David also set the evening. -



February 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 2 Mo// Our neighbors Saml Vinson & wife took tea with us & set the evening with us - My H recd a letter from Hannah Collins -



February 13, Wednesday: [Pierre Jean Édouard Desor](#) was born at Friedrichsdorf, near Frankfort-on-Main and Homburg, son of Christine Albertine Foucar Desor and Jean Desor, a manufacturer. (The family was of Huguenot descent, chased out of France in 1685, and its name had originated as “Des Horts,” meaning “of the gardens.” He was an autodidact who studied paleontology and glacial phenomena. He studied at the University of Giessen and then at Heidelberg before studying in the College of France at Paris. In early years he was an associate of [Professor Louis Agassiz](#), and his contributions to glaciology derive from Agassiz’s Ice Age concept and from summers he spent with Agassiz on the Unteraar glacier. He studied echinoderms of the Jurassic period. He investigated the old lake-habitations of Switzerland. He made observations on the physical features of the Sahara desert. He would visit the locale in France from which his Protestant ancestors had been exiled during the great diaspora. Eventually he inherited property, retired to Combe Varin in Val Travers, Switzerland, and died on vacation in Nice, France.)

The publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek’s Three Piano Sonatas C.240-242 was entered at Stationer’s Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 2 Mo// My feelings have been Sweetly tendered for which I desire to be thankful - Oh how I love to feel tender in Spirit - Sister Ruth set the eveng

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February 14, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber left Darmstadt, intending to engage in a long concert tour.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 2 Mo// Our meeting was as large & I think larger than usual, & I believe it was a comfortable Season to divers present - but I labor’d under a bodily infirmity which prevented me from much enjoyment - My H spent the Afternoon at my fathers -

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February 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 15 of 2 Mo// We spent the eveng & took tea at Uncle Sam
l Thurstons It was a very agreeable time & I believe they were
glad of our company*

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February 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 16 of 2 Mo// Sister Eliza spent the evening & Staid all
night with us*

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February 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 2 Mo// The day was unfavorable to a large gathering
at meeting as a considerable snow fell last night, our number
however was respectable.
We set in silence - father R took tea & brother David sent
[spent] the eveng with us*

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February 18, Monday: Volume III of CLEMENTI'S PRACTICAL HARMONY by Muzio Clementi was published in London.

French forces attacked across the Guadiana forcing many Spanish defenders to flee before Badajoz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 18 of 2 Mo// Avery [sic] stormy day, - so that I did not
go home to Dinner but dined at my fathers - set at home in the
evening with my precious wife & wrote to Joseph Bringhurst --*

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February 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 19 of 2 Mo// Nothing material thro' the day - In the eveng We read in the Memoirs of Elizabeth Smith which is the first time I ever saw it & think there are some excellent things in it & some that had better never have been printed - Sister E is with us

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February 20, Wednesday: Austria declared state bankruptcy and was forced to devalue its currency at a rate of five to one. This would cause [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) to request that his annuity from his three wealthy benefactors be continued at the same value as before the devaluation. Archduke Rudolph would agree.

Prince Lobkowitz was in serious financial difficulties and his fortune was in the hands of a financial manager. He was forced to suspend payment for four years. Prince Kinsky agreed, but would be killed in a riding accident in the following year.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 2 Mo// The day passed as usual. in the eveng I took some tools from the Shop & Sat very pleasantly at home & heard E Smith read - Sister E is still with us

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February 21, Thursday: Humphrey Davy read his paper "On a Combination of Oxymuriatic Gas and Oxygene Gas" to the Royal Society, London. He provided proof that chlorine was an element, not a compound.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 2 Mo// Our meeting was of its usual size & Silent -In the last (preparative) the overseers reported that they had visited Henry Anthony for marrying out of society, neglect of Meetings & retailing spirituous liquors - Our dear brother Rowse Taylor also requested a certificate of removal - My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers & the evening at Brother Davids -

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February 22, Friday: The publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek's Three Duos concertantes C.243 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 2 Mo// Mine heart hath been made thankful & humbled under a sense of the many favors which I receive - It is a



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distressing season of the year & many poor people are destitute of food & fuel, & I have both to a very comfortable degree, & Oh how unworthy I am, I feel myself a poor thing, dull & lifeless
—

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 February 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 2 M 1811// Nothing material, except Sister Ruth has been with us whose company is allways acceptable. —

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 February 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 2 Mo// At meeting this forenoon our frd D Buffum was very lively in public testimony, & very sweetly addressed the Youth In the Afternoon we were Silent. We dined & took tea at my fathers

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 February 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 2 Mo// My mind has been introduced into serious reflections & had to feel a precious tenderness of Spirit. — Mary Williams Junr spent the Afternoon & eveing with us.

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 February 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th of 2 Mo// John Price a late Slave Trade was this afternoon committed to the grave, he died the day before yesterday - far very far be it from me to judge the poor man, but I think I may hazard the desire that the sin which he committed in the traffic in human flesh has gone before hand to judgement - He died of the peripnumony. [difficulty breathing ?] I have heard nothing of the state of his mind during his illness.



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February 27, Wednesday: [Fenda Freeman](#) of Brister's Hill in [Concord](#) died of "dropsy" (edema) at the age of 60.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 27 of 2 Mo// Nothing material to insert - perhaps I may say that my mind has been favord to experience a Sweet little current of life running as it were running by the way - I dare not speak very highly of my experience as in these days it is a low time indeed & therefore seldom of late insert much in that head -I desire to be thankful for the little -
Brother David Set the eveing with us -*

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February 28, Thursday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) wrote Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia that, because he'd opened his ports to British ships, and because he'd raised duties on French imports, it might be appropriate for them to consider that the existing alliance between their two countries had run its course and come to an end. (Translation: if I invade you, remember that you were asking for it.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 28 of 2 Mo// I am this morning going with my beloved H to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#), & I feel a little prayer to assend from my heart that it may prove a season of favor to us both, even a season of renewal of covenant with the Lord - Oh Lord help us -
Our ride to [Portsmouth](#) was attended with more peril & danger than I ever experienced by land before. The banks of Snow were deep in many places which occasioned us to ride sometimes in very bad places - but we went & return'd safe for which I desire to be thankful, & I may also thankfully acknowledge that I have experienced a season of favor, tho the first meeting was not the most lively Season I have experienced yet it was a good Silent time, & in the last, buisness was conducted with good & becoming order, & I may acknowledge that I was glad I went - We dined at Richd Mitchells. -*

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March 1, Friday: When [Muhammad Ali Pasha al-Mas'ud ibn Agha](#) had come to be pasha of [Egypt](#) in 1806, [Mameluke](#) factions had retained control of much of the nation. Under their ancient baronial rights they had been able to stonewall many of his measures. Consequently, on the occasion of a celebration in honor of his son Tusun, implying that he wanted to come to terms with them, Muhammed Ali Pasha invited Shahin Bey and the other leading Mameluke lords (accounts differ as to the guest list, all the way from 64 to 700) to a banquet at the Citadel of Cairo. After the reception, as they were departing ostensibly to serve as a rear-guard in a parade, they mounted up and rode out of the citadel down a sloping corridor toward Roumaliya Square — only to have the huge brass-bound external doors suddenly slam shut in front of them. Trapped and rendered defenseless in the citadel's Bab al-Azab gateway complex, they were then picked off by a squadron of



Albanians firing down upon them. During the following weeks the Pasha's followers would search out and exterminated thousands of caste members in various locales, so that only a small group would manage to escape into the Sudan.

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Reportedly only one of the warrior guests, named perhaps [Amin](#), survived this Cairo massacre, by urging his horse to leap over the parapet of the citadel wall and down some 30-40 feet or more (the horse being killed in the fall) — which story would lead to [Henry Thoreau](#)'s remark "...till I am ready to leap from their court-yard like the Mameluke bey":

**LEAP OF THE MAMELUKE**



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WALDEN: I live in the angle of a leaden wall, into whose composition was poured a little alloy of bell metal. Often, in the repose of my mid-day, there reaches my ears a confused *tintinnabulum* from without. It is the noise of my contemporaries. My neighbors tell me of their adventures with famous gentlemen and ladies, what notabilities they met at the dinner-table; but I am no more interested in such things than in the contents of the Daily Times. The interest and the conversation are about costume and manners chiefly; but a goose is a goose still, dress it as you will. They tell me of California and Texas, of England and the Indies, of the Hon. Mr. _____ of Georgia or of Massachusetts, all transient and fleeting phenomena, till I am ready to leap from their courtyard like the Mameluke bey. I delight to come to my bearings, - not walk in procession with pomp and parade, in a conspicuous place but to walk even with the Builder of the universe, if I may, - not to live in this restless, nervous, bustling, trivial Nineteenth Century, but stand or sit thoughtfully while it goes by. What are men celebrating? They are all on a committee of arrangements, and hourly expect a speech from somebody. God is only the president of the day, and Webster is his orator. I love to weigh, to settle, to gravitate toward that which most strongly and rightfully attracts me; -not hang by the beam of the scale and try to weigh less, - not suppose a case, but take the case that is; to travel the only path I can, and that on which no power can resist me. It affords me no satisfaction to commence to spring an arch before I have got a solid foundation. Let us not play at kittly-benders. There is a solid bottom every where. We read that the traveller asked the boy if the swamp before him had a hard bottom. The boy replied that it had. But presently the traveller's horse sank in up to the girths, and he observed to the boy, "I thought you said that this bog had a hard bottom." "So it has," answered the latter, "but you have not got half way to it yet." So it is with the bogs and quicksands of society; but he is an old boy that knows it. Only what is thought said or done at a certain rare coincidence is good. I would not be one of those who will foolishly drive a nail into mere lath and plastering; such a deed would keep me awake nights. Give me a hammer, and let me feel for the furring. Do not depend on the putty. Drive a nail home and clinch it so faithfully that you can wake up in the night and think of your work with satisfaction, -a work at which you would not be ashamed to invoke the Muse. So will help you God, and so only. Every nail driven should be as another rivet in the machine of the universe, you carrying on the work.

AMIM, THE MAMELUKE BEY



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WALDEN :

Like the Mameluke bey

I gravitate toward

the only path I can

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 3 M 1811// The day has passed as usual as to the occupation of time - but mine heart has been brought to remember some things that are past with deep feeling, & Oh Saith my soul may I deepen in the root of Life -

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March 2, Saturday: In the series of events that would lead to the War of 1812, Britain having rejected President James Madison's ultimatum of November 2, 1810, the United States Congress put into effect the President's embargo against trade with Great Britain.

Mary Russell Mitford's "Ode to Consumption" mock-heroically lauded the all-too-familiar terminal stage of phthisis or what we now know as [tuberculosis](#) — understood as the victim's being "consumed" by this mysterious debility.

ODE TO CONSUMPTION

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 3rd M 1811// Nothing material had occur'd. How do I go from day to day in one line without advancement in any respect

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March 3, Sunday: In Bamberg, Carl Maria von Weber met the music director and scene painter of the local theater, E.T.A. Hoffmann, for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 3 Mo// I thought the state of my health was such that it was best for me to take a portion of Physic, which prevented me from attending meeting, it made me very sick especially in the Afternoon, but I hoped it will do me good, -



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My dear H went to meeting in the afternoon supposing as I did myself that I should be better –

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March 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 3 Mo// My feelings have been sweetly enlivened particularly this evening & I have rejoiced in heart that the bonds of heaviness have been a little broken –

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March 5, Tuesday: The French force in Portugal began a retreat to Spain.

The Austrian currency was devalued by a factor of five.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 3 Mo// My heart hath again witnessed the renewal of life & the mind has been dipt into exercise on account of my own deficiencies, & those of Some others, if I could do any thing for them, I think I should be willing – My mother set the afternoon & evening with us –

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March 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6 of 3 Mo// I wrote this forenoon to my dear friend Philip Dunham of Little Compton as follows –
"It seems as if mine heart hath been for several days engaged to Salute thee in this way, & inform thee that I believe I am "yet alive", at least I may say the good spirit seems yet to circulate in my mind, & is at this time revived with a degree of sweetness, for which I desire to be thankful, & close in with every tendering season vouchsafed in tender Mercy from Him who is ever merciful to the Workmanship of his hands – I have heard that thou art contemplating a removal from thy present place of abode the first view of which was not very pleasant to my feelings, but on looking it over & recollecting some conversation I have had with thee in times past I grew more reconciled to it, & am now ready to conclude, that perhaps it is all for the best. I greatly wish that in what ever situation thou may be placed that thy mind may be preserved in that*



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innocent simplicity in which I have no doubt thou hast in good measure kept, & that thou may deepen in the root, & shoot forth lively & green in the branches of Truth. – I have also heard that thou hast lately buried a little innocent babe of a few days old, on which account there is but little to be Said. Such disappointments are doubtless intended for our instruction, & if rightly apply'd will (I believe) tend to humble the creature, & teach, that all is in Wisdom, that is permitted of that Nature – I hope thy dear Wife is doing well, both in the inward & outward, & that the present dispensation may be Sanctified to her. I thought when I saw her, & many times since that there was something good at work in her, & that if She abode in the patience untill the Whirl wind had passed by, & the Small still voice heard, she would see things of a Spiritual nature with greater clearness than can possibly be discover'd while there is a contention of airy clements of human policy in the mind, here is a ground on which the enemy takes great advantage, & in many instances choakes the good seed Sown in the heart"
Stepn Gould

I have this Afternoon recd a long & acceptable letter from my cousin Z L Clarke - My H set the eveing with our old neighbor Mary Donnally - I also was with her a little while

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March 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 3 M 1811// Our meeting was silent & small, only one Woman owing to the abundance of Snow that fell last night –

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March 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 3 Mo// The day has passed as usual except my H spent the Afternoon & eveng at her fathers & I called a little while at D Ws in the eveng

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March 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 3 Mo// The mind somewhat introduced into feeling. I heard that Cynthia Coggeshall appeared in a Short testimony at



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Portsmouth meeting last 4th day - & some weeks ago I heard that -- Hall (who was not then a member but has since requested), appeared in a meeting there - This is encouraging & I hope the dry bones of *Newport* may yet be shaken, & arise to life among us -

Met with the committee appointed at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting to consider of some more illygible mode of assisting the poor of Society -- I also heard that Betsy Almy is very low & near her end to all human appearances

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March 10, Sunday: Friend *Stephen Wanton Gould* wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 3 Mo// Both meetings silent, the walking was so wet that my H did no go in the Afternoon. I went to the Ams house to visit the poor & in the evening was sent for by old Capt Daniel Hollaway who appears to be declining fast, & was desirous of making a Will & of putting my name into it as an executor, to which I consented, & we had a little conversation on religious concerns. I then left him, desiring his wellfare -

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March 11, Monday: Captain *Paul Cuffe*'s 69-ton *Traveller* arrived at Freeport, Sierra Leone. He would trade his goods, visit the British governor, meet native leaders, and make himself familiar with the situation in that British colony.

He would establish there a "Friendly Society" of traders who dealt only in trade goods, and not at all in human beings.

Near Nottingham, England, a group of workers began a wild protest against the new textile machinery (knitting frames) that was impacting their jobs. They would be termed Luddites or "Ludds" (reputedly after a Ned Ludd). By the following year Luddites would be active in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, and Leicestershire. Although the Luddites avoided violent acts against persons, government crackdowns would include mass shootings, hangings, and deportations. It would require 14,000 British soldiers to quell the rebellion. The movement would effectively die in 1813 except for a brief resurgence at the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1816.

The Spanish defenders of Badajoz surrendered the city to the French.

Friend *Stephen Wanton Gould* wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 3 Mo // My H has been engaged in assisting brother David in removing from his house (which he has sold) to one owned by John Williams in Thames Street - I have been occupied as usual-



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March 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 3 Mo// I have this day began to move from the house (which I have occupied ever since We commenced house keepers) belonging to Saml Gibbs, in Church Street, to one owned by Jethro Brigs in Spring Street, commonly called the Redwood house – our object in moving is, that the one we have lived in is further from my shop than is convenient, & the one we are moving to is more convenient in Several respects – Much fatigued this evening with the labor of the day – moving is hard work.

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March 13, Wednesday: British ships defeated a French/Venetian squadron off Lissa (Vis).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 13 of 3 M 1811// We have this forenoon got all our things from our old to our new residence, in leaving our habitation the various scenes that have passed Since we lived there is brought fresh to view. There we experienced the new feelings of house keepers, the weight & exercise of which is no small matter to encounter, there we were blessed with a precious little Son & while living there we were deprived of that blessing, to our great and lasting grief – & there we have had many precious seasons of divine favor * there also we have had many low discouraged feelings al which scenes and many more I have no doubt has been designed for our good, which on my part has not been wwell improvedt Oh Saith my soul now while writing may the past be a warning, & may my mind be more fully dedicated to what is manifested within, to the gently reproofs of instruction -- Sister Mary spent the evening with us -*

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March 14, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber reached München.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 3 Mo// We felt at home in our new habitation this morning when we arose – Our meeting was silent & I believe not the worst of times This Afternoon recd a very acceptable letter



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*dated 1st m 2nd & 3rd M 13th from R Greene & this eveng visited
Daniel Holloway who appear'd very glad to see me -*

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 March 15, Friday and 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th & 7th days// Nothing material to insert. The mind in its
usual state & things of the outward has moved in their usual way
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
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 March 17, Sunday: A setting of the 98th Psalm for chorus by Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 3 Mo// Silent but pretty large meetings. My
thoughts have been much turn'd towards [Paul Cuff](#) who has gone
on a religious account to Africa. I should be very glad to hear
where he is & how he fairs - Between Meetings & this evening
read Lealand against the Deists*

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 March 18, Monday: Johann Friedrich Reichardt's singspiel Der Taucher, to words of Bürde after Schiller, was performed for the initial time, in the Nationaltheater, Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 18 of 3 Mo// I have omitted to mention the decease of
my much valued friend Elizabeth Almy daughter of our friend
Holder Almy of [Portsmouth](#). She departed this life the 12 inst
after a confinement of many months, I believe more than two
years, and on the 15th her remains was taken to [Portsmouth](#)
Meeting house where was a very large gathering & a lively
testimony born by our friend David Buffum, & after meeting was
decently interred in the burying ground near the meeting house -
I was not at the meeting nor have I seen her since last 12th M,
but I am inform'd that she has made a very happy conclusion. She
was a young woman invested with much concern for the promotion
of truth & was careful that her own conduct comported with her
profession & for several of the last days of her life she was
engaged in Sending messages to, & for individuals to see her
that she might discharge what was on her mind towards them - At*



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*12 OClock the night she departed this life she sent for J Fish who came between 12 & 1 OClock, She impressed what she felt on her mind towards him & when the conversations ended, he left the room, & in a few minutes asked to be turned over & died immediatly which was about 3 OClock in the morning - this is working to the last minute, & may her labors prove useful to the individuals She was concernd for & her example stimulate all to a faithful discharge of Duty
I have been much unwell with a rheumatic pain in my side & shoulder all day - there is so much of the Pleurisy about that I feel affraid how it will turn - Set the eveng at home, read Lealand.*

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March 19, Tuesday: Andrew Preston Peabody was born in Beverly, Massachusetts, a descendant of the Lieutenant Francis Peabody of St. Albans who had in 1635 migrated to the Massachusetts Bay colony aboard the *Planter*. He would learn to read before he was three, would enter Harvard College at twelve, and would graduate with the Class of 1826 as the 2nd-youngest graduate ever (that single younger graduate having been Paul Dudley of the Class of 1690).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 3 M 1811// The pain in my side is much better this morning, for which I desire to be thankful. Molly Rogers spent the Day & Sister E & Mother R the evening

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March 20, Wednesday: [George Caleb Bingham](#) was born in Virginia (his paintings would include “Fur Traders on the Missouri”).

In Paris, the Empress Marie-Louise presented the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) with his first and only child, Napoléon-François-Charles-Joseph Bonaparte.⁹²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 3 Mo// Nothing material has occur'd, the mind in a reflective Mood -

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92. While he was a toddler with a silver spoon in his mouth the French empire would collapse. First, at the tender age of two, the Pope of Rome would renege on his deal to crown him as King of Italy. Then, Daddy would need to abdicate after Waterloo not only in regard to himself as Napoleon I but also in regard to his son as Napoleon II. Mommy would flee with her toddler to the court of her father, the Austrian emperor Francis I, but in 1817 the Treaty of Paris would exclude him from succession to his mother's Italian dominions. In 1818 he would receive as consolation prize the Austrian title of duke of Reichstadt (quite good enough to allow unlimited eating out). In 1830 when political opportunity would arise during the overthrow of Charles X of France, he would be unable to rise to the occasion due to [tuberculosis](#). Tough luck. He would die at the age of 21 on July 22, 1832 in Schönbrunn, Austria.



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March 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 3 Mo// Our meeting was Silent & a pretty good time in the last (preparative George Gould requested a certificate to proceede in Marriage with [left blank] a woman of Swansea Moy [Monthly] Meeting. I was glad of this hoping it may be the means of keeping my dear cousin in Steady walking --

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March 22, Friday: French forces retreating from Portugal began to reach Spain. They left behind them the most brutal atrocities, bringing torture and death to thousands of Portuguese civilians.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 3 Mo// It has been a good day to me, having experienced much Sweetness of Spirit, indeed it has been a renewal of favor for which I desire to be thankful. Benj'm Freeborn has been in town & called a little while at the Shop -

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March 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23rd of 3 Mo// My feelings of yesterday has been sweetly renew'd this Morning & has continued at Seasons all day - My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers. I called in the evening to see my dear friend Rowse Taylor & spent a little time very pleasantly -

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March 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 3 Mo// Silent meetings - After meeting father R & myself went down to Joseph Wilbours whose Son Richard died this forenoon about 10 OClock. he has been confind to the house but about two weeks his complaint was a rapid consumption. my mind has been led to reflect on the uncertainty of time & to sympathise with the father in the loss of his Son

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March 25, Monday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) had just written A POETICAL ESSAY on war according to which it was the “cold advisers of yet colder kings” who had “the power to breathe / O’er all the world the infectious blast of death”:

Millions to fight compell'd, to fight or die
In mangled heaps on War's red altar lie . . .
When legal murders swell the lists of pride;
When glory's views the titled idiot guide....
Man must assert his native rights, must say
We take from Monarchs' hand the granted sway;
Oppressive law no more shall power retain,
Peace, love, and concord, once shall rule again,
And heal the anguish of a suffering world;
Then, then shall things which now
confusedly hurled,
Seem Chaos, be resolved to order's sway,
And error's night be turned to virtue's day –

He and Thomas Jefferson Hogg were expelled from University College for refusing to answer questions about the authorship of THE NECESSITY OF ATHEISM.



That evening in Viviers, France, Honoré Flaugergues noticed without a [telescope](#) a [comet](#) (C/1811 F1) in the area of the sky covered by a “constellation” that we no longer use for such purposes, one then termed [Argo Navis](#).

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Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 3 Mo // Nothing material thro' the day except that my H spent the Afternoon at my fathers



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March 26, Tuesday evening: Honoré Flaugergues again viewed the [comet](#) (C/1811 F1) he had noticed on the previous evening, low in the south, and it was moving northward and brightening. He estimated its orbit to be RA=8h 01.7m, DEC=-29° 03' and such an orbit indicates that it was being discovered while still at the distance of the asteroid belt, 2.72 AU from the sun.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 3 Mo// Recd this forenoon a very acceptable dated 14th in answer to mine of the 6th inst to Philip Dunham of which I was very glad - Aunts Patty, Mary, & Hannah Gould spent the day with us - & Sister Elizabeth Set the evening -

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March 27, Wednesday evening: Honoré Flaugergues found the [comet](#) (C/1811 F1) again, in the constellation of Puppis. He would view his comet on succeeding nights until, on the night of April 1st, the light of the waxing moon would begin to interfere with observation. The moon would reach full phase on April 8th and then it would become possible to view the comet again, on April 11th, despite the moon's waning interference.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 3rd// 1811// Richard Wilbour son of Joseph was this day committed to the dust the funeral was held at the meeting house David Buffum had a short testimony - Brother Isaac & Wife Set the evening with us also - Sister Elizabeth

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March 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 3 Mo// Our first meeting was Silent - the last being our Monthly meeting held in town, was very long, & one case particularly was very painful or at least some circumstances attending it - Obadiah Williams & Benjamin Mott were nominated to the Station of Elders the former was unanimously agree'd to, the latter was very largely approbated by a more than common number of voices, but One friend whose initials ar JA said he objected to the nomination which threw the meeting into the most painful State I ever felt, but by dwelling in the patience & working in the Wisdom, we were favor'd to get along with the Appointment; & Benjamin is to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting as a candidate for the Station of an Elder - Several other cases labor'd but on the whole we got along pretty well considering all things - Peter Lawton & Benjamin Anthony dined with us - In the eveng I



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called to See old Capt Holloway who appears to be wearing out of time – O Williams & Wife & father & Mother Rodman Set the eveng in out House whose company the little time I was with them was very agreeable

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March 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29 of 3 Mo// Nothing material to insert - Sister Ruth spent the Afternoon & evening with us -

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March 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 3rd Mo// I have been lead to reflect on my many preservations from evil in my younger days with a degree of thankfulness of heart to him who I have no doubt was with me & kept me out of many hurtful things by the inspiring of his light in the mind. I will remember the tender rebukes of concience when tempted to Sin, & those rebukes Still follow me

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March 31, Sunday: Robert Wilhelm Eberhard von Bunsen was born (he would become a chemist and invent the "Bunsen Burner").

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 3 Mo// Our meetings were Silent - The State of mind, bad enough especially in the Afternoon. -

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April 1, Monday: The town of [Concord](#) directed that the woods on the ministerial lot, and on one in Carlisle, should be cut and sold so that pews could be created in the meetinghouse, and sold. The proceeds from this was to be handed over to a group of trustees as a fund for the support of the town's minister.

FINANCES.— In the early ages of the town, several lots of land were reserved for the "public good," and donations were made by individuals for the same purpose. Most of them, however, were disposed of without producing much permanent benefit, or accomplishing the wishes of the donor. Captain Timothy Wheeler,⁹³ in 1687, bequeathed to the Rev. Edward Bulkeley and



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the Rev. Joseph Estabrook, who were then the ministers of the town, 20s. apiece; and to the town about three acres of land, with a house standing on the same, to be improved, all but half an acre (which was "laid out to the training place" at the northwesterly end of the public common), "for the furtherance of learning and the support of a school in the said town." This lot was that on which the grammar school-house now [1835] stands, and then embraced nearly all which would be included in a line drawn from the north side of the house recently built by Ephraim Merriam, to the brook and by the brook round to the Middlesex Hotel and the common. These premises were several years leased and the rents applied according to the wishes of the donor; but piece after piece was unfortunately sold, till the school-house lot was contracted to its present [1835] highly inconvenient dimensions. Captain Wheeler also bequeathed to the town 40 acres of woodland, "to be improved from time to time for the use and benefit of the ministers of the said town." This was the present [1835] ministerial lot; and the people were long accustomed to hold a bee, when a sufficient quantity of wood for the minister's annual consumption was drawn from this lot to his door.

The town directed, April 1, 1811, that the wood on this lot, and on one in Carlisle, should be cut off and sold; and that pews should be erected on some vacant floor in the meeting-house, and also sold; and that the proceeds should be vested in the hands of trustees, as a ministerial fund. Their first report was made November 7, 1814, and shows the following results.

Proceeds of sales of wood on the ministerial wood-lot	\$2,566.13
Proceeds of sales of wood on a lot in Carlisle	364.27
Proceeds of sales of pews in the meeting house	1,365.55

Total on interest from January 1st, 1814 \$4,295.95
The first trustees were [John White](#), [Francis Jarvis](#), and John L. Tuttle; and they and their successors were incorporated by an act passed February 27, 1813, as "The Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Fund in Concord." This fund has since been accumulating; and it received the additional legacy of Humphrey Barrett,⁹⁴ in 1829, of \$500. No appropriations were made from it till 1830; and on the first of January, 1831, it amounted to \$11,431.45.

In 1732, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Whiting, James Minott, Jr., John Fox, and Samuel Heywood, to make sale of the common and ministerial land in the town, and vest the proceeds in other real estate. A "ministerial pasture

93. Captain TIMOTHY WHEELER died July 10, 1687 aged 86. He came to [Concord](#) in 1638, tradition says from Wales. Besides holding, at different times, most of the important trusts in various town affairs, he was captain of a military company, and represented the town *eighteen* years in the General Court, between 1653 and 1672. In all stations he appears to have conducted himself with great propriety. At his death he was possessed of a very respectable estate. His will, which is recorded in the Suffolk Probate Records, was dated the 1st of March next before his death. His second wife was Mary, daughter of Captain Thomas Brooks. They had no male issue. One of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Ebenezer Prout, some time clerk of the House of Representatives; and another, Rebecca, married James Minott, Esq., and was the ancestor of many distinguished individuals.

94. HUMPHREY BARRETT was the son of Lieutenant Humphrey Barrett, and died without issue, March 13, 1827, aged 75. Abel B. Heywood inherited, and lives on [1835], his real estate.



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and plow land," was accordingly bought west of the almshouse and some time used as a "perquisite" lot. During the Rev. Mr. Emerson's ministry, it was sold for £75, or \$250, and the annual interest, \$15, applied for the benefit of the minister. In consequence of losses sustained during the revolution, it became reduced to \$100 nearly. In 1819, the town voted that the minister should receive \$15, the original prerequisite; and the balance \$9, has been annually raised by a tax.⁹⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 4th Mo// I know not what to say. I have sinned & I have repented but whether the Atonement is Sufficient for the offence I know not - sure the mind has been deeply baptized -

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April 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 4 M // I feel better than yesterday on some accounts - Caty & Mary Engs & sisters Ruth & Eliza Spent the Afternoon with us -

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April 3, Wednesday: A combined British-Portuguese force defeated the French at Sabugal southeast of Guarda. This would compel the French to completely leave Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 3 of 4 M [April]// Our dear Brother Philip Dunham came over today to make a little visit before he removes from Little Compton to a place near [New Bedford](#) where he expects to carry on the carding of Woll by a machine - he spent the eveng with us very agreeably, & I regret that I was obliged to leave him a little while to meet with the Directors of the African School

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95. [Lemuel Shattuck's](#) 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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April 4, Thursday: The Spanish Viceroy of New Granada (Colombia) was overthrown by citizens acting in the name of King Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 4th M 1811// Anne Greene was at meeting also Philip Dunham D Buffum A Robinson & H Dennis, all of which are ministering friends But we had nothing vocally communicated - And to me it was a very dull, dead Season - Set this evening with my H at OWs.

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April 5, Friday: Robert Raikes, founder of Sunday Schools, died.

Heinrich Baermann performed the premiere of Carl Maria von Weber's Clarinet Concerto J.109 in München. This was well received and King Maximilian, in attendance, ordered two clarinet concertos from the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 4th Mo// This morning the unpleasant information was circulated about town that Mein & Rogers had fail'd in trade, but I did not hear of it untill I came from dinner. I was very sorry for it particularly as I had a more than common respect for Robt Rogers Although my Situation as respects pecuniary affairs are low, yet I could but feel thankful that they are no worse than they are at present. I Desire that I may be preserved in the quiet & move cautiously in every thing, particularly at this very precarious time. - Cousin Anne Greene has this day commenced visiting the familys of this Preparative Meeting in company with Hannah Dennis - Philip Dunham Spent the evening with us, his company is very pleasant we love him dearly.

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April 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 4th Mo// Philip Dunham dined with & then went Directly homeward - Anne Greene & H Dennis have proceeded in their work I understand to good Satisfaction -

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 April 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 4th Mo// Our meeting was silent but very dull seasons. I thought indeed that there was neither "dews nor rain nor field of Offering." Anne Greene, Hannah Dennis & Jonathon, took tea with us & had a precious setting & they expressed good Satisfaction with the opportunity, & to us it was precious, the life & sweetness was evidently to be felt - from our habitation they went to see the old widow Lydia Dennis, & from thence I waited on them to D Williams, where we agreed on the familys they would visit tomorrow. & I spent the remainder of the evening in giving notice. -

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 April 8, Monday: The New York State legislature created a [canal](#) commission.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 4th Mo// My H spent the Afternoon At Aunt Anna Carpenters In the eveng I was at Jonathon Bowens with cousin A Greene & H Dennis. Cousin Anne had a Solemn testimony to bear, "The grass withereth & the flower fadeth but the Word of the Lord endureth forever" was her opening, which she handled in a very pertinent manner.

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 April 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 4th Mo// Abiajah Purinton of Lynn dined with us. Mary Barker Spent the Afternoon & evening with us. --

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 April 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 4th Mo// Nothing material to insert of my own concerns. Wm S Wall of Bedford & John Burlingham an Englishman came to town, & Aunt Polly went to [Portsmouth](#)

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April 11, Thursday night: Franz Xaver von Zach of the observatory of St. Peyre near Marseille was in the process of confirming Honoré Flaugergues's discovery of a new [comet](#) (C/1811 F1). By accident, in Marseille, Jean Louis Pons, although not alerted, also noticed it.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 4th Mo// Our meeting was silent, but pretty well attended. Wm S Wall & John Burlingham attended - Aftermeeting [sic] we dined at my fathers & spent the Afternoon & evening -

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April 12, Friday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) wrote to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe for the initial time.

Colonists from New York landed at Cape Disappointment (Washington) after a voyage around Cape Horn. This would be the first white settlement in the Pacific northwest.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 4th Mo// The weather was so very stormy & Snowy last evening that We lodged at my fathers which is the first time I have lodged there Since I was married -- We have also spent the day there as the weather has been inclement

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April 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 4th Mo// We lodged again at fathers last night, & this morning went home - Sister Ruth set the evening with us.

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April 14, Easter Sunday: Pierre Bruno, comte Daru replaced Hugues Bernard Maret, duc de Bassano as Secretary of State (chief minister) of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 4 M // Our meetings were Silent. Sister Sarah attended which is the first time since she was married & I believe the first she was ever at our meeting After meetings I went with Ewd Lawton to D Buffums & set the evening

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April 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 4th Mth// This Afternoon the Town was alarm'd with the cry of Fire which proved to be the Stable of our friend David Buffum, whic was soon sonsumed with his crib &c containing corn, grain farming utensils of allmost every description. The loss is estimated at about 700 Dollars, & no conjecture has yet been made how it could have taken, unless by the hand of an incendiary, it is ver remarkable that on the 11th & 15th of this Month we should have fires in town the first was Irishes Slaughter house & the Second a stable in broad Street the porperty of the late John Pitman, & no account has been given of the manner in which they commenced - As soon as the fire was out of danger this Afternoon I came back to attend the funeral of Daniel Hollaway, O Williams & myself were appointed to by himself a few days before he died to attend as bearers, also Saml Thurston & James Taylor but they I expect were so fatigued at the fire that they could not attend - After I returned from the funeral I set down & wrote to Wm Rotch Junr giving him account of the fire which happened this Afternoon, as his father own the buildings. -

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April 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 4th Mo// This evening I called to see my old Neighbor Saml Gibbs, found him quite sick & feeble, & I fear not as much in the patience as is best - Also called to see neighbor Towle a little while

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April 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 4th Mo// My mind is under some degree of depression. The situation of my corporeal system is such that I am apprehensive, a fit, if not Sudden Death may be the consequence. I have great difficulty in my Sleep & awake with very distressing feelings, perhaps it may be in a measure hypocondrical but when a person feels as I do, I have no doubt but the case is Somewhat Alarming, last night I had one of those turns - Sister Ruth & Ew Lawton Set the evening with us --

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April 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 4th Mo// Our meeting was Silent but larger than usual. At the preparatory the Queries were all answer'd, & B Anthony reported by the overseers as having married a woman not in membership. by a priest & without being previously published - The school committee met After which Benjm Mott Dined with us also Mary Ann Smith daughter of John Smith of Wickford. -

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April 19, Friday: Paris newspapers noted the presence in the city of Adrien Boieldieu, home on leave from St. Petersburg.

The City Council of Caracas deposed the Spanish governor and rules in the name of King Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day of 4th Mo// The day has passed away much in the usual way the mind in the usual State - Sister Eliza set the evening with us --

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April 20, Saturday: First [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) "Table Talk" recorded by John Taylor Coleridge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 4 M 1811// In reading in the Psalms of David this morning my mind was caught with a passage which reads somewhat in this Wise, "Consider us O Lord & redeem us for thy mercy sake." it introduced my Spirit into a tender frame for which I desire to be thankful -

This Afternoon I went in to the Post office & took up a news paper & under the head of Deaths, read that our valued friend James Simpson an eminent minister in our Society departed this life the 9th day of theis Month at Frankfort Pennsylvania - Aged about 68 Years, after a short illness - He visited this Yearly Meeting in the year 1803 & again in 1804 each time accompanied by his Wife (Martha) he was a man of a Singular turn of expression but very powerful in the ministry, & I have no doubt did much good in these parts -

On reading his death my mind was struck with a Solemn impression, the loss of him will be great where he lived, & to see such pillars of our Society removed is cause of humbling, where are those that are to supply their places? sure thay are few. And



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oh that more may be found who are willing to espouse the cause of truth, & hold forth by the powerful preaching of example as well as precept -

Cousin H Gardiner & daughter Isabel has been over several days & this forenoon Cousin Lewis came over to wait on them home - Father & Mother R went out to see Richard Mitchell this Afternoon who is very sick & my H kept house for them in their absence

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April 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 4th Mo// This morning walked around Newtown, & called at D Williams's on a little business - Russel Davis was at meeting this forenoon & preached to a considerable length After him Hannah Dennis preached a little sweetly - Rusel preached again in the Afternoon I thought better than in the morning We dine & took tea & spent the evening at my father's -



April 22, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Athens aboard the *Hydra*.

Captain [Paul Cuffe](#)'s trading during his 1st visit to Freeport, Sierra Leone had been completed, and in accordance with a letter he had received his *Traveller* set sail for London rather than for America:

The commercial side of his trip has been disappointing, but he had accomplished much in other areas. He had been able to gather colonists together to work out a petition for the African Institution in London with the hopes of having the document presented in Parliament. Cuffe also had taken the first steps in forming a Friendly Society, which he hoped would one day be the core of his future endeavors "for the betterment of Africa." The *Traveler* was loaded and ready to return to America when Cuffe received a letter requesting his presence in London to meet with members of the African Institution....

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 4th Mo // An hint from a friend is good when spoken in a manner that can give no offence, - a friend of mine spoke to me this Afternoon that did me much good, or at least put me, on looking into my Spiritual condition to find the cause of my "great dearth & poverty," which is no doubt owing to a want of going down daily to search after Stones of memorial. Oh that I may be renew'd in Spirit & live nearer the fountains of life -



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April 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 of 4th Mo// Our dear friend Richard Mitchell is this morning more ill & has sent for Dr Sweet a man that is in town from N York State his illness gives me much concern as he is a friend that feels very near to my best life – Neighbor Towle & Wife called to see us a little while this evening. Sister Eliza & Mary were also with us –

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April 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 4th Mo// Lewis Clarke & his neices Martha & Hannah came over today whose company are quite acceptable –

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April 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 4th Mo// Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting in the first H Dennis preached sweetly & A S tried a few Words – In the last we had much business. we received two into membership Vis Darius P Lawton & Primary Pease – & granted our dear & well beloved brother Rowse Taylor a certificate directed to friends in the State of this or parts adjacent – he is one we are very loth to part with, being very



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*useful in Society & under a concern for the promotion of truth;
it was a solid good meeting & I hope was proffitable to some –
Before meeting We stoped at Holder Almys & read a small Diary
that dear Betsy has left behind which was edifying – After
meeting we dined at Peter Lawtons & then roder directly home –*

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April 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 26th of 4th Mo// Nothing material as to my own
particular, but I think it may be said there is trouble in town
– the house of Lopes & Dexter have fail'd & this day shut up,
in consequence of which the Bank has attached the property of
several of their endorsers among which is Job Sherman, much stir
& talk about the Street – I have thought "Blessed is he that
expecteth nothing for he shall never be disappointed." & on the
Same ground I think it may be said blessed is he that hath
nothing for he hath nothing to loose which is nearly my situation
– Lewis L Clarke took tea & spent the eveng with us –*

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April 27, Saturday: The County of Wallmoden-Gimborn was annexed by France.

Two new works by Samuel Wesley were performed for the initial time, at a concert for his benefit at Hanover Square Rooms, London: Trio for three pianofortes and the glee O Delia, every charm was thine to words of Pindar. The composer played one part in the trio.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 27 of 4 M // L Clarke went home this Afternoon – Dry &
barran as to any thing respecting myself –*

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April 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 4th Mo// Our meetings were Silent & to me very
destitute of life – Dear Richard Mitchell is very ill, & is
thought to fail very much.
I feel much on account of his indisposition, but am unable to
do any thing for him – Joseph Wilbour took tea with us & brother
David set the evening –*




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 April 29, Monday: [Jacob Whitman Bailey](#) was born in Ward, which is now Auburn, Massachusetts, in the manse of the Reverend [Isaac Bailey](#), his grandfather and that town's first minister. During his infancy father [Isaac Bailey](#) and mother [Jane Whitman Bailey](#) would relocate with him to [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29th of 4th Mo// Richard Mitchell continues to grow more poorly & has sent again for the advice of a physician - Nothing particular of my own -

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 April 30, Tuesday: The *Hydra* arrived at Valetta. [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) went to Malta. He would be in Malta until June 2d.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 4th Mo// A number of Friends have sail'd this morning in the Packet for [Greenwich](#) among whom is my Wife They have had a very pleasant day to be on the Water & my mind has been often with them, but so it is I so situated that it is improper for me to be long from especially at a time when it is so Public as the present it is a great day among the freemasons, & tomorrow is Election & I feel insecure to leave my Watches in the Window & no one in the Shop, besides which there is generally a considerable many Watches at such times, & my pecuniary situation is low & needs all I can get -

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 May 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 5th M 1811// Days of General Election are allways days of much stir & bussel, but I believe this has passed with as little & about as innocently as any I recollect, my mind has not been moved from its usual state by anything that has passed as I have set at work in the Shop. - I have thought much of our absent friends at [Greenwich](#) & indeed I have had occasion too, for this forenoon I rec'd a letter from Saml Thurston who inform'd me gone & forgotten the Manuscript of Mary Mitchells journal & wished me to go to Abigail Robinson & get the original & to his house & get the Copy & send them up this Afternoon by Capt Northrup - which occasioned me a long fatiguing Walk in the heat of the Day - but I was willing to serve them & tho Sorry for the occasion was glad it was in my power to assist in forwarding the Work in any way -



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May 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 5th Mo// I am very sorry to find that the [Greenwich](#) Packet alluded to yesterday did not sail till this morning - Our meeting was very well attended considering there are so many absent, & to me it was a season of considerable favor, things that were unprofitable would now & then obtrude, but on the whole I feel thankful for the little Spiritual life afforded -

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May 3, Friday: British and Portuguese forces threw back the French at Fuentes de Oñoro, just inside Spain southwest of Salamanca.

French forces laid siege to Tarragona in Catalonia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 3rd of 5th Mo// It is now 1// 2 past 2 O C P M & time to expect our friends from [Greenwich](#). I have been on the house top with a Spy glass several times since dinner & saw three sloops coming down the river & thought one of them was the bearer of them but as they came higher I was mistaken
A quarter before 4 O'clock the packet arrived after a passage of seven hours down the river, they were all well & been so since their absence. I was very glad to see them & particularly my dear H who never left me for so long before, Since we were married - Sister Joanna being much unwell with the ear Ach my H went there in the evening. -*

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May 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4 of 5th Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that I have this afternoon rec'd a letter from Isaac Austin, which I hope was written in Sincerity, & that his present Seclusion from Society may prove the greatest blessing of his life, I believe he has gone widely from the paths of rectitude but yet the hand of divine Mercy is yet extended

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May 5, Sunday: French forces trying to relieve the garrison at Almeida were thwarted once again by the British and Portuguese at Fuentes de Oñoro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 5 Mo// Our friend D Buffum made public testimony from the text "Trouble rises not" – In the Afternoon we were Silent & after meeting [corner torn] – home with J Dennis & took tea with him – My H did not go to meeting being engaged in taking care of Davids [child?] while Joanna went to see her father –

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May 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 5 Mo// I have been much engaged in outward concerns, have attended Counsil & accepted the appointment of Executor to Daniel Holloways will with Saml Thurston & Obadiah Williams

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May 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 5 Mo// This Afternoon rec'd a letter from Betsy Purinton dated in Darby Pennsylvania. She appears to get along in her religious labors to pretty good satisfaction, & I hope will be favor'd to return in peace to her friends –

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May 8, Wednesday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer)'s oratorio Gott und der Natur to words of Schreiber was performed for the initial time, at the Berlin Singakademie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 5 Mo// The day has passed to but little account in any respect – my mind has been affected with a renew'd sense of my own nothingness of my poverty, weakness & short comings, so dead have I been this day that tho' I have endeavor'd to turn the mind inward & feel after life yet was unable raise even a sigh for help –



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May 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 5th Mo// Silent meetings - This Afternoon my dear friend & brother Rowse Taylor call in at the Shop, & as it is nearly & perhaps the very last interview I shall have with him of an length Our minds were tender'd under to prospect, which feelings lasted me all the evening - he sets out on second day morning if nothing occurs to prevent, for the State of Ohio where he intends to fix his future residence

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May 10, Friday: The Accademia dei Concordi performed “The Seasons” by Franz Joseph Haydn, conducted by its musical director Gioacchino Rossini.

According to an article in the Trewman’s Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth and Cornish Advertiser of Exeter, England for June 6, Thursday, 1811, copied from the London Gazette Extraordinary for June 3, Monday, 1811, containing information released by “Downing-Street” on June 2d, a list of officers killed, wounded, and missing on the 10th May, 1811 had included the name of “Lieut. Thoreau” among those members of the “1st batt. 40th foot” who had been wounded. Although the list contained modifiers such as “severely,” “slightly,” “since dead,” and “lost an arm,” this information failed to indicate the nature of the wound sustained by [Lieutenant John Thoreau](#). (His subsequent career would indicate that the wound, although it might have put him on the sidelines for awhile, could not have been all that bad.)

According to an article in the Aberdeen Journal of Aberdeen, Scotland for June 12, Wednesday, 1811, copied from the London Gazette Extraordinary, “Major-Gen. and Adjutant-Gen.” Charles Stewart had announced among other things that [Lieutenant John Thoreau](#) had received a wound “in the Repulse of a Sortie from Badajoz, on the Morning of the 10th May, 1811” as a member of the “1st Batt. 40th Foot” under the command of “Lieutenant-General Lord Viscount Wellington, K.B. under the immediate Orders of Marshal Sir William Carr Beresford, K.B.”

Badajoz is in Spain
close to the border
with Portugal



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 10 of 5th Mo// It has been a day of much seriousness
especially the after part of it – Was engaged this forenoon in*



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removing the Books of Records & papers of the Monthly Meeting from Rowse Taylors to David Williams's who is appointed Clerk in Rowse's place. - My H spent the Afternoon at my fathers & in the evening we went over to Thos Robinsons & was thereby a little refreshed but felt concernd to find them so very unwell

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May 11, Saturday: Birth of the conjoined twins Chang and Eng (the source doesn't state their family name) Chinese parents near Bangkok. They were joined stomach to stomach. They were bright babies.

BILLY BUDD: Now envy and antipathy, passions irreconcilable in reason, nevertheless in fact may spring conjoined like Chang and Eng in one birth.



Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 5th Mo// Nothing material to insert, save that the mind has been in a serious mood, on some subjects of importance.

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May 12, Sunday: [William Emerson](#), [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s father, died at the age of 42. Later, the son recollected only that his father was harsh with him, for instance forcing him to dip in the salt water of the ocean when he was six to cure a skin condition he had acquired. Emerson entered Boston Latin School at eight years of age. Notice that the following account is off by a day: "His HISTORY OF THE CHURCH, a posthumous publication, and the [Massachusetts Historical Collections](#), Vol. I. p. 256, (Second Series) contain full notices of his character, to which the reader is referred."

WILLIAM EMERSON [of [Concord](#)], only son of the Rev. William Emerson, was born May 6, 1769, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1789. He was ordained at Harvard May 23, 1792, but was dismissed on being called to a greater field of usefulness, and was installed over the First Church in [Boston](#), October 16, 1799, where he obtained a distinguished reputation for talents, literary acquirements and piety. He died May 11, 1811, aged 42. His History of the Church, a posthumous publication, and the Massachusetts Historical Collections, Vol. I. p. 256, (Second Series) contain full notices of his character, to which the reader is referred. Four of his sons, William, Ralph Waldo, Edward Bliss, and Charles Chauncey, were graduated at [Harvard College](#) with distinguished rank.⁹⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 5th Mo// Silent meetings – In the forenoon my mind was much tried with roving, but in the Afternoon a little more settledness was experienced – O Williams & I went out to Sam'l Thurstons & took tea & spent the evening –



May 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 5 M 1811// Met this evening at C J Tenny's with the committee of the Directors of the A B Society & concluded to set a summer school on foot. –

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May 14, Tuesday: Paraguay declared itself independent of Spain under a 5-man junta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 5th Mo// Saw in a Jersey Newspaper the Death of our friend Rebecca Wright in the 73 year of her Age. She had twice visited these parts on a religious account, the last time was in 11 M 1794, at which time I well remember her, & some things which she driped [dropped?] in her testimony

96. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#). Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)



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particularly, some expressions of a young woman whom she said she well knew that had lived pretty well but when she come to her death had cried out "What a Woman might I have been had I have been faithful to the truth." & I frequently think of it, & at inserting of it, my mind is renewedly humbled under a sense of my short comings.

Our dear friend & brother Rowse Taylor left town this Afternoon for Portsmouth on his way to his long intended residence the State of Ohio, he went off without taking a formal farewell of any of his near friends except those immediately around him. The cause of which was, as he told me, he was afraid he should be so much affected that his mind would become weakened beyond what is manly. I could not blame him for leaving us thus silently, as it is the way I should do myself on a similar occasion. -

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May 15, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 5th Mo// Thought have turn'd much on dear Rowse & Mary this forenoon. I do sincerely wick them well & feel much interested in their weelfare -- This Afternoon the mind has been crowded with suggestions of the Adversary. It is said, "To know ones self diseased is half a cure" but I am sensible it will not do for me to Stop Short with half a cure, I must endeavor to work a radical cure of all evil in the mind, but Oh! how poor how needy & I had allmost written how miserable I am. I feel as if I needed help, best help, in order for my furtherance in the truth I hope I may yet be favor'd to get along safly to my journeys end, & not become an open reproof or an entire dead formal professor. Sometimes it seems as if I am a little favor'd & then again entire emptiness issues - this is a poor place to be upon --

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May 16, Thursday: Allied forces (that is, forces of Great Britain, Spain, and Portugal) defeated the French at Albuera near Badajoz. At least 13,000 men were killed or wounded.

The *USS President* attacked and defeated *HMS Little Belt* off the coast of North Carolina (an American sailor had been impressed by the Royal Navy, two weeks earlier off the coast of New Jersey).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 5th M 1811// Silent meeting, my mind was favor'd with a little arising of life - My H Set the Afternoon at Capt Eng's, & tho' I am as intimately acquainted with them as with any body in town, I never before broke bread with them at their



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own table, - the girls have frequently visited us. I wrote a letter to this afternoon to Jos Bringham -

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May 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 5th Mo// Our friends Rowse & Mary where are they? I suppose traveling along somewhere in Connecticut state -I have had them many times in my mind, & hope they are well - H's Aunt Lydia Dennis spent the day with us Aged 89 years -

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May 18, Saturday: Having been sacked once before and reinstated, Johann Nepomuk Hummel was finally dismissed by Prince Nikolas Esterházy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th 5th Mo// It has been a day of feeling & serious reflection. I hardly know what to say, I feel low & poor in allmost every respect -

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May 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 5th Mo// Silent Meetings but pretty well attended. Spent pretty much of the vacant time today recording the Monthly Meetings minutes Rowse left them much behind & I am to finish what he left - Called & set a little while in the evening with my H at Brothers Isaac's -

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May 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 5th Mo// I called at J Earls this evening & set a little while very plreasantly - O Williams was there, & Sarah just returned from N York.



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May 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 5th Mo// The day has passed with the usual Rounds, - the mind in rather a depressed State, I hope not to get to low -

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May 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22nd of 5th Mo// My head has been much out of order all day but has felt better this Afternoon, I had those unpleasant sensations last night which I have been of late subject too - I know not what they may terminate in. I sometimes think a fit, sometime a lethurgy, from my strange feelings I fear something unpleasant will be the issue. I think an abundance upon it & am sometimes ready to conclude that the days of my years are not far from being numbered. -

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May 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 5 Mo// A portion of physic last night, has made my head feel better this morning, but I feel far from right.- Cousin Nathan Hazard took tea with us -

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May 24, Friday: At St James Church in Bath, England [Walter Savage Landor](#) got married with Julia Thuillier. The newlyweds would settle for awhile at [Llanthony Priory in Monmouthshire](#), a ruined Benedictine abbey. [Landor](#) would be visited there by [Robert Southey](#), after he sent him a letter describing the idylls of their country life, including nightingales and glow-worms. This idyll would not last, for during the following three years [Landor](#) would be vexed by his neighbors and tenants, the local lawyers and lords-lieutenant, and the Bishop of St David's. [Landor](#)'s troubles with his neighbors would stem from petty squabbles, many of his own creation. His trees were uprooted and his timber stolen, much of this in retaliation. He made the mistake of employing Charles Gabell as his solicitor — a fee professional who proceeded to milk him like a cow. A man against whom he had been forced to “swear the peace” would proceed to drink himself to death, and he would be accused of causing this man's intemperance. Prosecuting a man for stealing from him, he found himself being insulted in court by the guy's counsel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24 of 5 Mo// The mind in a low condition, - I want to be low & humble & withall be good, innocent & clean in all things, but Oh that I may keep my confidence in God, & not let in unprofitable discouragements

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May 25, Saturday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 8th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 5th Mo// My Mother, Sister Sarah & My H spent the Afternoon at father Rodmans - I took tea with them - I think that Sarah seems to be a very clever woman & will to all appearance make Isaac [his brother] a very good Wife -

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May 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 5th M 1811// In our forenoon meeting H Dennis was uncommonly favored in public testimony. D Buffum was also very lively in an engagement for the Young & rising generation -In the Afternoon we sat in Silence - George Engs & Sister Ruth & Eliza took tea with us & were very acceptable visitors -

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May 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 27 of 5 Mo// The mind in a state of exercise on Several Subjects.-
Mary Williams Junr spent the afternoon & took tea with us -*

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May 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28 of 5 Mo// The mind again under depression, I have thought that my way, both outwardly & inwardly, might be said to be like that of transgressors HARD

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May 29, Wednesday evening: Honoré Flaugergues last detected the C/1811 F1 [comet](#), at 54 degrees from the sun. Naked-eye observations were difficult because of the comet's low altitude as well as because of its entrance into the twilight sky.

SKY EVENT

French troops stormed and captured Fort Olivo at Tarragona in Catalonia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 5 Mo// It has again been a day wherein my mind has been very low, & depressed. I know not what to say but that it is so

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May 30, Thursday: Kantate zum Geburtstag von Jacob Beer by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Wolfssohn was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 5 Mo// Our first meeting was silent, & I endeavor'd to get into a quiet & believe I was favor'd with it in good measure -In the last (MoMeeting) we had some trying occurrences & on the whole things ended better than we could have a reason to expect

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May 31, Friday night: There was an extreme conflagration in Newburyport MA, beginning in a stable on Merchants' Row and proceeding before a dry wind toward the market house and the ferry wharf. The "most ancient, wealthy, and commercial" part of town was consumed despite a long line of citizens passing buckets of water. Then an abrupt change in the wind drove the flames across State Street and into the large brick buildings which the townspeople were counting on to shield the lower end of the town. Many of the refugees gathered at Farnham's and at the Tracy mansion which serves now as the Newburyport public library:



The five-year-old William Lloyd Garrison would never forget being held aloft to watch the leaping flames that seared the sky. The glare of light was intense, yet smoky clouds obliterated the moon and the night air became as sultry as a summer's noon. Firemen's trumpets rang out over the crash of chimneys and the cries of distress, while explosions of stored powder and spirits from the wharfside distilleries gave off thunderous sounds of war. Shortly after dawn, when a cooling fog helped quench the blaze, the fire at last came under control, and Newburyport stared devastation in its grimy, acrid face. Two hundred and forty buildings destroyed, thirteen wharves consumed, ninety families homeless, every dry goods store a wreck, the town library a ruin, and the Baptist meetinghouse in shambles. A visitation without parallel, the fire burned the heart out of the town and broke up forever the possibility of family life for Sister Garrison and her children.

The sympathetic neighboring town of Ipswich would vote \$1,000 to these sufferers by fire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 5 Mo// Nothing Material to insert - except that we had the agreeable company of Sisters Ruth & Eliza in the evening

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June 1, Saturday: Jonathan Fay of [Concord](#) died.

The Allgemeines Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch, the new Austrian Civil Code, was announced (this would go into effect on the following January 1st).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 5 M 1811// This morning with an high Wind Crossed both ferrys to Narragansett & got ther about 10 OClock did what business I had to do at Sila Caseys (cousin L Clarke accompanying me) & came across the ferry again under an hevvy blow to Conanicut & lodged at Cousin J Greene's -

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June 2, Sunday: That evening [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Malta for England aboard the frigate *Volage*.

Cantata per la nascita del re di Roma by Simon Mayr to words of Muletti was performed for the initial time, in Bergamo for the benefit of the Pio Istituto Musicale. On the same day, Mayr's cantata Numa Pompilio to words of Carrara-Spinelli was performed for the initial time, in Bergamo for the christening of the King of Rome.

That evening William J. Burchell (who was in Cape Town, South Africa from late 1810 until mid-1811) wrote in his journal that many of the people there, who had recently felt an earthquake, "coupled the [comet](#), which had been seen every night since the 12th of the foregoing month, and the earthquake together, and drew from this two-fold portentous sign, the certain prognostics of the annihilation of the Cape." On this night Franz Xaver von Zach of the observatory of St. Peyre near Marseille last detected the comet at an elongation of 52 degrees.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Rose early & began to Work. - at the time Went to meeting, returned & Dined at cousin Greenes, finished what I had to do there, & went to the Widow Weedens to rectify her Clock & returned to cousin J G's & lodged - It is disagreeable to me to work on first days but it seems as if there was no other way for me to get along - It is what I disapprove of as being made an unnecessary practice of tho' when necessity requires it I can see no iniquity in it: first I was away from my Shop & no one to answer to my mail in my absence, & further I was obliged to be at home, to attend the vendue of D Holloway as executor to his Will -

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June 3, Monday: Henry James, Sr. was born in Albany, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Came across the ferry in the first boat, being quite Calm we rowed the whole distance which fatigued me much but I got home seasonally to the vendue alluded to & found my H well, & all the rest of our connections. -


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 June 4, Tuesday: Abu Hassan, a singspiel by Carl Maria von Weber to words of Heimer after A Thousand and One Nights, was performed for the initial time, at the Residenz, München. The work enjoys a good success in spite of the fact that a fire alarm was sounded during the first act, requiring the hall to be emptied.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 6th M 1811// Nothing material to insert. -Sister Ruth spent the evening with us

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 June 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 6 Mo// Much occupied in arranging for our insuing Yearly Meeting time

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 June 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 6 of 6 Mo// This afternoon several public friends have arrived from N York among whom are Evan Thomas & Asa More, the others I have not yet learnt their names. if they had have arrived in the morning perhaps we should have had a rather more lively meeting.-

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 June 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 6 Mo// Much occupied at trade & but little time to attend to any thing but that which immediately concerns me. -

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 June 9, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber's four guitar songs (J.110-113) for Kotzebue's stage play Der arme Minnesinger were performed for the initial time, in München.

Componimento sagro musicale by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 6 Mo// Evan Thomas was at Meeting & preached in the



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forenoon but in the Afternoon we were Silent. A Robinson was also at meeting in the forenoon, the first time in many weeks, she seems to be much better in her health -- "Man here today & gone tomorrow" This eveng Benj Pitman departed this life of the Pleureysy he was taken a week ago today After having been out in the morning came home complaining - he has left a family of small children & an Afflicted widow - I assisted in laying him out & was much affected with serious considerations - Oh how uncertain is time I feel it so as respects myself & the present instance of a man in the prime of life & flower of his days being thus suddenly removed from time is a loud Alarm to be on the Watch for we know not in what day or hour we may be called to render our accounts to him who lent us the Talents to improve.

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June 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 6 Mo// Evan Thomas is at [Tiverton](#) today - nothing material to insert.

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June 11, Tuesday evening: Don Jose Joaquin de Ferrer last determined, from Havana, Cuba, the C/1811 F1 [comet](#)'s position, and would last see the comet in conjunction with the sun on June 15, by which time its elongation would have decreased to 41 degrees.

SKY EVENT

Grand Duke Karl Friedrich of Baden died and was succeeded by his grandson, Karl Ludwig Friedrich.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 6 Mo// Again nothing material to insert except that I have been much engaged in various ways. -

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June 12, Wednesday: Spanish forces were able to retake Astorga in Leon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 6 Mo// In setting alone in the Shop this Afternoon, Mine heart is exceedingly touched & humbled under a sense of my short comings to the standard of truth, & the consideration of the uncertainty of time, the longer I live the more I am confirmed that there is nothing that will stand us in stead in



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the Last Day but the substantial truth, & faithfulness to its pointings. – Oh that I may experience an increase therein & finally arrive to the fullness – but alas, how is the mind prone to instability & weakness, that when the least gale of temptation is suffered to blow upon us, we suffer the mind to go withersoever it goeth as a ship with no rudder. – Several friends have arrived from N York today

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June 13, Thursday: Clarinet Concerto no.1 J.114 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in München along with the premiere of Weber's Adagio and Rondo for harmonichord and orchestra J.115.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 6 M 1811// We had an excellent Meeting – Soon after I took my seat it seem'd as of Something better than common was among us, first on looking round I saw my much loved cousin Bathsheba Gould was present & began to conclude perhaps she was a help to us, recollecting many precious seasons I have had in her company – but soon after I saw on the first rising seat a couple of friends that were strangers to me that attracted my attention & a degree of Sweetness arose in my mind toward them, one of them proved to be Susanna Smith of Burlington N Jersey. She is a young woman of about 25 year of age, daughter of Isaac Collins of N York – about the Middle of the meeting or a little after she stood up & preached for the space of half an hour in a very Authoritative manner evincing that she was well taught in the School of Christ calling on the Aged Middle Aged & Youth to fill up their rank in righteousness with acceptance to HIM who had called us all to Serve under his holy guidance, to see one so young in years standing in meeting calling with such Authority & impleading with such earnestness with the Youth particularly to Surrender their necks to the Yoak & shoulders to the Burden of Christ was a sight & sound which was moving to many minds present.– I may acknowledge on my own part that my spirit was quickened with desires to be increasingly dedicated & renewedly concerned to be watchful & faithful -- I believe she is an instrument designed for much usefulness & hope she may receive no harm by flattery

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June 14, Friday: Born in Litchfield, Connecticut, poor little Harriet Beecher started out as the daughter of a New England Congregational preacher (the Reverend Lyman Beecher) and would live through five of her brothers becoming preachers (Henry Ward Beecher was only the most famous one), and would then marry a theologian (the Reverend Calvin Ellis Stowe), and would exist in “a kind of moral heaven, replete with moral oxygen — fully charged with intellectual electricity.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 6 Mo// I have had such a lame back for several days that I have gotten most low spirited fearing that some complaint is seating on my kidneys. I have apply'd a Strengthening plaster today & taken oil of juniper - & is a little better this evening -

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June 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 6 Mo// Friends have come & are pretty well arranged at the Boarding houses, & mine heart has been much affected with the account of the decease of our friend & faithful brother Thomas Watson of Bolton, here again we have a fresh instance of the uncertainty of time. I loved him much & in tended to have had as much of his company as we could this Yearly meeting, but here again we see how little there is to be calculated upon in this world, from the fatigue of the Afternoon I am now ready to take rest. -

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June 16, Sunday, in strong twilight: Alexander von Humboldt, in Paris, made the final observation of the C/1811 F1 [comet](#) before its being masked in sky glow due to its conjunction with the sun, with an elongation of 40 degrees.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 6 Mo// Our morning meeting was large, orderly & sober[?] J Green (as usual) opened the service with a short testimony, which would do no hurt & might do some good - Then E Thornton [Elisha, the educator?] in a short but sweet sweet communication - Then R Mott was very lengthy pretty sound, & a considerable degree of baptism attended - Susanna Horne concluded in Solemn Supplication - This Afternoon Our meeting was much larger than common & I think was more quiet & solid than common. J Green again opened as in the morning & after a long space of silence R Mott stood up &



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appeared to be well engaged, indeed I never heard him with more acceptance untill the two last sections of his testimony, when he advanced something relative to a future state which he nor no one else could prove & which he had better let alone, from that section his authority ceased in my opinion & in the opinion of may others – Aged Mehitable Jenkins concluded the meeting with a devotional prayer, & I believe the weight & purity of her offering was generally felt over the meeting, tho' perhaps not generally understood from the feebleness of her voice & brokenness of delivery – Abijah Purinton & Wife & Easter Newhall & Daniel Johnson have become our company

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June 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 6 Mo// We have had good meetingd today, in the forenoon we had acceptable testimony from Tho Scattergood Benjm White Richd Mott & others. The subject of the the School fund was reported to the committee appointed last year by which it appears that it Amounts to about 8000 Doll! They recommended an enlargement of the sum by subscriptions & a school opened under the care of the Meeting for sufferings – This subject drew very animated remarks from T Scattergood, but nothing was concluded upon & it was referred to a future setting – In the Afternoon the State of Society was enter'd upon much preaching was thereby occasioned. R Mott, Thos Scattergood, Benjm White, Wm Williams, Even Thomas, E. Thornton, D Buffum, all were engaged & Some worthy remarks were made by [Moses Brown](#). The subjects of detraction Love & Unity & Spiritous Liquors, mostly affected the Meeting & I think divine favor was near, & hope the excellent advice & council bestowed may not be lost but remembered & proffited by for a long time to come –

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June 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 6 Mo// This day has passed with but one setting of the Yearly Meeting, the time of which was taken principally in reading & disproving of the testimony of R T & [Nantucket](#) Moy [Monthly] Meetings concerning our friend Mary Mitchell deceased – an exercising time it was. – We have had a pretty large share of company & got along to pretty good satisfaction, for which I feel it in my heart at this point to give thanks. –

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June 19, Wednesday: Death of Samuel P. Chase (born April 17, 1741), Supreme Court Justice since 1798, revolutionary, attorney, Declaration of Independence signer. Justice Chase had been served with 6 articles of impeachment for political bias by the House of Representatives in late 1804 and then a couple more articles had been added. The Jeffersonian Republican-controlled Senate had begun its impeachment trial in early 1805, and on March 1, 1805 he had been acquitted on all charges (he remains the sole Supreme Court justice to be impeached — which is something we should all bear in mind as we stare in amazement at Justice Clarence Thomas).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 6 Mo// I have had an exercising job to do this morning but got along better than I expected & was measurably relieved releived from a depressive exercise. Our meeting was occupied principlly on the subject of the School fund, this forenoon. Nothing done but to recommend to the Several Quarterly meetings to enlarge the general fund, & the care of it left as in 1803 to the Meeting for Sufferings - R Mott Spake largely in the subject of education - Dear Thos Scattergood spake sweetly & powerfully to the dear Youth, reciting his experience of his younger years, & observed that his first commencement of public preaching was in these parts ([Portsmouth](#)) while travelling with a beloved Aged friend in these parts, many others spake a little which helped the meetings.

Afternoon Met by Adjournment (2 OClock) Epistles to all the Yearly Meetings were presented & were the only buisness- towards the close Mehitabel Jenkins came in to pay us a little visit which was very sweet & salutary. She called upon us in the name of the Lord & in a very tender frame of spirit to be faithful, testifying to us (particularly the youth) that she had found the good effects of it from long experience, very soon after she took her seat Thos Scattergood kneeled in Supplication which was very solemn & impressive on behalf of the Aged, but the Youth was remembered also - after he arose, the dear old Woman pronounced her blessing upon us & as she went out she says, "farewell, farewell my dear friends farewell" to which Thos Scattergood rply'd "farewell in return", This witnessed, & I believe affected many minds with deep impression, particularly to see so aged so devoted & living friend come in & take leave of us with such feeling concern for our wellfare, & more particularly as she is just setting out on a journey to Nine Partners & perhaps as far as Canada -- After she went out R Mott W Williams expressed a few words & the meeting closed with a very solemn covering. -

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June 20, Thursday: Elisha Reynolds Potter, Junior was born in [Little Rest](#) (now [Kingston](#)) as a son of Elisha Reynolds Potter, Senior (1764-1835), a member of the federal House of Representatives. He would attend the Kingston Academy and would then graduate from [Harvard College](#) in 1830, would study law, and would in 1832 be admitted to the [Rhode Island](#) bar and would establish a law practice in South Kingstown Township. He would rise to be the state's adjutant general during 1835-1836, would become a member of the state's House of Representatives during 1838-1840, would be elected as a Law and Order Party candidate to the 28th federal Congress (March 4, 1843-March 3, 1845) where he would serve as the chairman of its Committee on Revisal and Unfinished Business, would be an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1844 to the 29th federal Congress, would serve in the state senate during 1847-1852 and during 1861-1863, would be the state's Commissioner of Public Schools from 1849 until his resignation in 1854, and finally would become an associate justice of the state's Supreme Court from March 16, 1868 until his death in Kingston on April 10, 1882. His grave is in the Potter family burial ground in Washington County, Rhode Island.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 20 of 6 Mo// This day I expect will finish our attention to friends at this time. They have mostly gone off this morning - some staid to Meeting - All or foreign friends were present, in the public Meeting - In the last Preparative Benjm White spake with much power calling us to faithfulness - This eveng - My H & myself were in at J Earls, & R Mott preached, & I am free to say that I believe he was in a better state of Mind than I was -

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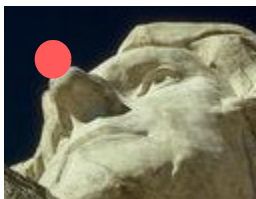
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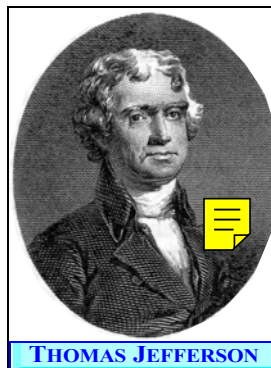
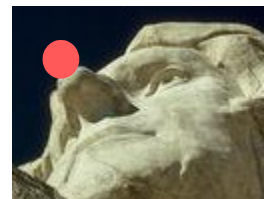
June 21, Friday: After a siege of six weeks, French forces began the final assault on Tarragona.

John Adams, who had served on the drafting committee of the Continental Congress for the preparation of a [Declaration of Independence](#) along with [Thomas Jefferson](#) and others, was feeling resentful at the claims that were being made that Jefferson had authored the document. "The Declaration of Independence I always considered as a theatrical show," he wrote at this point. "Jefferson ran away with all the stage effect ... and all the glory of it."⁹⁷



"The United States of America had human slavery for almost one hundred years before that custom was recognized as a social disease and people began to fight it. Imagine that. Wasn't that a match for Auschwitz? What a beacon of liberty we were to the rest of the world when it was perfectly acceptable here to own other human beings and treat them as we treated cattle. Who told you we were a beacon of liberty from the very beginning? Why would they lie like that? [Thomas Jefferson](#) owned slaves, and not many people found that odd. It was as though he had an infected growth on the end of his nose the size of a walnut, and everybody thought that was perfectly OK."

- [Kurt Vonnegut](#), FATES WORSE THAN DEATH, page 84



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

97. Schultz, John A. and Douglass Adair, eds. THE SPUR OF FAME: DIALOGUES OF JOHN ADAMS AND BENJAMIN RUSH, 1805-1813. San Marino CA: 1966, page 182



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6th day 21 of 6 Mo// There is a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today which R Mott, Phebe & Hannah G Field attends - Our friend Susanna Horn & Thos Scattergood have commenced a little family visit about town this morning, & were at tea with us this Afternoon Thomas's testimony was cautionary & encouraging he hoped we should be able to with stand temptations & endure Baptisms, Susanna was principlly encouraging, & a very sweet & precious visit it was. Susannah is trully a precious Woman - In the evening I went to Thos Robinsons & after they had agreed on the familys they would visit tomorrow, I took the list & inform'd them all of it over night



June 22, Saturday: The United States and Portugal entered the opium trade when the American brig *Sylph* docked at Macao with a cargo of opium from Turkey.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) decreed that all members of his family currently reigning as kings were reduced to princes of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 6 Mo// It has been a very warm day which relaxes the body & mind. - Thos Scatteergood & S Horn are persuing their visits.

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June 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 6 Mo// In our forenoon Meeting Thos Scattergood was feelingly concern'd in testimony then Susanna Horn, then Thos in solemn supplication -- In the Afternoon Susanna was sweetly engaged in testimony - A meeting was appointed at 6 OClock for black folks which was very generally attended by them & a very solemn favord opportunity it was as I allmost ever witnessed...D Buffum first opened the service with a short address to the people of colour, then Thos was engaged in a lively & impressive Gospel testimony, then Susanna like namely, also in solemn Supplication, then Caleb Shrieve Said a few Savory words - Then Thos dismissed the meeting in a few words suiting the Occasion -
I must acknowledge that altho I have many times stood as door keeper on similar occasions, yet never did I so fully experience, that it was better to be a door keeper than to set in higher places, for my spirit was much refreshed, & felt the force of preaching remarkably, & was favor'd to hear allmost every word, tho' I did not take my seat untill the meeting was more than half over.*



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June 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 6 Mo// Our friends left town this morning, intending to spend the day in visiting a few in [Portsmouth](#) & appoint a meeting there tomorrow & be the next day & [Tiverton](#) & from thence go to Bedford –

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June 25, Tuesday: The Earth's steady motion away from the [comet](#) culminated when their distances had increased to a maximum of 2.4142 AU. Thereafter, the distance between our planet and C/1811 F1 would decrease. Meanwhile, the comet's angular distance from the sun would continue to decrease and would be reaching a minimum of just under 10 degrees during the last days of July and first days of August. A parabolic orbit computed for the comet during this month was predicting that C/1811 F1 would pass perihelion on September 15th at a distance of 1.134 AU from the sun. On the basis of this calculation, Heinrich Wilhelm Matthäus Olbers, in Bremen, predicted that in October this comet would be very bright.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 6 Mo// I understand that our friends T Scattergood & S Horne had an highly favor'd meeting this day at [Portsmouth](#). – Last evening about 9 OClock departed this life at the house of her Brother Benjamin in Portsmouth Mary Freeborn, She was a friend that promised usefulness in Society & her loss will be felt therein. Her [funeral] will be tomorrow at 3 OClock at the Meeting house. –

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June 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 6 M 1811// This morn I put a letter in the Office to my friend Jos Bringhurst. – The mind is under depression Oh that I may experience help, but help must be on the condition of more faithfulness. This even took a walk around the Point & got in interesting conversation. –

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June 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 6 Mo// My dear H & myself a going this morning to



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attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at Portsmouth. I feel poor & low, very poor & low indeed, yet it seems as if there is something good underneath. – At our first meeting we had a pretty good time. O Davis spoke pretty lively his Wife also was concern'd to persuade & encourage us to love God & one another [blank] Hall wife of Parker Hall was concern'd to utter something which I thought came with good gospel Authority. She was rec'd into membership about 4 months ago & spoke in meeting once before she was received. –Before meeting we stoped at cousin Z Chases, & after we dined at Richard Mitchells. I was very glad to see him, having never been in his house since his confinement. –

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June 28, Friday: French forces concluded a week of assaults with the final capture of Tarragona. The French engaged in atrocities, including the killing of 2,000 civilians. Tarragona was the last port in Catalonia to fall to the French.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 6th Mo// I am very sorry indeed to hear that cousin John Gould of Middletown has gotten in a very poor way in his mind, & is like to if he has not already lost his reason, his family will be a very distressed one as he has a son already in the same condition. –

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June 29, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 6 Mo// My H spent the Afternoon at my fathers -In the evening I called a little while at D Williams's –

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June 30, Sunday: Cantate sur la naissance de S.M. le Roi de Rome by Luigi Cherubini, Etienne-Nicolas Méhul and Castel to words of Arnault was performed for the initial time, at the ceremonies for the new Salle des Concerts de Conservatoire, Paris.

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1st day 30 of 6 Mo// At meeting this mornng I had a dull & Dead season tho D Buffum preached a little very good – In the Afternoon It seem'd as if my mind was entirely shut out from



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good Silence was kept -- Hear'd that Our beloved friend R Taylor reached Isaac Manchesters the 16th of this Mo. All Well --

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July 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 7 H// Much engaged in the forenoon in taking the inventory of D Holloway -- We took tea at Christp Almy's in company with a number of friends. it was a very pleasant visit. I thought if I was favor'd with any right sense of feeling, there was a very good degree of inosency to be felt under Christophers roof --rec'd a few lines from L L CLarke --

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July 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 7 Mo// pretty much engaged at trade, thro' the day -- the mind in rather a dull state but not wholly devoid of feeling

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July 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 7 Mo// Occupied as usual, but the weather has been so oppressively warm that I could not labor very hard --Cousin Mary Mitchell & father & Mother Rodman dined with us & spent the day. -- Cousin Patty & Mary Ann Gardinerr also made us a short visit in the Afternoon. -- & Abby Dennis came to live with us

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Our national birthday, Thursday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 7th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

The initial national congress of Chile opened in Santiago.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 7 M 1811// We had a meeting as large as usual, & some attenders who of late, has rarely been seen at our Meetings



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-but such was the noise of Guns drums & Bells, that we had but very little stillness, yet I thought on coming out the meetinghouse door It was better for me to be there, than to be away feeling a little degree of sweetness to arise near the close, accompanied with an hope that there had been some proffitt derived from the Opportunity to others beside myself – It is the day Celebrated as INDEPENDENCE which occasioned the noise alluded to, how much better is stillness, then all this muster & bustle, which can do no good –

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July 5, Friday: A revolutionary congress in Caracas declared Venezuela independent from Spain — the initial South American colony to do so.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 7 Mo// The weather continues very warm & dry, debilitating man & beast – I feel allmost good for nothing – unless we are favor'd with rain soon it seems at present as if vegetables will entirely dry up –

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July 6, Saturday: Muzio Clementi got married with his 2d wife, Emma Gisborne, family unknown, at St. Pancras's Church, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6 of 7 Mo// My heart is indeed much comforted this forenoon with visit in the shop from Dear Richard Mitchell. This is the first time he has been to town for about three MOths, he appears much recruited from his late painful indisposition, for which I rejjoice as he is a very useful father in Society, & one that if he should be removed from us would be a hevly loss – This Afternoon attended the funeral of Mary Goddard. –

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July 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 7 Mo// We had Silent Meeting & to me dull seasons. After Meeting in Afternoon, took a Walk out to D Buffums, –

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July 8, Monday: Josef von Spaun took Franz Schubert to see his first opera, Weigl's Die Schweizerfamilie, at Vienna's Kärntnertortheater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 7 Mo// Had this forenoon an opportunity of conversing with J W son of O on subjects of importance, during the interview my mind became quite enlarged & was favor'd to set things forth in a manner Satisfactory to myself & I believe acceptably to him -How do I feel interested for those that are just budding in life, that they may form right Ideas of things & come up with usefulness in Society & to their own peace, advancing in grace as they do in years - in this interview I was carried back to my own first convictions & advances in right things, how then was my mind often tendered, & instructed many ways, how fearful of doing wrong & while my pen is thus engaged my mind is renewedly desirous that I may still further advance, but Allass how poor & lean I very often am, from the effects of disobedience & short comings I feel my want & need, & pray that the life of religion may increase in me. -

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July 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 7th Mo// My mind is affected with low feelings, I feel poor weak & dependant in every sense - & peculiarly has my mind been lead to feel in the prospect of parting with a young friend from Society. It is now pretty fully known that E W L has engaged in matrimonial connections with M E, no objections to the young woman she is nearly as much a friend as himself, but to think of parting with one on whom I had indulged the hope would rise in Society has been very affecting to my mind. I pray that they with myself may yet further advance in religion stand as ensamples to the flock. -
Sister Eliza returnd this Afternoon from [Nantucket](#), we were very glad to see her - in the eveng she entertained us with reading her well kept journal - My H & Mother R spent the day at Jon Dennis's

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July 10, Wednesday: Johann Nepomuk Hummel's pantomime Der Zauberring, oder Harlekin als Spinne to words of Angiolini was performed for the initial time, at Vienna's Theater-an-der-Wien.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 7 M 1811// The day has passed pretty much with



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*the usual rounds, in the eveng I called at D Williams on buisness
My mind Under a good degree of good feelings -*

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July 11, Thursday: The *Volage* arrived at Portsmouth with [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) aboard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 11 of 7 Mo// It was (tho small) a good meeting to me, being
favor'd to get on the spot where prayer was breathed forth for
help & strength, & when the meeting concluded I found my mind
in quite a sweet frame for which I desire to be thankful
I heard this forenoon that John Weavers Wife died night before
last in the evening & is to be inter'd this Afternoon - I should
have gone to Connanicut to attend the funeral but my buisness
was such that I thought best not to leave it especially as I felt
no special drift in my mind to go. -*

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July 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 12 of 7 Mo// My dear H watched last night with Mary
Vernon daughter of Saml. My bodily feelings this day are
unpleasant feeling a return of those sensations which I was
troubled with last Winter - I hardly know what to make of them,
or how they will terminate. - Took tea at E Hosiers with my H,
a large company there.-*

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July 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 13 of 7 Mo// I again had a return of those distressing
feelings last night - I am very apprehensive that my existence
may terminate in one of them, at some time or another. -*

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July 14, Sunday: The *Volage* arrived at Sheerness and [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) set his foot upon English soil for the first time in 2 years and 12 days. He stayed at Reddish's Hotel on St. James Street.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 7 Mo// I feel better today on some accounts &



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others not so well – In our forenoon Meeting we had a new appearance in the Ministry. it was Lydia Almy wife of Christopher. She spake low but those who set near her inform me that her words were nearly these "Altho the enemy is on one hand & the red sea on the other, yet the Lord is able to open the way for the ransomed & redeemed to pass through"-. and I think I may bear this little testimony to her first appearance, that altho I could not hear what she said, yet my mind was solemnized, & raised from a dull state to lively feelings, at only, the sight of her standing & the sound of her voice. –Sarah Fish & Hannah Dennis attend Connanicut Meeting today – In the Afternoon D Buffum had a short communication.

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July 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 15 of 7 Mo// The mind in a feeling state, many things to reflect upon, & I do at this moment desire that all offensive weeds may be kept down, those hurtful things which have so many times retarded my progress & silenced better feeling be done away. –

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July 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 7 M 1811// My bodily health is poor, in consequence of bad feelings in my head, I was this Afternoon bled, for the first time in my life, & had about 20 oz of blood taken by Dr Hazard. –

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July 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 7 Mo// I had but a poor nights sleep, last, & have felt quite uncomfortable about my head this forenoon, but I feel thankful yes humbly thankful that I feel much more comfortable this Afternoon & evening, & my spirit refreshed with the incomes of life & love in a manner that has been very encouraging – We visited neighbor Towle as little while this evening. –


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 July 18, Thursday: William Makepeace Thackeray was born in Calcutta, [India](#), as the only son of Richmond Thackeray, a Collector in the East Indian Company's service. After the death of his father he would be sent home and educated at Charterhouse School in Godalming, Surrey and then at Trinity College, Cambridge (he



would abandon his studies without taking a degree, having lost some of his inheritance through gambling).



TRINITY COLLEGE 

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 18 of 7 Mo// I again may thankfully acknowledge that I feel much better, but my head is not yet entirely releaved, after trying the effect of another dose or two of physic, & find the cause not removed, I think to try a second bleeding. I sleep well last night.-

Our meeting was well attended on the womens side of the house, the mens was rather small. The first meeting silent but to me favor'd in a good degree the mind feeling especially in the forepart of the precious arisings of life, in the last (Preparative) nothing particular engaged the meetings attention but the Answers to the Quarries & the appointment of D R as Clerk --Brother J Rodman & Wife spent the Afternoon with us, & brought little Thomas.-

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July 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 19th of 7 Mo// We heard Yesterday that Uncle Stanton had arrived in N York of which we were very glad, yea thankful, particularly as at this time as Aunt PATTy gas been for a long time very much unwell, & we are in hopes that his coming may be a revival to her strength -
This evening SARah & Dennis Earl set with us very agreeably.*

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July 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 7th Mo// I have felt desires to renew my labor after a meek & quiet spirit, & to presevere after it above all other things. Oh how desirable is a meek & humble quiet spirit, far to be valued above rubies & Gold -

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July 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 7 Mo// Silent meetings, & to me rather dull seasons. Walked out to Uncle Saml Thurstons & took tea.

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→ July 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, save that the Mind has been dull, in consequence of the dull prospects before me, both from within & without, as respects my buisness I know not when I have rec'd my Money, & have every day spent a little.

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→ July 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 7th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds nothing remarkable - Sister Ruth set with us in the evening -

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→ July 24, Wednesday: [Mary Thoreau](#), daughter of the late [Jean Thoreau](#), died in [Concord](#) at the age of 25.

Thoreau Deaths

Name	Death Date	Age	Buried
John	March 1801	47	Concord
Mary	July 24, 1811	25	Concord
Sarah	August 1829	38	Concord
Miss Betsey	November 1839	60s?	Concord
John	January 1842	27	Concord
Helen L.	June 1849	36	Concord

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 24 of 7 Mo// I have felt comfortable both in body & mind, for which I desire to be thankful, yea humbly thankful, & ascribe unto the Lord all that I receive, as respects my body it seems released from some symptoms that were alarming, but I know not that they have entirely left me. - as respects the mind, I have said it was comfortable, but Alass how destitute I am, & how I long for a fresh descending of the heavenly Manna, yesterdays is all consumed
How Oh Lord shall I present myself that thy holy bread may again be afforded, be pleased oh holy father to renew in me a right spirit, & incline me unto thy gentle Calls-*



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 July 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 7 M 1811// Our Monthly Meeting this day was held in town, the first meeting Silent. Mary Morton present, her looks was enough to do us good - In the last our buisness went on pretty well - & I may thankfully acknowledge that my spirit was in good measure seasoned with life, & if in one instant I had said less I should have had nothing in the least degree to have felt unpleasant about, & as it is I dont feel much & rather am inclined to believe no hurt was done - Several of the younger class of females dined with us Also John Weeden

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 July 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day 26th of 7 Mo// Before the lines were drawn between the two days, I should have inserted that last eveing my H & Sister Ruth went over to Thos Robinsons to visit them & Mary Maorton. I went also about 8 OClock & a very sweet little visit we had. Mary & Abigail were very interesting in conversation, Abigail is very low in her health, but very pleasant & sweet in spirit -- My dear H has set the Afternoon at Job Shermans with Sarah & Eunice Earl - I also took te & set the evening. -

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 July 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 7 Mo// The mind in a striving state to keep in christian love, unwatchfulness however has permeated in some degree.

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 July 28, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

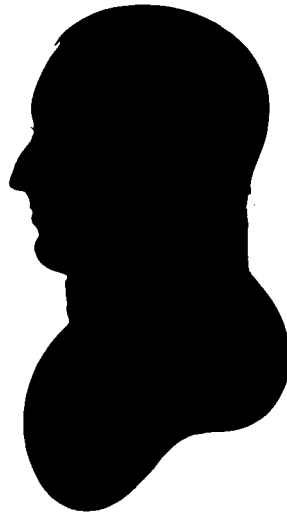
1st day 28 of 7 Mo // Our Meetings were silent. In the Afternoon it was a pretty good time to me - for which I desire to be thankful. - We took tea at my fathers. -



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In London, Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was staying at the home of Friend William Allen on Plough Court (not the same person as the William Allen of Concord, Massachusetts) and wrote in his journal:

*In the Evening my friend Allen Called his famely together and
We Ware Comforted and I believe I may say the presence of the
precious Comforter Was felt to be Near.*



July 29, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 29 of 7 Mo // This day Polly Lawton wife of Robert Lawton
departed this life She is the last of the Children of Uncle
Joseph Clarke -- Rec'd a few lines from Lewis Clarke which was
acceptable*



July 30, Tuesday: After having been captured and tried by Spanish authorities, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, leader of the Mexican rebellion, was executed by a firing squad in the city of Chihuahua.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 30th of 7 Mo // Several of our friends have come down
from [Greenwich](#) to attend our Quarterly Meetings, which begins
tomorrow at [Portsmouth](#) for Select Members*



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 July 31, Wednesday: In Mexico, the priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla was executed by the Spanish.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 31 of 7 Mo // I feel this morning the renewal of love & life in my heart. I have many times repeated that I love to feel it & Oh saith my soul may it continue with me, whether it is for the want of a more holy life, & whether it is permitted for a trial it certainly is that I am not only very often in a state very destitute of life, but also very long at a time in a painful state of Poverty & death as respects the precious life, incapable (even if I search & turn the mind inward) to raise a good thought or a devotional sigh –
This Afternoon, attended the funeral of Cousin Polly Lawton. – while setting there my mind was brought into a good feeling state.*

 August 1, Thursday: Catherine Byron, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s mother, died.

According to a report in the [Edinburgh Review](#) based upon a news account in the [Liverpool Mercury](#), a vessel arrived on this day in the port of Liverpool with a cargo from Sierra Leone. It was the vessel *Traveller* the owner and master (Captain [Paul Cuffe](#)), mate and crew of which, this publication was interested to point out, were free blacks.

From the [Liverpool Mercury](#).
MEMOIRS OF CAPT. PAUL CUFFEE.
“ On the first of the present month of August, 1811, a vessel arrived at Liverpool, with a cargo from Sierra Leone; the owner, master, mate, and whole crew of which are free blacks. The master, who is also owner, is the son of an American slave, and is said to be very well skilled both in trade and navigation, as well as to be of a very pious and moral character. It must have been a strange and an animating spectacle to see this free and enlightened African, entering as an independent trader, with his black crew into that port, which was so lately the nidus of the slave trade.—*Edinburgh Review for August, 1811.*”

The article continued by remarking on what a strange and animating spectacle it must have been, to see this free and enlightened African sail with his black crew into such a port on the coast of Africa — a port which had been so lately the *nidus* of the slave trade.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 8 M 1811 // I expect presently to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Quarterly Meeting, & am favor'd at this moment to feel desires to arise for a good time, Oh! that I may keep near to what I now feel moving upon my spirit, & thereby experience life to arise into dominion. –



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It rained & we had a wet ride to Portsmouth before meeting we stopped at Holder Almys, & saw several of our friends & acquaintances from off the Island, which was pleasant & agreeable

At Meeting James Greene as usual opened the Service, then our dear & much lov'd friend Nathan Hunt from North Carolina, delivered a powerful Gospel testimony, which according to my sense was to exceed any thing I ever heard from him or hardly any one else. The meeting seem'd cover'd with an Awful solemnity while he was speaking & the hearts of many deeply affected with the truths that he declared. It was to my mind an highly favor'd season for which I desire to be thankful. -

In the meeting for discipline the buisness went on with a good degree of love & condescention - We dined at Anna Anthonys, & then Rode home, & tho it raind & we had an uncomforatble ride both in & out of town & my dear H got some wet, yet she appears not to have taken cold, for which also I desire to be thankful —

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August 2, Friday: The [comet](#) entered Leo and by mid-month would be situated almost due north of the sun.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2 of 8 Mo// The mind in a comfortable state, for which I desire to be thankful. Oh how precious it is to feel the mind sweetened by the circulation of divine love & life

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August 3, Saturday: Elisha Graves Otis, who would invent a safe elevator, was born.

British forces landed on Java to attack the French-controlled government of the Dutch East Indies.

Gaspare Spontini got married with Maria Caterina Celeste Erard, daughter of the Erard manufacturers of pianos and harps.

Carl Maria von Weber, in München, heard from Wiesbaden that the salary he proposed for the post of Kapellmeister was too high, and decided not to pursue the position.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 8 Mo// Elizabeth Coggeshall arrived this Afternoon from N York. - I have had to go down in my mind pretty low, & feel a strong desire for greater advances in religion & have also overhalled one of my pocket books & selected some papers to burn, with some that I have saved my mind was Sensibly edified



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August 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 8 Mo// With G B Robinson went to the beach & took a sea bathing – when I rove away among the Rocks my mind is allmost allways lead into reflection on their Author & am thereby proffited. Who can view the unsearchable works of creation & not acknowledge the hand of God in the All. – Our forenoon meeting was large & silent, in the Afternoon E Coggeshall was concerned in a lively testimony – Father Rodman took tea with us After which we walked round the head of town, & in return I stoped at D Williams's

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August 5, Monday: Charles Louis Ambroise Thomas was born in Metz, the son of music teachers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 8 Mo// Take the day thro' I must acknowledge some precious favor'd feelings for which I desire to be thankful. – Oh Lord help me, help me for without thee I cannot think a good thought, or raise a sigh for help.

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August 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 8 Mo// This eveng Walked around the Hill, & endeavor'd to turn the mind inward & was favor'd with a degree of sweetness –on return called a little while at J Earls then home & found father & Mother R there. --

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August 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 8 M 1811// I have felt the mind to be in a favor'd state under which I have written to my friend Micajah Collins – –



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August 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 8 Mo// We have had an uncommonly favor'd meeting.-
Clarke Rodman for the first time appear'd in Public, in a fine
words - then E Coggeshall in a most engaging manner was concern'd
to encourage all to a faithful discharge of duty, especially
such as had Small gifts to offer - Lydia Almy was also concern'd
in a few words. -*

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I Richard Jones of Gorham in Ontario County & State of New York do hereby manumit that I manumit and discharge from my service my negro woman named Jane and this writing is to be a perpetual bar from my heirs or representatives holding said Jane as a slave. Canandaigua 8th August 1811.

Richard Jones.

In the presence of

Henry Fellows Daniel D. Barnard } State of New York : On the eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eleven Daniel D. Barnard to me personally known appeared before me and being by me duly sworn deposed that he saw Richard Jones to him personally known execute the above certificate wherefore let it be recorded. John C. Spencer master in chancery.

A true copy of the original Recorded 8th August 1811 at 2 O'clock p.m. and examined.

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
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Brother Isaac's wife has been much unwell thro' the day & Sister
R & E Set the eveng with us. David also called -*

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 August 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 10 of 8 Mo// This forenoon Uncle & Aunt Stanton arrived
from New York their daughter Niobe also came with them*

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 August 11, Sunday: As Carl Maria von Weber traveled to Switzerland from München he needed to pass through the Kingdom of Wurttemberg, from which he had been banished in 1810. Discovered at the border, he was taken into custody.

The Paris music publishing firm of Cherubini, Méhul, Kreutzer, Rode, et Boieldieu sold the rights to all works other than their own music to Jacques-Joseph-Désiré Frey.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11 of 8 Mo// Mary Morton was engaged in a very solemn
testimony in our meeting this forenoon, in the Afternoon we were
silent - - Aunt Patty Stanton seems to be very unwell to day, &
has had the advice of Dr Easton this evening -
Brother Isaac's Wife is also very poorly, so that we are in a
difficult situation. I desire & believe I am in a good measure
thankful that me & mine are at present in a good degree of health*

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 August 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 12 of 8 Mo// Our sick folk are much better today than
yesterday & we hope will continue to mend tho' as yet their cases
are bad.*

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 August 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*3rd day 13 of 8 Mo// Our sick folks are much better this morning,
- This Afternoon read of the Decease of Betsy Taylor an old
friend & acquaintance of my Mothers. They were very initmate in
young days & lived neighbors most of their days in great love &
harmony, about 12 years ago she removed with her brother in law
to Brooke in Virginia where she has since lived. - Also this
eveng heard that my aged friend Joseph Bringhurst had latly
deceased at Willmington Del I have corresponded with him very
agreeably since his brother Jame's death, & since our last
Yearly Meeting I rote him a pretty full acct of what then transpd
& have rec'd no reply. - for about two weeks past he has been
much on my mind & I have thought of again addressing him, but
when ever I thought of it, it seem'd as if I felt a stop and
some thing would arise & say, "it will be more proper to write
to his nephew Joseph for perhaps he is very sick & the next
information respecting him will be that he has left time," &
surely the premonition is now verified -*

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August 14, Wednesday: Paraguay declared its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 14 of 8 Mo// I may acknowledge that it has been a day
of favor & that I may be thankful -- This mornng I wrote & put
the letter in the Office to Joseph Bringhurst Junr, requesting
some acct of his Uncle Joseph's Death & last Illness. - Also
rote to L Clarke. -*

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August 15, Thursday: Instructions from the Wurttemberg capital Stuttgart were that Carl Maria von Weber was to be deported by being placed on a boat for Constanz (guess what, this boat had been destination all along).

At a diplomatic reception in Paris the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) made a scathing verbal attack on the person of Tsar Alyeksandr. (Watch out, Nappy knows where you live.)

In Paris, A Mass in G by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time (this was a different setting than the one premiered two years earlier).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15 of 8 M 1811// Clarke Rodman again spake pretty soon
after the gathering of meeting nearly as follows "I believe it
right in the early part of this meeting for me to express a wich
that th th present may be a season of favor, & in order thereto
self must be entirly divested of Self"- towards the close H*



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Dennis was concern'd in a short but lively & well adapted communication on the necessity of a religious life & by being religious at home we should be in a way when we come to meetings, of receiving benefit & experience the verity of the declaration. They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength that shall mount up with Wings as Eagles that shall run & not be weary they shall walk & not faint.—I believe it was a favor'd season to some present, but for my own part I had nothing to boast of tho' I may acknowledge it was not the worst of seasons.

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August 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 8 Mo// Our friend H Dennis took Dinner with us - & in the Afternoon she & my H set With Sister Joanna & we all took tea together in a very loving, brotherly & sisterly manner, my heart was not a little quickened with life, for which I desire to be thankful -

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August 17, Saturday: After a siege of 4 months, and with all their food gone, the Spanish defenders of Figueras in Catalonia surrendered to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 8 Mo// This Afternoon Rec'd a letter dated 13 inst from Jos Bringhurst giving me some particulars of the decease of his late Uncle Joseph, of which I am very glad, but could wish that he had been a little More particular as he did not mention the exact time of his decease - It appears that his mind was preserved during his Illness, calm, collected & resigned to the solemn final change, even to the last moment of his life - I feel that in him I have lost a valuable correspondent, but he was far advanced in Years, having lived 79, & it could not be expected that he could survive long to correspond with any one, & why should I murmur or complain, I have seen many dear friends and acquaintances pass into the grave, & those much younger in life than either he or myself, & soon I must follow them even if I live 79 Years. This I often, yea, oftener than the morning think of & hope it may continue to be held in proffitable remembrance.

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August 18, Sunday shortly after sunset: The [comet](#) (C/1811 F1) was a little less than 19 degrees from the sun and Honoré Flaugergues in Viviers and Heinrich Wilhelm Matthäus Olbers in Bremen were independently searching for it.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18 of 8 Mo// Our friend E Coggeshall was this forenoon concern'd in a lively testimony. In the Afternoon we set in silence I know not when I have been so tried with drowsiness as in the forenoon. I strove against it but it seemed as if I should have been overcome for a considerable time in the forepart of the meeting -
Sister E took tea with us & towards night Uncle & Aunt Stanton & my father & Mother set a while with us -*

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August 19, Monday: Carl Maria von Weber reached Schaffhausen in Switzerland to attend a music festival.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 8 Mo// It has been a very warm relaxing day, the Body & mind consequently not very animated - My dear H seems to be quite poorly in health, I hardly know what will be the consequence of her present feelings -

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August 20, Tuesday: The great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1), moving through the constellations of Leo and Leo Minor, began to emerge from being obscured by the brightness of the sun.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 20th of 8 M 1811// My H seems much more Smart this eveng of which I am truly glad & hope thankful -
Uncle & Aunt Stanton has this Afternoon gone on a tour of pleasure towards Boston & think they may reach Salem*

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August 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 8 Mo// The weather very warm, & the mind & body in a debilitated state, nothing of consequence to insert, except



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that my H is not so well today as Yesterday –

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August 22, Thursday: [Jacob Post Giraud, Jr.](#), was born into a family that resided at 44 Laurel Street and 26 Walker Street in New-York and at Bergen in New Jersey. The Girauds, like the Thoreaus, were of French ancestry; the family originally had settled at New Rochelle, New York. Later they had come to have their family residence at No. 4 West 13th Street on Manhattan Island. Jacob Post Giraud, Sr. dealt in provisions at 138 Front Street (since he seems mainly to have furnished supplies to the shipping industry, he was of the same business, known as “chandlery,” as [Henry Thoreau](#)’s grandfather [Jean Thoreau](#) of “Thoreau & Hayse” at the Long Wharf of [Boston](#)).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22 of 8 Mo// At meeting C Rodman spake a few words, & Ann Smith deliver’d a sound good testimony, & I thought it was on the whole a favor’d meeting tho’ as respected myself I could not get into a very devotional from of Mind –
My H was so Smart as to set the Afternoon at her fathers – I took tea with her –*

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August 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 8 Mo// The weather has been very close & muggy but not quite as warm as yesterday – I hardly know what to say of the state of my mind. I have nothing to boast of in any way –

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August 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 8 Mo// Nothing appearing to hinder & an opportunity presenting to ride with P Lawton in his cart, I went to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon to visit my dear Aged cousins Zacheus & Elizabeth Chase whom I have loved from a child up to the present day – I arrived there about sun down & spent the eveng very agreeably. –

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August 25, Sunday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and 16-year-old [Harriet Westbrook](#), daughter of the keeper of a coffee-house, eloped to Scotland. What a scandalous thing for a firstborn son of privilege to do! His well-positioned father would never forgive him!

In Scotland, this scion would be making revolutionary speeches about religion and politics, and authoring a political pamphlet "A Declaration of Rights, on the subject of the French Revolution," that would be considered to be too radical for distribution in Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // After breakfast, I walked up to Cousin John Chases & from thence to Peter Lawtons, from thence across the fields to the meeting house & finding it early Meeting time & myself very thirsty went down to George Dennis's & felt the better for a cool draft of drink, then to meeting again where we sat in silence, & I believe was a a favor'd season to some present, but for my own part my head was so unpleasantly affected that I did not find that satisfaction which I desired. - After meeting return'd a cross the fields to cousin Chases, & dined & spent the Afternoon - found my dear H well and the rest of Our family as when I left them -

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August 26, Monday: British forces took Batavia (Djakarta) while the Dutch defenders retreated to Semarang.

A Catskill jury convicted [Amos Eaton](#) of forgery in connection with a foreclosed property and packed him off to a life sentence at New York's Newgate Prison, in Greenwich Village. The prisoner would continually maintain his utter innocence and, during the following four years, would be teaching botany to the prison agent's son John Torrey (who would afterward become a botanist). This prisoner would also, from prison, be publishing a manuscript on mineralogy.

BOTANIZING

Upon his release, Eaton would be spending a year at Yale College, studying botany, chemistry, and mineralogy under Professor Benjamin Silliman, Sr. and Eli Ives.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 26 of 8 Mo// The day has passed much as usual. In the evening we called to see Elizabeth Coggeshall a little while

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August 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 8 Mo// Again nothing materials - have been favor'd



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*to experience a striving to know & overcome of the natural Man
which strives hard in me against the Spiritual*

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August 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 28 of 8 M 1811// Uncle & Aunt Stanton have return'd this
evening - have not been to Boston but took a tour around [Providence](#)
down to [Greenwich](#) & were highly gratified with the attention of
John & Wanton Casey. They were at Meeting in Greenwich last first
day they say John Casey preached & appear'd in supplication, by
which they were much edified--*

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August 29, Thursday: The elopees [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Harriet Westbrook](#) were wed in Edinburgh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29 of 8 M 1811// I well remember how I felt a year ago
this Morning & I can but recur to it with poignant sensations,.
It was this day one year ago that our dear little son left us &
on return from Moy [Monthly] Meeting was inform'd of his
decease -*

*My mind has this morn'g been turn'd to reflect on & feel very
closely for an advancement in a religious growth, a little
mental prayer has been raised in my heart that I may not be as
an empty & Idle spectator in our meeting this day but to feel a
little help & encouragement to step forward in a right way to
assist in transacting the weighty concerns of the Church -With
my dear H rode to [Portsmouth](#), & before meeting stoped at Isaac
Almys & took a little refreshment*

*At Meeting my Mind was favor'd to get hold of that life which
makes a good meeting. Holder Almy & D Buffum were concern'd in
short but lively & pertinent testimonys - In the last meeting
thought my spirit was uncommonly favor'd to feel & act in several
matters before us, for which I feel humbly thankful -*

*After meeting dined with Benjm Freeborn, on our way home stoped
at Rich'd Mitchells - I am thankful to say that it has been a
day of favor & I feel a good degree of secret peace on looking
over the past - which is what I cannot allways say*

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August 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30 8 Mo// The mind has not been as lively as yesterday,
but not in the worst state; I desire to be thankful for every*



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good feeling of religious life & if I do but feel just nough to confirm me that the Almighty is yet gracious & mercifull & on looking over my past time to feel nothing that brings conviction, it is indeed a great thing & cause of gratitude & praise to him who is ever gracious to those who love & fear him -

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August 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 31 of 8 Mo// Nothing very particular to insert - the mind in quite a good frame for which I desire to be thankful

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September 1, Sunday: [Brister Freeman](#) sold his land on Brister's Hill in [Concord](#), Massachusetts for \$20 to Rachel Harrington LeGross, a white orphan who, on January 14, 1804, had been permitted by her guardian Jonathan Maynard, Esq. of Concord to marry a neighbor, Francis Le Grosse. The land deed listed Freeman as a barber, although he performed various day jobs around town and Thoreau would rightly term him a "handy" man.

[WALDEN](#): Once more, on the left, where are seen the well and lilac bushes by the wall, in the now open field, lived Nutting and Le Grosse.

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STEPHEN NUTTING



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The LeGross couple had resided on nearby property they rented from Peter Wheeler in Walden Woods. Francis had died at the age of 45 on September 11, 1809. There is no evidence that Brister Freeman would move out after this sale. Rather, given the recent death of [Fenda Freeman](#), it seems likely that he cohabited with the widowed Rachel Harrington LeGross and that this land transaction was meant to insure her possession of the property if she was predeceased by Brister Freeman. The couple obviously could not formalize their relationship, as interracial marriage was impossible in Massachusetts. The race aspect of this bonding and the fact that LeGross was Peter Wheeler's former tenant may explain the harassment Freeman would experience from Wheeler in the following year.

In [WALDEN](#); OR, LIFE IN THE WOODS, [Henry Thoreau](#) would be able to write of Brister's relationship with Fenda, but not with Rachel.

[WALDEN](#): Down the road, on the right hand, on Brister's Hill, lived Brister Freeman, "a handy Negro," slave of Squire Cummings once, -there where grow still the apple-trees which Brister planted and tended; large old trees now, but their fruit still wild and ciderish to my taste. Not long since I read his epitaph in the old Lincoln burying-ground, a little on one side, near the unmarked graves of some British grenadiers who fell in the retreat from Concord, -where he is styled "Sippio Brister,"- Scipio Africanus he had some title to be called, -"a man of color," as if he were discolored. It also told me, with startling emphasis, when he died; which was but an indirect way of informing me that he ever lived. With him dwelt Fenda, his hospitable wife, who told fortunes, yet pleasantly, -large, round, and black, blacker than any of the children of night, such a dusky orb as never rose on Concord before or since.

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BRISTO FREEMAN

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 9 M 1811// Our meeting in forenoon was of its usual size & to me a pretty good time & Mary Morton was concern'd in a sweet & fervant supplication on behalf of the Aged & Youth In the Afternoon felt the mind drawn to attend the funeral of Patience Easton Sister to Dr Easton which was to be at the same hour in which meeting begins so father & myself walked to the beach where she lived & attended -- We were at my fathers today & spent the hours that were not meeting hours. Uncle & Aunt Stanton being there made our Stay the more agreeable -



September 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 9th M 1811// Avery warm oppressive Air, which unfits body & mind for usefulness - The directors of the African benevolent society met at our house this evening



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
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 September 3, Tuesday: John Humphrey Noyes was born in Vermont.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 9 Mo// Cousin John Gould of Middletown departed this life about One OClock this morning aged 74 Years. – Joseph Rodman has this day come to town from Wickford & with him has come an abundance of trouble, fear, anxiety & distress of every kind for his poor father, Mother & Sisters, my heart feels deeply with & for them. May they be supported by divine Support. –

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 September 6, Friday: [James Melville Gilliss](#), who would found the [US Naval Observatory](#) in Washington DC, was born at Georgetown.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 9 Mo// This evening we called on our old neighbors Sam Gibbs & Mary Billings with whom we lived together in one house about 4 & an half years in pretty good friendship. They looked old fashioned, & my mind was turn'd to reflect on the days that we spent under their roof with much feeling – We had some trials, but we had also as much pleasure & enjoyed ourselves, with as much innocency as falls to the lot of common people –There we commenced house keepers, there we were blessed with as fine a little son as need be, & while living there we were deprived of him. The remembrance of his sweet & innocent engaging little ways, still affects me with Sensations which are trying to human nature, altho it is more than a year ago since he left us for a better parent, & is now no doubt a little Angel in heaven, & what if I say, singing praises to the most high before his throne. –

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 September 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 9 M 1811// Nothing material to insert, the mind in a pretty good frame for which I desire to be thankful –

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September 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 9 Mo// This morning rose early & got breakfast & walked out to Saml Thurstons, from thence he & I rode to [Portsmouth](#), before meeting we stoped at Holder Almays, then to meeting where we had a very favor'd season. Sarah Fish was concern'd in a living supplication. My mind was favor'd with the most life & sweetness that I have experienced in a meeting or out of one, for a long time it did indeed seem as a renewal of the days of my espousals, the days when I was Young & tender, for which my heart was bow'd in humble thankfulness to the Author of every good thing, without whose holy help we are no more than clay as to life of religion in the mind - After Meeting we dined at [Preserved Fishs](#), & from there, (being one of a committee with Sam Thurston & Rich Mitchell to visit Parker Hall in consequence of his request to be admitted under the care of friends-) I went with them to his House, where life was again renew'd on my spirit, to exceed what I felt in the meeting. Sam & Richd had much to communicate in a very lively & pertinent manner. I said but little, but I believe traveled with them in spirit., & was humbled under a sense of my own unworthiness & short comings, & from hence am induced to believe, the opportunity was a proffitable one to me, & that I was not out of my place in being with them. Parkers wife seems to be a sweet spirited & deeply exercised Woman, & if they keep their plans I believe they will be very useful in society. -We return'd from there to P Fishs & took tea & from thence rode home well satisfied with our days work.

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September 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 9 Mo// I have felt peculiarly low & cast down this Afternoon, they are feelings which are good for me & which I desire

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September 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 9 Mo// Uncle & Aunt Stanton left us this forenoon for N York. they have been here just a Month & their company has been very grateful, dear father & Mother both seem very much Affected at parting with them, apprehending that as they have both grown old & infirm & dear Aunt in Poor health that it may be the Last time them may meet in mutability, it was therefor an affecting parting opportunity. - In consequence of father &



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Mother's feeling very lonesome my H sat the Afternoon & evening with them --

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September 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 9 M 1811// I wrote a letter last evening to Micajah Collins which went in the Mail at 4 O'clock this Morning & will probably reach him tomorrow

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September 12, Wednesday: Samuel Brown and Adah Healy Brown's son Theophilus Brown was born.

The great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1), while apparently in the constellation of Ursa Major, accomplished its perihelion (this one's trajectory was a very broad ellipse which at its closest point was actually still somewhat outside the orbit of the earth) and began its trip outward.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 12 of 9 Mo// At Meeting Mary Morton was concern'd in a lively & very comfortable testimony to tried exercised states which she apprehended to be present - C Rodman was also concern'd to speak a few words. - The meeting a good one to me for which I desire to be thankful & I think I may express that it seems to be a season of peculiar favor with me, a season of feeling wherein my mind is easily brought experience a little of the incomes of love, that hardness to feel tenderness of spirit is greatly removed. Oh that I may continue in this state it is what I love to feel
Went this eveng to the Alms house with Brother D Rodman to see Joseph where his conduct was such that he was confin'd the first night of his Arrival.*

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September 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 9 Mo// My dear father seems to be very unwell, while Uncle & Aunt Stanton was here he was very smart but again droop & from his situation it is not probable his stay with us can not be a great while longer. -

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October 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 10 M 1811// The Mind not much religiously engaged but occupied in preparing my stove in the Shop for Winter In the evening mostly at home. Sister Ruth set with us

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October 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 10 Mo// With Brother Isaac this has been an anxious day, about 2 O'clock last night his Wife was taken Sick & between 9 & 10 this morning was put to bed of a fine Daughter - Set the evening at home. Sister E & M also Abbe Anthony was with us

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October 3, Thursday: [William Ingraham Kip](#) was born in New-York, of Breton ancestry, a son of Leonard Kip (1774-1846), president of a bank, and Maria Elizabeth Ingraham Kip (1784-1877), a daughter of Captain Duncan Ingraham (1752-1807).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 10 Mo// David Buffum was concerned in a short but lively testimony from these scripture Words "What shall I do unto my vineyard that hath not been done in it" - Then E Coggeshall was concerned in a living prayer, on behalf of the Aged Middle Aged & Youth, the Silent & afflicted burden bearers, & very fervently for the prosperity of this Monthly Meeting - It was a favor'd season to me, tho' the mind was severely buffeted yet a place of quiet was experienced after a Season -

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October 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 10 Mo// Nothing material to insert, have followed the usual rounds of each day of my life without much variation. -

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October 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 5 of 10 Mo// Again the usual rounds & nothing that seems
woth inserting -

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October 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6 of 10 M 1811// Silent & small meetings - I labor'd
under a hevvy cold this morning & thought as it was very rainy
that I would not go to meetings, but on looking more closely to
it found that I could not feel easy to omit it so went & was
favor'd with a good meeting. -
This eveng went with my Dear H to brother Isaac's & saw for the
first time my Little neice Martha Stanton Gould. She is a fine
plump little girl & hope she may live to be a blessing to her
parents*

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October 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7 of 10 M 1811// This forenoon my H scalded both her
feet & has been in much pain with them all Day -*

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October 8, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 8 of 10 Mo// My H seems better today of her Scald, we first
applyd sweet Oil & Salt & over that Lead Water & towards night
apply an ointment made of Balm of Gilead but she did not sleep
very well last night having much pain. -*

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October 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 9 of 10 Mo// My H is materially better to day, for which
I desire to be thankful. -*

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October 10, Thursday: The *Beaver*, sent by John Jacob Astor under the command of Captain Sowle, sailed from New-York for "Astoria" in the Pacific Northwest.

Newspapers were reporting the initiation of a US government aggression against the natives of [Ohio](#):

which occasioned some temporary inconvenience and embarrassment to the American commerce hither.—It is conceived to be the duty of the undersigned, to notify the merchants of the U. S. that the said order has been so modified as to be applicable to passengers only, and not to Supercargoes, Masters, or Seamen of American vessels.

HENRY HILL, U. S. Consul.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

L. banner, (Ohio) Sept. 19.

We are enabled to state, that governor Harrison is preparing to commence a campaign against the hostile tribes under the influence of the Prophet.—Volunteer companies have been raised in Illinois and Indiana territories, and probably in the state of Ohio.—4 or 5000 U. States troops, under the command of col. Boyd and m. j. Floyd, will march from Newport garrison, and a number of volunteers from Lexington will set out in a few days—the whole to proceed to Vincennes. So it seems our affairs are fast approaching to a crisis in different quarters at the same moment.

they do now? H in which he obser ments made at th were yet fresh in the Miamies wish the same light the Silver Heels, followed in a very remarking that h Prophet's conduct young men not to Charley, an Eel White Loon, a W. the same opinion. Oscemet, a Put Elk's Heart, ob did, that the trea fresh in their mi Miamies were fri ey; that the sent those of the othe the language of inhabiting the to the eastward, of their young murders on the w chief's advice, an determined that t

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 10 Mo// Father Rodman was concerned in our meeting to express nearly these words "Next to divine Revelations is the sacred scriptures, which contain these expressions" "I will wash mine hands in innocency, so will I encompass thine Alter," I believe if this was more generally our engagement that we should not come to meetings & go away again so little benefited. Lewis L Clarke set a part of the evening with us -

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October 11, Friday: The 1st steam-powered ferry, the *Juliana*, was put into operation between New-York and Hoboken, New Jersey.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 11 of 10 Mo// The day has passed as usual. Sister Ruth
& Mary set the evening with us -*

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October 12, Saturday: Paraguay declared itself independent of Buenos Aires.

The Reverend [Paul Litchfield](#) of Carlisle, a widower, remarried with Sarah Capen of Braintree, a widow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 10 Mo// Nothing material, as respects myself Sister
E set a while with us this eveng - My H seems to be fast
recovering from her Scalded feet -*

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October 13, Sunday: John McIsaac of Corphine in Kintyre, Scotland made an oath that he had seen, in the afternoon, upon a black rock on the seacoast, a being the upper part of whose body appeared human and the lower part of whose body appeared fishlike, "covered with scales." He gave a most particular description of its body, noting that its arms were proportionally rather short in comparison with its body and that its eyes were very hollow. After about five minutes this creature "tumbled clumsily into the sea." In an entirely separate deposition relating to an entirely different observation, Katherine Loynachan swore that on that same afternoon, as she was herding cattle near the seashore, she had seen a creature sliding off one of the rocks and dropping into the water, which had had long dark hair, white skin upon its upper part, and dark brown skin upon its lower, fishlike part. "[T]he declarant saw the face of it distinctly which had all the appearance of the face of a child and as white, and at this time the animal was constantly rubbing or washing its breast with one hand, the fingers being close together...."



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 10 Mo// Silent meetings, & pretty large. After meeting took tea at Saml Thurstons Brother D R went with me - It seems to be a season of affliction in town, many persons particularly of the younger Class are down with fevers & some have died, in the Main street the following are down within my knowledge. George Lawton, Jacob Richardson Junr Benjm Watson, George & Abby Engs, last night James Williams was taken with symptoms which threaten a fever & those whose turn it well be next is unknown to Mortals. -



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 October 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14 of 10 Mo// James Williams is better & not so unfavorably seized as was first understood. George Engs some better, Abby us worse & little hopes entertained of her recovery, the others I have not heard from

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 October 15, Tuesday: The great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1), transiting from the constellation Boötes into the constellation Hercules, was exhibiting a gas tail of a length of 24 degrees and a curved dust trail that was almost seven degrees in width. Sir William Herschel thought he was able to make out some colors, ruddy for the very prominent apparent nucleus and somewhat bluish-green for the surrounding coma.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 10 Mo// George & Abby Engs much as yesteerday, if any alteration it is for the Worse with Abby -

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 October 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 10 M 1811// I hardly know what to say of myself. I feel low tried & discouraged, both from within and without, but hope I shall be favor'd to place my confidence in the Power of Israels God which is able to save from all evil, but Alass, how weak is flesh. -

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 October 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 10 Mo// [the left hand edge is not visible] C R spake a little to us at meeting - the day has passed as usual - I expect to pass the ?ensuing night at Watching with George Engs -

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October 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 10 Mo// According to expectation I watched with George Engs he had a very favorable night, but Abby is still very ?sick & her recovery doubtful.

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October 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 10 Mo// Nothing material to insert except that the sick fols are much the same as Yesterday -

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October 20, Sunday: After murdering his brother and nephew, Holkar of Indore died.

At this point, although it was still more than an astronomical unit away, the great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1) was at its closest to Earth. Since the head of this gigantic comet measured at up to 28 arc-minutes in width, which is roughly comparable to the apparent size of the disks of the sun and of the moon, and since it was actually somewhat farther away from us than the sun, it is clear that its tenuous coma (nucleus with surrounding visible gasses) actually exceeded the size of the photosphere of Sol. As the comet would recede, its tail would grow and grow.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20 of 10 Mo// In the forenoon D Buffum delivered a Short but impressive testimony and in the Afternoon C R was concern'd to utter nearly these words "Purity of heart occasions clearness of sight, but the Pollution of our nature beget doubtings which lead to infidelity," this is a[?] most deplorable situation for a human being to be in -
We dined at my father's & from the inclemency of the weather my H omitted Afternoon meeting*

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October 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 10 Mo// Nothing particular from the usual rounds

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October 22, Tuesday: Franciscus Liszt was born at Raiding (Doborján) near Sopron, Hungary south of Vienna, the only child of Adam Liszt, a sheep inspector and steward in the service of Prince Nicholas Esterházy, and Maria Anna Lager, daughter of a baker.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 10 Mo// Pretty much the same as yesterday, except having spent the day in overhalling the old papers of D Holloway

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October 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 10 Mo// This mornng rec'd a letter frin Danl Cooledge which is not of a pleasant savor. I have answer'd it according to the best of my judgement.

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October 24, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber returned to München from Switzerland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24 of 10 Mo// My mind this mornng was feelingly introduced into feeling sympathy with my friends in distress -for several days Abby Engs has been so low as not to admit any hopes of her recovery & yesterday they thought her gone, but this morning has revived, come to her senses & there is a little prospect of her recovery. -
Our meeting was silent & the forepart of it very good to me The last (Preparative) was somewhat exercising*

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October 25, Friday: A Spanish attempt to attack the French army at Sagunto dissolved into chaos. The Spaniards fled in panic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 10 Mo// Abby Engs has been extremely low all day & this evening about 10 O'clock paid the debt to nature In the 18 Year of her age

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October 26, Saturday: The Spanish garrison at Sagunto surrendered to the French.

L'equivoco stravagante, a dramma giocoso by Gioachino Rossini to words of Gasparri, was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro del Corso, Bologna. The work was warmly received but after the third performance the city fathers would close the show due to the "impure" nature of the story.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26th of 10 M 1811// I have just been over to look on the Corpse of dear Abby Engs which is very pleasant, & from her innocent deportment thro' life there is no doubt in my mind, but her spirit is in peace, & a desire is now revived that her removal may be an incitement to us all to be on the Watch for we know not in what day or hour the like summons may be sent to our dwelling

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October 27, Sunday: [Isaac Merritt Singer](#) was born (he would invent a practical home [sewing](#) machine).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 10 Mo// In our forenoon Meeting C Rodman appear'd in reverent supplication. In the Afternoon our meeting was very small in consequence of the funeral of Abby Engs, many friends & others left it to attend that. I thought it best to attend meeting, after which went to a funeral of Constant Wood a young man on the Point who was buried in our ground - Set the evening wiat home with my dear H --

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October 28, Monday: [Charles James Fox](#) was born in Hancock, New Hampshire, a son of the tanner and hotel keeper Jedediah Fox and Mary Wheeler Fox (it has been supposed that this child was a namesake of the famed contemporary Whig orator [Charles James Fox](#), who until his recent death had been the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs).

THOMAS FOX OF CONCORD

CHARLES JAMES FOX

An allied (Great Britain-Portugal-Spain) force defeated the French at Arroyomolinos de Montáchez in Extremadura.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:




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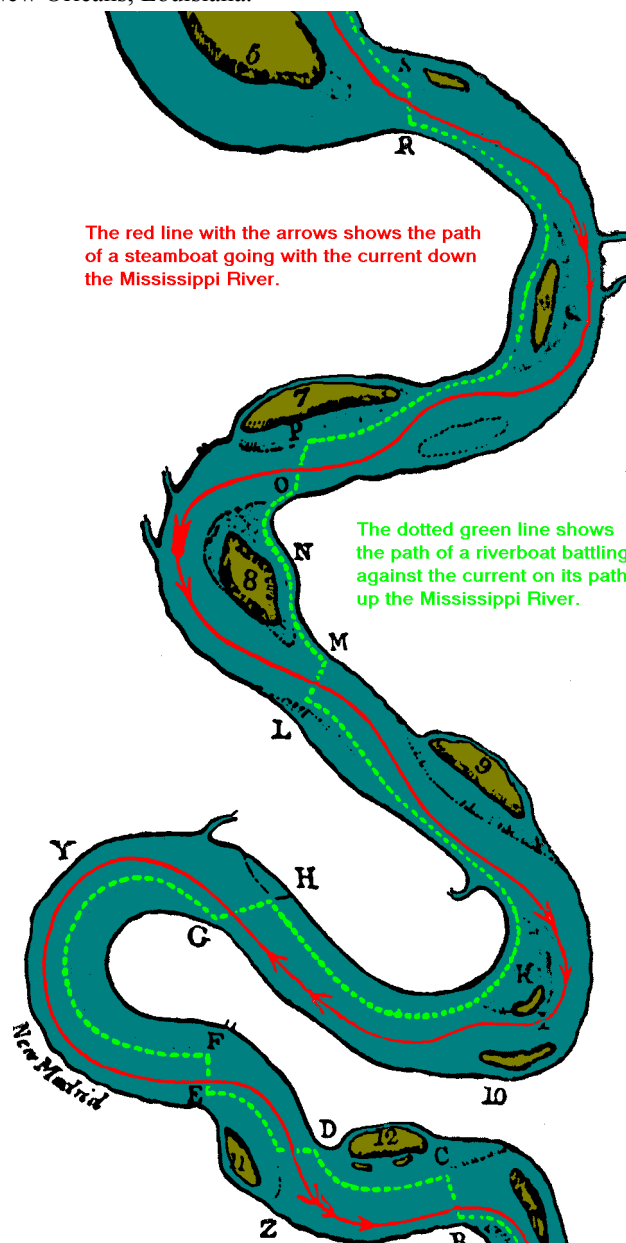
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2nd day 28 of 10 Mo// Nothings material to insert. - The day has passed as usual —

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 October 29, Tuesday: The initial [Ohio](#) River steamboat left Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to steam with the current (red line below) to New Orleans, Louisiana.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 29 of 10 Mo// Again nothing has occurd that appears worth inserting & indeed there are many days of this kind, yet it seems best to keep up a diary. perhaps it might be thought by some that it is time lost, but it does not take me five minutes in a day on an average & if I misspent no more time than that, I believe nothing would lay very hevily to my charge. It was the advice of Wm Penn to his children to "keep a Journal if it is was but a line a day" & if there is no other use in it, it keeps one in the use of the Pen & may tend to help us in the Art of Composition if proper attention is paid to it – This I know of a truth, that it is much more easy for me to express my Ideas in writing than it was formerly

*I am sensible that I am yet very deficient & shall probably remain so, as long as I live, but it is comfortable to believe that I have made some improvement, Whereby I may render myself more useful to myself & mankind – but Alass this brings me to a sense of my short comings, & a subject of which I have not wrote much about of late **i.e.** the religious improvement, wherein I feel much leaness & Poverty for the want of more faithfulness, I am not sensible that my case is worse than Months ago, being sometimes favor'd with (at least) some emanations of Love & life*
—

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October 30, Wednesday Jane Austen's SENSE AND SENSIBILITY: A NOVEL ("By a Lady" — i.e., published anonymously; she went to great lengths to conceal the fact from her acquaintances; initial version had been written in 1796).



Publication of a Piano Trio op.35 and the Piano Variations op.40a by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 10 M 1811// Again nothing of moment to insert, the day has passed with the usual rounds —



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October 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 10 Mo// The day has been severly stormy yet David Rodman & myself took Chaise & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting, which considering the hevly rain & very high Wind was pretty well attended. Holder Almy preached in the first & in the last we got along with our buisness with a good degree of satisfaction - The Public Appearance of Holder Almy was approved & refer'd to the Quarterly Meeting for their perusal [?, left margin not visible] After Meeting we dined with Holder & then rode home. -

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Near the end of his visit to England, Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) saw himself described in the Liverpool [Mercury](#) as preferable “to the proudest statesman that ever dealt out destruction amongst mankind.” That newspaper’s “Memoir of Captain Paul Cuffee” [*sic*] offered a description his early life and many notable achievements, including his 1780 challenge to the Massachusetts legislature against taxation without representation for blacks. (The captain would later receive an English land grant on which he would be able to settle a few worthy immigrants of his choosing. His plans would be delayed by the War of 1812, but in 1815-1816 he would make a successful voyage to Sierra Leone with 38 colonists. On January 16, 1817 he would write that in Sierra Leone, “These few Europeans hath pritty much Control of the Colony Yet the people of Coular Are intitled to every privilege of a free born Subjects.... Yet It cannot be said that Thay Are Equal for the prejudice of tradition is precipitable but I believe much Lieth At thare Doors.”)

Memoir of Captain Paul Cuffee, Liverpool MERCURY

On the first of the present month of August 1811, a vessel arrived at Liverpool, with a cargo from Sierra Leone, the owner, master, mate, and whole crew of which are free Negroes. The master, who is also owner, is the son of an American Slave, and is said to be very well skilled both in trade and navigation, as well as to be of a very pious and moral character. It must have been a strange and animating spectacle to see this free and enlightened African entering, as an independent trader, with his black crew, into that port which was so lately the nidus of the Slave Trade. — Edinb. Review, August, 1811.

We are happy in having an opportunity of confirming the above account, and at the same time of laying before our readers an authentic memoir of Capt. Paul Cuffee, the master and owner of the vessel above referred to, who sailed from this port on the 20th ult. with a licence from the British Government, to prosecute his intended voyage to Sierra Leone.

The father of Paul Cuffee, was a native of Africa,



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whence he was brought as a Slave into Massachusetts. - He was there purchased by a person named Slocum, and remained in slavery a considerable portion of his life.- - He was named Cuffee, but as it is usual in those parts took the name of Slocum, as expressing to whom he belonged. Like many of his countrymen he possessed a mind superior to his condition, and although he was diligent in the business of his Master and faithful to his interest, yet by great industry and economy he was enabled to purchase his personal liberty.

At this time the remains of several Indian tribes, who originally possessed the right of soil, resided in Massachusetts; Cuffee became acquainted with a woman descended from one of those tribes, named Ruth Moses, and married her. -- He continued in habits of industry and frugality, and soon afterwards purchased a farm of 100 acres in Westport in Massachusetts.

Cuffee and Ruth has a family of ten children. - The three eldest sons, David, Jonathan, and John are farmers in the neighborhood of Westport, filling respectable situations in society, and endowed with good intellectual capacities. -- They are all married, and have families to whom they are giving good educations. Of six daughters four are respectably married, while two remain single.

Paul was born on the Island of Cutterhunkker, one of the Elizabeth Islands near [New Bedford](#), in the year 1759; when he was about 14 years of age his father died leaving a considerable property in land, but which being at that time unproductive afforded but little provision for his numerous family, and thus the care of supporting his mother and sisters devolved upon his brothers and himself.

At this time Paul conceived that commerce furnished to industry more ample rewards than agriculture, and he was conscious that he possessed qualities which under proper culture would enable him to pursue commercial employments with prospects of success; he therefore entered at the age of 16 as a common hand on board of a vessel destined to the bay of Mexico, on a Whaling voyage. His second voyage was to the West Indies; but on his third he was captured by a British ship during the American war about the year 1776: after three months detention as a prisoner at New York, he was permitted to return home to Westport, where owing to the unfortunate continuance of hostilities he spent about 2 years in his agricultural pursuits. During this interval Paul and his brother John Cuffee were called on by the Collector of the district, in which they resided, for the payment of a personal tax. It appeared to them, that, by the laws of the constitution of Massachusetts, taxation and the whole rights of



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citizenship were untied. -- If the laws demanded of them the payment of personal taxes, the same laws must necessarily and constitutionally invest them with the rights of representing, and being represented, in the state Legislature. But they had never been considered as entitled to the privilege of voting at Elections, nor of being elected to places of trust and honor. -- Under these circumstances, they refused payment of the demands. -- The Collector resorted to the force of the laws, and after many delays and vexations, Paul and his brother deemed it most prudent to silence the suit by payment of the demands. But they resolved, if it were possible, to obtain the rights which they believed to be connected with taxation.



November 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 11 M 1811// Brother D Rodman & wife took tea with us Also our old neighbor Molly Billings

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November 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 11 Mo// Again the usual reounds, & nothing very particular else [?] has occur'd. --

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November 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 11 Mo// At Meeting this forenoon Lydia Almy Appeared in a few Words, then David Buffum, then Clarke Rodman. So we had more preaching than we have had for a considerable time - In the Afternoon we sat in Silence - aftermeeting made a visit to the Work & Alms houses - Sat the evening at O Williams's with my H & Sister R -

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November 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 11 Mo// Rec'd a letter from David Smith of Bolton Mt enclosing Elegiac lines on the death of our much lov'd friend



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& brother Thos Watson of that place, with whom I was well acquainted & loved dearly. The lines were composed by a young man not in membership with us, & are in my judgement well done. at reading them my mind was much affected with serious reflections –

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November 5, Tuesday: El Salvador's first battle for its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 11 Mo// The day has passed as usual. I have for the week past intended to attend our Quarterly Meeting, but so many things seem'd to crowd on my Mind yesterday that I am induced to believe under present circumstances, it is more my duty to Stay at home than go. –

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November 6, Wednesday: El Salvador's first battle for its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 11 Mo// Nothing material to insert, that I recollect

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November 7, Thursday: At Tippecanoe (Keth-tip-pe-can-nunk) Creek near Prophetstown, Indiana, a town in which Indian people of all tribes were attempting to live a traditional lifestyle, the Shawnee headman Tecumseh, brother of the prophet *Tenskwatawa*, led in a defensive battle against a group of white settlers under William Henry Harrison, giving to Harrison a reputation and a presidential slogan. Defeated, Tecumseh would flee into Canada.



(Meanwhile, during this month, shortly after the Hudson's Bay Company had ceded a large tract around the Red River in Canada to Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk for the establishment of a colony, [John Wedderburn Halkett](#) was appointed a member of that Company's London Committee.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 11 Mo// The Meeting small & silent tho' a respectable number considering how many are absent at the Qurly Meeting

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November 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 11 Mo// Jos Almy has return'd from 27 Mtg & says they got along well - The first meeting was largely favor'd with preaching, & in the last Our recommendations of Holder Almy as Minuter was united with -

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November 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 11th M 1811// This morning rec'd a letter from Dan Cooledge which was not very pleasant & think not to answer it as the spirit he evinces seems not to be of the best sort - I wish him well, & hope the time may come when he may feel & see differently from what he now does.

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November 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 11 Mo// C Rodman said a few words at meeting in the forenoon. In the Afternoon we were Silent, except in meeting hours I have been pretty much at home all Day

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November 11, Monday: Two works by Carl Maria von Weber were performed for the initial time, at his farewell concert in München: The overture Der Beherrscher der Geister J.122 and the concert aria Misera me! J.121.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 11 Mo// Rec'd a letter from Danl Clapp Junr of Pomfret CT which contained a wish to know something concerning a young woman whom he feels an inclination to propose the subject of matrimony - which I answered'd this Afternoon & put it in the Mail - My H spent the day at My fathers at Quilting. -

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November 12, Tuesday: US Secretary of State James Monroe and British Minister A.J. Foster reached agreement in regard to the *Chesapeake* affair of 1807. Two of the four seized sailors would be returned, the other two having died. Reparation was paid to survivors of those killed in the action.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 11 Mo// I watched with E W Lawton last night who is quite sick of a fever. I was pretty current in the forenoon but this Afternoon I have been allmost Stupid for the want of Sleep -



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November 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 12 [sic] of 11 Mo// E W Lawton is still a very sick man
how it will turn out I know not yet I fear the worst tho' the
Doctor & Some of his friends think he is doing well*

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November 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 11 Mo// Our Meeting today was somewhat remarkable
Our friend Obadiah Williams after a year or two's suspension has
again this day uncovered his head & preached in our assembly -
C Rodman then said a little & then D Buffum so that it seems to
look a little as if the Cloud is about to be raised a little the
tabernacle & Israel be permitted again to Journey forward -*

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November 15, Friday: Der Zweikampf mit der Geliebten, an opera by Louis Spohr to words of Schink, was performed for the initial time, in Hamburg to great success.

A military coup again installed a new government in Chile.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 15 of 11 Mo// Edw W Lawton is considerd worse this
morning I have written to his father this morning requesting him
to come immediately Abraham Barker made me a visit at my Shop
this Afternoon, while he was Setting with me my mind was
introduced into a recollection of his late Dear Aunt Susanna who
hath departed this life, & led to feelings which were very
precious, & lasted with me all the evening*

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November 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 11 Mo// Edw W Lawton has more favorable symptoms



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to day but he is very weak & low. – The day has passed as usual --

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November 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 11th M 1811// Our Morning meeting was silent. In the Afternoon C Rodman was concern'd in a testimony. –

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November 18, Monday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) would be lecturing on [Shakespeare](#) and [Milton](#) at Scot's Corporation Hall, London Philosophical Society, until January 27, 1812.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18th of 11th Mo// E W Lawton is consider'd more dangerous, as his fever seems to have a putrid aspect. – The day has passed as usual.

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November 19, Tuesday: [Emory Wiley](#) was born to [Keturah Green Wiley](#) and [Benjamin Brown Wiley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 11 Mo// The day has passed as usual to buisness, but my mind has been under depression particularly this evening

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November 20, Wednesday: By hiring Samuel Topliff, Jr. to run the reading room on the 2d floor of the [Exchange Coffee House](#) in downtown [Boston](#) near the docks, and by using a donated rowboat to meet incoming ships and learn their news, the systematic gathering of news was introduced to America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 11 Mo// E W Lawton has been consider'd rather more favorable yesterday & today. – Much as usual as respects myself –

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November 21, Thursday: At Wannsee, German Romantic author Heinrich von Kleist killed his terminally ill female companion and then committed suicide.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 11 Mo// C Rodman spoke a few words to us at Meeting
– My mind was so situated that I was but a poor judge of what
he said or the State of the Meeting. –*

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November 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 22 of 11 Mo// On fourth day mornng My dear Wife came down
to my fathers to Spend the day, which with yesterday proved very
rainy & we did not go home untill this morning –
This Afternoon attended the funeral of Rebecca Casey an ancient
Woman & a relation to me by both father & Mother*

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November 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 23 of 11 Mo// E W Lawton has been consider'd a little
more comfortable to day, but his case is yet very doubtful. –*

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November 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24 of 11 Mo// Our meetings silent but seasons of serious
reflection to me I have been to O Williams where E W Lawton is,
& is very low, Dr Easton has pretty much relinquished hope of
his recovery –*

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November 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 25 of 11 Mo// E W Lawton much as yesterday. – This day
my Dear Aunts Martha Mary & Hannah Gould Moved into the House
which My father has purchased for their accommodation in
Malborough Street. I am thankful on this acct that they have got
it & are comfortably settled. –*



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Two works by Carl Maria von Weber were performed for the initial time, in München: The Clarinet Concerto no.2 J.118 and the concert aria Qual altro attendi J.126.

This was Evacuation Day, the 28th Anniversary of the departure of the British from New-York at the successful completion of the American revolution. The fortifications of Manhattan Island finally standing ready to defend the exposed population center against the armament of any previous conflict, the southwest battery⁹⁸ fired the first of the many, many broadsides that it would fire over the centuries “at nothing more dangerous than a harmless hulk moored in the river for practice.”



November 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 11 Mo// E W Lawton is very low Dr EAdon continues to speak very discouraging – his fever is very high this evening

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November 27, Wednesday: The Federated Provinces of New Granada (Colombia) was created.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 [sic] of 11 Mo// [note error? or two entries for the 26th because he is watching with Edward?] The Doctors speak more favorable of Edward this morning, say, more favorable symptoms appear

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November 28, Thursday: Piano Concerto no.5 “Emperor” by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed, probably for the initial time, in the Leipzig Gewandhaus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 [sic] of 11 Mo// Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was this day held in town The first meeting was much favor'd Anne Greene Ministered to us in a very lively manner: C Rodman then spake a little to my satisfaction then D Buffum appear'd in as lively a testimony as I think I ever heard from him – Our last meeting was much in the quiet & I thought favor'd beyond what is common – My mind I may thankfully acd [acknowledge?] was quickened & refreshed – Since meeting I have rec'd a very acceptable letter from my much loved friend & brother Micaiah Collins dated 14th inst at Gooses Creek Virginia

98. In 1815 this southwest battery would be renamed [Castle Clinton](#).




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 November 29, Friday: Wendell Phillips was born in Boston as a descendent of that municipality's 1st mayor.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day 29 of 11 M 1811// The day has passed as usual, the mind susceptible of tender impressions - E W Lawton is consider'd some better -

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 November 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 11 Mo// Again nothing material but the usual rounds to insert. - E W Lawton Much as Yesterday -


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 December 1, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber, dissatisfied with his situation in München, left on a concert tour with the clarinetist Heinrich Baermann.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 12 M 1811// Our Meetings were silent, & to me seasons of some wresting for life & thought I obtain'd some victory -

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 December 2, Monday: José Miguel Carrera declared himself dictator of Chile.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 12 M // Having for some time felt my mind drawn to address a letter to James Denson Ladd of Spring Mills Virginia, I yealded to the impulse this forenoon - Also wrote to Philip Dunham - Brother Isaac & Wife with their little daughter Martha Stanton took tea with also my Mother

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December 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 12 M // My H has been for Several days much unwell with a cold, but is well enough today to spent the Afternoon at her fathers.

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December 4, Wednesday: Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann reached Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 12 M // A Pleasant Walk this evening with Brother D R when in my mind was bbought into sweet feelings. I felt rejoiced that my Spirit was thus quickened -

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December 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 12 M // Silent meeting, thoughts on outward subjects uncommonly intruded on my mind, yet I thought a little favor was experienced. - E W Lawton not as well today & yesterday, his situation remains doubtful -

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December 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 12 M // Being caught in the Rain at father Rs last eveng we staid there last night - The day has passed as usual except that I have been this Afternoon engaged in religious conversation with Ebenezer Coleman who is Presbyterian & Strong Predestinarian, he has lived in Connecticut & appears exceeding ignorant of friends & their Principles, but I hope the conversation which passed between us, will do no hurt but tend rather for his information. I was thankful in feeling a good degree of life to attend my spirit in the conversation

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December 7, Saturday: The nation read in the gazettes that in the Indiana back woods, the forces of the Shawnee headman Tecumseh, brother of the prophet *Tenskwatawa*, had been decisively defeated by a group of white settlers under the command of William Henry Harrison.

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By Yesterday's Mail.

INDIAN WAR—Official.

Extract of a letter from Governor HARRISON to the Secretary of War—dated H. Q., near the Prophet's Town, Nov. 5, 1811.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you, that the dawn of yesterday terminated an action between the troops under my command, and the whole of the Prophet's force. Their precipitate retreat, leaving a number of the warriors dead on the field, and the subsequent abandonment of their town, (which was partially fortified) attest for us a complete and decisive victory. It has, however, been dearly purchased. A number of brave and valuable men have fallen victims to their zeal for their country's defence. The behavior of the regular and militia troops was such as would have done honor to veterans. I arrived at my present position (a mile from the town) on the evening of the 5th inst.; a correspondence was immediately opened with the Prophet, and there was every appearance of a successful termination of the expedition, without bloodshed. Indeed there was an agreement for the suspension of hostilities until a further communication should take place on the next day. Contrary however to this engagement, he attacked me at half-past four o'clock in the morning, so suddenly, that the Indians were in the camp before many of the men could get out of their tents. A little confusion for a short time prevailed, but aided by the great exertions of the officers, I was soon enabled to form the men in order. The companies which were hard pressed were supported, several successful charges made, and about day light the enemy were finally put to flight. Our killed and wounded amount to 170, of these 42 are now dead.

I have not been able to ascertain the number of Indians in the action, it must however have been considerable.

The principal chief of these Potawatamis, who have joined the Prophet, is wounded, and in our possession. I have taken care of him, and shall send him back to his tribe. At a more leisure moment I shall do myself the honor to transmit a more particular account of the action, and of our previous movements, and am, with the highest respect, Sir, your humble servant,

WM. HENRY HARRISON.

The Hon. Wm. Erving, Secretary of War.





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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 12 M // The day has passed as usual E W Lawton remains quite low the termination of his disease, doubtful

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December 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 12 M // C R spake in our assembly this forenoon. Silence in the Afternoon & after meeting Brother D R & myself walked down to Jon[athon] Dennis's, took tea & spent the evening Sister Ruth the while with my H -

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About a year and a half earlier, the church structure in Carlisle had burned to the ground. On this day a new structure was dedicated, with a greater number of pews. The state tax for this year was remitted in order to assist the occupants of the town in their hardship.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY [OF CARLISLE]. The first house for public religious worship was commenced about 1760, and completed in 1781, when 24 pews on the lower floor were sold for \$950.50; and in 1793, nineteen in the gallery for £58. This house was struck by lightning in May, 1810, and entirely consumed. The present house was dedicated the second Sabbath in December, 1811, and contained 44 pews on the lower floor and 16 in the gallery, which were sold for \$2746.50. The builders were Joseph Wyman and John Sawyer; and the whole expense of the house, including the preparation of the spot, was \$4866.81. A bell was procured in 1812 at an expense of \$350. In consequence of the unfortunate loss of the old house the state tax for 1811 was remitted. The church was organized February 28th, 1781, and then consisted of 10 male and 24 female members. Nathaniel Taylor, John Green, Phinehas Blood, and their wives, Joseph Monroe, Ebenezer Chase, Agnes Foster, Mercy Monroe, Ruth Monroe, Abigail Parlin, and Rebecca Heald had been members of the church of [Concord](#). The other male members were Joshua Monroe, Jonathan Spaulding, Thomas Spaulding, Job Spaulding, John Robbins, and David Dickinson.

On the 17th of May, 1781, the church voted unanimously to invite Mr. Paul Litchfield to become their first pastor. In this vote the town concurred the 25th of the same month by a vote of 43 to 3. It was agreed to give him £150 as a settlement; and £80 in silver money and 20 cords of wood annually, as a salary, so long as he should supply the pulpit. He was ordained November the 7th, 1781, on the same day as Mr. Stearns in Lincoln. The council on the occasion was composed of pastors and delegates from the churches in Billerica, Bedford, [Concord](#), Acton, Westford, Ashby, 2d [Church] in Scituate, Abington, 2d [Church] in Medway, Franklin, North [Church] in Newburyport and 2d



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[Church] in Salem; and were invited by Jonathan Spaulding, Thomas Spaulding, and John Green, a committee of the church. In the public religious exercises, the Rev. Samuel Spring, of Newburyport, made the introductory prayer; the Rev. Samuel Niles, of Abington, preached the sermon from 1 Cor. iv. 2; the Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, of Franklin, made "the prayer during the imposition of hands"; the Rev. David Sanford of Medway, gave the charge, the Rev. Samuel Spring the right hand of fellowship, and the Rev. Samuel Whitman of Ashby made the concluding prayer.

The first communion was held December 31st, 1781, when it was voted to require a written or verbal relation by candidates, before the church and congregation, of the religious exercises of their minds before admission into the church. This embarrassing regulation was so modified two years afterwards, as to permit them to do it before a committee of the church. The doctrines contained in the confession of faith, and preached by Mr. Litchfield were strictly Calvinistic, coinciding in many points with that system of theology known by the name [Hopkinsianism](#).

No records are preserved to show the number of admissions into the church during Mr. Litchfield's long and peaceful ministry. In 1798, an interesting revival of religion prevailed, in which considerable additions were made to the church. The number of communicants in 1829, were 3 males and 24 females.⁹⁹

99. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)

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December 9, Monday: The Englishman Thomas Manning, a private explorer, became the first European in a century to enter Lhasa.

More reports came in about the fighting on the frontier:

BATTLE WITH THE INDIANS.
From the CENSINEL.

Since our last, a great number of letters have been received giving details of a very bloody battle fought on the 7th November by the United States' army, commanded by Gen. HARRISON, and a body of Indians of the *Pawnee* tribe, commanded by "The Prophet" about half a mile from his chief town, and 200 miles in advance of Vincennes. The letters from *Washington* disagree in many of the particulars of this battle, and nothing official had been received at the War Office at the last date; but the letters below we know to have been written by officers of the 4th U. S. regiment, who were in the action, and who must have been best acquainted with the particulars of it. On our first page is a letter received and published by a member of Congress. Our letters from *Washington* say, the immediate return of the army excites unpleasant sensations in the minds of the western members; who consider an Indian war as commenced. These letters speak in the highest terms of the gallantry and discipline of the 4th. U. S. Regiment, not 300 strong; and particularly of the excellent conduct of Col. Boye, in the battle. The *regulars*, they say, saved the army from a second *St. Clair's* massacre. The reports of the killed and wounded are variously stated;—that of the Indians was said to have been comparatively small; their town was burnt the day after the battle; but some letters say, they had removed their

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 12 M // I have thought seriously on Several important sunjects – Neighbor Mumford & daughter with father & Mother R spent the Afternoon with us

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December 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 10 of 12 M // Nothing Material of my own to insert -Mary
Barker Wife of Matthew a valued friend Died this Afternoon*

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December 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 11 of 12 M 1811// Again this day has passed with the
usual rounds. We have rec'd a letter from Hannah Collins which
was very acceptable - my mind has also been favor'd with the
ariseings of life for which I desire to be thankful -*



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 December 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 12 of 12 M // The Corpse of our valued friend Mary Barker wife of Matthew were carried to meeting this day & After meeting was inter'd in the upper burying ground, Our friend Jos Douglass of Durham & his companion Edw'd Cobb of Portland were at Meeting. Jos was concern'd in a loving testimony & spake clearly of his apprehension that the present deceased was at rest & had Joined the Society of Saints & Angels & just men made perfect. -Edw Cobb, Jeremiah Austin Jr Jonathon Dennis & David Buffum Jr took tea with us & spent part of the evening very agreeably on our part - Edw was our Lodger at the Yearly Meeting time in 1810, at which time we formed a very agreeable acquaintance with him. -

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 December 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 12 M // Jeremiah Austin Jr has been at the Shop twice today & seems very sweet in spirit, spake with much feeling of Poor Isaac & desired if I wrote him again to insert his affectionate love, he oft remembers him & cannot give him up - Rote this eveng to Matther Purinton of Salem

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 December 14, Saturday: Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann performed the premiere of Weber's Seven Variations on a Theme from Silvana J.128 at the home of Count Firmian in Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 12 M // The day has passed with the usual rounds, nothing material to insert. - Sisters E & M set the evening with us

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December 15, Sunday: That night Seraphine, an opera by Jan Vaclav Tomásek to words of Dambek, was performed for the initial time, in the Prague Estates Theater. It was well received.



In Kentucky, while drunk, Lilburn Lewis became enraged over the breaking of a pitcher, bound his 17-year-old slave George, and in front of the assembled household's other slaves, dismembered him piece by piece with an axe. The details of the incident are variously recounted, but perhaps have most poetically been recounted by Robert Penn Warren in 1953 in the long poem "Brother to Dragons: A Tale in Verse and Voices."¹⁰⁰

SLAVERY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 12 M // I watched with E W Lawton last night & in the night wrote to D Smith. Being not very smart this mornng I went to bed & lay till past noon - Went to meeting in the Afternoon & felt Dull Set the evening at home & went to bed early

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100. The case has especial historical relevance not because of the extreme brutality of the incident, but because the perpetrator was a relative of President [Thomas Jefferson](#), and hopefully therefore Jefferson's reaction or lack of reaction might allow us to extrapolate as to Jefferson's state of mind in regard to race.



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December 16, Monday: As the great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1) had been receding, its tail had been lengthening, from 24 degrees to 70 degrees.

SKY EVENT

Centered in [northwestern Arkansas](#), there were two enormous (~7.2-8.1 Richter) earthquake shocks, the 1st at 2:15AM and the 2d at 8:15AM. They said the Mississippi River flowed backwards (which would be to indicate that a seismic "[seiche](#)" propagated upriver). It would be alleged that this had been forecast months before by Tecumseh.



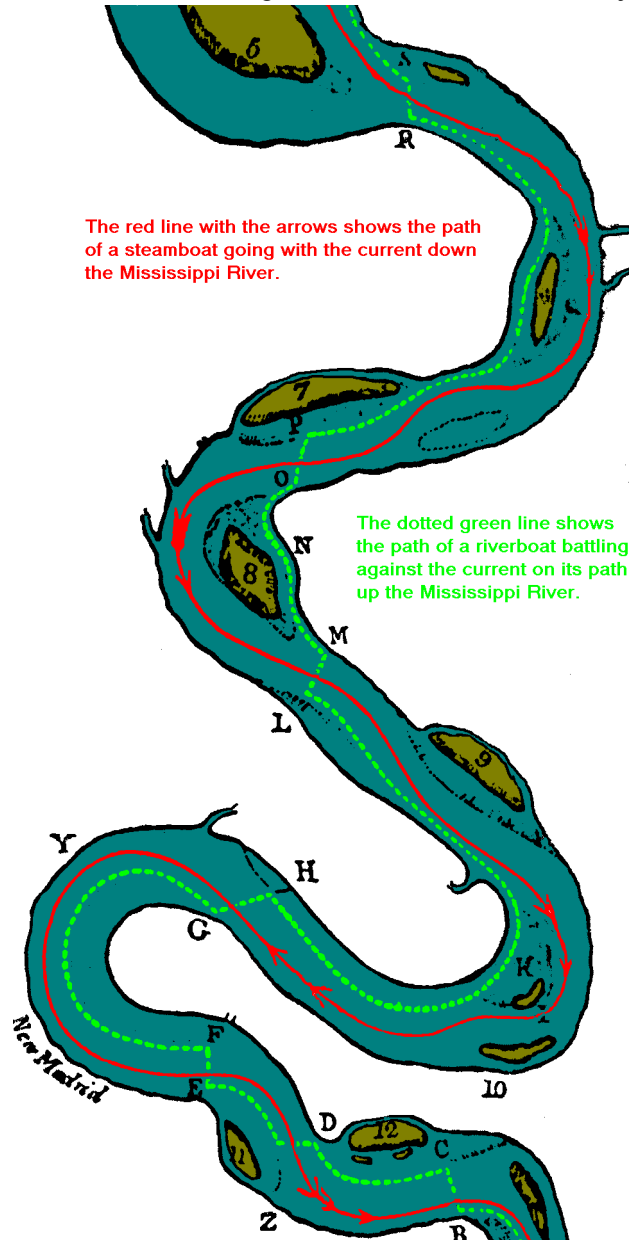
[John James Audubon](#), in Kentucky, hearing the roar of the New Madrid, Missouri earthquake¹⁰¹ and noticing the effects of the enormous earthquake (still inadequately understood) in strange brightenings and darkenings of the sky, presumed that a tornado might be approaching and sought shelter from it.¹⁰² Just as the steamboat *New Orleans* came out into the smooth waters of the Mississippi, heading downriver after the rapids known as the Falls of the Ohio, without warning the quake struck and the normally very smooth waters of the Mississippi River became agitated into the same sort of turbulent maelstrom from which this steamboat had

101. Am I sure that this is not a reference to the earthquake that would occur on February 7, 1812 at 4:45AM?

102. Notice that it had not yet been clearly established, that comets were extra-atmospheric, astronomical in nature. Some natural philosophers were still holding to a theory that actually a comet was a type of long-lasting atmospheric disturbance, and therefore quite close to the surface of the earth and able to exert a direct influence upon us.

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just emerged. Church bells were heard to ding in Boston as the first of four major temblors ripped along the



New Madrid faultline which runs from Arkansas to Illinois. In this initial temblor, presently estimated at 8.1 on the Richter scale, tree trunks snapped — but because of low white population density, only a few dozen people were reported as having been killed. Soil liquefaction along the Mississippi River was, according to our Federal Emergency Management Agency, similar to that experienced during the great Kobe quake of January 1995, and as a result the great river ran backward for three days. Were a temblor of Kobe's 7.0 magnitude to strike along the New Madrid faultline at 9:30AM on some day under our current conditions — and it is estimated that there is a significant probability that some such temblor will occur — the Arkansas State Office of Emergency Services estimates that 14,000 people will die and there will be 240,000 homeless. Since



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there are presently five major oil and natural gas pipelines running across this faultline, conveying heating fuel to the Eastern seaboard states, if this inevitable disaster should strike during a winter a significant portion of our nation will be subjected to a chilling brush with reality.¹⁰³

There would be follow-on major earthquakes on January 23, 1812 and on February 7, 1812. After this series of major quakes, there would be a new lake in Tennessee, Reelfoot Lake, that had not existed in 1810.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 12 M // My H not being Smart I set most of the evening at home & entertained her & myself in reading Sillimans Journal

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December 17, Tuesday: John Antes died at his home in Bristol, England at the age of 71.

Amphion, an opéra by Etienne-Nicholas Méhul to words of de Jouy, was performed for the initial time, in the Paris Opéra. This would later be called Les Amazones, ou La fondation de Thèbes. The response was disappointing, largely due to the libretto.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 12 M // Again nothing material, but the usual rounds. set most of the eveng at home emply'd as the last. I think Sillimans journal is a fine thing, & contains may [many] seasonable pertinent & instructing observations, tho' he is doubtless in some errors

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December 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 12 M // My H not very smart Sister Mary spent most of the day & evening with us. - read as last eveing, Sillimans observations on the universities of Oxford & Cambridge particularly pleased me -

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December 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 12 M // Our Meeting was pretty well attended & Silent, in the last which was Preparative meeting, the names of

103. According to our National Research Council, writing as of 1994, it is simply not yet known “whether the relocation of materials on the surface of the earth is dominated by the slower but continuous fluxes operating all of the time or by the spectacular large fluxes that operate during short-lived cataclysmic events.”



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*David Williams, Stephen Gould & David Rodman were Proposed as Overseers of the Poor which was approbated by a few voices & forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting
In the first meeting I thought I was favor'd to feel the life to arise & dispell some clouds which hung over me, for which I desire to be thankful*

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December 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 12 M 1811// My6 H spent the Afternoon & evening at Brother D Rs. I called in the evening at D Williams -

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December 21, Saturday: A constitution of the first republic of Venezuela was adopted in Caracas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 12 M // A Report that could not be traced to its origin has been circulated in town for several day that Rowse Taylor was Killed by the Indians at Ohio. This Afternoons Mail brought a letter directed to Rich'd Mitchell In the direction of which I recognized his well known hand - the Post Mark was the 3d of this Mt, the contents of the letteer we may hear more about tomorrow

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December 22, Sunday: After a successful concert on the previous evening, in spite of a blizzard, Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann left Prague heading toward Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 12 M // Hearing that Richd Mitchell was in town went with my usual impatience & curiosity in persuit of him to get intelligence from Rowse. found the letters at D Williams & heard part of them read which convey'd the glad tidings that he was settled on a farm of 160 Acres in the state of Ohio, town of Smithfield. -
Our forenoon meeting was pretty well attended & D Buffum & H Dennis labor'd to arrest our attention to the One thing Needful -In the Afternoon we were Silent - My H not being able to attend*



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meeting in the Afternoon went to My fathers to dine - In the eveng we borrow'd Rowse's letter & I read it to my father & Mother who were peculiarly pleased with his account of the journey & final settlement. I hardly ever saw father more interested -

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December 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 12 M // The day has passed pretty much as usual in the evening went round among some of our wealthy members to collect a little Money for the poor

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December 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 12 M // This has been a violent stormy day I did not go home to dinner, & took a little with Aunt Anna Carpenter's Brother D R came to the Shop in the Afternoon finding nothing to do in his own - I set the eveng at home & read indubly [?] to my H in Silliman's journal & finished it

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December 25, Wednesday: French troops defeated the Spanish defenders of Valencia and laid siege to the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 12 M // By accounts today the Storm of Yesterday was more violent than we who were mostly confined within doors were aware - The Wind was so high as to blow down several trees in Broad Street & Washington Square, the large & Ancient honey locust that stood in John Earls yard, a Chimney on the Point, frose to death an horse belonging to Sandford in Middletown, drove on Shore a brigg from Ireland with 70 Passengers, Men Women & children were obliged to wade from the wreck & came from the Neck thro' the Streets this Afternoon to a house provided by the town for their accomodation on the long wharf, they were pitiable Objects indeed -

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December 26, Thursday: In a theater of Richmond, Virginia, a fire killed 5 black Americans, and 68 white Americans of whom many were from prominent local families.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 12 M 1811// I walked towards [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. Rich'd Mitchell kindly gave me a ride of about 3 Miles on my way to Meeting his Sleigh, in going over one bank we over Set but neither of us was hurt. Our Meeting was small. The Womens side of the house counted but seven & them very young Women, I suppose neither of them over 30 years of life: -Ours was large in Number, perhaps 40 of 50 - Peter Lawton was Clerk & for the first time I was assistant & succeeded beyond my expectations -After meeting I rode with R Mitchell to his house & dined & after dinner a part of the way home with D Buffum in his sleigh which eased me of my journey exceedingly for if I had not have been assisted in this way it is not probable I should been able to have got home the same day. & tho' as it was my limbs were much fatigued, yet I was glad I went, for had I had not the Books & papers of neither meeting would have been there -Jonathon Dennis the two D Buffums, little Wm Chase & myself were all that were there from [Newport](#). The Snow Banks were formidable indeed some I walked over that I doubt not were 15 feet high.

A sorrowful affair was related to me in [Portsmouth](#) It appears that about 7 an hour before sun set in the Storm the day before yesterday Joseph Cundel went out of his Mill & has not yet been seen or heard from Yet. they have been searching the Mill dam today & cannot find him whether he was suffocated in the snow drown'd in the Mill dam & got into the Sea is Yet undetermined, but there is no prospect of ever finding him alive.

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December 27, Friday: Heinrich Baermann and Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Leipzig having passed up Dresden. The Saxon court was absent.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 12 M // Our Sisters Joanna Ruth & Mary set the evening with us [too faded] the day the usual rounds -

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December 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 12 M // The day being Stormy I have been the whole day at the Shop - Set the eveng at home -



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December 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 12 M // Our Meetings were rather small owing to the badness of the travelling. In the forenoon C R preached, in the Afternoon Silent [faded] night visited the Work & Alms house - Set the eveng at home

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December 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 12 M // This day complete the 30th year of my Age & should I live till tomorrow, shall be progressing in my 30th & consideration of it has this eveng been deep & impressive on my Mind. Oh how swiftly glides the Moments of our precious time, & how little improvement in those things that are of the utmost importance. Oh! that it may not all steal away & the Work left incompleat

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December 31, Tuesday night: A portion of the tail of the great [comet Flaugergues \(C/1811 F1\)](#) was observable.

SKY EVENT

This, the "[Great Comet of 1811](#)," would be given a mention by Tolstòy in WAR AND PEACE:

The radiant star which, after traveling in its orbit with inconceivable velocity through infinite space, seemed suddenly -like an arrow piercing the earth- to remain fast in one chosen spot in the black firmament, vigorously tossing up its tail.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

31 of 12 M 1811// Here ends the year & what more shall I say of it than that it has come & gone. I feel my mind humbled at the poor improvement of I have made, but am thankful in believing that tho' I may have taken Some retrograde Steps yet my mind is still visited with the renewals of love & life.

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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1812



January 1, Wednesday: For four days, [Mount Vesuvius](#) would be in eruption: “Effusiva — Lava ad W verso Torre del Greco.”

The Austrian Empire’s new Civil Code went into effect.

Dr. Benjamin Rush, a mutual friend, had been attempting to get former President John Adams to reconcile with former President [Thomas Jefferson](#). Adams had been bitterly resentful of Jefferson’s claim that he was of uniquely importance as the author of a foundational document, the [Declaration of Independence](#). That document had in fact not been a foundational document of the United States of America at all, but a mere piece of political theatre, nor in fact had Jefferson, low man on the totem pole, had that much of a hand in the creation of it. “The Declaration of Independence I always considered as a theatrical show,” he wrote at this point. “Jefferson ran away with all the stage effect ... and all the glory of it.” However, on this day for the first time in 11 years, Adams did send off a letter to Jefferson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st of 1 Mo 1812// I commence the new Year under feelings of depression, & seriousness on various subjects - And a concern renewed on my mind this evening, that I may double my dilligence in labor to dwell near the life & not suffer it to be lessened by neglect. Altho I have not expressed much for a long time in my journal relative to my progress in religious matters yet I have not been unmindful of them, but there is Such a Sameness in each days experience that it seems like unnecessary repitition to express how it is with me daily - When I do well I feel peace & in proportion to my neglect of duty in my condemnation¹⁰⁴

104. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1815: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 10 for May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812 and Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815. Series 7 Microfilm Reel #3, positive, is made up of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould’s Diary #11, 1812-1815 (July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815, of which the original is held by the Quaker Collection of Haverford College)



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January 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 1 M 1812// This day news was brought to town that Joseph Cundell was found Near his mill coverd in a bank of Snow he was found Yesterday & bury'd this Afternoon. – It so happened this day that my buisness was so that I omitted meeting. – but my mind has been in a favor'd State for which I desire to be thankful. –Set most of the eveng at home



January 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 1 Mo// Again the mind under exercise which I hope may be proffitable – Sister Mary set the eveng with us –



January 4, Saturday: Miss Abigail Dudley, who had provided funds for a choir in [Concord](#), died. Her grave would be marked by the 1st gravestone to be fashioned out of white stone, in the Hill Burying-Ground.

“THIS STONE IS DESIGNED
BY ITS DURABILITY
TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY,
AND BY ITS COLOUR
TO SIGNIFY THE MORAL CHARACTER
OF
Miss ABIGAIL DUDLEY,
WHO DIED JAN. 4, 1812
AGED 73.”

This, actually, was the year of the greatest average age of death in Concord:



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The following table, exhibiting the number of deaths [in [Concord](#)] between several specified ages, the number each year, the aggregate amount of their ages, average age, &c. &c. during the 50 years commencing January 1, 1779, and ending December 31, 1828, was compiled from records carefully kept by the [Rev. Dr. Ripley](#) [[Ezra Ripley](#)]. Great labor has been expended to make it correct and intelligible.

Year.	Under 1	to 5	to 10	to 20	to 30	to 40	to 50	to 60	to 70	to 80	to 90	to 100	Total.	Aggre. Am. Age.	Average Age.
1779	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	12	578	48
1780	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	10	307	30
1781	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	3	15	721	48
1782	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	5	3	1	18	933	52
1783	5	2	1	0	4	2	3	1	2	3	1	0	24	811	34
1784	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	17	607	35
1785	2	0	1	0	3	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	17	672	39
1786	4	1	0	4	3	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	19	590	31
1787	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	12	416	35
1788	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	0	19	877	46
1789	3	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	4	1	0	17	694	41
1790	2	5	2	2	2	0	3	0	3	4	3	0	26	970	37
1791	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	3	0	17	841	49
1792	5	0	0	1	4	3	1	6	2	2	1	1	26	1021	39
1793	1	0	3	0	1	2	2	4	1	3	0	2	19	894	47
1794	1	1	1	0	4	3	0	1	5	1	3	1	21	1018	49
1795	0	2	0	4	3	4	1	1	2	2	2	0	21	824	39
1796	1	8	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	6	1	0	27	926	34
1797	3	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	3	3	0	21	893	43
1798	4	3	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	5	2	1	21	831	39
1799	0	1	0	1	4	0	2	3	4	4	1	0	20	1006	50
1800	3	7	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	4	2	1	25	926	37



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Year.	Under 1	to 5	to 10	to 20	to 30	to 40	to 50	to 60	to 70	to 80	to 90	to 100	Total.	Aggre. Am. Age.	Average Age.
1801	3	3	2	6	3	0	2	2	3	4	4	0	32	1197	37
1802	2	4	1	3	2	2	1	3	1	6	2	0	27	1067	39
1803	2	7	2	3	4	9	3	0	3	2	2	1	38	1194	31
1804	4	4	0	3	3	1	3	3	1	4	2	1	29	1037	39
1805	12	1	0	3	6	2	0	2	2	2	5	0	35	1132	32
1806	5	4	0	1	6	2	1	3	4	1	4	1	32	1201	39
1807	7	1	0	2	6	2	3	1	3	4	2	1	32	1182	37
1808	1	5	1	0	0	1	3	2	4	0	2	0	19	722	38
1809	2	3	0	0	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	19	821	43
1810	5	1	1	3	3	4	4	3	6	4	3	1	38	1626	45
1811	1	2	2	0	4	1	1	2	4	2	2	0	21	881	42
1812	3	6	2	1	1	5	2	2	3	3	3	1	32	1131	36
1813	3	2	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	4	2	0	27	1094	40
1814	2	0	0	0	4	4	4	1	3	0	2	2	22	1012	46
1815	4	2	4	5	4	5	3	4	5	4	6	1	47	1910	41
1816	6	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	2	4	1	0	21	802	38
1817	2	4	2	2	4	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	21	495	28
1818	2	1	0	2	1	4	1	3	3	2	1	0	20	825	41



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Year.	Under 1	to 5	to 10	to 20	to 30	to 40	to 50	to 60	to 70	to 80	to 90	to 100	Total.	Aggre. Am. Age.	Average Age.
1819	2	2	1	4	0	3	3	4	2	4	1	1	27	1006	37
1820	2	3	0	0	2	3	2	5	0	5	6	0	28	1374	49
1821	3	5	0	2	0	1	3	3	2	10	4	0	33	1582	48
1822	2	10	1	3	5	2	2	3	2	4	2	2	38	1285	34
1823	5	3	1	1	2	1	3	3	2	1	3	1	26	970	37
1824	4	3	0	1	1	2	4	4	3	5	2	0	29	1244	43
1825	3	7	1	1	2	2	5	6	4	6	3	0	40	1645	41
1826	8	6	4	0	3	2	8	4	1	5	2	0	43	1367	32
1827	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	0	3	0	19	893	44
1828	4	4	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	5	1	2	23	1020	48

It is impossible to specify the diseases by which the several persons died. As far as can be ascertained from the [Rev. Dr. Ripley \[Ezra Ripley\]](#)'s records, it appears that about one seventh of the whole number died of consumption, one fifth of fevers of various kinds, one twelfth of old age, one sixteenth of canker-rash, one nineteenth of the dropsy, one twenty-fifth of paralytic affections, and nearly the same number each of dysentery and casualties.

By adding the columns in the above table, we shall find that the whole number, who died during the 50 years, was 1242; of whom 153 died under 1 year of age; 137 of 1 and under 5; 42 of 5 and under 10; 70 of 10 and under 20; 119 of 20 and under 30; 101 of 30 and under 40; 106 of 40 and under 50; 106 of 50 and under 80; 106 of 80 and under 90; 28 of 90 and under 100; and a native black of 105. Of these 107 died in January, 111 in February, 118 in March, 103 in April, 88 in May, 81 in June, 88 in July, 95 in August, 115 in September, 121 in October, 121 in November, and 94 in December. These proportions generally hold good in particular years, more deaths occurring in the spring and autumn than at other seasons of the year. Of those who lived 80 years and over, 54 were males and 81 females; 90 and over, 8 were males and 21 females; 95 and over, 3 were males and 4 females. The year when the least number of deaths occurred was 1780, and when the greatest, 1815. The yearly average is 25 nearly. the least average age was in 1817, the greatest average in 1812. The aggregate amount of all the ages, for 50 years, is 49,192, and the mean average age nearly 40. Estimating our population, during this period, at an average of 1665, which is nearly



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correct, as will appear on reference to our account of the population, we shall find that 1 in 66 dies annually.

153 or 1 in 8 1-8 died under 1 year.	620 or 1 in 2 lived 40 and upwards.
218 or 1 in 5 2-3 died under 2 years.	570 or 1 in 2 1-3 lived 45 and upwards.
255 or 1 in 4 8-9 died under 3 years.	514 or 1 in 2 2-5 lived 50 and upwards.
270 or 1 in 4 3-5 died under 4 years.	463 or 1 in 2 3-5 lived 55 and upwards.
290 or 1 in 4 1-3 died under 5 years.	408 or 1 in 3 1-11 lived 60 and upwards.
304 or 1 in 4 1-11 died under 6 years.	354 or 1 in 3 1-2 lived 65 and upwards.
332 or 1 in 3 3-4 died under 10 years.	296 or 1 in 4 1-5 lived 70 and upwards.
358 or 1 in 3 1-2 died under 15 years.	209 or 1 in 5 1-17 lived 75 and upwards.
402 or 1 in 3 1-11 died under 20 years.	135 or 1 in 9 1-5 lived 80 and upwards.
472 or 1 in 2 3-5 died under 25 years.	69 or 1 in 18 lived 85 and upwards.
521 or 1 in 2 2-5 died under 30 years.	29 or 1 in 42 5-6 lived 90 and upwards.
571 or 1 in 2 1-3 died under 35 years.	7 or 1 in 177 3-7 lived 95 and upwards.
622 or 1 in 2 died under 40 years.	2 lived to 99, and 1 to 105.

In these calculations minute fractions are omitted. They exhibit results highly favorable to the health of the town. Few towns are so healthy.¹⁰⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 1 Mo// The day passed as usual; Set the eveng at home —



January 5, Sunday: French forces surrounding Valencia began to bombard the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

105. In France, 1 in 31 arrives to the age of 70; in London 1 in 10; in Philadelphia, 1 in 15; and in Connecticut 1 in 8. In Salem, 1 in 48 dies annually; in Philadelphia, 1 in 45; in Boston, 1 in 41; in London, 1 in 40; in Paris, 1 in 32; and in Vienna, 1 in 22. — See *History of Dedham* and *American Quarterly Review*, Vol. VIII. p. 396.

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1st day 5 of 1 Mo// I had an hard battle to engage with the enemy this Morning but thro' divine favor was enabled to keep clear of offense & if I sinned I believe it was only in thought thus overcoming enabled me to enjoy precious meeting for which I desire to be thankful -In the forenoon D Buffum gave us a lively testimony from the text "Boast not thyself of tomorrow" & very pertinently alluded to the late sudden disaster by Storms at sea & fire in Richmond Va where in the Theater many lives were lost in a few minutes - In the Afternoon C R & H Dennis both appear'd sweetly in testimony. I set most of the evening at home, with my mind comfortably retired which is a State I love to feel -

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January 6, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6th of 1 Mo// The mind again in conflict which I hope & pray may prove profitable, may the Stubble & reprobate Metal be consumed, & nothing left which obstructs the circulation of the life - In the Morn'g went to Wm Pattens to hear the relations of a passenger in the Ship Orion Capt Barzille Huzzey of [Nantucket](#) from London of grievances & imposition of the Captain on the Voige, which were truly afflicting, the Man whose name was White a Presbyterian Minister supposed the Capt was a member of our Society & wanted the interference of Some of our Members - but on investigation I am induced to think he is not in membership & if he is his conduct has been a disgrace to Us. - In the eveng Met at C J Tennys with the Directors of the African benevolent Society -

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January 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 1 M 1812// My H Spent this Afternoon with our dear Aunts Martha Mary & Hannah Gould, we also set the eveng. I can say it was an agreeable time to me -

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January 8, Wednesday: The Spanish defenders of Valencia surrendered to the surrounding French. Meanwhile, British and Portuguese troops had surrounded the French in Ciudad Rodrigo.

Sigismond Fortuné François Thalberg was born in Pâquis near Geneva, son of Joseph Thalberg and Fortunée Stein (it was possible that at that point both of his parents were the marriage partners of others).

Gioachino Rossini's farsa L'inganno felice to words of Foppa after Palomba was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice, and was very successful with critics and public.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 1_Mo// This day has been pretty much occupied in the Discharge of the Duties of my new appointment as Overseer of the Poor

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January 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 1_Mo// Our meeting was silent & comfortable, at least it felt so to me; My H set the Afternoon at Brother Isaac's. I took tea with them.

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January 10, Friday: The steamboat *New Orleans* arrived in New Orleans. And yes, despite the dire prediction of the mayor of Cincinnati, it would be able to make its way back upriver against the current (since it was almost empty).

[Friend Luke Howard](#) observed what we would now term smog above the great metropolis of London:

...the sky, where any light pervaded it, showed the aspect of bronze. Such is, occasionally, the effect of the accumulation of smoke between two opposite gentle currents, or by means of a misty calm. I am informed that the fuliginous cloud was visible,



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in this instance, for a distance of forty miles.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 1 Mo// My mind has been brought under feelings which are pleasant, tho' of a serious nature, for which I desire to be thankful

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January 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11 of 1 Mo// Nothing particular to insert more than that the Day passes as usual -

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January 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 1 Mo// In the forenoon we had a Sweet testimony from H Dennis - In the Afternoon silence, & according to my sense they were both good solid Meetings. - Set the eveng at Home Sister Mary spent it with us -

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 January 13, Monday: The publication of [Jan Ladislav Dussek](#)'s Two Duos for piano and harp C.257-258 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


2nd day 13 of 1 Mo// The usual rounds - In the eveng called to see Mary Williams Junr who is quite sick -

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 January 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 1 Mo// The day has again passed without anything particular to insert - Sister Ruth set the eveng with us agreeably -

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 January 15, Wednesday: Johannes Herbst died in Salem, [North Carolina](#) at the age of 76.


If one looked carefully, one could still make out the great [comet](#) Flaugergues (C/1811 F1) in the night skies, in the constellation Aquarius. (It had been visible since late March in 1811: this had been and still is the longest period of naked-eye visibility of any comet of which we have record.)

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 1 Mo// Father seems to look much more poorly than common this mornng [?] & complains of a new infirmity vizt a pain in his breast, The left [?], thinks he has a fever, has prescribed some Medicine & he is better this eveng - tho very feeble - Sister Eliza spent the day with us -

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 January 16, Thursday: In his consideration Prime Minister Spencer Perceval was not prosecuting the peninsular war with sufficient vigor, and so Lord Wellesley resigned as Foreign Secretary.

Samuel Hoar, Jr., Joseph Barrett, and Jonas Lee prepared a petition to the Massachusetts legislature, that due to the decrepitude of the Middlesex County buildings in Cambridge, the county offices ought at this point to be removed to [Concord](#). They, and Tilly Merrick, Isaac Hurd, Jonas Buttrick, Francis Jarvis, and Benjamin Prescott, Jr., would be authorized by the townspeople to present this to the legislature:

"To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
"The inhabitants of the town of Concord, in the county



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of Middlesex, humbly show, that the existing laws, requiring some of the sessions of the courts for said county to be holden in said Concord and others in Cambridge in said county, are in their execution attended with many inconveniences. The clerk of said courts is required to transport a large number of dockets and other papers from his office in Cambridge to Concord, when the courts are to hold a session in the latter place; delays are often produced in the trial of causes by the unforeseen demand of papers, in the public offices, at a distance from the place of trial; a large bill of costs is annually crated to said county by the transportation of prisoners from one of those towns to the other, for trial; parties, jurors and witnesses, when the courts sit at Cambridge, are drawn to one extremity of the county to attend the trail of causes; much useless expense to said county is created, not only in building, but in the frequent repairing two court-houses and two jails. The court-house and jail in Cambridge are now old and decayed, and unfit to answer the purposes for which they were built; and others, if the courts are hereafter to be holden there, must soon be erected.

"Your memorialists further represent, that said Concord is nearly in the centre of said county, and that a court-house and jail in said town have recently been erected at a considerable expense, which are commodious and sufficient for the use of said county; that in the court-house in Concord, convenient rooms for all public offices for said county may be fitted up at a trifling expense, in which the public records may be deposited more safely than in their present situation.

"Wherefore your memorialists pray, that said Concord may be made the shire town of said county, and that all the courts for said county may in future be holden in said town of Concord. And as in duty bound will ever pray."¹⁰⁶

(This effort would fail.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 1 M 1812// Father rested comfortable last night, & has been free from pain thro' the day, but he is so week that he has kept his bed all day, in getting up this evening found himself much fatigued, he would not consent to have a fire in the Chamber untill I prevailed upon him this Afternoon & while making it up It seem'd to me as if it would be his last illness

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-I never saw him so sick & low in body before.-

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January 17, Friday: After a successful performance in Leipzig, Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann left the city to respond to an invitation from Gotha.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 1_Mo// Our dear father seems very low this Mornng & much distressed for breath, when I went into his room this morning to carry some fire, I asked him how he did, he said "I am no better. This is hard service I have come to, it is such a turn as I never had before, but I have ruffed it along a great while, & it will be but a little longer on Mothers asking him to take a powder, he said, I dont see that they do any good, I want something for my breath between 10 & 11 OClock the Doctr came & opened a vein, which as yet has not much relieved his breathing, he came again between 12 & 1 OC & says the fever is not so high but considers his case very doubtful & proposes a blister to the Side

While I with dear Aunt Patty Gould was setting by him just now, speaking of his fever he said, The Dr told him it was not so high, but it is the highest & the lowest time I ever knew." The Doctor thinks his complaint is the Peripnumony which in addition to his precious weekness render'd his case very dubious -he has been a little more easy thro' the Afternoon, particularly since his blisters were on & if they draw well thro' the night & no more unfavorable symptoms take place there may be some room to hope he may recruit a little. - I was much gratified that Our friend D Buffum called to see him, not being present I know not as he had any thing particular to communicate.- This is the most afflicting period of my life, I know not how to express myself

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January 18, Saturday: A \$100 reward, plus costs, was issued for the capture and return of Jack, his wife Betty, and their daughter Fanny, who were eluding the white Virginian who had purchased them, James A. Glenn. Jack, who had formerly been the property of J. Byad, was a small mulatto man of about 40 or 45 years of age and a very sensible man with hair that could be made to appear straight. He had been an active good gardener, hostler, and carriage driver. Betty, his wife, who had formerly been the property of John Corbin, was a fleshy mulatto woman between 30 and 35 years of age, and a very pleasant person. Fanny, their daughter, had reached 14 or 15 years of age, was very crosseyed, was short and stout, and was like her mother a very pleasant person. The newspaper advertisement suggested that they might be residing with free relatives of color and would probably be pretending to be themselves also free:

100 DOLLARS REWARD.
RAN AWAY from the subscriber in Halifax county, Virg. on the night of the 7th July, 1811, three Slaves, viz JACK, his wife BETTY, and their daughter FANNY—Jack is a small mulatto man, about 40 or 45 years of age, his hair inclined to be straight; he is very sensible, and an active good gardener, hostler and carriage driver; Betty is a large mulatto woman, inclined to be very fleshy and has a pleasing countenance when spoken to; she is between 30 and 35 years of age, and Fanny, a mulatto girl, 14 or 15 years of age, very cross-eyed, has a pleasing countenance, and apt to smile when spoken to, she is low but stout and well made. Jack carried with him two trunks, one turned up with buff, one of which was nearly new, and a number of other clothes. Betty and Fanny carried with them a number of good clothes, not recollected. They will, doubtless, attempt to pass as free, and probably will be seeking about Richmond, where Betty has a brother and her mother living, both of whom are free; her brother calls himself John H. Muleton. All masters of vessels and others are cautioned against conveying away, or in any way harboring said slaves at their peril.
I will give the above reward if secured in any jail so that I get them again, or one third for either of them. If brought home all reasonable charges will be paid in addition to the above reward.
JOHN WILSON, Committee of James A. Glenn.
N. B.—Jack formerly belonged to J. Byad, Betty was purchased of John Corbin.

Naughty Jack. Naughty Betty. Naughty crosseyed Fanny. What, did they suppose they were entitled to — life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

SLAVERY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 18th of 1 M 1812// Our dear father is no better this morning, when I went into his room & enquired how he felt with some difficulty he said I am no better, I have had a very hard night -

He has been as comfortable as could be expected this day tho' very weak & low. I think I have not seen him sleep so easy nor fetch so long breaths since he was taken as this evening, yet from his many weaknesses & emaciated body I hardly dare lay hold of hope. -

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January 19, Sunday: France reoccupied Swedish Pomerania.

Allied (UK-Portugal-Spain) troops captured the French garrison at Ciudad Rodrigo southwest of Salamanca.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 1 Mo// My dear father remains much as yesterday. I Watched with him last night & dear Aunt Patty Gould set up with me, desirous to do as much as long as she can for him, he rested the forepart of the night & rased [?] as easy as could be expected, about 3 OClock he became very restless & wanted to get up, but we prevailed upon him to lay till near day break & thro' the day his raising continued easy to what it was - This evening while the Doctor was there he expressed his satisfaction with him & said he believed he could & did do all that a Doctor could for him he also spake of our great attention to him & when ever I went to him thro' the last night & today he seem'd very affectionate. Our very kind & helpful friend Thos Hornsby spent most of the Afternoon & evening with him

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January 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 1 Mo// My dear father seems weaker this mornng but remains sensible - he has been restless & uncomfortable thro' the day but after being got up in the eveng he seem'd quite as comfortable as could be expected & slept more than an hour & at nine OClock I left him as well as could be expected - He asked Mother what was the day of the Month on her telling him the 20th he said this is the day that John was to sail Meaning Uncle John Stanton who we had heard previous to his illness was to sail on this day from N York for Liverpool, after he waked out of a nap of sleep, he was asked if he wanted any thing he said no nothing but to be still & quiet - In the course of the day he told Susanna



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Davenport an old friend of the family that, he knew his time was Short & that he was quite resigned to & Satisfied with the event

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January 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#)'s father, James Gould, died.

3rd day 21 of 1 M 1812// I think my dear father seems, not to be more sunken this morn'g than he was last night, tho' his Watchers (who were Benj Hadwen & Hannah Hull) say that he was much distressed till after 2 O'clock in the morning 11 OC AM I think my dear father is now sinking very fast, he breaths short, is cold, & refuses to take any thing whatever, but lays very composed & his countenance bespeaks a placid state 1 OC PM, My dear father is still more sunk than when I wrote the above, he does not speak & appears to be fast expiring, his countenance is still placid, & he looks around on all in the room as if he knew all, & I have no doubt he does & is sensible that the last moment of his existence fast approaches, - Oh Awful Era, ! may my soul be prepared for it, when it may arrive. - At several times and particularly a few minutes ago, while Standing by his bedside it seem'd as if all fell into Stillness which was attended with a Solemn but sweet covering, & my spirit favord to partake a little of it, for which I desire to be thankful Past 2 O'clock I have now the painful distressing task to insert the decease of my dear & affectionate father he breathed his last in this World about 10 Minutes before 2 O'clock this Afternoon - not expecting his dissolution quite so soon I stepped out & wrote the foregoing but was soon sent for. I found he had lain much as I left him untill he became violently convulsed & when he came out of that very soon expired - The dear old man continued sensible & knew all around him untill he became convulsed, a few minutes before that time Mother asked him if he knew Isaac he nodded his head to say yes but his weakness had so far increased that he was past speaking This morning Mother perceived that it was not probable that he could last long expressed to him her apprehension of their being soon to part in this World, he reply'd that he was fully sensible of it, & said we met in Love & we part in it, he said that as to his great account he felt no uneasiness about it, believing it to be settled but that some of his outward affairs were not so well arranged as he could wish, but however he was not very uneasy about them - About two Months ago he purchased a small house of which it was his intention to have given, his Sisters a life lease in, Mother assured him that She would see that they should not be disturbed, to which he added that he knew if she had not have exerted herself in the affair it never would have been procured, -he has many times manifested his satisfaction at having Aunt Patty Gould with him, & when our Good old friend Susanna Davenport came to see him he expressed his readiness to depart & seem'd desirous for her to Stay in the house as long



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as he lasted which she did & was truly helpful. –
Thomas Hornsby's kindness & attention he also seem'd very
greatful for, & indeed thro' his whole illness his patience &
affection towards those around him has been remarkable, & he has
now gone I have no doubt to rest, from the labors pains & fatigue
if this World to a world where Sorrow is no more known, to
receive a reward according to his Works. –

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January 22, Wednesday: A 3d regency was set up in Spain to rule for King Fernando VII, in opposition to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22nd of 1 mo 1812// My dear father now lays a Corpse, I think I never saw him look more natural, indeed he looks more like himself than he has for several months. There seems to be allmost a Smile on his Countenance, which to my mind is an additional evidence of his being now at rest. – I have been most of the day at home my dear H being in a situation which prevented her being with my dear Mother in this trying occasion, & from her present situation & the severity of the Weather has prevented her going to see father in his illness which has been a great cross to her & not less so to us all - but we are favor'd with quiet minds for which & all other blessing I desire to be renewedly thankful

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January 23, Thursday: At 9AM there was a follow-on major (~7.0-7.8 Richter) earthquake along the [New Madrid fault](#), continuing the damage that had begun on December 16, 1811. After this string of quakes, there would be a new lake in Tennessee, Reelfoot Lake, that had not existed in 1810.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 1 Mo// This is the day we have concluded on to pay the last duties to the remains of our dear father, his corpse retains its placidity & is no way alter'd from yesterday. – The funeral was at 2 OClock at the house attended by many friends & respectable inhabitants of the town, for he was a man of good Report & unblemished Character, but there was not near as many attended as would have done had the going been more safe, much snow was on the Ground & the walking very slippery – After about an hours setting at the house our friend D Buffum observed that such a Solemn pause on such occasions was very proper & useful in giving time for reflections, that the turn must soon be hours & he then thought if all were easy it was a suitable time to



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proceed to the last Duties – Which we did, & during the time of the funeral, I think I can say for us all, Our minds were favor'd with as much composure as could be expected on an occasion so trying, so deeply afflicting

Altho' Our dear father had lived to the Advanced Age of nearly 73 Years & from his numerous infermities of body, it could not be expected he could live much longer to go in & out before us, yet, the event is hard to bear, we shall feel his loss each succeeding day of our lives, & very expecially Our dear & affectionate Mother who will feel as a Stricken Deer or Sparrow on the house top.

We much regret, the weather has been such that we could not have the company of our Cousins Peleg Gardiner & Wife, & Lewis L Clarke from Narragansett, it would have been a peculiar Stay & comfort expecially to Mother, but we could not even send them Word of our Situation. –

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January 24, Friday: Robert Fulton's and Livingston's workshops in New-York were destroyed by arson.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 1 M 1812// I have spent most of the day in writing to L L Clarke & finishing some other writing on hand –finding my self not very well & a pain sometimes in my side I thought it was most prudent to Set the evening at home to avoid exposure to this very raw & uncomfortable air. – I hardly ever knew a more severe Spell of weather than we have had for several weeks past --

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January 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 25 of 1 Mo// The loss of my dear father has been the Subject of my thoughts most of the day & indeed let my body be employed about what it would that has been uppermost in my mind. I desire yea pray that we may all be favor'd to abide in the Quiet & live in the peace together. My dear Mother seems much striped & my dear Aunts much foresaken, but I trust they have those yet living who will care for them & feel affectionatly for their wellfare. -

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January 26, Sunday: France annexed Andorra.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 1 Mo// Owing to the very sloppy walking our meeting was smaller than common, especially in the Afternoon -In the forenoon C Rodman spoke to the people - After tea I called a little while at D Williams & set the remainder of the eveng at home & read Bucannans Christian Researches in Asia

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January 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 1 Mo// Rec'd letters from Cousin L L Clarke which was as a brooke by the way - We every day feel the recent great loss revived, & my heart is indeed hevy in the remembrance, but he is gone from us & it now remains for Survivors to make the best of our journey to a better country where I doubt not but he has gone & is at peace & rest. -

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January 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28th of 1st M 1812// Every time I enter the late dwelling of my dear father, I feel his loss & miss him from his seat both in the Shop & house, which allways leaves a painful voice in my mind, but it teach us to realize & reconcile the various changes to which we are subject in passing thro this probationary state & vale of tears. -



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 January 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 1 Mo// The usual rounds of buisness & the usual feelings & reflections of late -

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 January 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30 of 1 Mo// This day was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in town which was made small in consequence of the bad weather travelling -20 females attended, yet the buisness of both Meetings was transacted pretty well - In the first C R was concern'd in testimony which to my mind carried the evidence of the right thing & I beleive made its way in the minds of All present - The last was to me a low time but was not an hard time. - I was favor'd with feeling & some good degree of animation, for which I desire to be thankful
In the eveng called a little while at D Williams & set the remainder at Home Sisters Ruth & Eliza being there -*

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 January 31, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 31 of 1 Mo// My mind has been much occupied in feeling & thinking on the loss of my dear & very affectionate father. I miss him every day & shall continue to untill the end of my Days -

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 February 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 2 M 1812// The mind occupied much as Yesterday & nothing has transpired different from the usual rounds

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February 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2 of 2 Mo// Our meetings were large - In the forenoon C
R preached, (I have no doubt) with good Authority
Set the eveng at Home with My H. -*

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February 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 3 of 2 Mo// Attended the Town Council with my Dear Mother
to prove the Will of my late dear father, a trying time to Mother
She has my sincere sympathy. My H being pretty Smart spent the
Day at my Mothers - Father & Mother Rodman spent the Afternoon*

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February 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 2 M 1812// I have spent part of this day in
finishing a letter which I begun yesterday to Uncle & Aunt
Stanton giving a more particular acct of my dear fathers
sickness & Death
My dear Aunt Martha Gould spent the Afternoon & part of the
evening with us. - While I set looking at her my mind was struck
with her innocent countenance, & mild affectioate tone of voice.
I love her much & believe I have thro' life duly appreciated her
worth to me, she has been to me in my youth an anxious caretaker
& continues to this day to love me & I do her most sincerely -*

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February 5, Wednesday: Governor Tompkins's committee submitted a report suggesting the basic features of a school system that would become New York state law.

After some private performances and a public concert in Weimar, Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann arrived in Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 5 of 2 Mo// Nothing but the usual rounds & the usual
reflections thro' the Day. -*

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February 6, Thursday: José García de León y Pizarro replaced Eusebio Bardaji y Azara as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 2 Mo// I am sorry again to acknowledge that buisness has kept me from meeting, a circumstance which I allways lament but so it is. Sometimes things will so opperate as to prevent – It is remarkable that most of our friends who went yesterday to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting return'd this Afternoon towards night, it appears meeting got thro' in season for them to go on board the Packet by 3 OClock & they got down before night which is a circumstance never before happened. –

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February 7, Friday: At 4:45AM there was another follow-on major (~7.4-8.0 Richter) earthquake along the [New Madrid fault](#), completing the series that had begun on December 16, 1811 and continued on January 23, 1812. After this series of major quakes, there would be a new lake in Tennessee, Reelfoot Lake, that had not existed in 1810. I'm sure there couldn't have been any connection, but at Landport in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England, Charles Dickens (Charles John Huffam Dickens) was born into a family beleaguered by debt. His father John Dickens, son of a butler and a housekeeper at Crewe Hall, had risen to the post of clerk in the Navy Pay Office. His mother Elizabeth Barrow was the daughter of a senior clerk in that Navy Pay Office.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 2 Mo// My mind has for Several days been brought under close exercise, from an apprehension that Duty will lead me to write a letter to Uncle Benjamin Gould touching the things of his everlasting Peace, but peculiar circumstances render the performance of it a great trial, & how it will terminate in my mind I cannot tell at present. I do most ardently wish him well, & at this time my secret Prayer is that his last days may be his best Days

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February 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 2 Mo// My mind is exercised with subjects before me, the importance of which feel momentous.

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February 9, Sunday: Incidental music for Kotzebue's plays The Ruins of Athens and King Stephen by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed for the initial time, at the opening of the Pest Theater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 2 Mo// C Rodman spake in our forenoon meeting & according to my judgement a good evidence attended his communication - The Afternoon Meeting was Silent - It has been a day of exercise to my Spirit, which I hope may prove profitable -- Set the eveng at home with my H. -

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February 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 2 Mo// This eveng paid visits of Sympathy to my old neighbors Saml Gibbs & Saml Towle, the latter is very sick himself & has a daughter very low, his wife also suffers much with a lame foot which renders them in a very helpless situation, when we lived in their neighborhood they were very kind & affectionate neighbors to us, & they Still remain near in our hearts, & are people whom I believe near the Kingdom of heaven - My H set the Afternoon at her fathers

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February 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 2 Mo// Our Meeting seem'd a refreshing brooke by the way C Rodman & H Dennis were conserved in short but lively testimonys. - In the eveng called at D Williams, a little while & set the remainder at home with my H. -

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February 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 2 Mo// The Mind much occupied on things of a serious nature. In the eveng called at Aunt Patty Goulds & found her complaining with a lame side. I hope she will get better & be spared to us a little longer. -


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 February 15, Saturday: Due to tensions between France and Russia, and due to his pending divorce proceedings, Adrien Boieldieu wrote to Tsar Alyeksandr from Paris that he needed to resign from his position as Kapellmeister.

The United States of America claimed the Oregon Territory.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


7th day 15 of 2 Mo// Occupied at trade but the mind has been turned to look inward, & the life has been raised.

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 February 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16 of 2 Mo// In the forenoon it seem'd as if the life was low, yet R C & D B had lively & acceptable testimonies to bear -In the Afternoon things seemed a little better & C R spake a few words, nearly as follows "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the Dead that Christ may give thee life, & then when the Gospel trumpet is sounded thou wilt be susceptible to its glorious effects"
Saw cousin Thos Gould at Aunt Marthas this evening & was very glad, as I esteem him much. -*

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 February 17, Monday: [Ellen Sturgis](#) was born in Boston, daughter of the wealthy China trader William F. Sturgis with Elizabeth Marston Davis Sturgis, daughter of a prominent Boston jurist.¹⁰⁷ From her poem "Life a Duty":

I slept, and dreamed that life was Beauty;
I woke, and found that life was Duty.
Was thy dream then a shadowy lie?
Toil on, poor heart, unceasingly;
And thou shalt find thy dream to be
A truth and noonday light to thee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 2 Mo// Thos Gould called to see me, & spent Some time in the Shop - In the evening I called at Aunt M Gs a little while

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107. Her sister Caroline [Caroline Sturgis Tappan] would not be born until 1819.



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➡ February 18, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber and Heinrich Baermann performed a private recital for the royal family in Dresden. Their public performance in Dresden was unsuccessful, Weber's music being found deficient by comparison with Louis Spohr's.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 18 of 2 Mo// Called at Aunt M Gs, & found her not Smart
Mother R Set the evening with us --*

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➡ February 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 19 Of 2 Mo// Aunt Molly Gould fell & hurt her side this
morning & was bled this Afternoon -*

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➡ February 20, Thursday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) sailed his *Traveller* from Sierra Leone toward the coast of Massachusetts with a cargo of African goods. Upon arrival, his vessel and its cargo would be embargoed because his last port of call had been a British port and the US and Britain had gone to war.

In 1812 tensions between the United States and Britain were nearly at the breaking point. Once home, having just returned from a British colony, Cuffe's ship was seized by customs officials. The incident necessitated Cuffe's going to Washington to win back his brig and cargo. He was not only successful in this goal, but he also met with President [James Madison](#) in an attempt to gain support for his next trip to Sierra Leone. Cuffe was the first black man to ever meet on official business with the President of the United States.

Cuffe intended to visit Sierra Leone once each year, bringing skilled immigrants and needed supplies while exporting African products to cover expenses. He had purchased a house in Freetown but never intended to settle there himself, because, as he explained "my wife is not willing to go." The war with England delayed his return, however, as traffic with the enemy became forbidden.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Berlin on his concert tour with Heinrich Joseph Baermann. He would stay at the home of the parents of his fellow student Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 2nd Mo 1812// Our first meeting was pretty
favor'd to me but attended with a doubtful occurance. - The first
(Preparative) was short - but two friends asked for certificates
-thus we go one after another, Some are removed by Death & some*



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*go to other places untill I know not but Poor R Island will be
entirely striped of friends.
Sister Joanna Set the evening with us -*

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February 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21 of 2 Mo// Nothing very particular to insert - Day
after Day passes away & I remain much as I have been for years;
-however I am not unmindful that time is Swiftly & Silently on
the wing & that it will soon be finished with me even if my days
should be lengthened to the age allotted man by Scripture*

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February 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 22 of 2 Mo// Went to Redwood Lybrary return'd the
"History of Plants" which I had taken from there some weeks ago.*

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February 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23 of 2 Mo// In the forenoon C R spake a little
acceptably. The Afternoon was Silent. I set the eveng at home.
My H not well -*

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February 24, Monday: Prussia signed a treaty of alliance with France. The treaty bound Prussia to allow the free passage of French troops and to provide 20,000 Prussian troops for use with France. Prussia also adhered to the Continental System.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 24 of 2nd Mo// Nothing particular to insert, except the
usual rounds - The weather is very close & winterlike which has
a tendency with some other circumstances to depress my spirits.*



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Rosalind Cobb Wiggins has pointed out that while Friend Paul's vessel was being impounded by the US Coast Guard on [Aquidneck Island](#) in April, he would be lodging at the home of [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Hannah Gould in [Newport](#), and that this amounted to a social gesture in the society of that day that was bold even for [Quakers](#): "White people who could afford servants considered African-Americans to be the lowest sort of domestic, scarcely educable and more like the docile creatures in their barns. People of Color could be lodged in the stable and fed in the kitchen, but not Paul in Stephen and Hannah's home." I do not find evidence, however, within Friend Stephen's journal itself, that Friend Paul lodged at the Gould home for more than one evening, or that he slept in some supposedly available area inside the home itself rather than in an outbuilding, and so I wonder whether Friend Rosalind had independent evidence of that lodging — or whether she was here merely drawing an unsupported speculative inference. (Within my own conceptual frame of reference, I rather doubt that there would have been available a "decent" space within the tiny home to put up a white adult male overnight, let alone putting up an adult male of color, unless he were to doze sitting up before the fire in the front room.)



February 25, Tuesday: Opening of Massachusetts General Hospital in [Boston](#).

Robert Fulton left Washington DC for New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 2 Mo// It is exremely [s]lippery walking & this Morning in coming out of father R's door I sliped & fell my whole length into the street against the steps on my back which hurt my shoulders & ribs very much —

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February 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 2 Mo// I am better of my fall today, for which I desire to be thankful — This eveng visited the African School.

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February 27, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s maiden speech at the House of Lords was in opposition to a proposal to impose [capital punishment](#) upon Luddites found guilty of frame-breaking.



LORD BYRON'S SPEECH

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 2 Mo// Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is this day held at [Portsmouth](#), I would have been glad to have gone, but such is the situation of my dear H that at present I feel most easy not to leave her long at a time. – Those who attended the meeting say they had a pretty good time, but suffered much with the cold in going & coming.

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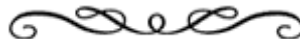
February 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 2 Mo// I hardly know what to say. The day has passed, & to but very little account in any way. –

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February 29, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s Cantos I and II of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE were published, inclusive of the line

Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow?



that would be so often quoted by Frederick Douglass in 1863 while he was seeking volunteers for the Civil War black regiments:

*Liberty won by white men would lose half its luster.
Who would be free themselves must strike the blow.
Better even die free, than to live slaves.
I urge you to fly to arms and smite to death the power
that would bury the Government and your liberty
in the same hopeless grave.*



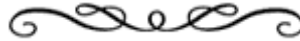


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This is your golden opportunity.



HEREDITARY BONDSMEN! KNOW YE NOT WHO WOULD BE FREE, THEMSELVES MUST STRIKE THE BLOW?--*British Poet.*



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 2 Mo// The day has passed as usual. & the mind in its usual mood

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March 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 3 M 1812// C Rodman ministered unto us in both meetings, & In how not but his appearance was acceptable. I thought I was favor'd especially in the forenoon to know something of an opening. -

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March 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 3 Mo// The Day has again passed with the usual rounds.

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March 3, Tuesday: Cuffee, a Paumanok Long Island Shinnecock Indian minister, died near Montauk, New York at the age of 55.

The US Congress passed the 1st foreign aid bill.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 3 M Each day produces so little, that is worthy of nore & my mind so barrab of Life that, I sometimes doubt the propriety of my waisting paper, but do not deel quite easy to omit it

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March 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 3 rd M 1812// Nothing but the usual rounds.

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March 5, Thursday: Spanish forces laid siege to Cuautla, held by Mexican revolutionaries.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 3 M ?// Our meeting was pretty well attended & I can truly say that my mind was comforted with the presence of several of the youth who appear, sober minded & from their good conduct are hopeful, & I am fully of the faith that some of them will become useful members—

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March 6, Friday: Aaron Lufkin Dennison, father of American watchmaking, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 3 Mo// Nothing particular to insert. —

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March 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 3 Mo// The day has passed pretty much as usual.

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March 8, Sunday: Georg Joseph Vogler and his student Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) departed from Darmstadt for a journey to München.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 3 Mo// In the Mornng Meeting C R spake a few words & in the Afternoon we sat in Silence. — My mind was some what barran in them but not in so poor a state as at sometimes. —

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March 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 3 Mo// I am well aware that the enemy does in divers ways beset me & sometimes with sharp buffeting, but I am thankful in believing that the good hand is yet near me & does help beyond what I have a right to expect. -

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2nd day 10th of 3 M 1812// My Beloved H & her little son rested finally [?] last night & are comfortable today. I desire not to set my heart upon this child or promise myself any happiness in him. We have had a proof of the fallacy of such promises in the loss of our dear little Caleb, who I often think of & can scarcely help repining in seasons of weakness when I think of his very engaging ways. he was certainly a remarkable fine child -but it may be childish in me to say much more about him, if this is as forward & as engaging as he was it will be a renewed cause of humility & gratitude, which I hope my heart will not be calous to. -



March 10, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) published the first two cantos of his CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE. The sensation would be immediate and widespread and would establish Byron in the mind of the public. He would later remark, "I awoke one morning and found myself famous."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 3 Mo// I have today been made acquainted with some cases wherein the enemy is secretly & all most quite openly at work at the other end of the Island, on which account I feel Sorrowfull, & may an increased concern prevail in my mind to work against his subtilty in my own heart that it may be the more clean & qualified frallies [?] his shafts against others. -

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March 11, Wednesday: A decree was issued in Prussia that "Jews and their families presently residing in our States and in possession of general privileges, patents of naturalization, letters of protection, and concessions were considered inhabitants and citizens of Prussia."

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 3 Mo// Oh! that I was better. I feel the need of more life more of the quickeneing spirit, but am comforted with



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the belief that I am yet favor'd with that or the renewal of that which is necessary to the Souls Salvation.

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March 12, Thursday: The Spanish Cortes passed a liberal constitution in Cadiz. This would become the manifesto for Spanish liberals through a great part of the 19th Century.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 3 M C R was concerned in testimony in our meeting today. & on my own part may acknowledge that it was a season of some favor vouchsafed to my mind for which I desire to be thankful - Altho' the mind wandered a little, yet it was enabled to keep the object in view

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March 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 3 Mo// My mind has various ways been exercised & depressed on subjects which I have thought best not to insert here, Oh that I may be favored to keep the right object in view.

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March 14, Saturday: Fearful of Russian expansion, Austria concluded a military alliance with France, agreeing to provide an army for [Napoléon Bonaparte](#).

Cirio in Babilonia, ossia La caduta di Baldassare, a dramma con cori by Gioachino Rossini to words of Aventi, was performed, presumably for the initial time, in the Teatro Comunale, Ferrara. This was a flop.

The birth of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#)'s son, John Stanton Gould.

7th day 14 of Mo// My dear Wife has been sometime expecting to be sick & this Afternoon much indisposed but did not send for assistance untill near sunset & about 7 OClock was delivered of a fine boy for which I desire to [be] thankful to the Lord, the great giver of all good things. - This is an event which has long exercised my mind, & I can but repeat my thankfulness that it is thus far over. The Doctor was not in the house to exceed an hour, & my Dear H is as well this evening as can be expected-

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March 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 3 Mo// C R spake in our forenoon Meeting. In the Afternoon we were Silent. My H & little sone had a restless night but have been as comfortable thro' the day as could be expected.
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March 16, Monday: The Emperor [Napoléon](#) appointed his brother Joseph (King José I of Spain) as commander-in-chief of the French armies in Iberia.

An allied (Great Britain/Portugal) army reached the French-held fortress of Badajoz in Extremadura, Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 3 M 1812// My Beloved H & her little son rested finally [?] last night & are comfortable today. I desire not to set my heart upon this child or promise myself any happiness in him. We have had a proof of the fallacy of such promises in the loss of our dear little Caleb, who I often think of & can scarcely help repining in seasons of weakness when I think of his very engaging ways. he was certainly a remarkable fine child -but it may be childish in me to say much more about him, if this is as forward & as engaging as he was it will be a renewed cause of humility & gratitude, which I hope my heart will not be calous to. -

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March 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 3rd Mo// Our little son was very ill last evening & the nurse thought he was almost gone, but recover'd & Slept quietly all night. - I hardly think we shall be able to raise him, but I desire to leave the event to the All Wise disposer & humbly to acquiesse with what he pleases to lay upon me. - I am brought this morning under a depressing sense of my unworthyness, & Oh! that all uncleanness may be perged out. -

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March 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 18 of 3 Mo// The young child & his mother had a fine night last & are this mornng very comfortable. for which may render the tribute of a greatful hearts. - I have had the Company of my much lov'd friend Jos Austin for an hour or two in my Shop which has been very greatful - he also set a little while with my H this evening -

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March 19, Thursday: The Spanish Constitution of 1812 was proclaimed in Cadiz. This was liberal in that it supported universal suffrage and a constitutional monarchy under King Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 3 Mo// Our meeting was pretty well attended & was comfortable to me - In the first C R had a small communication, & in the last Job Weeden son of John of Connanicut, requested the care & membership of Society which was forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & as a ballance for that agreeable occurence, the overseers inform'd that they had treated with E W Lawton for keeping company with a woman not of society, so that it seems as if what is laid on with one hand is taken off with the other.

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March 20, Friday: Jan Ladislav Dussek died of gout at either St. Germain-en-Laye or Paris, at the age of 52.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 3 Mo// The young Child & his Mother again rested well last Night - the usual rounds thro' the Day. - In eveng Called at Aunt M Gould.

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March 21, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 3 Mo// I feel a degree of thankfulness that My Dear H & little son are doing as well as they are. -

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March 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 3 Mo// Last night I spent in Watching with Christo[pher] Grant Mason & in the Mornng went to bed - In the Afternoon attended Meeting which was as bright as I could expect after setting up all night - D Rodman walked with me to Saml Thurstons where we took tea & set most of the evening --

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March 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 3 M 1812// I heard this mornng that John Weaver of Connanicut has departed this life, thus we go one after another to our long homes, & the time will soon come when it will come to those who are now young in years

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March 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 24 of 3 Mo// This mornng while setting silently the Spring of life arose in my mind with much Sweetness & comfort for which I desire to be thankful
We have now pretty much concluded that our little Son be named John Stanton - it is far from being my wish that he should be so called, as three names I much disapprove of, & John is not the name of my choice, but Aunt Martha Stanton in a letter from N York requested some Months ago & before my dear fathers decease that if this child was a son that his name be so called, which father knew & was pleased with - My dear Mother seems now very anxious the child should be called agreeable to his aunts request, which seems very difficult for me to countenance., & as I feel nothing of conscience about it, think best to acquiese with the desires of both Mother & Aunt*

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March 25, Wednesday: Publication of the Twelve Dances for piano op.44 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the Wiener Zeitung.

Samuel Wesley and his wife Charlotte Louisa Martin Wesley executed a deed of separation.

Lady Caroline Lamb gave a waltzing party at Melborne House. Among the guests were George Gordon, Lord Byron, Annabella Milbanke, Rev. Sidney Smith, Lady Jersey, Lord and Lady Kinnaird, et al.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 3 Mo// The day has rolled away much as days generally do with me - Several friends went to Connanicut to attend the funeral of our Aged & Worthy friend John Weaver whose remains were carried to the Meeting house & after Meeting were decently inter'd in the Meeting House Yard I should have been glad, & thought of going but concluded as tomorrow is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting it would not be best to leave my Shop two days successively -

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March 27, Friday: Caroline Lamb wrote her initial love letter to George Gordon, Lord Byron.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 3 Mo// Yesterday toward night, Departed this Life at his house in Portsmouth HOLDER ALMY a worthy & excellent man, & will be a great loss to Society - His Ministry was generally lively & clear & I have no doubt hath been helpful to many, especially the feeble minded. -

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March 28, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 3 M 1812// The day has passed with the usual rounds. - My H & little son are quite smart. May I be daly thankful

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March 29, Easter Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 3 Mo// The day has been exceedingly Stormy which has prevented my going to Portsmouth to attend the funeral of the much lov'd & Valuable friend HOLDER ALMY whose remains I understand were taken to the Meeting House where Our friend D Buffum & Wm Almy were engaged in testimony, & After Meeting



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his remains were decently inter'd in the burying ground near the Meeting house. He has been for many years useful & acceptable in the Ministry, & his innocent & exemplary life has render'd him an ornament to society, he died greatly beloved by all who knew him, & his loss will be great to his family & society. - Our Meetings at home were but small owing to the inclemency of the weather, & tho' my mind was somewhat on the rove yet, there seem'd to be a good degree of favor which render'd the retreat more easy when I detected my self thinking on unprofitable subjects.- In the Mornng D Clapp Jr called to see me & was at Meeting. he appears to be a Sober Man

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March 30, Monday: The allied army surrounding Badajoz began bombardment of the fortress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 3 Mo// The Day has passed with the usual rounds-

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March 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 3 Mo// Another day one much as usual

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April 1, Wednesday: Count Nikolai Ivanovich Saltykov replaced Prince Mikhail Barclay de Tolly as Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of Russia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 4th M 1812// This has been a precious day with me, my spirit has been much tender'd & sweetness from several occurences. particularly in Conversation with my dear friend Sarah Fish who has been to the Shop & opened Some of her exercises [meaning trials and difficulties] in which I was led into near sympathy with her & enabled to say a little which was at least satisfactory to my own mind & I believe was encouraging to her - My spirit was also tendered bu a short visit from my much loved neighbor Samuel Towle who has been in affliction all Winter, having had a sick daughter & now lays very low. - I was also not a little tender'd by a visit from Cousin William Borden. - our conversation turned on days that are gone & some of our relations that are doubtless at rest & the various changes that we are subject to in this World



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 April 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 4 M 1812// Our Meeting was comfortable Hannah Dennis appear'd in a few sweet & savory expressions, then C Rodman Spake (I thought) with a good degree of Authority.


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 April 5, Sunday: In St. Petersburg, an alliance between Russia and Sweden was signed. Russia gave assurances that in the division of the spoils of war Sweden would get Norway, and promised to send 30,000 soldiers to drive the French from [Germany](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 [sic] of 4 M // Our forenoon Meeting was silent, in the Afternoon C R Spake a few words, with weight Visited the Work & Alms Houses with D Rodman - This has been a day of Much reflection on various Subjects. - & my mind has been de[ressed] with the prospects before me. -

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 April 6, Monday: After British and Portuguese troops captured, from a combined garrison of French, Spanish, and Hessians, the fortress and city of Badajoz in Extremadura, what followed was a plunder, rape, and murder of local citizens.

The [Shelleys](#) returned from [Ireland](#) to Wales.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 4 M // Oh! that I was what I ought to be. Altho' I do try to maintain the conflict yet such is the stroving between flesh & spirit that in consequence of the predominance of the former the latter is often but very lean & barran. -

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 April 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 4 M // This morning a bunch which my mother had on her Shoulder worked out. it looked like a worm in a Cows Back & resembled thus [a circle with a dot in the middle] it was blue & red & I have no doubt was or is of a cancerous nature. what



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the future will be with it is uncertain but she says, it feels much better than it has for Months. - Rec'd a letter from Isaac Austin Dated [blank] M [blank] Richmond in Virginia. -

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→ April 9, Thursday: At 9:30AM José Antonio Aponte and other leaders of an uprising of blacks in Cuba were **hanged**. His head in an iron cage would be placed on display in front of the home in which he had lived (heads of these other leaders would also be variously posed).

Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 [sic] of 4 M // Our meeting was silent & I thought my mind was favor'd to partake of quiet, altho' some weakening things obtruded - this Afternoon, brought into serious thoughtfulness & feelings on various subjects especially the necessity of a preparation for the final chance - & the uncertainty of time. -

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→ April 10, Friday and 11, Saturday: Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

6 & 7 day // Depression has awaited me on various subjects

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→ April 11, Saturday: When about 100 Luddites attacked Rawfold's Mill in Liversedge, Yorkshire, the local militia killed four of them.

→ April 12, Sunday: Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 4 M // In the forenoon meeting D Buffum spake a few Words & in the Afternoon C Rodman. - Our Nurse went away this Morning wich leaves my H in quite a lonely situation with her little boy, but thro' favor She is very Smart

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→ April 13, Monday: Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 4 M // It has been a very thick snow which has



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continued to fall from 8 OClock in the morning till quite dark in the evening. The trees & bushes have been loaded as in the dead of Winter with Snow, a sight I never saw so late in the Spring. -

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April 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 4 M // The Snow of Yesterday has melted away very fast today - I called to see Aunt P Gould this eveng, found her poorly but better than she had been - Sister Ruth set the evening with my H who with the little boy are very smart.

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April 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 3 M 1812// My dear & much lov'd friend Philip Dunham has been in town, his company has been reviving & strengthening, I only regret that I have been unable to have as much of it as I might have done had it not been Town meeting day to voat for Representatives to the general Assembly & Governor &c which occupied my mind more than I could have wished, but believing that the present State of the Nation & of our own State, demands the best men that can be selected to fill important offices, I was induced to voat for those whom I really believed would do for the best. - And altho I with Several other friends attended the Town Meeting, yet I believe we were not influenced by what is called party principles, but the real good of the nation. & party Spirit

I desire may be ever guarded against, for I am fully & renewedly confirmed, will ever prove a bane to vital religion, & in proportion as the spirit of party is indulged, in proportion will the pure spark of divine life wither & decay. - but still I cannot see it to be wrong for me in some cases to give my voice for mene to rule over us. for when the "Wicked rule the land Mourns."

My dear friend Philip dined & took tea with us

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April 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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
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5th day 16 of 4 M // At Meeting father R had a few words to communicate.

My mind was lead to look back on days that are gone & particularly to reflect on the tender dealings of Divine goodness with me & was humbled under a sense of my man7 missteps & short comings. -

Philip Dunham was at meeting but sat in silence. --

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 April 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 4 M // I watched last night with James Robinson, he is an Old standard of this town & intimate friend & acquaintance of my late Dear father. Setting up last night makes me feel very dull & hevy today


Philip Dunham has been at the Shop a considerable time in the course of the Day, his company very sweet & precious

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 April 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 4 M // P Dunham went home this mornng. his visit has been very helpful to me having been favor'd to feel the renewals of life from his savory conversation -

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 April 19, Sunday: In Concord, the militia assembled to take part in war with the British.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 4 M // Amos Peasly & Benjm Fulsom were at meeting this forenoon. Also Hireanea Thompson. The two former of the State of Newhampshire & the latter of [Smithfield](#) Amos is a living & powerful Minister & Hireanea has a good gift & were both largely concern'd in testimony & Hireanea in a supplication - In the Afternoon they appointed a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) 3 OClock, several friends went from town & said Amos was largely concerned in testimony & supplication

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April 20, Monday: US vice-president and former New York state governor George Clinton died in Washington DC at the age of 72.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 20th of 4 M // The day has passed with the usual rounds,
& the mind occupied on usual subjects. —*

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April 21, Tuesday-24, Friday: Rosalind C. Wiggins has pointed out that while Friend [Paul Cuffe](#)'s vessel was impounded by the US Coast Guard on [Aquidneck Island](#), he lodged at the home of [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Hannah Gould in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) and that this amounted to a social gesture in the society of that day that was bold even for [Quakers](#): "White people who could afford servants considered African-Americans to be the lowest sort of domestic, scarcely educable and more like the docile creatures in their barns. People of Color could be lodged in the stable and fed in the kitchen, but not Paul in Stephen and Hannah's home." I do not find evidence, however, within Friend Stephen's journal itself, that Friend Paul lodged at the Gould home for more than one evening, or that he slept in some supposedly available area inside the home itself rather than in an outbuilding, and so I wonder whether Friend Rosalind actually had independent evidence of that lodging — or whether she was here merely drawing an unsupported speculative inference. (Within my own conceptual frame of reference, I rather doubt that there would have been available a "decent" space within the tiny home to put up a white adult male overnight, let alone putting up an adult male of color, unless he were to doze fully clothed sitting up before the fire in the front room.)



At the Hanover Square Rooms in London, Palestine, an oratorio by William Crotch to words of Heber, was performed for the initial time (there was a capacity audience and the response was so positive that the work would need to be repeated on May 26th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 4 Mo 1812// [Paul Cuffee](#) has arriv'd from Africa & has passed considerable time in my Shop this Afternoon but such was the State of his mind at present in consequence of difficulty at the Custom house about his Vessel that he could not into into a detail of the progress & Success of the object of his voyage.

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April 22, Wednesday: Friedrich replaced Viktor II as Prince of Anhalt-Bernburg-Schaumburg-Hoym.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 4 Mo // [Paul Cuffe](#) took tea & set the eveng & is to lodge with us - he has related many interesting particulars of his voyage.



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April 23, Thursday: [William Jones](#) was clerk of all the courts of the county of Somerset, Maine.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 4 Mo // Our meeting was rather small & to me a very dull season – the last (preparative) was also Dull but the whole of the Queries were answer'd to pretty good satisfaction.

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April 24, Friday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24 of 4 Mo // [Paul Cuffee](#) is in town endeavoring to effect measures to enable him to get to Washington & labor there for the release of his Vessel & Cargo. he is procuring letters of recommendation, & other documents that may be of service to him in explaining the nature of his voyage to Africa & the minds of the people seem to be very open to render him all necessary assistance



April 25, Saturday: Georg Joseph Vogler and Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) arrived in München from Darmstadt.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 4 M // The mind of men are much agitated with the prospect of War which seems to threaten this nation, but notwithstanding all the appearances, I feel a hope that the Clouds will pass over this time - but the times are gloomy news has reached us of a most terrible Earth Quake which has buried the City of Carackas in South America & many thousand Souls in it. This certainly looks like the last times spoken of in Scripture "Rumor of War," & Earth Quakes in divers places - but if the mind can be kept in humble dependance on that power of that Name by which the Seas when in great commotion are stilled, & the Quaking of the Earth may be Silenced, Sure we may not be troubled for in him is everlasting strength, & by his strength he will Sustain the Righteous, & by his Strength he will convert the Wicked.



April 26, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:




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1st day 26 of 4 M // This Mornng being pleasant my H & little son spent the Day with my Mother, it is the first time the Child has been carried out, he appeard to bear it well & has been very quiet all Day - When I carried [him] into the late dwelling of my dear Father it much affected my mind I missed his kind & fond attention when I used to carry our little Caleb down to see him & it brought into my mind reflections & feelings that I had one day when I saw him at Aunt Patty Goulds it was a few weeks before he Died - he was then very feeble & his countenance I thought was much Sunken & I thought it hardly probable he would live the Spring out - I thought then if he could but live to see this Child born I should be thankful, but doubts possessed my Mind & I was much affected with the consideration parting with him, allmost as much as when the time of final separation took place & the remembrance of him this day has lived upon my mind & is renewe'd fresh upon it with each day of my life. -
Our Meetings were as large as usual C R had a few words to communicate. - After meetg in the Afternoon I visited my Old neighbor Saml Gibbs who lays very low & appears to be fast verging to the Grave - His intelects have much failed but he knew me & seem'd glad to see me. -

 April 27, Monday: Succession of the deacons of Lincoln:¹⁰⁸

Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
Benjamin Brown	Aug. 20, 1747.	April —, 1753.	—.
Joshua Brooks	April 18, 1749.	June 26, 1768.	80.
John Gove	April 18, 1749; was in office about 40 years.		
Samuel Farrar	Dec. 28, 1763.	April 18, 1783.	75.
Joshua Brooks, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1763.	March 8, 1790.	70.
Edmund Wheeler	May 6, 1784.	June 1, 1805.	74.
Samuel Farrar	May 6, 1784.	Sept. 19, 1829.	93.
Eleazer Brooks	Nov. 6, 1794.	Nov. 9, 1806.	80.
John Hartwell	April 9, 1804.	Nov. 2, 1820.	73.
Thomas Wheeler	Sept. 2, 1805.		
James Farrar	April 27, 1812.		
Eleazer Brooks	April 27, 1812.		



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 4th Mo// The day has passed as usual. Our little boy very smart but brother Johns little daughter Ann is very ill.—

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April 28, Tuesday: Yorkshire mill owner William Horsfall was murdered by Luddites.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28 of 4 M // Our dear little boy has been quite unwell today, which has caused considerable Alarm in my mind, & occasioned me to decline Watching with Jas Robinson. little Ann much as yesterday.

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April 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 4 M // I am laboring under an hevly cold & sore throat & if I am not better fear I shall not be able to get to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting tomorrow. —

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April 30, Thursday: Louisiana became the 18th state of the United States of America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 4 M // Altho much unwell with a cold & the mornng quite rainy I could not feel easy to omit going to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. failing of company I took a Chaise & rode out alone. got to the Meeting house in season to meet with the School committee before meeting. The first meeting was Silent. In the last buisness was transacted with love & harmony two were rec'd members & one disowned. After meeting I dined at my much lov'd cousin Z Chases, found him &

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wife persuing the same rounds, & all things about there then
much as when I was a little boy. I love to go there & allways
shall while they & I remain in mutability

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May 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 2 of 5 M 1812// Altho much engaged at trade this
Afternoon my mind has been brought under feelings which are
comfortable, because they are a proof to me that the good Spirit
is yet alove in me, & yet depression is underneath -*

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May 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3 of 5 Mo// I have been quite unwell for Several days,
& thought it was best not to attend meeting this forenoon
In the afternoon I went. it was small & rather poor
Set the eveng at hom, Sister E & M was with us. -*

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May 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 4 of 5 Mo// This mornng my old Neighbor & landlord Saml
Gibbs Died in an advanced Age, about 2 OClock*

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May 5, Tuesday: Ludwig II replaced August Christian Friedrich as Duke of Anhalt-Köthen.

Dies Haus was zu verkaufen, a singspiel by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) to words of Klebe after Duval, was performed for the initial time, at the Leopoldstadt Theater, Vienna.

American slaver captains like La Coste of South Carolina, caught red-handed and convicted, were usually at the last moment the beneficiaries of “executive clemency” by the President of the United States. For instance, on this date William Babbit, convicted for importing slaves, was pardoned by President [James Madison](#), himself a slavemaster (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 248).

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 5 of 5 Mo// Many friends have been in town from [Portsmouth](#) intending with others to go to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, but the wind has been so exceedingly high from the North West that the attempt would be very hazardous. They had been detained all Day & their getting up tomorrow is doubtful. -

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May 6, Wednesday: Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town, Virginia, which of course is now Charlestown in West Virginia. Although his father was a plantation slave, the law was that the status of the child followed the status of the mother (for obvious reasons in this miscegenating era), and in this case this worked out for the benefit of the child as its mother was a free black seamstress. (As a child, Martin would play with the white boy, John Avis, who eventually would become the jailor of John Brown.) In search of appropriate education for their children, the Delany family would while Martin was a child move from Virginia to Pennsylvania.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 5 Mo// Our friends set off pretty early in the mornng with an head wind & pretty fresh. - We hope however that they have arrived safe in [Greenwich](#) before night. It has been a day of much Stir & noise as it allways is on days of the General Election, but I think this has been as orderly & rather more so than common

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May 7, Thursday: Robert Browning was born in Camberwell, England. His father was a clerk with the Bank of England, and although he would receive precious little formal education, he would be able to make extensive use of the books of philosophy, history, and biography in his father's substantial library. His mother would teach him to appreciate music. He would live with his parents until 1844.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 5 Mo// Considering that a number of friends are absent at Quarterly Meeting, Our meeting was well attended, & Hannah Dennis was sweetly concerned in testimony to the refreshment (I doubt not) of many present. - This Afternoon Ateended the funeral of my Old Neighbor Samuel Gibbs. - We Spent the Day with our little son at my dear Mothers who is about breaking up living as she has done, & going to take the chambers & brother Isaac is coming in below. - The dear old woman in speaking of the change while setting at tea was affected to weeping, which rent a tender place in my heart but we are born to changes, & we must expect them, greater & greater untill the great change of all, which may I be prepared for-



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May 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 5th M 1812// The friends who went to the Quarterly Meeting at Greewich have returnd & got to the Wharf before Noon They express much satisfaction & think the Meeting was much favord & a season of encoragement. Rowland Greene expressed a concern & produced a certificate which [Greenwich](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting had furnished him with to pay a religious visit to friends in the State of Ohio, which was united with & the certificate endorsed

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May 9, Saturday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Paris for his invasion of Russia.

La scala di seta, a farsa comica by Gioachino Rossini to words of Foppa after Planard, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice. It was one of three works performed that night.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 5 Mo// I have this Afternoon Spent a little time at the Court house, the General Assembly have had before them a law respecting the exemption of Friends & others conciencious scrupulous of bearing Arms, which after Some debate passed by a majority of 27 - It seems to Make much grumbling among many that friends should be exempt & I know not how long the law will stand in its present form, I fear it will be but temporary. -

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May 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 5 Mo// In the forenoon Meeting C Rodman had a few words to communicate. In the Afternoon Silent. - Cousin L Clarke took tea with us & in the eveng my dear H went up to see Johns Child which is sick. She also attended the Afternoon Meeting which is the first since her confinement. Sister Ruth took care of little John the while -

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May 11, Monday: [John Thoreau](#) and [Cynthia Dunbar](#) were united in [Concord](#), in a wedding ceremony officiated over by the Reverend Ezra Ripley.

Marriages

Spouses	Marriage Date	Marriage Place
THOREAU, John & Rebecca Kettell	Jun, 1797	Concord
THOREAU, John & Cynthia Dunbar	May, 1812	Concord



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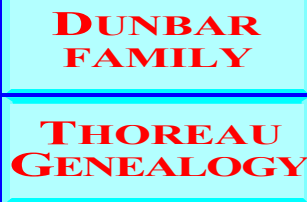
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John in later years



Cynthia in later years



Cynthia would have been a noticeably pregnant bride, since [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#) would be born on October 22nd, but I simply do not know whether in that time and that place such a thing would have been a scandal (at least during earlier New England generations, a bride being already pregnant would have been quite normal and expectable).



At the turn of the century rural women in Massachusetts had been marrying at over 23 years of age, three years later than their mothers (their daughters would be marrying, in the 1830s, at over 25 years of age, two years later than this generation and five years later than their grandmothers). Therefore the age of this bride, 25 years, was not at all unusual for the time and the place.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 5 Mo// The usual rounds of buisness & no peculiar occurrence




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 May 12, Tuesday: Ignacio de la Pezuela y Sánchez replaced José García de León y Pizarro as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 5 Mo// This Afternoon I accidentally met with a book written on religious subjects which I took up & read a little in, whereby my mind was quickened & brought into the life, & a very agreeable season ensued for which I desire to be thankful.

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 May 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13th of 5 Mo// Nothing to insert but the usual rounds of each Day

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 May 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14 of 5 Mo// I thought we had a very good meeting, as to my own particular I know not when my condition was better, the roving of the mind was easily checked, * life accessible. C R had a few words of warning "Set thine house in order for thou shalt Die & not live" which I thought was solemn & impressive - The precious savor of life has also accompanied*

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 May 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 5 Mo// Nothing particular to insert -

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➡ May 16, Saturday: [William John Broderip](#) graduated from Oriel College, Oxford. He would enter the Inner Temple, and study in the chambers of Godfrey Sykes alongside Sir John Patteson and Sir John Taylor Coleridge.

ORIEL COLLEGE ➡



The Emperor and Empress of France arrived in Dresden accompanied by a torchlight parade. Also in attendance were the various German kings, of Saxony, Prussia, Bavaria, Württemberg, and Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 16th 5 M 1812// A Season of precious favor this mornng
finished a letter to James D Ladd of Grancille Mill Virginia
this Afternoon -*

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➡ May 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 17th of 5 Mo// Our forenoon Meeting silent. - In the Afternoon a few words by C R after Meeting father R & myself went out to D Buffum & set the eveng

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May 18, Monday: Amidst celebrations by night and military preparations by day, the Emperor and Empress of Austria arrived in Dresden.

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Demetrio e Polibio, a drama serio by Gioachino Rossini to words of Viganò-Mombelli, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Valle, Rome.

Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was in New-York while on his way back from Washington DC to [Westport, Massachusetts](#). He wrote in his diary that

On my Return Called to see Dr. Ross, a man that Resided 7 years in Jamaica in which time he Saw most horrible abomination inflicted on the Slaves being jibetted, Launched on a Plank Down a Steep Place Whiped Hanged Burnt and racked. Lord have Mercy I Pray Thee.

During this stop-over in the big city, Friend Paul went with Friend Thomas Eddy for a visit to the African School. There was a street encounter:

P.S. I was traveling in the Street With my Guide he kindly introduced me to two Methodist preachers Who accosted me thus, "Do you understand English?" I answered them "There Was a Part I did not understand (Viz) that of one Brother professor making merchandize of and holding in Bondage their Brother professor, this part I Should be glad they Would Clear up to me."

These white preachers, in the big city for a convention of their fellows, of course made no response to a person of color's street insolence. Friend Paul was sufficiently disturbed by the encounter, however, that that evening he wrote the incident up as a letter. On the following day he would go to the convention of Methodists and make his protest heard, and later he would pay a call on the Methodist Bishop, the Reverend Asbury, in a further effort to discuss the pros and cons of human [enslavement](#).

RHODE ISLAND RELIGION

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 5 Mo// Tho' its seems as if there is nothing to insert, yet I feel most easy to say that times are gloomy both within & without both as respecting myself & things at large in town, State & the world. yet it does not just at this present



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time seem as if the devastation of War was quite so much to be feared as some little time ago -- O Williams set the eveng with us, on our part very acceptably.-

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May 19, Friday: In New-York, Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was sufficiently disturbed by his street encounter with the two Methodist ministers who proved to be unwilling to discuss the pros and cons of human [slavery](#) with him, that he visited the convention they were attending and made a protest. Later he would pay a call on the Methodist Bishop, the Reverend Asbury.¹⁰⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 5 Mo// I watched last night with James Robinson he lays very helpless & I hardly think it any more than within possibility that he may get about again -

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May 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 5 Mo// I dreamed last night that I saw my dear father dressed exactly as when alive but something shining in his appearance, it seemed as if he was walking down the back street to attend a funeral in the Neck & that he looked very feeble & as he walked my dear aged cousin Zacheus Chase was by his side & when he came to a place of some difficulty to pass, Cousin Chase would take hold of his Arm to assist him. Cousin Chase Also looked very well dressed & his cloths like fathers appeard to have a lustre -I thought my mind was much grieved that he should think of walking so far in his feeble state & was anxious to get a Chaise to carry him - This dream has been much in my mind today & thought I would insert it.
Our Meeting was silent, & to me a season of roving, tho' for a few minutes it did seem as if there was Good at work & might have risen into dominion had it not have been for the very unsettled state of my Mind - In the last (Preparative) A Sherman was reported by the overseers for various deviations.
Uncle Saml Thurston dined with us & set most of the Afternoon with my H & little son, his company was very agreeable*

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109. Perhaps Friend Paul would discuss with this Bishop the contribution to religious thought of the Reverend John Wesley. In his description of the Methodist character, the Reverend Wesley had insisted repeatedly that the heart of Christian ethics was love. He offered the following definition: "A Methodist is one who has 'the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;' one who 'loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul.'" -Or, perhaps, Friend Paul wouldn't.



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May 22, Monday: After a vote of no confidence, Robert Banks Jenkinson, 2d Earl of Liverpool resigned as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 22 of 5 Mo// Brother Isaac Moved into the house with
Mother The change to mother is deeply trying.*

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May 23, Tuesday: Johann Nepomuk Hummel's pantomime Der Zauberkampf, oder Harlekin in seiner Heimat to words of Kees was performed for the initial time, in Theater-an-der-Wien, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 5 Mo// Much occupied in mind in many subjects

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May 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24 of 5 M 1812// In our forenoon meeting H Dennis was
engaged in a very lively manner in testimony - Sister Ruth took
care while my H went to meeting - In the Afternoon we were Silent
- Abigail Robinson who has not been at meeting in eleven Months
was there this fornoon, her health is better - After tea I
walked into the Neck with OWilliams. he went to see a man by the
name of Champlin who is very sick & I went to see Jos Wilbur who
is also sick of a fever. I was glad I went as he was desirous
of making a Will, & gave me the minutes to bring to father
Rodman. -*

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May 25, Monday: The destruction by earthquake of Caracas, Venezuela, begun with the shock of March 26th, was completed.

[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 9th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 25 of 5 Mo// Nothing particular to insert.
The Day has passed with the usual rounds. –*

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May 26, Tuesday: Albany, New York's Lancasterian School Society (which is to say, its board of education) was incorporated.

Luigi Cherubini resigned as a member of the Jury of the Académie imperiale de musique.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 5 Mo// Pretty buisy at trade. Thoughts & reflections much turned towards the Aspect of the Affairs at Washington. some hopes were entertained a few days ago that an accommodation would take place with England, but now things look more discouraging –

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May 27, Wednesday: Joseph Hunt died at the age of 63.

JOSEPH HUNT [of [Concord](#)], youngest son of Deacon Simon Hunt, was born March 1, 1749, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1770. He was a physician at Dracut and [Concord](#), and several years Secretary of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He died May 27, 1812, aged 63.¹¹⁰

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May 28, Thursday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Dresden, where he had extracted promises of troops for his Russian campaign from the leaders of Europe, and headed east.

The Peace of Bucharest ended hostilities between Russia and the Ottoman Empire and set the River Pruth (Prut) as the European boundary. Russia abandoned claims to Moldavia and Wallachia but annexed Bessarabia. Amnesty and autonomy were provided for the Serbians but Serbia was still to be occupied by Turkey. This freed Tsar Alyeksandr to act against Napoléon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 5 Mo// We hear this mornng that Poor Joseph Wilbour is very ill & not expected to continue long. This is an hevyr prospect for me & has not a little depressed my spirits, his removal will probably bring a hevyr burden on me as he has appointed his brother Wm & myself executors to his Will Our first meeting was silent, the last (Monthly) was conducted with good order, no very exercising case before us. Anne Greene disclosed a prospect she had long had of visiting some meetings in the Quarterly meetings of Nine Partners & Stamford & some other meetings in N York Yearly Meeting – Hannah Dennis also expressed a concern to accompany her, which was united with & they set at liberty to open their Prospect in the Quarterly Meeting – My H was at the last meeting

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May 29, Friday: A New York State caucus nominated DeWitte Clinton for the presidency.

Robert Fulton's wife Harriet Fulton offered an entertainment aboard his *Paragon*.

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) took leave of Empress Marie Louise in Dresden and headed toward the front.

On this day and the following one Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7th days 29th & 30th 5th M 1812// Occupied as usual. The mind taken up on various subjects of an outward nature



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
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 May 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 5 Mo// Our forenoon meeting was large, Hannah Dennis & C Rodman were concern'd in testimony & the London Epistle was read – After meeting James Mitchell & I went down to see Joseph Wilbour, he had sent for me the day before, but I did not hear of it till this morning just before I went to meeting -his wish to see me, was to communicate some things relative to the management of his family in case of his removal which he said he expected would soon be. I staid with him all the Afternoon, & left him with a ray of hope of his recovery

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 June 1, Monday: President [James Madison](#) got up on a platform so he could be seen (he was shorter than Senator Paul Wellstone) and addressed the houses of the American Congress, asking for a declaration of war against England. The British practice of “[crimping](#)” American seamen was, he averred, one of the prime issues which needed to be resolved by “force of arms.” (Ah, force of arms. Other people killing each other while we watch. That should be fun.)¹¹¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 6 M 1812// Joseph Wilbour appears to be no worse & I think hope may be cherished of his recovery.

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 June 2, Tuesday and 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd & 4th days 2 & 3 of 6 Mo// Jos Wilbour appears much so & an hope is still cherished of his recovery. – Nothing in particular further to insert

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111. He was of course lying. He didn't give a damn about this. After the war, the international settlement papers would not be so much as mention such an issue, which proves in black and white that this hadn't **really** been any reason for fighting — any more than the welfare of black people would really be our motive for fighting a Civil War.



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June 7, Sunday: [Walton Felch](#) was received into the 1st [Baptist](#) Church of [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Pastor Stephen Gano, by baptism. (His connection with this congregation would culminate on August 4, 1825 “by erasure,” which is to say, he would neither die nor transfer his membership to some other church.)



The Reverend Stephen Gano (think “Gano Street”)

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) arrived in Danzig (Gdansk) on his way to the front and inspected the supplies stored there.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 6 Mo// In the forenoon D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony. In the Afternoon we were silent. After tea took a Walk around the hill & down the neck with D Rodman went to Coggeshall burying ground, where John Coggeshall the first President of [Rhode Island](#) was buried in the Year 1747, the oldest Stone I have yet met with in any of my researches. --

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Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was in New-York while on his way back from Washington DC to [Westport, Massachusetts](#). He wrote in his diary that

On my Return Called to see Dr. Ross, a man that Resided 7 years in Jamaica in which time he Saw most horrible abomination inflicted on the Slaves being jibetted, Launched on a Plank Down a Steep Place Whiped Hanged Burnt and racked. Lord have Mercy I Pray Thee.

During this stop-over in the big city, Friend Paul went with Friend Thomas Eddy for a visit to the African School. There was a street encounter:

P.S. I was traveling in the Street With my Guide he kindly introduced me to two Methodist preachers Who accosted me thus, "Do you understand English?" I answered them "There Was a Part I did not understand (Viz) that of one Brother professor making merchandize of and holding in Bondage their Brother professor, this part I Should be glad they Would Clear up to me."

These white preachers, in the big city for a convention of their fellows, of course made no response to a person of color's street insolence. Friend Paul was sufficiently disturbed by the encounter, however, that that evening he wrote the incident up as a letter. On the following day he would go to the convention of Methodists and make his protest heard, and later he would pay a call on the Methodist Bishop, the Reverend Asbury, in a further effort to discuss the pros and cons of human [enslavement](#).

RHODE ISLAND RELIGION

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 5 Mo// Tho' its seems as if there is nothing to insert, yet I feel most easy to say that times are gloomy both within & without both as respecting myself & things at large in town, State & the world. yet it does not just at this present time seem as if the devastation of War was quite so much to be feared as some little time ago -- O Williams set the eveng with us, on our part very acceptably.-

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June 1, Monday: President [James Madison](#) got up on a platform so he could be seen (he was shorter than Senator Paul Wellstone) and addressed the houses of the American Congress, asking for a declaration of war against England. The British practice of “[crimping](#)” American seamen was, he averred, one of the prime issues which needed to be resolved by “force of arms.” (Ah, force of arms. Other people killing each other while we watch. That should be fun.)¹¹²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 1st of 6 M 1812// Joseph Wilbour appears to be no worse
& I think hope may be cherished of his recovery.*

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June 2, Tuesday and 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd & 4th days 2 & 3 of 6 Mo// Jos Wilbour appears much so & an
hope is still cherished of his recovery. – Nothing in particular
further to insert*

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June 4, Thursday: The Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory.

The United States House of Representatives voted 79 over 49 for President [James Madison](#) to lead us into another war against Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4 of 6 Mo// I thought best to stay home from meeting to
perform an engagement which I could not conveniently have done,
& gone.
This is the day which has been talked of or anticipated for
several Years. One Nimrod Hughs prophecyed that on this day one
third of the inhabitants of the World was to be destroyed by
hail, & for several weeks & indeed months his book has been newly
circulated to get monay by. it first came out about 3 or 4 Years
ago. Many were so unwarrantable credulous as to admit the belief
of his imposotion & became much terrified. one woman some weeks
ago, gave up work & said she had enough to last till this time,
& was sure she should then die & many others oeven people of
pretty considerable strong minds have been almost overset with
this false prophecy in this Town & many other places. but the
Day has now nearly passed & nothing strange or uncommon has
happened. to be sure it has been cloudy, has rained a little &
jas been very cool for the Season, also the Wind has been fresh*

112. He was of course lying. He didn't give a damn about this. After the war, the international settlement papers would not be so much as mention such an issue, which proves in black and white that this hadn't **really** been any reason for fighting — any more than the welfare of black people would really be our motive for fighting a Civil War.



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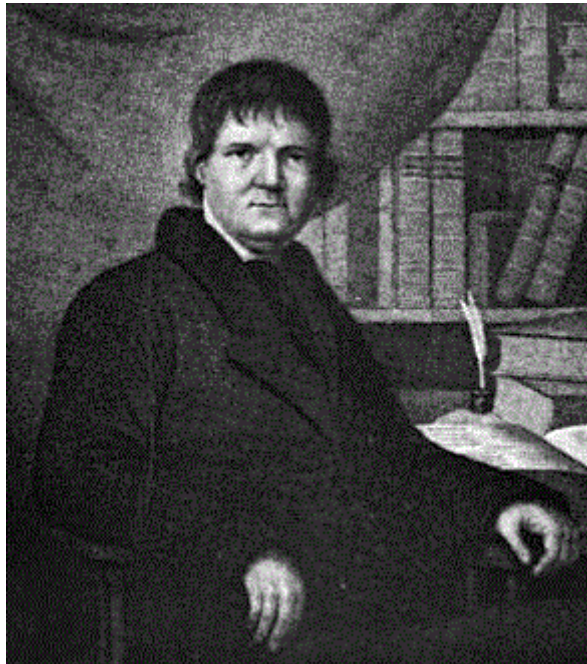
June 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6 of 6 M 1812// "Watch & keep your garments clean" is a sentence which I believe is not exact Scripture, or perhaps the same words are not exactly so form'd into a sentence in the Scripture but are the spirit of many passages contain'd in it. -They have passed much in my mind this Afternoon, Since news has arrived in town that Congress are endeavoring for war & that a declaration may very shortly be expected from them against England. I have felt renewedly concern'd that I may be kept clear of over anxiety, as to the issue, but to labor to keep my garments clean & watch against wrong spirit.

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June 7, Sunday: [Walton Felch](#) was received into the 1st [Baptist](#) Church of [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Pastor Stephen Gano, by baptism. (His connection with this congregation would culminate on August 4, 1825 "by erasure," which is to say, he would neither die nor transfer his membership to some other church.)



The Reverend Stephen Gano (think "Gano Street")

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) arrived in Danzig (Gdansk) on his way to the front and inspected the supplies stored there.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 7 of 6 Mo// In the forenoon D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony. In the Afternoon we were silent. After tea took a Walk around the hill & down the neck with D Rodman went to Coggeshall burying ground, where John Coggeshall the first President of [Rhode Island](#) was buried in the Year 1747, the oldest Stone I have yet met with in any of my researches. --

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June 8, Monday: Prince Ferdinand Johann Nepomuk Kinsky agreed to pay [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s stipend at the same value as before the revaluation of Austrian currency.

The New York/Vermont border was finalized along a line run by New York surveyors Robert Yates, Robert R. Livingston, John Lansing, Jr., Gulian C. Verplanck, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, Richard Sill and Melancthon Smith in conjunction with Vermont surveyors Isaac Tichenor, Stephen R. Bradley, Nathaniel Chipman, Elijah Paine, Ira Allen, Stephen Jacob, and Israel Smith.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 6 Mo// Matthew Franklin & Willet Hicks of N York arrived this Afternoon to attend our Yearly Meeting. --

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June 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11 of 6 Mo// Our meeting was a good one to me, & I was made renewedly thankful in feeling the life sweetly revived, especially in the forepart of it -- Father Rodman spake a few words on the subjects of Affliction, Matthew Franklin followed him on the same subject I thought much to the purpose. --

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June 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 13 of 6 Mo// The toil has now commenced. Many friends have come to town to attend the Yearly Meeting. I already have been much engaged in going to boarding houses to arrange friends. things works wrong they wish to crowd together in greater numbers than I could wish & my mind is much exercised with it -- Oh that I may abide in the patience. I long yea pray for patience & meekness. --
I think this day has closed beyond my expectation Things seem pretty favorably settled at the Boarding Houses --
We had to tea Several of our friends & acquaintances Called in at father Rs & saw my dear friend Micajah Collins, who*



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has been on a religious visit to friends in Pennsylvania & parts thereaway -

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June 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 6th M 1812// Our forenoon meeting was not as large as common owing to the weather being rainy - It was very quiet Solemn & favor'd considering the number present - Several small gifts were offered in the forepart of it - then Our Ancient & beloved friend David Sands appear'd in a long & very uncommonly baptizing testimony; after proceeding midway of his communication he observed that it was many years since he was in that house & that he was so much altered as not to appear as he did then, the ravages of time were apparent in his appearance & he knew not as he was able to speak so as to be heard & understood, but gospel love drew his mind with a strong cord towards the inhabitants of this land, that since he was in this place last many of his old friends & acquaintances had gone to their long homes. he had enquired after most of them found a few living & many gone who then stood as way marks & ensamples to the flock, & that he then stood as a monument of Gods Mercy, but should soon be called from this to another World

This part of his testimony deeply affected my mind particularly when I reflected that my late dear father was well acquainted with him & often spoke of him before his death & enquiring with a degree of anxiety to know if he was not coming to see us He concluded the meeting in a Solemn supplication. - After meeting I spoke with him he remeber'd the family & when I told him my name he enquired if I was not James Goulds son In the Afternoon the meeting was very large & David was much favord both in testimony & supplication

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June 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 6 M 1812// Our Meeting as usual began at 9 OC Deland appear'd in supplication, then in an excellent testimony. after several other small appearances in each [?] of which I thought was a degree of life the meetings proceeded to buisness - The buisness went on in the usual channel & Epistles from London, New York & Baltimore & North Carolina were rec'd & read. The London Epistle excited a few excellent remarks from Deland & Matthew Franklin. After which the meeting adjounr'd to meet at 4 OClock in the Afternoon -



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After dinner went to see Abraham Sherman with John Weeden to fulfill our appointment from Moy [Monthly] Meeting respecting his disorderly Walking. for my own part I thought I was much favor'd with ability to offer suitable council & advice, but alas I fear our labor is nearly useless.

Our Meeting in the Afternoon was much favor'd, tho the Accounts from the variious Quarters were painful in many respects -Our friends Elijah Hoag Matthew Franklin & David Sand was very extensive & Powerful in communication endeavoring rebuild the waste places & encourage friends to press forward notwithstanding the many deficiencies he apprehended Truth was rising & would continue to rise if friends kept their ranks in righteousness -all must rally round the Standard. -

Many took tea with us among whom were my much lov'd friends John Caset & Daniel Howland

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June 16, Tuesday: Great Britain agreed to revoke the Orders of Council that had forbidden American trade with European ports.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 6 Mo// There was no meeting this forenoon - At 4 OC the Meeting met by adjournment. & was occupied in reading the Minutes of the meeting for sufferings &c - Also on the subject of a Yearly Meeting school which was very exercising, a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration. - Our friend [Moses Brown](#) was absent, he was summoned as a witness at the Circuit Cort now sitting in this town. -

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June 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 6th M 1812// At 8 oClock this Mornng I met with the committee (being one of them) who were to consider the School fund.

The Meeting met at 10 Clock - D Sands had much to communicate on the various subjects before us.-

In the Afternoon - Epistles were presented to all the Yearly Meetings & approved, also a communication to the various Quarterly Monthly meetings, containing seasonable council & Advices - After much excellent cautionary & advisory Matter by many friends expecially by D Sands the meeting concluded by a fervant Prayer by him, for every branch of the family.

The various settings of this Yearly Meeting have, according to my sense of things, been uncommonly favor'd, & on my own part I



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may humbly acknowledge, that I have been quickened in my Spirit & enabled to partake of the good things that our heavenly father has favor'd us with. Many very many lively testimonies were communicated, but are not to expect our best food from them. They serve for the moment to quicken the feelings, & sometimes as a very useful resort when the mind is gather'd home in stillness, & in stillness it is, the great Minister of the spirit is to be heard, who far exceeds in his affects upon the mind, any of his instruments, yet they are useful in their places & their labors often blessed to the people --
We have had Much company at our house among whom as pretty constant visitors were Edward Cobb & Wife Josiah Keene & Wife Benjamin Persival & Wife, Eastis Newhall & Daniel Johnson Hesiah & Hannah Johnson, whose company was very pleasant - Micajah Collins & wife, Matthew Purinton & wife & many others occasionally called to see us, & but a few meals passed but that we had as many as we could comfortably feed. -

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June 18, Thursday: Franz Schubert begins instruction in counterpoint with Antonio Salieri in Vienna.

Unaware of course that Great Britain had already rescinded its offending actions two days before, President [James Madison](#) signed the joint congressional Declaration of War. This 2d war of the United States of America upon Great Britain, which would take place over a number of years, is now denominated in our history books the "[War of 1812](#)" (evidently we spare ourselves embarrassment when we do not give this war an accurate name).¹¹³ –Not that any of this makes any difference (only a fool would suppose that nations go to war for the reasons they proffer)!

Upstate New York was woefully unprepared. [Fort Niagara](#) had deteriorated during the decade after 1800 as its garrison had become increasingly smaller. Many of the old buildings, some of them dating to the French occupation, had disappeared. The walls on the land side remained in place, but there was never a large enough workforce to keep them in good condition. At the outbreak of hostilities the Americans could muster only 150 soldiers to man this strongpoint. However, the British preparedness was not much better. The Napoleonic Wars in Europe had been sucking up all of England's attention, with Canada on the back burner at best, so there were in this year only a couple of thousand of British regular soldiers in all of what is today the province of Ontario. The United States Army although far larger was composed mostly newly organized units consisting of

113. Interestingly, the federal government of the USA stated that one of the reasons why it was declaring war on Britain was the British embargo on [hemp](#). After the Brits had lost this one, the analysis made by the [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) would be that their forces had suffered from a lack of command discipline: "They wanted this **iron fist** to command them."

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untrained recruits. The Americans were confident, but without justification. Some of the bloodiest fighting would occur along the [Niagara River](#). Captain Nathaniel Leonard would do what he could to improve his defensive readiness, while the corresponding enemy commander likewise concentrated on organizing a defense. Much of the summer would be spent in preparation as units of the state militia were activated and moved toward the Niagara Frontier. In order to keep the regular army and the militia well separate and diminish friction, the militia camp was established at Lewiston, six miles away upriver.

At some point during this period of intermittent scattered hostilities, [John Thoreau](#) would become the commissary for¹¹⁴ Fort Independence on Castle Island in Boston Harbor. Thoreau would make a note of this in his journal in 1850:



After October 31, 1850: ... My father was commissary at Fort Independence in the last war. He says that the baker whom he engaged returned 18 ounces of bread for 16 of flour, and was glad of the job on those terms. ...

HENRY'S RELATIVES

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 18 of 6th M 1812// Our Meeting was very large. Anne Greene was concern'd in supplication, then Micajah Collins in an acceptable testimony, then David Sands in a very extensive & powerful testimony
In the last (Preparative) David had a few close remarks on the subject of Rainess [?]
At 5 OClock a meeting was appointed for the people of colour, many attended but not all of them by a very considerable - D Sands was by far the greatet laborer amongst them, Anne Willis Hannah Dennis & James Hazard had small testinnies to bear. -*

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June 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 19 of 6 Mo// David Sands had a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today -We feel quite lonesome after so much company but however, friends of our own town & family feel as near & I think nearer than before. I love them all dearly. -
I desire to be thankful that my dear wife & little son have been pretty well, & tho my wife has not been able to attend all of the settings of the Y Meeting yet she has kept about & waited on friends -*

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June 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

114. This is what we would consider similar to "running the PX" at a smallish current military base.



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7th day 20th of 6th Mo// My mind is this morning dipt into a sweet tenderness. Oh may I be thankful for it – The morning savor has in good measure continued thro' the day – & finding my mind engaged to write a few lines to Hannah Pope of Bolton, complied therewith & feel relieved. –

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June 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 6th Mo// In the forenoon our meeting was large. father Rodman was concern'd in (I believe) a living Supplication – In the Afternoon it was again – father had a few words in testimony – When the meeting broke – I found an handBill had been published in confirmation of the fears that has been long apprehended, that WAR Was declared by Congress against Great Brittan. – This is a Dismal Prospect. –

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June 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 22 of 6th Mo// This is a gloomy day every mans countenance appears sad as he passes the street, bespeaking a mind saddened by the Prospect of the desolation of a War. – My heart is deeply affected within me, but know not what to do or which way to turn, dependence alone, is to be placed on the Lord, on whose mighty power I feel a little hope that things will not be as bad as is anticipated
Things look no better this Afternoon. It may truly be said that the "Mourners go about the Street" every countenance is sad & every heart hevvy –*

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June 23, Tuesday: The news that the USA had declared war on Britain arrived in Boston and the Massachusetts General Court voted its disapproval.

Carlos Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marques de Casa-Irujo replaced Ignacio de la Pezuela y Sánchez as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) arrived at the front at Alexota.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 23 of 6 M 1812// This evening Mail confirms, the news of War, the Act of Congress, signed by the President has come. we are no more in doubt as to the issue, the voice of Congress is heard in the language, terrific to the minds of the people Oh! this is a gloomy day in which we live, a day of sorrow & sadness indeed. — when & where it will end is beyond the ken of human sagacity to determine, we have no refuge but the Lord alone & in him we have as sure hiding place, if we put our whole trust in his Power

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June 24, Wednesday: The unwieldy Grande Armée of Twenty Nations (Anhalt, Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Croatia, Dalmatia, Denmark, France, Hesse-Darmstadt, Holland, Illyria, Italy, Lippe, Mecklenburg, Poland, Portugal, Prussia, Saxony, Spain, Switzerland, Westphalia, and Wurttemberg) of the Emperor [Napoléon](#), the largest military force assembled to that date, crossing the Niemen River near Kovno (Kaunas), entered Russia with the objective of intercepting the British navy's main supply of high-quality [cannabis](#) for use as its maritime cordage. — England could not obtain such high-quality maritime cordage from the USA not only because of the state of war that existed between Britain and the USA at this time but also because the hemp farmers of Kentucky were using a “dew-rotting” process of leaching the resin out of the hemp fiber (as opposed to “water-rotting”). For the same reason the US Navy was avoiding the purchase of cordage made from this domestic hemp, and mostly the Kentucky produce was being used for bag fabric and as rope binding for the baled cotton of the Deep South.

At the Middleton Colliery in West Yorkshire, England, John Blenkinsop introduced the public to his coal-powered rack-and-pinion locomotive *Salamanca* capable of pulling heavy loads of coal, replacing the labors of 50 horses and 200 men.



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), news of the [War of 1812](#) was unwelcome, but the “patriots” organized nevertheless — organized to the extent even of formalizing and placing under discipline a group of “those who were exempt by law from the performance of military duty,” such as the followers of the Peace Testimony of the Quakers (evidently with the idea of obligating them to free corvée labor in general support of the war effort):

1812. The news of the Declaration of War with Great Britain was received June 24, and was noticed by the tolling of bells and



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displaying the flags at half mast. The majority here was opposed to the war and to the administration of the general government, but they promptly held meetings and passed spirited resolutions to make united efforts against a foreign enemy. The chartered companies were filled with new members, volunteer associations were formed, and those who were exempt by law from the performance of military duty, were organized into several corps, and officered and disciplined for service.

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READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 24th of 6th Mo// The times are such, as, is felt at the heart of every considerate man, every countenance continues to wear a gloom & as they pass the streets look piteously. altho' the Act of warfare has not commenced, yet it has been declared by Congress to exist between this Country & England. Vast numbers of property is exposed on the seas & will doubtless be taken & much property in England will be confiscated which stares many in the face with ruin, & those of more indigent circumstances feel the strong probability of starvation, for the want of buisness to procure food to eat
My circumstances are streightened. I have nothing but what I earn from day to day, & how I am to pass the coming Winter is yet a sealed thing. I can but feel very keenly at the heart, but am disposed to labor to think as little about the future as may be & receive the present blessing with as much gratitude as I am capable of -*

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June 25, Thursday: A day after learning of the French invasion, Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia wrote to the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) asking for peace and a withdrawal from Russian territory. Napoléon would not be interested.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25 of 6 Mo// Being a very rainy day My H was disappointed of her intention to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - So Brother D R & myself took a Chaise & rode out together - We stoped a few minutes before meeting at the house of our late friend Holder Almy & after drying ourselves a little went to meeting
Hannah Dennis spoke a few words, the A Sherman a few & then D Buffum a few - Buisness went on rather dully in the last but we got through as well as could be expected - We dined at Peter Lawton & on our way home stoped at cousin Chases where my Mother*



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has been for a day or two on a visit. found her & cousin Chases family all well, & then rode home & was not a little thankful to find my H & little son had done well thro' the day

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June 26, Friday: The Polish Diet declared the independence of Poland. No other power, including the Emperor [Napoléon I](#), would endorse this act.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 6 Mo// Our old friend & neighbor Elizabeth Whightman wife of Vaneline Whightman Departed this life in the 75th Year if her Age about Sun set last evening —

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June 27, Saturday: British forces captured Salamanca from the French.

The cargo ship *Commencement*, out of Black Rock, New York, was seized by the British on Lake Ontario.

When news of the declaration of war upon Great Britain had reached [Providence](#), bells had been tolled, stores had been closed, and flags had been lowered to half-mast. On this day the [Providence Gazette](#) characterized the report of the federal committee on foreign relations that had recommended our entry into this war in the following manner:

They reported in several heavy columns their malignant, hostile manifesto against Great Britain, and with gigantic strides and ostentatious swellings, had thrown down the gauntlet of defiance to John Bull, in favor of the atrocious murderer and incendiary Napoleon Bonaparte.

This [Rhode Island](#) newspaper straightforwardly declared the war declaration of the federal Congress to have been “a work of darkness”:

We are now to contend against an oppressed nation gloriously struggling for the preservation of its liberties.

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An act was passed at the January meeting of the general assembly in 1822, forbidding the sale of rum, wine or strong liquor within one mile of any meeting being held for the worship of Almighty God. Another law forbade the running at large of cows in the business portion of Providence between the 10th of November and the 10th of April, except on Sundays, and between 8 at night and sunrise.

As Lafayette entered the State House on North Main street, he recognized and cordially embraced Colonel Stephen Olney, who had



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served under him at Yorktown and had been one of the first to penetrate the British works. For further details of Lafayette's visit, see Z. Allen's MEMORIAL OF LAFAYETTE, Providence, 1861.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 6 M 1812// The day has passed as usual much talk among the people of the effects & extent of the present War but few can see to the end of it –

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June 28, Sunday: Allied troops entered Vilna (Vilnius), abandoned by the Russians.

The Polish Diet in Warsaw proclaimed the reunion of Poland and Lithuania.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 6 Mo// Father Rodman was concern'd in supplication in the forenoon meeting in the Afternoon we were Silent - I set a little while at D Williams in the eveng Sister Ruth took care of the little boy while my H went to meeting

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June 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 6 Mo// The day has passed without any remarkable occurrence but we know not what to expect from day to day, or hour to hour. The minds of the people are filled with War some with the spirit of fight, some in an high state of alarm for the safety of their persons & property, & some seem to evince a disposition to be still & labor for a peaceable disposition, & center their minds on God in times of outward danger, looking into Him as their only safe hiding place – here is a spot on which I greatly wish to dwell, & may my spirit more & more recur to the source from whence true help springs. – Towards night visited Joseph Wilbour he seems getting better, & the state of his mind is truly precious.

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June 30, Tuesday: Issuance of our 1st national circulating currency, US Treasury Notes, initially in the amount of \$5,000,000, was authorized by the federal congress in order to finance President [James Madison](#)'s war upon Great Britain (Shortie wanted to be a war president, tra la). With the 1st Bank of the United States dead in the water, and with no provision whatever for internal revenue taxes, we would be able to finance war only through loans and through these innovative notes, which bore interest at 1-1/2 cents a day per \$100 (except for the "Small Notes" of 1815). A total of five issues between 1812 and 1815, totaling \$36,000,000 in denominations of \$3 to \$1000, would be emitted. These national banknotes would be fully subscribed and accepted by banks and merchants.



(These notes were blank on the back.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 6 Mo// When I first commenced this Book, things in the Nation & at home were prosperous & pleasant to what they now are we had then peace & plenty, & minds freed from the horrors of War. tho' even at that some trials awaited us but they were far inferior to the present, yet at this time we have many things to be thankful for & I believe my heart is deeply sensible of it, for which I desire to be thankful to the Author of every Blessing.

Stephen Gould

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July 1, Wednesday: The US government doubled its tariffs to help pay for its war with England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7th Mo 1st 1812 / Here beginneth a new Book, where the [whether] I shall be & what will be my state before I come to the end of it I know not. I may be in some other town & I may be in the silent grave, reflections on which are almost daily in my mind & sometimes hourly. – The times are now troublesom, War exists between this country & England, & my mind is almost constantly occupied on the subject, but thanks to the Almighty protector & preserver of his dependant children, I can say that hitherto, my spirit has been favored to abide in the quiet, but am unable to see how far this state of quietude would extend, was I in the midst of fighting & carnage, which we know not how soon we may expect, when I reflect on that, the mind is sometimes turned to look for another place of abode, but I have a wife & child which would be difficult to remove, & I have a beloved Mother & three Aged Aunts, who are strong & Cords of attachment, that at present nothing appears, but to meet the fate of Dear [Rhode Island](#), & [Newport](#) in particular, I love it, much & there are many in it, who are, to me, almost as a right hand or right eye, & yet as I have said should times of eminent danger ensue, I am unable to see how I [S]hould conduct & whether I should remove or not. – Every day produces some new occurrence of a calamitous nature. Yesterday & today it has been in rumor that J Banister had failed in trade & is like to ruin many. Sorrowful indeed My H spent the Afternoon with Our little son at Aunt A Carpenters. –

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July 2, Thursday: While in Prague, [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) visited Prince Kinsky and was assured that his stipend at the new value will be coming soon. He received an advance of 60 ducats.

William Monroe, a young cabinetmaker of [Concord](#) whose business was not doing well due to the war, working in a shop which previously had been used by Andrew Edwards for the manufacture of organs, had the inspiration to develop a technique for the manufacture of pencil bodies. He had cut Eastern red cedarwood into slabs, had planed the slabs to a uniform 8th-inch thickness, and had made 6 grooves at a time in the slabs with a water-powered grinder. Into the grooves he had rubbed a pasty mixture of ground [graphite](#) and fillers. He did not fire his paste, but allow it to dry. Gluing another slab on top of this had created a block of 4 to 10 [pencils](#) which could be sawed apart with other water-powered machinery. These were the 1st pencils manufactured in America, and were 3/8th inch thick, and came in either octagonal or hexagonal cross-section. According to Albert Lane's CONCORD AUTHORS AT HOME, on this date William was able to take his 1st sample of about 30 pencils of local manufacture into Boston and wholesale them to a hardware dealer on Union Street, Benjamin Andrews, and make a contract with this merchant to accept all he could manufacture for a given period of time. For Monroe, the perfection of this pencil-making machinery would be the labor of a decade. At one point during his childhood [Henry Thoreau](#) would labor in this Monroe factory, which would be manufacturing pencils until like 1833.



[T]here was a school for young ladies ... in Medford, and one of the pupils ... from [Concord](#) ... learned to utilize the bits and ends of Borrowdale lead used in drawing, by pounding them fine and mixing a solution of gum arabic or glue. The cases were made from twigs of elder, the pith being removed with a knitting needle.... [T]he writer [Horace Rice Hosmer], then [circa 1840] a boy of ten years, helped the same lady to make similar pencils from [plumbago](#) and English red chalk.... H. David Hubbard, living in the north part of Concord, made the first cedar wood [pencils](#) for the New England trade; but they were of little value, and but few of them were manufactured. In 1812 William Monroe, a cabinet maker by trade, pounded some plumbago with a hammer, mixed it in a spoon with some adhesive substance, and filled the compound into some cedar wood cases. Some of these pencils were shown to Benjamin Andrews of Boston, who was ready to buy, and encouraged Munroe to make more of them. Twelve days after he carried five gross, which were readily taken and paid for, and a new industry was fairly started. Munroe ... made the "water cement" or paste lead which was filled into the grooves in a soft state, and after remaining a week or more the surface of the pencil slab was planed to remove the composition which adhered to it, and to leave a clean surface for gluing on a veneer of cedar. The pencil slab was about 1/4 inch thick, and the veneer 1/8 inch and of varying widths from 4 to 10 pencils wide.... Eben Wood of Acton worked with Munroe in Concord, when all the work was done by hand. The logs of cedar were cut into slabs and veneers with a "two-handed saw," by two men; planed by hand to a thickness, grooved with the spur plane or plough, one groove at a time, and so on through all the different processes.... Eben Wood ... saw a tool for cutting the points of shoe pegs, and by applying the principle of the circular saw soon had a grooving machine which would cut six grooves at a time.... A moulding and trimming machine soon followed; then a wedge glue press, holding 12 gross pencils took the place of the hand screws which Munroe



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used.... His machine for trimming the ends of pencils ... is in use at the time of writing this article [circa 1880].... He made the hexagon and octagon shape cases, halving them together, with similar shaped grooves for the dame.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th M 2nd / At Meeting few words were spoken by C R - when I first took my seat I anticipated a season of favor but roving soon took place & I could not or did not get settled again untill a few minutes before the meeting concluded - My Mother came home this mornng from cousin Z Chases where she has been a week -This Afternoon I have heard a report which has given me much pain for a young man, a dear young lad, only about 20 years of Age, has had a child laid to him - Oh the trouble this will make for his father & family, & Society. -

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July 3, Friday: [John James Audubon](#) was granted US citizenship.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 M 3rd 1812 / As to the Outward this has been one of the finest days we have had, the air warm but not warmer than was agreeable - had it not have been for the painful sensations excited for the young lad mentioned Yesterday I dont know of any thing that has occurd to interrupt tranquility - My Mother & Sister Ruth set the eveng with us

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Our national birthday, Saturday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 8th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

In the area to the west of the Genesee River that eventually would become Rochester, New York, the family of Hamlet Scrantom moved into a cabin that had been built for them by Henry Skinner.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7M 4th / This day (being Independence Day) has as usual been very noisy, many guns fired &c - Such seasons of tumult are very unpleasant, but no accident has happened

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July 5, Sunday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) arrived in Teplitz (Teplice) via Prague to take the cure.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 7M 5 / Father R was concer'd in both meetings in a few words to the people. - After Meeting in the Afternoon went with D R to J Dennis's & took tea. -

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July 6, Monday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), in Teplitz, penned a letter to his "Immortal Beloved" (now believed to be Antonie Brentano, a Viennese lady married to a Frankfurt businessman).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7 M 6 / Yesterday Josiah C Shaws son Philander In the [-] year of his age was drowned at Perrys Wharf. This melancholy occurrence, warning us of the uncertainty of time & the promised pleasure of any pleasing prospect. -
Had conversation with J W... on the subject of his late difficulty, gave him such advice as I was capable of & was glad to find him deeply sensible of the error he had fallen into. -
Brother D R set the eveng with us. -*

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July 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 7 M 9th [sic] / Attended the funeral of Phlander Shaw at which was the greatest number of children I ever saw at a funeral. The children of the preinciple schools in town were there -
After the funeral was over I went on to the Alms House to see a man by the name of Richardson who appears to have his brains turned with religion, or religious enthusiam, he talks & preaches continually & when I went to the door of his apartment he began to preach to me, he asked me if I sanctified the Lord my God in my heart. I told him that was a question I did not choose to answer him, he still went on with a loud voice exhorting me to answer him, he still went on with a loud voice exhorting me to that effect - I told him it was my opinion that he talked more of religion than he was acquainted with, & that is he would be quiet & talk less he would feel more of it to flow in his heart & come to experience that it was an inward thing, on which he turned from me, set down on his Bunk & looked me in the face steadily & rather contemptuously. I told him I had a mind to come to see him for some time & to preach a little to him as well as he to me a great deal, he then took out his little pocket Bible & read some of the proverbs of Solomon - but after saying a little more to him I left him not supposing I had done any good, for tho' he was very full of reproving others, he would not receive it from others with that meekness which he recommended. -
There has been a report in circulation which agitated the mind of some that a large Fleet of ships was seen of, but it proved*



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untrue.

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July 8, Wednesday: Allied troops entered Minsk.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 M 8th 1812 / My Mother, Aunt Patty Gould & Brother Isaac & wife with their little daughter Martha took tea with us this Afternoon. - I was particularly glad of Aunt Patty Goulds company it is allways greatful to me & grows more so as the time of final separation draws near - I may go first, but according to natures course her days are nearly number'd - Sister Ruth set the evening with us. -

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July 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7M 9th / I have no good reason for not attending meeting, but so it is I was not there. -

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July 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7M 10th / This Afternoon recd a preseent for our little son from Uncle & Aunt Stanton of NYork. it was a silver cup marked I S G which they have sent him for his name. Uncle also sent me a book entitled A Tour throu' some parts of North America by Robert Sutclif an englishman who uncle brought over to this Countrny & has since Died, what little I have already read of it induces me to believe that it is a very instructing & interesting Work.


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 July 11, Saturday: United States forces invaded Canada near Detroit.

The boys of the Boston Latin School, including [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#), worked on the fortifications of Fort Strong¹¹⁵ on Noddle Island:



The great [comet Flaugergues \(C/1811 F1\)](#) had been invisible even to telescopes due to its position in regard to the sun (astronomers refer to this difficult portion of the sky as the ecliptic), but on this date it was rediscovered by a [telescope](#) in Cuba. Its tail was ten arc-minutes in length.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 7 M 11 / Spent lesure time in reading Robert Sutcliff,
I think it an highly valuable publication*

115. This is not the Fort Strong which would be active during our civil strife, as that one would be on the Long Island of Boston Harbor.



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July 12, Sunday: On what would become [Henry Thoreau](#)'s birthday, US forces led by General William Hull invaded Canada.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7M 12 / Very soon after I took my seat in meeting this morning I found my mind covered with sweetness & a season of precious favor ensued. Truth was really in dominion among us, people sat uncommonly quiet & silence remarkably solemn Abigail Sherman rose about the middle of the meeting with a few words then Ruth Davis & then D Buffum in lively & authoritative testimonys & Ruth concluded the meeting in solemn supplication -Sister Rhodman took care of our little boy while my H went to meeting

In the Afternoon father R Had a few words to communicate -In the eveng Sister Ruth & Joanna being there Brother DAVID & I called at Thos Robinsons in the evening & sat a little time very agreeably. -

Spent lesure time in reading Robert Sutcliff his writings are fraught with very interesting anecdotes, most of them very instructing & some very affecting. -

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July 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th M 13th 1812 / Have pretty much reading Robert Sutcliff, he appears to have been a man of very minute observation, & I believe well acquainted with the operation of religion. I take him to be a friend of some account in society as he mentions several times of meeting with committees of importance in New York & Philadelphia. he came a Passenger from England with Uncle Stanton & was well esteemed by him. The last time he came over to this country his family came with him, & he has since deceased & his travells in this land are published for their benefit. I understand they are in low circumstances. -

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July 14, Tuesday: King Jérôme of Westphalia, angry at his older brother [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), abandoned the Grand Armée of Allies and returned to Kassel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 M / Finished a letter which I began yesterday to Micajah Collins - In which I wrote nearly the following - "What a precious thing is love, & I think I can say of a truth, that an unusual degree of it has attended my mind since the Yearly Meetg & indeed I do not think at any time in my life I ever felt a greater disposition to salute every one in it. - There was



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something at that time which left a precious savor & has not departed like the early dew, for which my mind is at least in a very good degree humbled & thankful & believe there never was a time when there was a greater necessity for every one to cultivate in their minds love towards one another. The times are very peculiar & we know not to what the present depraved state of things will lead, there is much to fear, but amid all the recent talk & commotion in the minds of the people concerning War, I have again thankfully to acknowledge that my mind hath been preserved remarkably in the quiet, yet how I should retain this quietude in seasons of closer trials, when surrounded by an Army & perhaps bullets flying, I am unable to say. I know I am not mine own or my brothers keeper, & can only (by Divine help) pray for the preservation of either. nothing that we can do of ourselves will avail anything, & if we can be favor'd to pray in the living faith, prayer will be as effectual in these as in the Days of the prophets & Apostles, in this true & living faith. I feel renewedly concern'd to abide & to increase, believing as Daniel Anthony once told us, that if it is suffered to decrease in the mind, the enemy will step in and jostle in proportion as we let go our hold, thus many good beginnings have been quite overthrown by that old deceiver.

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July 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 7 M 1812 / As I have often said of late the times are very gloomy. In addition to things of a Public nature I have heard that Edward Senter son of the late Doctor Isaac Senter has been very Distracted for several days. Some time ago he attempted to put an end to his existence but got about again & was pretty consistent & heard of the decease of his grandfather & that he left him considerable property, but the latter proving untrue I suppose it proved more than he could bear & left him quite distracted for several days & was this Afternoon carried to the Alms House.— Thus we have an example of an inworld & irreligious education, his & mine lived adjoining neighbours & I had an opportunity of knowing the particulars of his youthful race, his father was a professor & openly avowed Deist, & encouraged his children in loose conduct, tho' he pretended to plead for morality, yet in his own example was such, & his attention to his children so small that they took great Libertys & were very wicked, & the fate of the family has been very remarkable. He first lost a son at sea — the father next died himself of a [consumption](#) & apparantly in an obdurate state his wife was a clever woman & good neighbour & desires I believe that things were different in the family, but she poor woman, soon after her husbands decease was taken suddenly ill in Providence & Died there. Next Horace was shot in a duel at Savannah which was the means of familys being broken up entirely



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& the remaining children put to board. The two daughters are somewhat hopeful the two remaining sons Nathaniel & Edward alas for them Edw in the situation above described & Nathl at present a infidel no hopes of his being better, a family educated as they were can never expect to florish long.

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July 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7 M 16th 1812 / Yesterday & the day before our dear little son was quite sick, & I was much alarmed about him, but this morning he seems much better, for which I desire to be thankful, to be obliged to part with him would indeed be a keen stroke, but I dare not crave to strongly for him to be continued as the Lord but knows what is best for us. –
Our meeting was solid & solemn, but I thought my mind was not as much quickened at some seasons
Father Rodman & Ruth Davis bore short testimonys
Saw James Hosier this eveningn he has been to Ohio & has seen Rowse & Mary Taylor, he gives a more favorable account of their situation than we have heard. –*

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July 17, Friday: At this point during the 1812-1815 war with Great Britain, the USS *Constitution* escaped from a squadron of seven British ships.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7 M 17th / Our dear little son had a very distressed night last, but is much more smart & brisk this morning than we had any right to expect - he has continued well thro' the day & I desire to be thankful for it. –
Father & Mother Rodman & Sarah Earl set the evening with us.*



July 18, Saturday: [Caleb Goldsmith Forshey](#) was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, a son of John Sire Forshey (September 10, 1777-October 1857) and Elizabeth Monroe Forshey (circa 1778-October 1855). He would spend his childhood in [Ohio](#), being educated in the local schools of Norwich, and then enter Kenyon College in Gambier, [Ohio](#) as a part-time student.

The Alliance of Orebro combined Russia, Sweden, and Great Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th M 18th / Nothing new to insert, things as it respects my own particular & the nation at large are pretty much as usual. –I am often hevvy hearted when looking over the prospects before us. War with its attendant trains of honour stairs us in the face we know not now soon our peaceable habitations may be



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disturbed with the sound of guns & Armed Men in array against each other, May the Lord in mercy avert these calamities & draw our minds to look unto him for succor in every condition. – I have thankfully to acknowledge that our dear little boy has been very smart his the Day –

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July 19, Sunday: While taking the cure at Teplitz (Teplice), [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) and [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) met for the initial time. Beethoven would on August 9th, “Goethe delights far too much in the court atmosphere. Far more than was becoming a poet.” Goethe would write on September 2d, “His talent amazed me; unfortunately he was an utterly untamed personality, who was not altogether in the wrong in holding the world to be detestable but surely does not make it any the more enjoyable for himself or others by his attitude.”

At Sackets Harbor on the New York shore of Lake Ontario, the Canadian Provincial Marine Fleet attempted to recover its schooner *Lord Nelson* but was driven off.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 M 19th / Silent meetings, the forenoon was a pretty good one to me – between meetings Meribeth Easton was buried, She was the Widow of Walter Easton, tho' she retained a right of membership, her memory is very precious



July 20, Monday: Public opinion in [Rhode Island](#) was so decidedly opposed to the [War of 1812](#) that, on this night, a small schooner that had been being fitted out in [Providence](#) for a war [privateer](#) was taken down the river and scuttled.

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7 M 20th / Saw an experiment of a DIVING BELL by a man who went to the bottom of the Water at the head of long wharf & staid 34 minutes I did not get there untill after he had been down some time but I saw him come up.
Set the eveng at home our little boy was not very well. –*

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July 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 7th 21 1812 / I am brought under exercise which has touched a quick place in my mind an awful period has arrived. This afternoon the different Military companies are to meet to draft their quotas of men required by the government for the defence of the state. & several are liable to the draft for whom I feel deeply concerned. & the Prayer of my heart is that they may be this time spared. –
Since wrighting the foregoing my mind has been greatly relieved*



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*JW has been in & told me that neither of the young men alluded to above were drawn out, for which my heart is thankful. They were young men who I have no doubt are concientiously scrupulous of bearing Arms, but not shielded by Society, except one who from peculiar circumstances the Clerk declined giving him a certificate, tho' in my judgement his reasons for declining were insufficient
Abijah Winton of Salem took tea with us.*

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July 22, Wednesday: French forces were routed by the British and Portuguese south of Salamanca, opening the way to Madrid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 7 M 22 / Drums fifes & Guns are daily heard. a company in uniform are this moment passing they are marching about trying to induce others to enlist with them – Oh! what dismal effects on the minds of the people has War. Well indeed it must be so, for sacred writ declares that it cometh of Mens lusts, & when men are given up to follow their own lusts wether it be in one thing or another, what poor depraved creatures we are, & when War is the rage, how does it tend to demoralise mankind.- My heart is saddened at the prospect & prayer often raised that the days of this calamity may be shortened. –
I omitted to particularise a matter yesterday which has dwelt much on my mind since. – In the Afternoon a lad came into the shop & told me that from particular circumstances the Clerk of this meeting has refused to grant his brother a certificate, which would have exempted him from a draft in the Militia, & it was then too late for me to see the Clerk on the subject. – & I thought to myself there is nothing to be done but to pray that he may not be drafted this time, & such feelings attended as begot earnest intercessions that he might not be, & as my mind was thus engaged it seemed as if a living faith arose that he would not –& when I was informed that he was not it seemed as if I was renewedly confirmed in the assurance of Christ to his disciples. Whatsoever ye ask in faith Shall be granted
Reced a letter from Lewis L Clarke containing much good matter. –*

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July 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th M 23rd 1812 / Our meeting was pretty well attended C R spake a few words. When the Queries were read in the Preparative, the one respecting property taken in War fastened on my mind & I was brought under exercise, which induced me to make a few observations calling the minds of friends to a



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*carefulness with respect to being concerned in the purchase of goods that might be brought in by Privateers. which was followed by a few seasonable remarks by D Buffum & A Mitchell
Sister Mary took care of the little boy while my H went to Meeting
This afternoon recd a letter from Hannah Pope dated 16th inst which was very agreeable, he situation has claimed my sympathy many times & particularly at the last Yearly Meeting, & soon after he return home I felt a disposition to write her & accordingly did.-
Aunt Patty Gould Set the eveng with us.*

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July 24, Friday: Tsar Alyeksandr made a public appeal in Moscow for assistance from every ablebodied Russian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th M 24th / Nothing worth inserting. -

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July 25, Saturday: Spain reasserted its power in Venezuela. Revolutionary leader Francisco de Miranda surrendered his troops to the Spanish.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 7 M 25 / I am going presently to Narragansett to attend to some buisness at Cousin Silas Caseys.
Arrived at Narragansett before dinner. Dined at cousin P Gardiners & after dinner went with cousin L Clarke to cousin Caseys, compleated my buisness & took tea there my aunt was very agreeable found there an old relation whom I never saw but once & that when I was a boy, it was cousin Caseys Sister [-] Gardiner She appeared to me to be a very meek spirited woman, & while sitting with her my spirit was not a little affected. she is 80 years of age has gone thro' much affliction in this World & now appeard to be much refined & I believe will shortly be taken to REST - After tea we returned to cousin Gardiners & lodged. -next morning I went to Meeting in So Kingston where at Present is a very comfortable & thriving little gathering - After meeting Rode with Cousin Lewis & Cousin Patty Hazard to her home & dined spent the Afternoon & took tea, found cousin John Hazard in Poor health & think he is wasting away, but may continue some time in mutability - towards night we returned to Cousin Gardiners & lodged next morning being 2nd of the week I rose early & caught the ferry home & found my Dear H & little boy pretty well. -but*



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heard that my dear Aunt Martha Gould is more unwell than she has been. –

In the eveng walked to see Aunt Martha found her very poorly but sitting up. – She set the eveng with us last 5th day & if it should be the last I shouldnt be disappointed. –

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July 26, Sunday: Franz Schubert sang as chorister in the Imperial Chapel for the final time. He was entering adolescence and his voice has broken. He marked the occasion by writing in the alto score of Peter Winter's Mass no.1 "Schubert, Franz, crowed for the last time, 26 July 1812." He would begin to devote his energies to composing church music.

Fire destroyed a good part of the city of Baden, southwest of Vienna.



July 27, Monday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) left Teplitz (Teplice) and would never see [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) again.



July 28, Tuesday: When Allied forces reached Vitebsk west of Moscow, they found the city vacant.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 M 28th 1812 / This mornng I called early to see my dear Aunt Martha. I found her sitting up & she thought rather more comfortable than yesterday - I conceived her ease quite alarming, & have requested Dr Easton to visit her & try to help her a little; tho' there appears no expectation of her ever being well, yet she may be kept along for some time, her life is of importance to her sisters. She has been her whole life time a care taker of them & her removal will be a severe shock, but I have no doubt that when ever it pleases the Lord to cut the slender thread of time, her change will be from a life of care & anxiety to one of happiness forever – She hath been ever since my time a religious & faithful Woman, & to her counsul [sic] & example I owe much. in my childhood I lived with her several years & her care & tender concern for my present & future wellfare was obvious then, & has continued to the present day. One instance of her faithfulness to religious scruples was so impressive in my mind at the time, that I have not forgotten it tho' a long time ago, & has been frequently revived since the present War & privateers have been fitting out, – When I was quite a boy, a Spanish prize was sent into this port by some of the then contending powers & the property sold, by some means a rare & delicious nut fell into my hands that came in the prize. I carried some of them to her prepared for eating, with which she seemed much pleased & was going to eat some, but at that moment was informed, either by me or some one standing by, which I do not recollect, of where they came from. She immediately



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declined touching them & altho' I labord hard to induce her to partake of them, yet I could not succeed. – her firmness in declining was very impressive in my feelings, & the savor of it has never entirely left me. –

Our dear little boy was very well & playful in the forenoon but in the Afternoon was very feverish & sick, & continued so thro' the evening –

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July 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 M 29 1812 / Our little boy was some restless last night, but rested much better than we expected when we went to bed. he however is not much better this morning. – Aunt Patty Gould much as yesterday

Our little boy seems much better this evening, for which I desire to be thankful. –

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July 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th M 30th / Our little boy continues better, seems quite pert & lively this morning.

In our meeting which was Our Monthly meeting held in town, Anne Greene & D Buffum were Labourers in the Gospel. – In the last we had ample scope for the exercise of patience, several matters of the lesser importance was disposed of – & Certificates were granted Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis to pay a religious visit to friends in NYork State particularly the Quarterly Meetings of Stamford & Nine Partners.

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July 31, Friday: One final [telescopic](#) observation of the great [comet Flaugergues \(C/1811 F1\)](#) was accomplished, as it was entering the constellation of Capricornus. The astronomer Wisniewsky described it as a faint yellowish nebulosity with a diameter of about an arc-minute and a half, without a detectable tail.

SKY EVENT

Francis H. Gregory sallied out of Sackets Harbor, New York hid three gigs among the Thousand Islands and captured a British ship. He then needed to burn his prize in order to avoid its recaptured by a British gunboat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 M 31st / Our little boy being very smart & well we spent the day at My Mothers with him. – Aunt Gould some better

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August 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th M 1st 1812 / Aunt P Gould much as yesterday. Our little boy pretty smart but my H poorly –

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August 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 M 2 / In the forenoon meeting H Dennis had a considerable to communicate twice, father had little once. In the Afternoon we were silent. after meeting Went with Br D R & took tea with Saml Thurston. –

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August 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 M 3rd / The heart sickens & is very sad at the prospect of things in the nation. an hand Bill has been printed in town this Afternoon giving an account of a shocking Mob in Baltimore wherein some were killed & many wounded. Oh! Alass what are we coming to – In these times of calamity, the mind has no safety but in its God & may we so conduct in times of tranquility as in the Season of tumult & the clashing of the Potsherds to look unto him with assurance that He will help us. –

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August 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th M 4th / Our friend John Casey & several others have come down to Quarterly Meeting I was glad to see them all but the sight of our dear old friend J Casey was very salutary. – John Casey & Loyd Greene paid us a visit this evening which was very greatful. –

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August 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th M 5th / Friends from the Narragansett county have come over pretty thick this Afternoon to attend the Quarterly Meeting. I am very glad to see them. it always very pleasantly Salutes my feelings to see them riding by at such a public time

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August 6: The allied (Great Britain/Portugal) army began its march from Valladolid to Madrid.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) performed a concert, along with Giovanni Battista Polledro, in Karlsbad (Karoly Vary) to benefit the victims of the fire in Baden of July 26th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th M 6th 1812 / My dear H could not leave the little boy to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting held there this day, so Sister Ruth went with me in A Chaise The first meeting was Solid & but little Preaching soon after it was settled J Greene had a few words to communicate, which I thought sound & not unsavory. Then a long pause of more than an hour ensued, in which I thought our dear friend J Casey might (from the exercise he appeared under) have communicated something that would have benefited the meeting – The next after J Greene was Hannah Dennis, who was very Sweet & savory. The next was A...C... a friend from S Kingston who I believe is generally well approved in his own meeting, but made a most miserable & feeble fight in the Quarterly Meeting but I hope did not much hurt. –the meeting ended –

In the last we had much business. The Queries & answers drew forth many pertinent & seasonable remarks especially That concerning our testimony respecting War - Matthew Franklin had much to say & much of it very agreeable to my feelings – [Moses Brown](#) very feelingly made a remark to this effect speaking of the beauty of our principles. he said Methinks the contrast between a similar number of Warriors to the number present would be very Striking, one sitting in solemnity & in peaceable spirit, the other all in jar & confusion, which may be seen in all who are in the spirit of it & traced down the the councils that declare it – I have not done the remark justice, but that is the substance of it. – The certificates of Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis were endorsed & they set at liberty to proceed on their journey

After Meeting we dined at Anna Anthonys & then rode home

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August 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 8 M 1812 / At 4 O'clock this Afternoon Matthew Franklin appointed a meeting for the inhabitants of this town, which prov'd to good satisfaction – Matthew was favor'd to explain the inconsistency of War with the christian religion, in a clear point of view, but it did not appear to be so open a time as some, yet he appear'd to be much help'd on in his subject - he concluded the meeting in supplication.

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August 8, Saturday: Russian Cossacks repelled Allied cavalry near Inkovo.

The 30-ton paddle steamer *Comet* began the first commercial steamboat service in Europe, over the 39 kilometers of the River Clyde between Glasgow, Greenock, and Helensburgh (this craft had been constructed by Henry Bell and John Wood).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th M 8th / Matthew Franklin has been in town resting & visiting his freinds & acquaintances. - Our dear little son has been quite unwell all day

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August 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 M 9 / Our dear little boy was so Ill this foenoon that my dear H was unwilling to be alone with him & I staid from meeting to assist her - In the Afternoon I went to meeting & the little boy was so much better that I took a Walk to the beach with David Rodman.

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August 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8M 10 / Our little boy has been better today but on the whole rather poorly. -

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August 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8M 11 / Saw a man of colour at Wm Pattens from Philadelphia who is a Presbyterian preacher by the name of John Gloucester he was formerly a slave, has purchased himself & family which has cost him 1500 Dollars. two of which remains unpaid & he is now in town trying to collect the ballance due by donations from the Rich & humane. - he appears to be an intelligent & good looking man. - I can only wish him success being unable to assist him in a pecuniary way. - Our little boy has been very smart today -

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 August 12, Wednesday: British, Portuguese, and Spanish troops under [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington of Talavera and of Wellington](#) entered Madrid.

Amos Perry was born in South [Natick](#), Massachusetts. After graduating from [Harvard College](#) with [Henry Thoreau](#) in 1837 (he was a member of the Hasty Pudding Club, which Thoreau was not) he would teach in New London, Connecticut and [Providence, Rhode Island](#). He would visit Europe several times and would be from 1862 till 1867 the United States consul at Tunis. In 1873 he would become the secretary of the Rhode Island historical society and in 1880 its librarian, and in 1885 he would be made the superintendent of the state census. In 1841 [Brown University](#) would award him the degree of A.M. He would publish, in 1869, CARTILAGE AND TUNIS, in 1883, MEMORIAL OF ZACHARIAH ALLEN, 1795-1882, and in 1887, RHODE ISLAND STATE CENSUS, 1885.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 8M 12 / Our little boy is but poorly at best, but I hope he will not be much worse. –
This evening I went to Tennys meeting house & heard John Gloucester the man of colour mentioned yesterday preach & I thought he misapplied Scripture exceedingly, yet he appeared to be a man of some ingenuity & readiness of utterance. –*

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
 August 13, Thursday: The *USS Essex* defeated *HMS Alert* off Bermuda, and captured a troop transport.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8thM 13th 1812 / Our Meeting was a precious one. I thought I was sensible of more life circulating among us than I had felt for some time. – life seem acceptable if the mind like agitated Needle varied from the pole it seemed easily to return to its wonted place again, for this favor I desire to be thankful. –

*Lydia Almy was concerned to speak a few words which I thought was savory. –
While setting in Meeting today I could but contrast ours with the one I was in last evening. While there it seemed as if the sound was nearly all that I could find among them.*

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 August 14, Friday: Allied forces reached Krasnoye, southwest of Smolensk, and met the first organized Russian resistance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8M 14 / Our dear little boy seems to be very well now for which I believe my dear wife & I are very thankful.

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August 15, Saturday: Mass in C by Giovanni Paisiello was performed for the initial time, at Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8M 15 / The mind has been turned on vaious subject, which very often deeply impress it. – The present State of things in this world & this beloved Nation in particular. The times are very trying, it seems as if there is nothing doing or to be done whereby an honest livelyhood can be obtained & what little that is done is so mingled with iniquity that one can scarcely touch & remain unpoluted. – I hear that this Afternoon that a prise has been sent in this Port by some privateer, & I am sure that knowingly I could not buy an ounce or gill of any thing she has on board & to have my hands or mind free from the most despicable & mean kind of all Warfare –

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August 16, Sunday: The summer and early fall had been quiet on the Niagara Frontier, such as at [Fort Niagara](#), with local American and British commanders having agreed upon a local truce while they each attempted to strengthen their respective positions. During the truce, however, the British took an opportunity to transfer some of their soldiers westward, and on this day they achieved an important victory at Detroit. The US commanding general, William Hull, would find himself being courtmartialled.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8M 16 / In our forenoon meeting Father Rodman had a few words to communicate – then Hannah Dennis, & then D Buffum. I thought it was a very good meeting. The sap of life seemed to circulate without much obstruction. – In the Afternoon Father R was concerned in supplication. This Afternoon Mother Rodma & John went to [Portsmouth](#) to see Sister Eliza who has been there some time & on 6th day was taken ill of a bilous complaint but is now better. – After Meeting visited the work & Alms houses with D R

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August 17, Monday: The Federalist Party convened in New-York, choosing De Witt Clinton to run against incumbent President [James Madison](#).

Russian and Allied forces had been battling near Smolensk for a couple of days and there had already been approximately 23,000 casualties without any strategic result. Under cover of darkness the Russians evacuated the city, which they had so trashed that it would prove logistically useless to the Emperor [Napoléon I](#)'s Grand Armée of Twenty Nations.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8thM 17 / It has been a very stormy day, much rain & the



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Air as cold as in the [?] M – Our little boy has been very smartly well for several Days – The mind has been very lean & barren of Good – how poor & weak I am & alas I know not when it will be more in the fullness with me. –

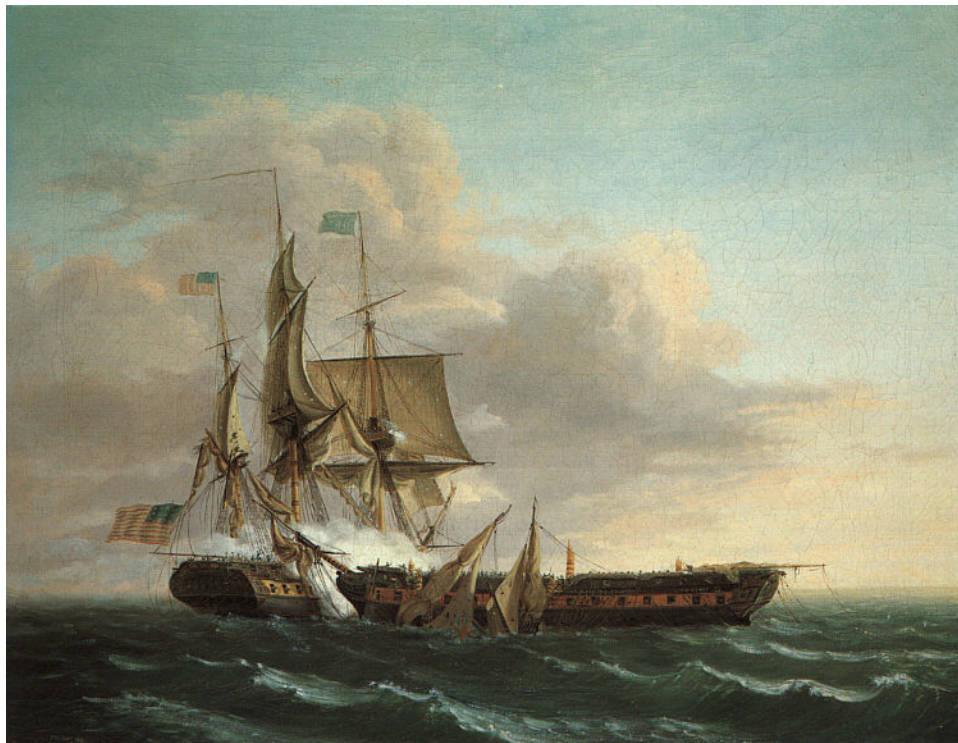
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August 18, Tuesday: The Friends of Liberty, Peace and Commerce staged an anti-war mass meeting in New-York.

At this point during the 1812-1815 war with Great Britain, the *USS Constitution* captured the British frigate *Guerriere*. 101 people were killed.

The scene would be depicted in the following year by Thomas Birch:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18th of the M 1812 / The day has passed pretty much as usual – We had tea at father Rodmans – In the eveng Walked round the Hill with Br D Rodman

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August 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 8M / Not a small degree of depression has been the



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companion of my mind. Things as to the outward appears very dubious, however may I be favord to view the favorable side of them as long as I can. –

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August 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 8 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, – & I thought the forepart of it was favor'd with the circulation and spreading of life & was thankful in feeling myself in a measure partaker of it. – A friend appeared in the Ministry in the latter part of the Meeting.

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August 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 8M / James Lovegrove & his Wife with Josiah Siddons are in town. – James belongs to Baltimore & has been to Bolton & married a Daughter of Folger Popes & is now on his return home with his new Wife

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August 22, Saturday: Swiss adventurer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt “discovered” the ancient city of Petra near Wadi Musa (Jordan).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 8M / Rote a leeter to Hannah Pope & mentioned her Brother & Sisters being in town. –

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August 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 8thM / Our Morning Meeting was large as usual – According to my sense a good degree of favor was mercifully extended a friend appear'd in testimony & supplication – In the Afternoon we were silent & a pretty good time. My Dear H left the little boy at her fathers & went to Meeting

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August 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 24th of 8M / I have had a very low spell, having felt as the Pelican in the Wikderness as described, alone lonely & lonesome in a great barraness, both as respects outward & inward prospects, & tho' my prospects as to the outward are very small & streightened, yet have now been favor'd in buisness today beyond what is common, for which I desire to be thankful – My dear Mother spent the eveng with us

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August 25, Tuesday: Following reverses in western Spain, the French lifted the siege of Cádiz and moved north.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 8M / It has been a pretty stiring day in town, on account of the Election of Jackson & Potter – the town Meeting was conducted with order & things acceded according to my wishes

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August 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 8M / My mind has been brought under some feelings on account of several things. my dear H was taken quite unwell at dinner time which was somewhat alarming

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August 27, Thursday: French forces abandoned Seville and moved north.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 8 M / Our Monthly Meeting is this day held at [Portsmouth](#). I made arrangements to go & early My dear Wife & little son but the morning was very rainy & unsuitable for them. I thought my circumstances would not admit of my hiring a chaise for myself only & my health would be endangered by going on horseback

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August 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 8th M 1812 / Sam'l Thurston & I having a little buisness with Sam'l Plum[?] we went out to his house & spent this Afternoon with him, he treated us very kindly, shewed us some curiosities around his house & several pieces of ancient



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Coin, one that was more than one thousand seven hundred years old, another that was coined of the gold that was dug out of Ancient Herculanium, another of gun metal coined at a time of great scarcity of money in England, & many of their guns were converted to that purpose - altho Money & doubtless a source of evil to some yet I had much rather the guns that are now in the world we put to that use than to kill men with. -

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August 29, Saturday: Mikhail Ilarionovich Kutuzov took command of the Russian army.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 8M / My dear Wife not having been to [Portsmouth](#) in rather more than a year. We concluded to take this pleasant Morning & go thither we carried our little Son he slept most of the time we were in the Chaise while going - We left him At Anne Anthony's & went to Meeting After meeting we returned there & dined then went to Cousin Z Chases & took tea, where we saw my dear Aunt Patty Gould She went out there some days past in hopes the change of Air may be beneficial to her health After tea we rode home & I believe our little Son is none the worse for his visit. -

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August 31, Monday: Carl Maria von Weber left Berlin for Gotha.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31st of 8 M / Our dear little boy seems to have taken no cold by his ride yesterday; that we yet perceive - This Afternoon a Privateer arrived & in her salute fired grape shot one of which grazed Benj Marvels Wife on the thigh, but did not hurt her materially. Such is the effects of those Wicked exploits.

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September 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 9 M / Nothing worth inserting. -

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September 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 9 M 1812 / This is a day AWFULLY to be remembered about 10 O'clock this forenoon two companies of volunteer troops under James Perry & David Mellvill paraded down street on their



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way to meet an enemy if one comes, which is the Prayer of my heart never may molest them. – Their faces were all well known to me, & many of them intimate acquaintance & old school fellows some of them men advanced in life & will probably according to the course of nature descend into their graves very shortly Should no cannon ball ever reach them. – On seeing them pass, mine heart was deeply reached, & prayer arose to the Great Over ruler of events, that he would hasten the time when nation should no more wage War with Nation & the Implememnts of Death be beaten into Instruments that may further the happiness of Mankind, & in a very particular manner to hasten the time when this highly favor'd nation may again be restored to peace & as formerly persue, every one his own occupation without the fear of an enemy. –

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September 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 9M / Our dear little son has been very sick, was complaining yesterday & the day before, but today his Cough & oppressed lungs grew worse and assumed an unpleasant & alarming appearance that I was ready to conclude that the time was at hand when we must resign him to HIM who lent him to us. he is however relieved this evening from a puke for which I desire to be thankful. I find that he gets a fresh hole in my affections every day. –

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September 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 4 of 9 M / Our dear little boy rested pretty well & had but one coughing spell thro' the night & has been comfortable today 7th day 5th of 9 M / Our dear little son is still better but not Well
It has been a very rainy day which with the uncommonly cold & wet weather that we have that of late renders the prospect very dull & even gloomy respecting Corn, which is feared will be vert scant throughout New England –*

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September 5, Saturday: Allied forces reached the village of Borodino where the Russians had massed for the defense of Moscow. Some skirmishing began.



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September 6, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Gotha from Leipzig and Berlin. He was alone, as Heinrich Baermann has given up the tour, leaving Weber in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 9M / Our meetings were small woing to the very wet weather - The forenoon a good time to me the Afternoon rather more roving - CR spake a few words. -

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September 7, Monday: Twelve hours of fighting between Russian and Allied troops at Borodino, west of Moscow, ended in complete stalemate, both sides too exhausted to continue. The day produced somewhere between 70,000 and 90,000 total casualties (more soldiers were killed at Borodino than in any battle prior to World War I).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

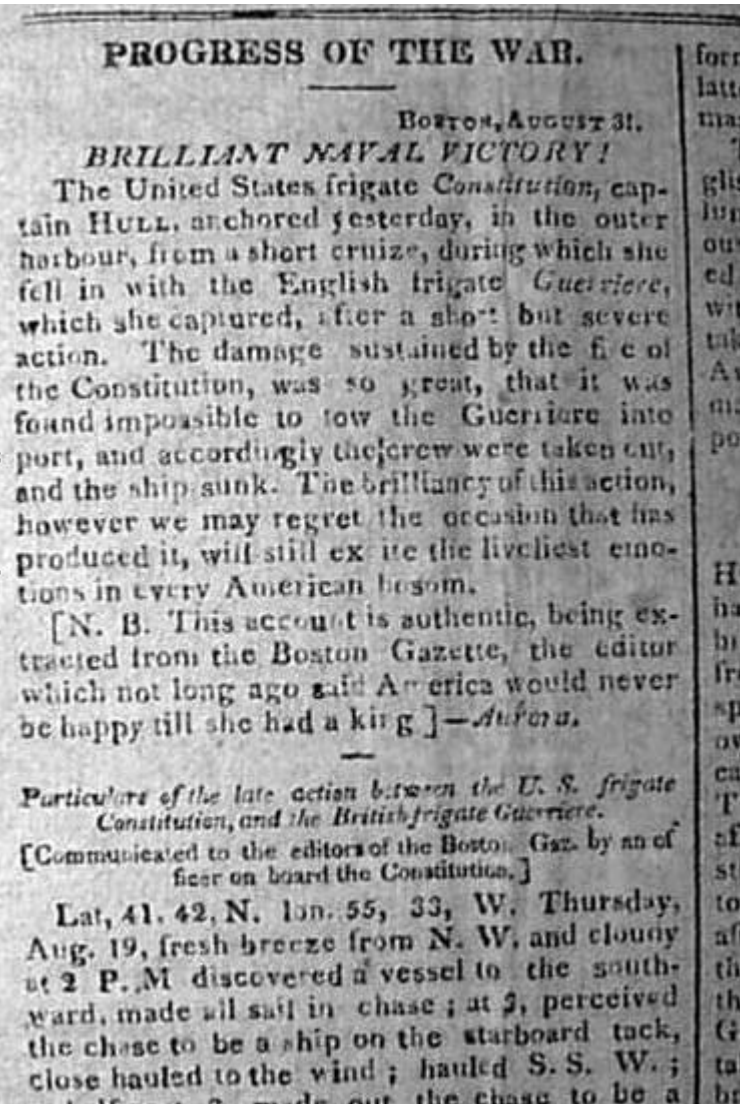
2 day 7 of 9 M / This morning I looked over some English news Papers - they much affected my mind particularly in observing their numerous notices of mirrors[?] theft & need of every kind under the head of such trials by Law which it appears to be their custom to publish a list of accd to my heart true Prayer is the only safe spirit to dwell in & prayer ?? raised in my spirit for preservation from every vice

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September 8, Tuesday: Russian forces withdrew from Borodino.

The news:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th of 9th M 1812 / It is a very cloudy time both as respects the natural & Political world in the natural we have a very uncommon proportion of Cloudy & rainy weather & in the Political things are very dubious many days Mail brings fresh accounts of increased difficulty from various parts of the United States - Our Armys taken & defeated in some instances with much slaughter, & in the Southern State Negroes have in some places become disaffected & made attempts to rise. - & the Minds of the people in allmost every quarter are much agitated



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some with jealousies towards one another & some of the Government, & where these things will end is very uncertain. – May we flee to the Strong Tower in which there is safety & there abide. I feel the desire to arise in fervent intercession in my own behalf from the full persuasions that nothing short will avail us in seasons of inward or outward conflicts This Afternoon in Company with Wm Allen & C J Tenny & some of the coloured directors visited the African Benevolent Society – was pleased with the appearance of the Scholars & their improvement in education. – As I was returning from the above mentioned School saw our Ancient & very venerable friends Jeremiah Austin Senr standing on Washington Square with several with him – I was very glad to see him if it was but for a few minutes – he came to town on business & went out again directly. –

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September 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 9 M / Rec'd a letter from David Smith, which was very grateful. – My H & little son took tea at aunt A Carpenters also my Mother Aunt P Stanton & Brother Isaac & Wife also Lewis L Clarke who is over on a short visit to us

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September 10, Thursday: French soldiers pillaged Novospasskoye, home town of Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 Of 9 M / Our Meeting was well attended the weather was pleasant & several elderly people came that does not in common from age & infirmity – Job Chaloner was also with us & preached very sweetly & acceptably. I believe his appearance in the ministry was edifying & comforting to many present – C R had a few words towards the close of the Meeting, & I think I may say it was a season of favor. –

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September 11, Friday: Sappho von Mitiene, a ballet by Johann Nepomuk Hummel to a scenario by Viganò, was performed for the initial time, in Vienna's Theater-an-der-Wien.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 9 M / Widow Sears, Nancy Rathbone & daughter, Mother Rodman Josiah Lawton took tea with us. –



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Aunt Patty Gould spent the forenoon & dined with us.

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September 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 12 of 9M 1812 / Yesterday Abigail Robinson Went to [Providence](#) accompanied by Saml Thurston to pay a little visit in a religious Way to friends there. -

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September 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 9 M / In our forenoon Meeting D B & C R had public communications to bear. - In the Afternoon we were Silent. - by the kindness of Sister Ruth my H was at meeting This forenoon & in the Afternoon we left the little boy at Aunt Patty Goulds & after Meeting we returned there & took tea with her. & tho very feeble she was very glad to have him. - After tea Brother D Rodman & I took a walk around the Hill & as we were returning up the Mainstreet we saw around Townsends Coffee house a large gathering of People which led me to suspect that some news had arrived. I stepped up to one standing by & inquired what it was. - he informed me that there was a report that three English shipes were seen off between Block Island & Point Judith - We walked up street & extended to the head of the Alms House lane & back thro' Farwell Street & as we got near the Parade. We found the Town was under **General Alarm**. Drums beating fifes Playing & People running with their Arms in every direction. Soon a very considerable Military force was underway to Fort Adams & a gard set to Watch the town. The w[h]ole of the evening & forepart of the Night was Noisy - but thru the Whole I can truly say that fear scarcely possessed my mind. -*

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September 14, Monday: Russian soldiers and citizens torched Moscow and retreated to the southwest. About midnight the vanguard of the Grand Armée of Twenty Nations of the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reached the abandoned metropolis. There would be no shelter and nothing to eat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 9 M / This morning things have assumed their usual tranquility the English Ships appear to have gone by & the Military comapanys returning to their homes- It is wonderful how soon the Mind becomes fitted to its condition, perhaps if actual engagement had taken place I should have felt different but as it was in all the Meeting my mind was very calm. -

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September 15, Tuesday: In New York, Robert Fulton reached a compromise with the Albany Company.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) took up residence in the Kremlin as fires broke out in the city, mostly set by Russian agents.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 9 M / Jeremiah Austin Junr is in town & been at the Shop he shewed me a letter which he had written to James Madison which I though a pretty good one. – I wrote to D. Smith –

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September 17, Thursday: Over the previous three days fire had been destroying three quarters of Moscow as the invading army looted whatever they could.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 9 M 1812 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, specially on the Womens side of the house. – We were silent in the first & the last (preparative) we had no buisness. My mind was comfortably refreshed in the first meeting, tho' some roving was experienced.

This Afternoon I took a Walk into the Neck as far as the Telegraph erected for the purpose of Alarm in case of Ships of War – John Tillinghast went with me. – I had much agreeable reflection of Mind & our conversation was mostly on subjects interesting & innocent – I travelled over fields & viewed scenes that I never did before & in returning we came the way I was Just eight Years & three days ago with Thos Hornsby. – My mind was solemnized in many reflections on things that are past since that space of time. – What will happen or where I shall be in the eight years to come is hid with him who knows all things, & who in infinite wisdom has ordered it so, for if we knew our fate, Miserable indeed should we be. – Many of my intimate friends & dear connections have within the last years descended to the grave & perhaps before the next comes around I may be number'd with them. And Oh saith my soul may my exit be in PEACE come when it may

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September 18, Friday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) and his staff returned to Moscow from their temporary refuge in the Petrovskoye Palace outside the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 9 M / My H with our little boy with Mother Rodman



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Spent the Day at Uncle Saml Thurstons. -

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September 19, Saturday: Admitted to the bar in Middlesex County, [John Keyes](#) “hung out his shingle” as a lawyer in [Concord](#).

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) authorized a French retreat from Russia.

In Spain, British forces withdrew from Burgos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 9 M / Our dear little boy seems to be well at present which with the present good health of his mother I feel as a blessing to me.

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September 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20 of 9 M / In the forenoon meeting C R had a few words to communicate - After Dinner my mind being inclined I went out to Middletown & visited some of my relations there Took tea with cousin Sarah Gould Widow of John Gould - On my way home called to see cousin Elizabeth Anthony
I find that with the removal of individuals places in a very great measure lose their charms from my boyhood up to the present time I have occasionally had many very pleasant visits in that neighborhood, but since the Family of my dear cousin Thos Gould has been broken up the center has seemingly been removed & there is not so great an enthusiasm as when his family were there*

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September 21, Monday: US forces marched under Captain Benjamin Forsyth from Sackets Harbor, New York to Cape Vincent, crossed the border under cover of darkness, and attacked British and Canadian forces at Gananoque, Ontario. The US forces were victorious.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 9 M 1812 / The day has passed with the general sameness of most The mind has been turned in many ways. [black lines obscuring]


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 September 22, Tuesday: A Kyrie in C by Antonio Salieri was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

The Spanish cortes offered the post of commander in chief of its armed forces to [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


3rd day 22 of 9 M / Aunt Molly Wanton was this eveng taken ill with faintness & sickness of the stomach but got most renewed before bed time.

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 September 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 9 M / Aunt Molly Wanton seem'd quite poorly this morning but after the medicine had effect she was quite smart in the Afternoon. I did not know but she was about to leave us, from the manner in which she was taken.

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 September 24, Thursday: At Mozhaysk, west of Moscow, Russian forces severed the main supply line of the Emperor [Napoléon I](#)'s Grand Army of allies. Suddenly this Grand Army was all alone and on its own. Oh, this is going to get ugly.

The Principalities of Waldeck and Pyrmont were rejoined as the Principality of Waldeck-Pyrmont under Prince Georg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 9 M / Our Meeting was well attended & a precious good one it was our friend Daniel Howland of [Greenwich](#) was with us & preached very sweetly & with good gospel Aunthority. Job Chaloner was also present & concern'd in an acceptably testimony In the last meeting (Monthly) we had considerable buisness, some of it was exercising both on the mens & womens side of the house but things I believe will end well at last. – Rich Mitchell Geo Dennis & Anne Anthony dined with us. In the eveng went with my H & sister Ruth & sat a while with our good Old neighbor Saml Towle & Wife –

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 September 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 9 M / Daniel Clapp Jr of Pomfret & Sarah Albro of Middletown were married at our Meeting house a meeting was appointed at the 3rd hour in the Afternoon for the purpose. – towards the conclusion of the Meeting D Buffum made a few



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observations which were very gratefull to my feelings. –

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September 26, Saturday: Gioachino Rossini's melodramma giocoso La pietra del paragone to words of Romanelli was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan. The work was an instant success.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 26 of 9 M / Nothing material to insert – Mother R Set
the evening with us*

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September 27, Sunday: Pedro Gómez-Labrador Avelo replaced Carlos Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marques de Casa-Irujo as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27 of 9 M / C R & D Buffum were concerned in testimony
& in the forenoon Meetings – Colonel Kingsbury was present. –
In the Afternoon C R had a few words to communicate – After
meeting I took tea with Saml Thurston Danl Clapp Jun & Wife were
also there. –*

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September 28, Monday: According to the journal of [Friend Thomas B. Hazard](#) or Hafsard or Hasard of [Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), also known as “Nailer Tom,”¹¹⁶ there was a “Ginneral Muster” on this day at Exeter, Rhode Island.

The Count von Rumford’s will was witnessed by, among others, the *Marquis de Lafayette*. He left his watches to Humphry Davy and Daniel Parker and the bulk of his estate he divided among his daughter Sarah, whom he had once abandoned, [Harvard College](#), which he had never attended, and the United States Military Academy of an army he had once betrayed.¹¹⁷ In his dotage he was writing an article “On the Salubrity of Warm Bathing” while occupying his time playing solo bridge and chess and riding around Paris in a carriage dressed entirely in white. He was also scribbling on the *magnum opus* by which he was to be remembered,

116. He was called “Nailer Tom” because his trade was the cutting of nails from scrap iron, and in order to distinguish him from a relative known as “College Tom,” from another relative known as “Shepherd Tom,” and from his own son who –because he had fits– was known as “Pistol-Head Tom.”

117. It would be the sheerest surmise, and probably inaccurate, to infer that Benjamin Thompson had had any second thoughts about any of his activities.



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“The Nature and Effects of Order,” from which we have most fortunately been spared.¹¹⁸



Sarah, Countess of Rumford, as of 1797

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 9th M / The times a[re] serious & gloomy. The War has involved us in many miseries which I think thicken every day, where or how the many of the inhabitants of this town are to get even the common necessities of life the coming Winter is hid in dark uncertainty

118. After his death, his daughter Sarah, angry at not having been allowed to marry and at having been forced all those years to attend an old father, decorated her home with portraits of his mistresses and used the manuscript pages to start fires in his fireplace.



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I feel not a little depressed at the prospect as respects my self, but hope to be enabled to place my confidence in HIM who is not now less in power, than in the days of famine formerly

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September 29, Tuesday: Sometime after this date, the [Shelleys](#) went with Elizabeth Hitchener to London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 9 M / Edw W Lawton & wife J Rodman & Wife Mary Anthony & her brother George & E Rodman took tea with us - & some of them set the eveng (on our part) very agreeably - I love the company of my friends, & the circle of this Afternoon & eveng were peculiarly pleasant. - [five lines crossed out]

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September 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 9 M 1812 / here ends the Month with account of a d in the Upper burying ground in the Meadow field - his remains were first carried to the Meeting house - C R & D B made communications sad disaster which happened last night - A gun boat was cast away on Bevertail & nine men lost. -

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October 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 10 M 1812 / Our Meeting was small principally owing to a considerable number of friends having gone to Thurston to attend the Marriage of David Buffum Junr & Susan Ann Barker. the Meeting was appointed at 2 OC PM This Afternoon Mother & Aunt Patty Stanton return'd from Narragansett where they have been on a visit three weeks lacking one day. - My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers with the little boy - I took tea with them -

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October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 10 M / The day has passed without any thing particular to insert. -


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 October 3, Saturday: La duchesse de la Vallière, a cantata by Louis Joseph Ferdinand Hérold was performed for the initial time, at the prize-giving ceremony for the Prix de Rome, in Paris (Hérold's work won 1st prize).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 10 M / My H and little son spent the day at my Mothers —

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 October 4, Sunday: In London a spendthrift 19-year-old heir to a baronetcy, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), who was just getting his bride [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#) pregnant, met [William Godwin](#), a liberally oriented man whose defenseless daughter [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) had just turned 15. Hot damn!



WILLIAM GODWIN'S LIFE

US forces defeated British forces at Ogdensburg, New York after a British raid out of Prescott, Ontario had failed and their two gunboats had been forced to return.

The French garrison of the Spanish city of Burgos was besieged by British and Portuguese troops under [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#). The siege would fail when French forces would be relieved, but Wellington would capture the city during June 1813 shortly before the battle of Vitoria.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 3 [sic] of 10 M / C R was concern'd in testimony in the forenoon & Afternoon Meetings – Visited the Work & Alms houses –

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October 5, Monday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) sent out emissaries, searching for someone with whom he might conclude an armistice or peace. –My goodness, Mon General, are you suddenly interested in declaring peace?

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) arrived in Linz to try and break up an affair between his brother Johann and the sister-in-law of Johann's tenant, Therese Obermayer. The dispute would result in a physical brawl between the two brothers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 10 M / The day has passed pretty much with the usual rounds – Aunt Patty Gould dined with us. –

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October 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 10 M / Nothing particular to insert.

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October 7, Wednesday: In 1806 Edward Flint had been appointed guardian over the five minor children of widow Mary Brooks Merriam, but at this point guardianship was transferred to her 2d husband William Swan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 10 M / My Mother and Aunt patty Stanton spent the Day & set the evening with us. –

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October 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 10 M / This forenoon I went to Connanicut on buisness of the Estate of Daniel Holloway, after I had compleated what I went for – Called a little while at Cousin Joseph Greenes & Cousin Molly Howland & got back to town at rather late Dinner time –

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October 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 10 M / Tho' somewhat unwell & fatigued yesterday I consented to set up last night with our Aged friend Wm Lee who appears near the conclusion of time – & tho unwell I may acknowledge that I was helped for I was not sleepy in the night & have not felt those disagreeable feelings today which follow




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watching. –


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 October 10, Saturday: It may have been on this day that in a transparent attempt to resolve his pressing financial issues, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) proposed marriage to the heiress Anne Isabella Milbanke (she had the sense to refuse him).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 10 M 1812 / This Afternoon in company with the others of the committee for the purpose visited Sarah Stevens, late Sherman in consequence of her having Married out of the order of society. – Towards night I went to [Portsmouth](#) on buisness Lodged at Z Chases. – After breakfast the next Morning I called at P Lawtons & from Thence went to Meeting which was a good comfortable time to me – no one preached – After Meeting I went to Abraham Anthony's & dined then returnd to Cousin Z Chases & took tea then Walked homeward. found my H & little son in good health. –

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 October 12, Monday: Dr. Peter Goodnow of Bolton established a medical practice in Acton.

Dr. Peter Goodnow was from Bolton, commenced practice in Acton, 12th of October, 1812, left 18th of February, 1827, and is now [1835] a merchant in [Boston](#).¹¹⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 10 M / This forenoon Departed this life in the 84th Year of his Age William Lee, An exemplary man in the various walks of life, and has been a useful member of society especially as one of the Trustees of the Point land. – & the last man living of the former set. –

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119. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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October 13, Tuesday: US military forces began crossing the [Niagara River](#) at Lewiston, New York by occupying the village of Queenstown Heights, Canada and killing the commander of the British forces there, General Isaac Brock. However, the state militiamen were refusing to leave the territory of the United States of America, and so, when the British forces counterattacked, the federal troops who had made the crossing to the Canadian bank, unsupported, out on a limb, found it necessary to surrender. The garrison of [Fort Niagara](#) attempted to divert enemy attention with a bombardment of Fort George on Queenston Heights. Fort George returned the cannon fire and, because of their higher position, were able to drive the American gunners away from their weapons. The American fort, its guns silenced, was then abandoned. Its garrison huddled outside its walls. Realizing that under these conditions the British would be able to simply walk in and occupy the American position, the American officers called for volunteers and reoccupied the fort. (In the lull that would follow this fighting, United States Engineers would attempt to improve the old fortifications by strengthening the exposed river side of the fort with temporary walls. To compensate somewhat for the fact that the batteries of Fort George could fire down on Fort Niagara, the Engineers removed the roofs of the two redoubts and the "French Castle" and remounted their cannon on the upper floors to gain every possible bit of extra elevation.)

On the following day, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would write this in his journal:

3rd & 4th days / Have passed much as usual, & nothing has occur'd worth inserting. -

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October 15, Thursday: The Reverend Ephraim Abbott interviewed a violent psychopath, John Usher, whose hands were being kept tied at all times:

"The more evil he does, the more he seems to rejoice."

(On the same day, this Congregationalist pastor made an attempt to persuade a birthright [Quaker](#) to convert. :-)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 10 M / Wm Lee was this day inter'd in the Upper burying ground in the Meadow field - his remains were first carried to the Meeting house - C R & D B made communications

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October 16, Friday, and 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 & 7 days / Nothing particular to insert

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October 18, Sunday: On the same day that the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) resolved to retreat to Smolensk, Russian forces took a body Allied cavalry near Vinkovo completely by surprise (the French would nevertheless manage to make their escape).

Jacob and Wilhelm, the Brothers Grimm dated the preface to the initial volume of their *KINDER- UND HAUS:MÄRCHEN*.

The *USS Wasp* captured the *HMS Frolic* well off the Virginia coast.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 10 M / Our friend Christopher Hely & Nathan Spencer & his wife of Rensillerville in N York state were at Meeting Christopher is an excellent preacher in a plain simple way - in the Afternoon he called together as many of the inhabitants of the town & people of colour as he could get & a favor'd meeting it was.

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October 19, Monday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Moscow. The Grand Armée of Twenty Nations began its long homeward trudge. In two days of fighting the Allies would be driven back at Polotsk, northwest of Smolensk.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 10 M / Much occupied in settling the Estate of Daniel Holloway which we are in hopes soon to compleate

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October 20, Tuesday: Austin Flint, who would become a pioneer in US heart research, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 10 M / Occupied much as Yesterday.

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October 21, Wednesday: When they learned of the advance of the French into La Mancha, the British and Portuguese raised their siege of Burgos and retreated towards Valladolid.

Samuel Wesley wrote to his mother in Brighton asking for money. Since she has recently come to his aid he requested half of his inheritance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 10 M / Again much occupied about the Estate of D Holloway


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 October 22, Thursday: A 1st child, [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#), was born to [John Thoreau](#) and [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#), who had married one another on the eleventh of May in that year.



**DUNBAR
FAMILY**

**THOREAU
GENEALOGY**



John in later years

Cynthia in later years

We may note that when this child would belatedly be recorded in the Concord town records, she would be recorded as having been born as of the year 1813. (The town's records are not all that accurate or complete, but might this error have been purposefully registered in order to remove any doubt as to Helen's legitimacy as the eldest child of this very new marriage?)

Births

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
THOREAU, John		1754	Concord		
THOREAU, Mary	F	1786	Concord	John	
THOREAU, Sarah		1791	Concord		
THOREAU, Helen L.	F	1813	Concord	John	Cynthia
THOREAU, John	M	1815	Concord	John	Cynthia
THOREAU, Sophia Elizabeth	F	Sept. 27, 1819	Chelmsford	John	Cynthia

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 10 M / Our friend Christo Hely was in town & attended Meeting & the funeral of Sam Wilcox - but being previously engaged I went to Conanicut with our friend D Buffum to attend the funeral of Job Watson where David was largely & very acceptably engaged in declaring the truth to the People. - We dined at John Weedens & got home before sunset. -

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October 23, Friday: US troops at St. Regise, New York killed 8 British soldiers, took 23 prisoners, and captured supplies meant for trade with the Indians.

After the retreating Allies took control of Maloyaroslavets and a bridge over the River Lusha, Russian troops appeared and drove them away.

In France a group of officers headed up by General Claude-François de Malet (who had for four years been being detained at a lunatic asylum), announced that the Emperor [Napoléon](#) had deceased and read to the public a faked proclamation of the French senate authorizing formation of a new government. The conspirators suborned the officers of the 10th Cohort, a body of 1,200 soldiers, and set up their military headquarters in the Hotel de Ville. General Malet occupied the offices of the district general of the Place Vendôme where, confronted by General Pierre-Augustin Hulin, commander of the Paris garrison, he shot him. Recognizing Malet as a recent detainee, Major Laborde then disarmed him, returned him to custody, and ordered the 10th Cohort back into barracks. A total of 84 people would be taken into custody.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 10 M 1812 / Nothing very particular to insert, the day has passed with the usual rounds. -

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October 24, Saturday: After a fierce battle for Maloyaroslavets, during which the town changed hands five times, the Russians were forced to withdraw, although they would continue to fire on the Allies in the town.

Publication of Eight Piano Pieces op.37 by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 24 of 10 M / Our much lov'd friend Obadiah Williams left us this forenoon with his family for Albany intending to settle some where in the state of N York. - my mind was not a little affected at parting with them I loved them much & consider him & his family a loss to this meeting. -
This Afternoon visited Sarah Stevens in company with the others of the committee, her situation is peculiar & has engaged our sympathy & fervant desires for her wellfare in treating with her my mind was uncommonly opened & favor'd to speak in a manner that was peaceful to myself*

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October 25, Sunday: *USS United States* defeated *HMS Macedonian* off the Azores.

When French forces defeated the Spanish at Palencia, effectively they obtained control over Valladolid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 10 M / Our forenoon Meeting was to me a very precious season, a renewal of lif was experienced for which I desire to be thankful. - C R spake a few words -



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In the Afternoon not quiet so much favor'd but a pretty good meeting. -

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October 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 10 M / Our dear little boy has been for several days quite complaining & today has had an eruption on his skin which I think favorable if it does not strike in The Doctor say this eveng that the eruption on Johns skin is the Wild fire & that care must be taken to keep it out -

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October 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 10 M / My spirit is deeply oppressed & depressed & was the same feelings to continue for any length of time I dont know what would be the consequence. - but thro' favor it goes off & I am favor'd with quiet. -

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October 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 10 M / After breakfast this mornng in walking to my Shop I was inform'd of the decease of my wife's Uncle in law Job Almy he was up very early in the mornng & complained of a pain in his stomach but walked out in his Orchard, came in again & soon expired in his chair. the news of his sudden departure very much affected my feelings. - I went out directly to his house in season to assist in laying him out. Oh! the great necessity of ever keeping on the Watch, even unto prayer to God for help for we know not in what day or hour we may be called to render an account of our Deeds

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October 29, Thursday: General Claude-François de Malet and 22 others involved in the failed *coup d'état* against the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) were convicted by a council of war.¹²⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 10th M 1812 / Rode with my dear H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Christopher Healy was there & was very largely concern'd in testimony he is a man of no education & not very largely endowed with human understanding, but is very uncommonly gifted in the Ministry. he is powerful & reaching upon an Audience & appears to attend very closely to divine openings & I said in my heart with Wm Penn who remarked after a very powerful testimony from John

120. It is accepted that a *coup d'état* that fails is by definition a mutiny, and treason. Nobody likes losers!



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Steel appointed for a great Public dispute with some of the Priests of that day – After the Meeting ended Wm Penn remarked to Robt Barclay "This is neither the Wisdom of the North nor the elloquence of the South but the Power of God thro' a Plowman which is Wonderful in our eyes."

Our last meeting was favor'd Christopher having much to communicate. – our buisness was conducted with uninimity & love tho' some exercising things were before us & the meeting was detained late. – We reached Richard Mitchells about sunset & dined. – then rode home & found that our dear little John had done exceedingly well without his mother under the care of Mary Briggs which I consider an encouragement for her to leave him again when duty calls her away which at this time I thought did –

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October 30, Friday: British troops began retreating out of New Castile, which would leave the capital city of Madrid undefended. The British soldiers took out their frustrations on the Spanish populace and there was the usual round of murders, rapes, and looting.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30 of 10M / Job Almy was inter'd this Afternoon. My H went to the funeral which was very large but the Widow Phebe Proud Aged 91 Years being to be buried at the same time & in a plain way in our burying ground, I thought it probable but few people would attend & duty seemed to lead me there, so I omitted the first mentioned funeral & went to the last & was glad I did, & it proved as I supposed it would, but few people were there & they were beset to get suitable bearers. I called a while this eveng at D Williams, & went home & found My Mother & Aunt P Stanton setting with my H. –

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October 31, Saturday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) reached Vyaz'ma, 218 kilometers west of Moscow, and paused to assess his situation.

In France, 13 persons convicted of the failed *coup d'état*, three of them generals of the army, were executed on the plain of Grenelle.



As you can see here, mass executions by volley tend to be messy because not everybody gets aimed at — someone usually need to wait while the guys reload.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 10M 1812 / Aunt Patty Stanton sailed this forenoon about 10 OClock for New York. —

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November 1, Sunday: At high mass in St. Michael's Church in München, Georg Joseph Vogler demonstrated his triorganon for the initial time (he had only recently completed construction of this instrument).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 11 M 1812 / Our forenoon Meeting was large & a season of great poverty of spirit to me. C R had a few words to communicate. In the Afternoon it was larger than Common for an Afternoon Meeting Wm Almy was with us & rose late in the sitting apparently poor & the seed low in his mind & in Meeting but by his keeping close to the openings of truth & folloowing it faithfully in its risings & falling. Truth rose sweetly into dominion & I have no doubt but he was favor'd to minister very suitably to the states of some present & I felt pretty clearly that his communication was blessed to us I sat the eveng at home.

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November 2, Monday: Near Prague, Prince Ferdinand Johann Nepomuk Kinsky, an important patron of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), fell off his horse — he would soon die.

Martin Van Buren was sworn in as a New York State Senator.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 2 of 11M / I have some exercises to pass through which are indeed painful to flesh & blood, & I find no way so safe as to turn the mind inward & pray secretly in the ability afforded for help preservation & forgiveness, which has been my experience this morning. which I desire to render thanksgiving to Him who thus helpeth. —
Went this evening to see Dorcas Easton & Abigail Lee to advise with about their affairs. —*

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November 3: A Republican caucus chose DeWitte Clinton to run for the governorship of New York.

From this date until January 26, 1813, [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s Belles Lettres and his [Shakespeare](#) lectures would be being presented at the Surrey Institution.

Pursuing Russians succeeded in surrounding the Allied rear guard. The rear guard would eventually be saved, but at great cost to the Allies.

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) became a juror:

3rd day 3rd of 11 M / I have the misfortune to be drawn a Juror at the now sitting Court of Common Please & have spent much of this day at the Court house.

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RHODE ISLAND



November 4, Wednesday: Samuel Wesley wrote to his mother once again to notify her that if her son failed to receive £100 immediately, he was going to be clapped in the debtors' prison.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 11 M / Occupied as Yesterday had two cases committed to the Jury & was favor'd to give such a Verdict in each case as feels easy to my mind. —

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RHODE ISLAND



November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 11 M / Got discharged from the court so as to be



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at Meeting late, but was favor'd to get quiet soon considering the confused litigation I had just left - [Paul Cuffe](#) was at meeting & Dined with me after dinner settled a little buisness between us & in the Afternoon went to Court again, tried a case but did feel so well Satisfied as in the former ones tho' I could see no other way to get along with it. -

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November 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 11 M 1812 / Got clear of the Jury this forenoon in consequence of being a relation to one of the Parties concern'd -

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RHODE ISLAND



November 7, Saturday: Allied troops in the north of Spain retreated to Chereya.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 11 M / Again on the Jury but got discharged this eveng -

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RHODE ISLAND



November 9, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote a final letter to [Caroline Lamb](#), which she would later publish in her novel, GLENARVON.

[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) and the Grande Armée reached Smolensk where they proceeded to loot the city. At the same time, Allied reinforcements were attacked by Russians southwest of the city and induced to surrender.

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 11 M / Been buisily engaged in getting in my shop wood &c. -

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November 11, Wednesday: US troops led by Commodore Isaac Chauncey sailed out of Sackets Harbor, New York and attacked the Canadian Provincial Marine Fleet at Kingston, Ontario. Chauncey was, however, forced to withdraw without having driven the British from Lake Ontario.

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 11 M / Buisily occupied at trade & find myself much behind hand in consequence of last weeks service at Court

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November 12, Thursday, 1812 Allied forces began to retreat west from Smolensk..

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 11 M / I have seem'd to be so much occupied in my shop that I was inclined to believe that duty to my family demanded the omission of Meetings, but on the whole I dont know nor hardly believe that I gained any thing by it. - By those who did attend I learnt that C R had a few words to communicate & H Dennis was largely concerned in public testimony - In the eveng I called a little while at D Williams.-

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November 13, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Eywood after his stay with [Lady Oxford](#).

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 11 M / I felt disposed this forenoon to write to Edward Cobb of Portland, In the eveng called & set a while at Aunt Martha Goulds - My H & little son spent the Day at her fathers. -

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November 14, Saturday: The Allies attacked the Russians at Smolyani but were forced to withdraw.

Back again in [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 11 M / This eveng by moonlight walked to [Portsmouth](#) & reached cousin Z Chases in season to set some time very agreeably with them before bed time - In the morng I rode with him to Meeting which was silent & a poor wandering time to me. I rode back with cousin Chase as far as Uncle Peter Lawtons where I stoped & dined transacted the little buisness that called me to [Portsmouth](#) & spent the afternoon very agreeably.- after tea Uncle Peter brought me homeward as far as John Goulds from thence I walked home stopping by the way at Sam'l Thurstons -found my H & little son fine & well -

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November 15, Sunday: John Clarke Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.


At about the midpoint of November the [Shelleys](#) returned from London, without Elizabeth Hitchener, to Tremadoc.



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 November 16, Monday: Russian troops captured Minsk, the main Allied supply point.


Georg Joseph Vogler gave the first public concert on his instrument, the triorganon, in St. Michael's Church, München. This performance was a great success.

General Henry Dearborn began moving 5,000 men from Plattsburgh, New York to Rouses Point for a planned invasion of Canada.

In [Newport](#), Rhode Island, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2&3 days 16th & 17 of 11 M 1812 / These days have passed as usual
except that My H & little son on 3rd day spent the day at my
Mothers*

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 November 17, Tuesday: Allied troops attacked the Russians south of Krasnoye and sent them reeling. Left for dead on the battlefield was 24-year-old Jean-Victor Poncelet. He would recover and in the following spring, in a Russian prison camp, invent projective geometry.

 November 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*4th day 18 of 11 M / Nothing material to insert that occurs to
mind*

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 November 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19 of 11 M / Our meeting was large as usual & I doubt
not but a season of instruction to some minds present - C R was
concern'd in testimony & supplication -- In the last meeting
(Preparative) Osborn Mory requested to be admitted into
membership*

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 November 20, Friday: General Henry Dearborn's New York militia refused to cross over into Canada.

Russian troops crossed from the west bank of the Berezina into Borisov, 73 kilometers northeast of Minsk, and captured it from Polish defenders.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 20 of 11 M / On 2nd day [Monday, November 16th] last
Died Samuel Young Aged 85 Years he was a fisherman & accounted
an honest Man I have been accustomed from boyhood to see him
moving round the Neighborhood & Standing at the Grainary corner
with his fish. he was a short man & wore a wig which rendered
him somewhat remarkable for appearance as wigs of the*



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description he wore are now very uncommon. - Thus one old standard after another is removed & we may in time take their places in the minds of the rising posterity & then be removed ourselves, but to calculate on long life is very precarious for we know not what Day or hour we may be called away, -

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November 21: Alterations to [Fort Niagara](#), New York had been made just in time. The US forces there and the British at Fort George on the far side of the [Niagara River](#) found themselves engaged in an artillery duel. The action produced a heroine: when, at the height of the battle, a cannon mounted on the roof of the French Castle lost one of its crewmen, a soldier's wife, Betsy Doyle, stepped in to help keep the cannon in operation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 11 M / The day has passed with the usual rounds. -

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November 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 11 M / Our meeting this forenoon was large & I believe a solemn season to minds present C R had a few words in testimony on the subject of living faith -
In the Afternoon it was better attended than usual for an Afternoon Meeting D Buffum was concern'd on a remarkable pointed manner to warn us of the possibility of withstanding the day of visitation until it closes upon us, & repeated this Passage with great earnestness & power "Call upon the Lord while he is near & upon our God for he will have mercy & abundantly pardon" saying that it had rung in his ears from hour to hour both in the present & morning sitting
After Meeting I walked into the common burying ground with Christo Almy, then took tea with Aunt Patty Gould & set the remainder of the eveng at home Molly eveng passed it with us with her son John very agreeably on our part*

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November 24, Tuesday: L'occasione fa il ladro, a burletta per musica by Gioachino Rossini to words of Prividali after Scribe, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice. Public reaction was tepid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd & 3rd day 23 & 24 of 11 M 1812 / Nothing uncommon has occur'd these days, but the mind hath been mindful of many things.

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November 25, Wednesday: After pressing Russian forces under Mikhail Kutuzov, Peter Wittgenstein, and Admiral Pavel Chichagov off the west bank of the Berezina River, the Grand Armée of Twenty Nations of [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) began to cross at Studienka. The river was unexpectedly thawed and, since the bridge had been destroyed, difficult to cross. Finally the river was crossed on a reconstructed pontoon bridge. Casualties were very high on both sides.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 11 M / My mind hath been introduced into feelings not a little exquisite in looking at the prospect of things as respects a livelihood if things remain as they are. The Rich will be made poor & the poor, poorer still even to wretchedness. The War obstructs almost every kind of traffic in which a man may be innocently concerned & there is no human prospect of cessation of hostilities between this country & Britain & where we shall land is only known to him who sees & knows all things. - Under these prospects my mind sometimes much depressed, for since the War commenced I have not done business sufficient to maintain myself & family & see no way to extend it. And Oh that my dependence may be on the Lord who is mindful of the smallest amongst men.

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November 27, Friday: Lowell Mason left his home in Medfield, Massachusetts to move to Savannah, Georgia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 11 M / Our Monthly Meeting this day held in town has been a remarkable one for divine favor. Abigail Robinson was first concerned in testimony then Anne Greene in supplication & then in testimony, then D Buffum in testimony then Hannah Dennis & then Abel Collins from So Kingston, then A Robinson concluded with a few pertinent words hoping that we might abide under to present favor. I do not recollect a meeting of more openness in the ministry in this town nor one wherein divine good seemed nearer. - The business in the last was conducted with unanimity & love & I believe all ended well with us. - Isaac Lawton & Darius Lawton Dined with us. -

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November 28, Saturday: Russian forces attacked remnants of the Allied force still east of the Berezina River. Retreating to Studienka, the Allies gave battle but were captured.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7th Days of Week / Have passed pretty much as usual & nothing particular to insert. -


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 November 29, Sunday: The Allies completed their crossing of the Berezina River and blew up their pontoon bridges, leaving behind 15,000 camp followers and refugees most of whom would be massacred by Cossacks. Russian forces attacked Plechenitzi on the Allied route of retreat but in a desperate action were fought off.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 11 M / Our meetings were very small owing to its being a very uncommon hevy rain all Day – I was however glad to observe John Castons zeal in getting out both forenoon, of whom recent convictions & change from a careless & very unconcern'd life to one very devoted & concern'd for his immortal part I may write when I feel more like it. Lewis Clarke & his nephew Sam'l took tea with & cousin Saml spent the eveng – he appears to be of strict Presbyterian he lives in Pomfret in Connecticut Sister Eliza has been with us all Day. –

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 November 30, Monday: Birth of the second child of [John James Audubon](#) and [Lucy Bakewell Audubon](#), [John Woodhouse Audubon](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 11 M 1812 / Cousin Lewis & Sam'l Clarke return'd home this forenoon –

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 December 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) became a juror:


3rd day 1 of 12 M / Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from Micajah Collins which hath been indeed as a pleasant brook by the way. –

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 December 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 12 M / The mind occupied on various subjects of importance This eveng finished & carried to the Post Office a letter to Micajah Collins

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 December 3, Thursday: At Molodesczo, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) issued the 29th Bulletin informing his countrymen that there has been a disaster in Russia and he would need for them to get busy and raise for him a new army of 300,000. –Hey, French people, “when the going gets tough the tough get going”!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 12 M / Our meeting was well attended & a



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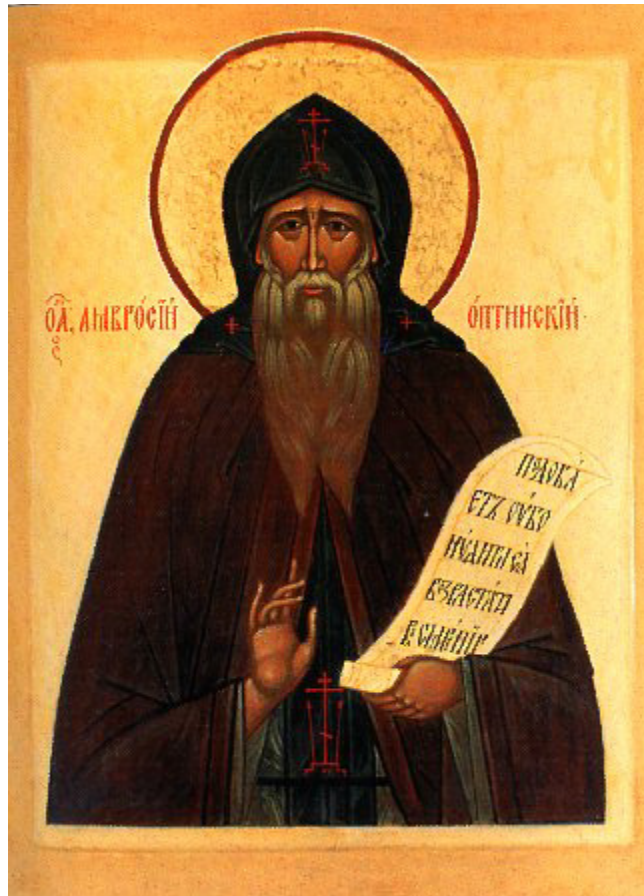
*comfortable season my mind was favor'd with a good degree
fixedness tho' somewhat tried with roving – C Rodman was
concern'd in a few warning sentences to such as rejected the
truth, & A Robinson was larger in testimony to the same effect*

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December 5, Saturday: At Smorgon east of Vilna (Vilnius), [Napoléon](#) informed his generals that he was abandoning the army in retreat and making a separate dash of 12 days toward Paris, where because of the recent attempt at a *coup d'état* he obviously needed to be. He departed that evening.

In the Bolshaya Lipovitsa settlement in Russia, Aleksandr Mikhaylovich Grenkov was born in the family of sexton Mikhail Fyodorovich Grenkov and Marfa Nikolayevna Grenkova as the 6th of 8 children. He would become the venerable Ambrose of Optina Monastery, would be referred to in [Dostoevski](#)'s THE BROTHERS KARAMAZOV as “an earthly angel and a heavenly man,” and would in 1988 be canonized (he can now be referred to as St. Ambrose of Optina).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day & 7th day 4 & 5 of 12 M / 6th day furnished nothing
worthy of remark -7th day I attended the examination of a young*



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man taken up on suspicions of robing David Williams shop the night preceeding. he was an object of pity, but I was far from feeling him guiltless of the charge tho nothing could be proved against him.—

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December 6, Sunday: According to the journal of [Friend Thomas B. Hazard](#) or Hafsard or Hasard of [Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), also known as “Nailer Tom,”¹²¹ “The British Ship Macedonia, a prize to the U.S. Frigate United States got into [Newport](#)” on this day.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 12 M / To me pretty good meetings. C R spake a few words in the mornng & again in the Afternoon H Dennis also was concern'd in testimony H Dennis Dined with us & before meeting brother JR came in & set with us. we soon fell into silence & H addressed him in a remarkable manner – My H went to meeting in the Afternoon – Sister Ruth took care of the child the while, & set the eveng with – brothe Isaac also called

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December 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7 of 12 M / The town has been in much stir & what some call rejoicing at the arrival of a British Frigate called the Masadonian yesterday - which was captured by the United States Frigate

What man possessing real christianity will rejoice at such an occurrence especially under the corroding reflection that there are now on board many wounded some with legs & others with arms shot off with their sores still green & needing the attendance of a Surgeon, & last of all that in the action many were precipitated into an Awful Eternity. What heart possessed with human feelings will not recoil at deeds so horrible? & certainly will not the humble christian drop a tear at the depravity of poor fallen & degenerate man - parents deprived of their children, Children of their Parent &c or on their native to their hospitable board, witness the most lamentable & awful sight of their limbs shot off -OH! who can reflect on these things without exquisite pangs –

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December 9, Wednesday: The exhausted Allied army reached Vilna (Vilnius) and found it was not too exhausted to plunder.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

121. He was called “Nailer Tom” because his trade was the cutting of nails from scrap iron, and in order to distinguish him from a relative known as “College Tom,” from another relative known as “Shepherd Tom,” and from his own son who –because he had fits– was known as “Pistol-Head Tom.”



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3rd & 4th days / On third day nothing to insert. On fourth day
rec'd a letter from D Smith which seem'd refreshing –

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December 13, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reached Dresden on his way back to Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 12 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was well attended
but to me a poor wandering season. After I came out I thought I
felt so poor & destitute that I could hardly realize that I had
been setting in a meeting. –
Hearing the decease of my Aged cousin Elizabeth Anthony
mentioned at the close of the meeting I thought I would walk out
to her late residence & passed a little time with the family, &
I was glad I did as the visit & walk afforded sensations which
produced very precious feelings & I was not a little thankful
to feel my mind quickened with the renewals of life – My dear H
attended both meetings, & in the eveng went down to see my
mothers who is very unwell*

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December 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 14 of 12 M / I feel thankful that my mind is again today
in a solid frame & not so dead & hard as yesterday in the
forenoon*

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December 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 15 of 12 M / This day cousin Elizabeth Anthony was buried
– I should have been glad to have attended the funeral but I
thought I could hardly spare the time. She was first cousin to
my father & a relation he much exteemed. – Aunt Patty Gould told
me a few evengs ago that since her remembrance there were of
them 28 own cousins living & that she was acquainted with 27.
there are now only 7 remaining. –
This evening called to see Edw & Mary Lawton this is the first
time I have called on them since their marriage of which I feel
ashamed, as they have been intimate friends & relations.*

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December 16, Wednesday: A cantata for “La Goguette” by Luigi Cherubini was performed in Paris at a meeting of that singing society.



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December 17, Thursday: The 29th Bulletin of December 3d of the Emperor [Napoléon](#) was published at Paris.

The Piano Concerto no.2 J.155 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Gotha, with the composer himself at the keyboard. Weber would report that everything “went excellently.”

Upon orders from General William Henry Harrison, Lieutenant Colonel John B. Campbell took a detachment of 600 mounted troops on a sweep down the Mississinewa River valley, to destroy all the villages of native Americans there all the way from what is present-day (relocated) Somerset to what is now the city of Peru (“PEE-roo”) on the Wabash River. This of course was genocide, but it was all right because neither the word nor the concept had yet been invented — and of course it would be mere presentism to condemn the past on the basis of present-day enlightened attitudes. Anyway, on this day the armed white men arrived at a Miami village and destroyed it at the cost of two dead troopers and eight dead native Americans. Then the troopers proceeded downriver for a couple of miles, destroying a couple of other villages, before they returned to site of their initial triumph in order to bivouac for the night.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17th of 12 M / Last night D Rodman & myself watched with John Cooke; he died this mornng at exactly 5 OClock
In consequence my last nights Watching I feel very miserable today with a pain in my side & drowsiness, & have not felt able to attend meeting. I understood however that it was a quiet season & C Rodman & H Dennis had short testimonys to deliver.*

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December 20, Sunday: Intending to undertake another concert tour, Carl Maria von Weber left Gotha.

At Fort Manuel in what is now South Dakota, Sacagawea died. William Clark, in St. Louis, assumed custody of Jean Baptiste and her infant daughter, Lisette. (Legends would arise later, that it was Charbonneau's other wife who had died, and that Sacagawea herself lived until the late 1800s and died on the Shoshone reservation in Wyoming — but these legends are without corroboration.)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 12 M 1812 / On sixth & seventh days I was much unwell on Sixth day my side was so painful that I was obliged to leave my shop & Doctor pretty sharply thro' the Day - I am today much better but feel the effects of it - Attended Meetings - father Rodman had service in the morn'g - in the Afternoon silent & after Meeting brother D Rodman & I went to visit the work & Alms houses & in the eveng went a little while to D Williams -

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December 24, Thursday: Anhalt-Bernburg-Schaumburg-Hoym, having been separated from Anhalt-Bernburg in 1707, was rejoined to the Duchy.

[Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) arrived in Cádiz to accept command of the Spanish armies from the cortes.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 12 M / Second third & fourth days passed with the usual rounds -

Our Meeting today was rather small & silent & to me a dull season tho' I think there was not that hardness which I sometimes feel - In the last (Preparative) A certificate was requested for O Williams & family -

This Afternoon in company with the others of the committee visited Sarah Stevens again & it proved a season of favor tho' way does not open in her mind to make acknowledgement or request a longer continuance of the subject under the care of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - When I first went my mind was under great leanness & Poverty for sometime but by keeping down & attending to the little & keeping close to the little life afforded, I found it to increase & I became sweetly tendered & had much more to offer than had any expectation of, & I believe the opportunity will not soon be forgotten - as we left her much tenderer in spirit

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December 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 12 M / Mine heart hath been sweetly tendered at seasons this the Day for which I desire to be thankful, at such seasons I am rejoiced even if my feelings are but very low, Yet if I am but favor'd with feeling I consider it a blessing & an evidence that Good has not left me. -

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December 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 27 of 12 M / My Meetings today were attended with but little life in the Afternoon C Rodman had a few words to communicate which I believe were in the life. After meeting in the Afternoon I went with Brother D Rodman to Jon a Dennis & spent the eveng very agreeably

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December 30, Wednesday: Russian troops surrounded Prussian forces who were among the allies evacuating Riga. The Prussians, in the “Convention of Tauroggen,” declared themselves neutral. Even though the act was unknown to King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia, it signaled a change of heart among Germans.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) petitioned the estate of Prince Kinsky that he be paid his stipend at the revalued rate to which the Prince had agreed (before being thrown by his horse and dying).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 12 M / With this Day I finish my 31 Year of my life. I feel most sensibly feel that time with me is passing away very swiftly & that I Shall soon come to a conclusion & Oh that I may be prepared

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December 31, Thursday: In München, Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) played the piano at a concert to benefit wounded Bavarian soldiers. His performance so overwhelmed everyone that when he entered the room at the dinner that followed, the guests burst into applause.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 12 M 1812 / Sister ELiza & Mary Briggs being willing to keep house for us & take care of our little son I went with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was to me a good time Hannah Dennis was concerned in a lively & well Authorized testimony Also Sarah Fish – In the last Meeting buisness was conducted in good harmony, tho’ some things of an exercising nature was before us – Sarah Stevens was disowned – & it was agreed to cut the Wood from the lot on which [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House stands which is supposed will sell for money sufficient to pay the present Debt of the Meeting We dined at Peter Lawtons & rode home before Dark & learn’d our little boy had done well without his Mother. –

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January 1, Friday: Russian troops crossed the Nieman in pursuit of the French.

Carl Maria von Weber's cantata *In seiner Ordnung schafft der Herr* for solo voices, chorus and orchestra to words of Rochlitz was performed for the initial time, in Leipzig.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 1st M 1813 / This Mornng rec'd a letter from Betsy Purinton & another from L L Clarke - My H spent the Day with our little boy at Aunt A Carpenters & this eveng I met with the Directors of the A Benevolent Society at C J Tennys —¹²²

RHODE ISLAND



The New Year never comes in but that I notice another Year of my life has rolled away & reflect that they will all rapidly fly away even should they be extended to the age of Man allotted by scripture, but the time no Man knows, therefore how great indeed is the necessity of a preparation for the solemn change. —

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January 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 1st M / My dear Mother has been unwell for some weeks - I went in to see her at Noon & found her spirits much sinken & quite alarm'd about her situation I persuaded her to have the advice of a Physician but Doctr Easton being confined

122. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1815: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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& she not being inclined to have any but him - I went to his house & stated her case to him as well as I could & received his advice & communicated it to her as well as I could & hope she will follow it - but if she does not get better soon I fear the case will work hard. -

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January 3, Sunday: Allied troops retreating from Riga reached the comparative safety of Königsberg (Kaliningrad).

Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) departed München for Stuttgart to produce Wirth und Gast.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 1 M / From the medicine which Mother has taken she is more relieved this eveng - In the forenoon Meeting H Dennis D Buffum & father Rodman bore testimony to the necessity of doing our Days work in the Day time - In the Afternoon father R had a few words to communicate - My mind was much tried with insensibility but the Keeping close to the little; believe I was favor'd to experience a little quickening. -

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January 4, Monday: The emperor [Napoléon I](#) ordered King José of Spain (his brother) to evacuate Madrid and move north to Valladolid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 1sr M / This has been a day of such great depression of spirits that I have been allmost good for nothing. -

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January 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 1sr M 1813 / This mornng my mind was refreshed with the arisings of life & I was in hopes a better meeting than I had tho I believe it was not the worst of times. - C R had a few words to communicate. - This eveng call'd to see Benj Reynolds who is very low I believe in a [consumption](#) tho' he may get about again, he sent for me from a regard he appears to have for me & I wish I had have found his mind more abstracted from the world. -

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January 10, Sunday: [William Jones](#) died at Norridgewock in Maine at the age of 40. His remains would eventually be relocated to [Concord](#).



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WILLIAM JONES [of [Concord](#)], only son of Samuel Jones, was born September 15, 1772, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1793. He read law with Jonathan Fay, Esq., and commenced practice in this town, but removed to Norridgewock, Maine, about 1801. He was appointed, June 29, 1809, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Somerset, and on the 23d of April, 1812, clerk of all the courts in that county, and June 22, 1809, judge of Probate. While resident in [Concord](#) he delivered an oration on the 4th of July, 1795, which was published. May 12th of that year he was appointed Captain of a company of cavalry, and April 17, 1799, Major in the 15th regiment of the United States' army stationed at Oxford. On the 27th of March, 1806, after his removal to Maine, he received a commission of Lieutenant-Colonel, and February 21, 1810, of Brigadier-General, in the militia of that state. He died at Norridgewock on January 10, 1813, aged 40. His remains were removed, and interred in Concord.¹²³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 1st M / Our Mornng Meeting was silent - In the Afternoon I started at home to take care of our little boy while my H went to Meeting & consider'd it my duty so to do - This eveng visited Benj Reynolds again & thought him better -

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January 12, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Prague from Leipzig to find that he was being offered the post of Director of the Opera. He would eventually sign a 3-year contract with unlimited powers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd 12 of 1 M / Oh! that I had money, how would my heart bound within me at relieving distress - My mind was much affected a few minutes ago by a young Woman who came into the shop & offered me a Watch for sale with this information that she had two children the youngest nine Months & very sick with a sore mouth, she had no wood nor money & her husband a Lieutenant in the Army & absent for many Months & uncertain when she shall hear from him. but Alass times are so streightened that it was our of my power to do any thing for her. - My heart is much larger than my purse it was willing, nay further than that it was pained at not being able take her Watch & give her the Money. -

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January 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

123. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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*5th day 14th of 1st M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended
Silence prevailed among us - to me it was a more than common
quiet & favor'd season some jostlings of the enemy but his power
was not great. - This eveng the Overseers of the poor met at our
house (Male & female) to consult several cases which require our
attention*

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January 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 1st M / Our Mornng Meeting was pretty well attended
C R had a few words to communicate. - In the Afternoon Amos
Peasly & his companion were at Meeting & a very favor'd season
it was, Benj Fry the companion first spoke & rose a second time.
H Dennis & Father Rodman said a few Words, then Amos in a long
& excellent testimony, his companion rose again, then Amos
addressed the those that were under affliction & concluded the
Meeting in Solemn supplication. Making in all eight different
public appearances in the Meeting. Divine good seemed near & I
believe many Minds were Made to rejoice to find the fountain so
sweetly opened. the Meeting was not as large as could be wished
- My dear H was at Meeting -our kind neighbour Mary Briggs took
care of our little son while she went -
This eveng we rote to Uncle & Aunt Stanton -*

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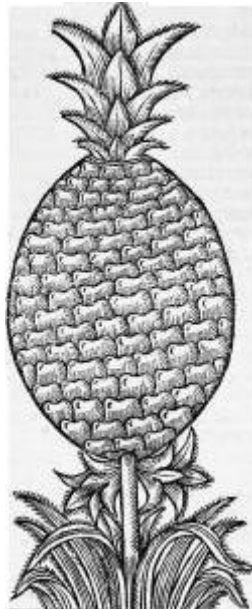
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January 21, Thursday: [John Charles Frémont](#) was born in Savannah. Georgia.

In the diary of Francisco de Paula y Marin, counselor to King Kamehameha II, we find an entry mentioning the planting of pineapples (from the Caribbean) and oranges (from the Old World) in the island chain to which we now refer as the Hawaiian Islands.



Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was named to the committee tasked to rebuild the local Friends' meetinghouse.

Completing a trip of 55 days, Lowell Mason arrived in Savannah, Georgia from his home in Medfield, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21st of 1st M 1813 / It is just one Year this day since
My dear Father departed this life - - The day I well remember &
the sensations felt at the time has been renewed at this time.
I feel his loss & expect I shall for years to come & perhaps to
the end of my life. -*

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January 23, Saturday: Drury Lane reopened, with a successful performance of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s REMORSE (previously called "Osorio").

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 23rd of 1st M 1813 / This Afternoon Rode to [Portsmouth](#)
on Thos Potters horse & clean'd his Clock which I finished in
the evening & went from thence to Abraham Anthonys & staid all
night -1st day [Sunday] Mornng Rose & found a severe snow storm
however after eating breakfast with Abraham & his very agreeable*



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family, I encountered the storm & went across to Cousin Zacheus Chases found the dear old Man recovering from a severe attack upon the lungs which I think has destroyed his future activity he seemed very tender & sweet in his Mind - The day proving very stormy I could neither go to Meeting nor come home in the Afternoon I consequently lodged there & 2nd day [Monday] Mornng rose early & got as far as Cardir Hazards farm in Middletown when the gun fired for day break & to Saml Thurstons when the Bell rung for sun rise, & home in good season to open shop - found My H & little son had been well in my absence but had a bad pain in her side this Morning

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January 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12th M 1813 / Our meeting today was as well attended as our Moy [Monthly] Meetings usually are at this season of the year. There were many there whose faces I was glad to see, both among the Aged & Youth, & particularly our frd Richard Mitchell who Yesterday had a very narrow escape of his life, when on the Parade in a sleigh his horse took fright at a passing Drum & ran away, brought up against the Brick Market full but with his head & in his falling fell on Richd who was much hurt but was immediately bled & was comfortable today - the horse died in a few hours after, & Jacob Richardson & Benj Pearce narrowly escaped being crushed to Death by the horse & sleigh. - Our Meeting was a good one to me. -C R & H D had short testimonies in the first & in the last our buisness went on as well as could be expected. Osborn Mory was rec'd into Membership. - Philip Anthony Dined with us & I have very much to regret that My Dear H could not attend Meeting being unable to get any body that the child was acquainted with to stay with him in her absence.

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January 29, Friday: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE by Jane Austen was published anonymously (the 1st version had been finished in 1797).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29 of 1st M / Sister mary Rodman fell this forenoon on the Ice & hurt her back exceedingly. - 7th day she is Better this Morning. -

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January 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 1st M / In the Mornng Meeting C R had a few words to communicate which were comfortable. - In the Afternoon we were Silent. - Brother D R & I went oour to Saml Thurstons &



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took tea & set part of the eveng very agreeably –

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February 4: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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5th day 4th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was small but I thought favor'd to me however it was a season of life tho' towards the last of it was somewhat tried with roving. C R had a few words to communicate which felt savory. Many friends were absent at [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting whom I have often thought of & should have been glad to have been with, but such are my circumstances & situation that I cannot do as my inclination leads

6th day 5th of 2nd M 1813 / My Mind has this Mornng been brought into sweet feeling for which I desire to be thankful
Br D Rodman has returned from Quarterly Meeting & called to see us this eveng & gave a very interesting acct of it, he said our beloved friend Micajah Collins was there & had good service also dear old John Casey. & several others – That Rowland Greene returned his certificate & gave a short but full & very affecting account of his journey into Ohio & parts thereaay. David said it was a favor'd season, & I have no doubt it was & that it will be blessed to many – he said many of our friends made affectionate inquirey me & my dear H which was very acceptable & cordial to our feelings.

7th day 6 of 2 M / I heard this Mornng that our late friend & faithful labour Elizabeth Mott departed this life at her late residence in [Portsmouth](#) Aged 84 Years & some months her Ministry I well remember when I was a child & the solidity of her deportment. She was a near relation to my father & was frequently to see him & Aunt Patty Gould which gave me frequent Opportunities of being in her company
I may acknowledge this eveng that it has been a precious Day to me my mind has enjoyed a Sweet tenderness, for which I desire to be thankful



February 7, Sunday: Russian forces occupied Warsaw.

A column of whites set out to destroy Alachua Seminole towns.

FLORIDA





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"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

— Declaration of Independence



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 2 M / Rode this mornng to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of my Aged cousin & friend Elizabeth Mott. I went with Walter Cornell & got to the house in good season & proceeded to the Meeting house with the funeral where gathered a large concourse of people for the season of the Year & a meeting of great favor it was. Hannah Dennis first spoke then Abigail Robinson, then David Buffum, & then H Dennis again - all their testimonies were solemn & weighty & I have no doubt but that many were impressed with the solemnity of the occasion & the truths of the doctined declared. - My Aged cousin Zacheus Chase has gotten so smart & comfortable that he was our to meeting today the first time in three Ms.
I dined at Benj Motts which is the first time I was ever at his house.

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February 9, Tuesday: King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia ended all deferments from military service.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day of 2nd M / I have this Afternoon Visited the sick -Vizt My cousin Wm Borden & Joseph Tillinghast - Cousin Wllm has been long time confined but is getting Better slowly poor Joseph is just taken down with the Pirisnumony [?] & is in great distress - My heart deeply affected at the sight & I hope to improve by it

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February 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10 of 2 M / Notwithstanding my many trials I have to acknowledge & be thankful for a tender heart. I have been this day much tendered in spirit & I trust enjoyed a measure of the



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divine presence. –

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February 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was rather small, but I thought in good measure favor'd C R had a few words to say -- Satan is continually buffeting me a circumstance took place this orng which I afterward regretted, wherein I manifested more temper than was becoming or warrantable. –

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February 14, Sunday: John Leighton Tuttle resigned and was replaced as postmaster of [Concord](#) by [John Keyes](#).

Alyeksandr Sergeyevich Dargomizhsky was born in Troitskoye, Tula District, south of Moscow, son of a wealthy landowner who was the illegitimate son of a nobleman, and Princess Kozlovskaya, a poet.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 2nd M 1813 / I watch'd last night with Joseph Tillinghast who is very low & at times much lost in his Mind but at intervals quite rational & conversed on subject of a serious nature very properly He spake to me of the beauty of Brethren dwelling together in love & observed it was very precious – he said he had been much exercised for some Months past & had labor'd to have his mind settled on good things, & that from time to time in his life he had been much edified in reading friends writing & considered them very benefical to young people – he several times appear'd in prayer & thanksgiving for the Many favors vouchsafed. – & I was glad I passed the night with him –
I was so unwell in consequence of Watching that I did not attend Meetings today – & my dear H went all day –*

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February 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 2nd M / Called this eveng to see Jos Tillinghast found him very low & much distressed – but frequently calling on his Maker in a solemn manner & affecting to those Present. – he often desired to be released from his great distress of body but prayed for patience to the end. –

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February 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 2nd M / My H & little son spent the Afternoon at



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My Mothers. – In the eveng visited Jos Tillinghast again & found him no better –

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February 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 2nd M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended but I believe a low time to most present as respected life. Jos Chalinor was present had a short but acceptable testimony C R also said a few Words. – In the preparative meeting David Rodman & I were proposed as overseers of the Poor for this ensuing Year & Anthony Shove was reported by Overseers as having married out of the order of society.

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February 21, Sunday: La rosa bianca e la rosa rossa, a melodramma eroico by Simon Mayr to words of Romani after de Pixérécourt, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Agostino, Genoa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 2 M / Our Meetings were pretty well attended In the forenoon LYdia Almy & father Rodman had a few words to communicate – In the Afternoon father was again engaged to communicate a little – Meetings were poor a lean seasons to me – J Dennis & Wife dined with us. – After Meeting in the Afternoon Br D R & I visited the Work & Alms House. – My H went to meeting in the Afternoon while Sister Ruth took care of the little Boy —

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
 February 25, Thursday: A 2nd Issue of US Treasury Notes was authorized by our national congress:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 2nd M / The Day being fair & pleasant & Sister Eliza & Mary Briggs being willing to take care of our little boy -I went with My H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was a low time in some respects was a season of some instruction to my mind - We had much buisness but it went on to pretty good satisfaction considering some of it was a very affecting nature. -In the first meeting Father R had a few words to communicate
We dined at R Mitchells & then rode home & found our son well.

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 February 28, Sunday: By the Treaty of Kalisch, Russia and Prussia allied themselves against France and the Rhenish Confederation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 2M 1813 / Last night I was on the volunteer town Watch & was not in condition to attend Meeting in the forenoon. In the Afternoon I went which was silent & a dull sleepy time



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March 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 2nd of 3rd M / My spirits are allmost below nothing today
- from a complication of difficulties which I have been brooding
over I feel as if I was of no Service in this world. -*

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March 4, Thursday: President [James Madison](#)'s 2d Inaugural Address.

French forces evacuated Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4 of 3rd M / Our meeting was a remarkable opportunity
soon after I sat down my mind became sweetly cloathed with that
which was precious in which I sat most of the Meeting & desire
to be thankful. - about the Middle of the Meeting John Easton
who has for sometime attended our Meetings under much exercise
of Mind stood up & deliver'd something by way of a Prayer &
preaching together which seem'd very inthusiastic & to
appearance his mind was a little deranged. however I have no
doubt he had many sympathisers in the Meeting. -D Buffum was
engaged in the most lively & appropriate testimony I ever heard
which was in substance as follows*

*"Thy will Oh! Lord be done" was perhaps the highest Anthem every
sung by men or Angels. - We may suppose that we have made
considerable progress in the work of Religion & think ourselves
resigned to the divine Will, yet when there are sacrifices
required or we called upon to give up to some things which are
very near to us there is a holding back - I have remembered these
expressions "Say unto my people go forward which might be no
very hard thing as the land of Canaan was in view before them,
but I have also remember'd a very different case a trying
situation in which they were placed, when the enemy was behind
& the red sea before them, there were brought to a stand & the
command was "Stand still Stand Still & see the Salvation of God.
- having dropped these few hints as they impressed my mind, I
feel willing to leave them, desiring as I believe it attainable
that we may labor for that state wherein we may **experimentally**
say thy will be done O Lord in all things"*

*This is but a very impefect sketch of what was said but it being
so remarkably sweet & lively I withall toucing poor exercised
Johns case, that I thought best to insert it according to my
recollection: - C R then spake a few words to the moimt & Meeting
concluded. --*

After Dinner I visited Dorcas Easton who is very in of the



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 March 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 5 of 3 M 1813 / Last eveng rec'd a very acceptable Letter
from J D Ladd Dated Montpelier Virginia 2M 20 1813*


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 March 7, Sunday: The Russian army began crossing the Elbe River and moving slowly toward the west.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7 of 3 M / In our forenoon Meeting father C R had a few
words & then Hannah Dennis was pretty large in the Ministry –In
the Afternoon C R was again concerned in few Words –
In the eveng I called a little while to see Dorcas Easton & my
H went to see Sister Joanna & Sister Sarah –*

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 March 10, Wednesday: In Linz while on his way from Bavaria to Vienna, Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) unexpectedly encountered Georg Joseph Vogler, and his old teacher informed him that he had been appointed as Court and Chamber Music composer by Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse-Darmstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*4th day 10 of 3 M / Last night I Watched with Joseph Tillinghast
he is very weak & low & it is wonderful that he lives as long
as he has*

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 March 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 11 of 3 M / Our Meeting was a better time to me than
some - - We had a few words from C R – John Weaver Dined with
us -After Dinner in company with him & J Mitchell Visited,
Anthony J Shove on acct of his having Married out of the order
of Society. Our visit was hopeful & satisfactory & I was enabled
to say more than I expected considering my poverty & leaness
when I went.*

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 March 14, Sunday: The US Congress obtained a \$11,000,000 war loan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 14th of 3 M / This forenoon Meeting D Buffum was concern'd in a very briefly & powerful testimony. – In the Afternoon C R was also concerned. – Joseph Tillinghast Died this Mornng about 10 Minutes before 7 OClock. –

3rd day 16 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of Doctor Easton he was carried to his farm near the Beach & inter'd in the family burying ground the last internment in that ground was the Doctors sister which funeral I attended with my Dear Father he was constantly in my mind while I was there today which added not a little to the solemnity of my feelings. –

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March 17, Wednesday: King José I of Spain (Joseph Bonaparte) departed from Madrid for the final time.

Samuel Wesley's Organ Concerto in B^b was performed for the initial time, in London, with the composer himself at the keyboard.

With the death of [Winthrop Faulkner](#) at the age of 39 in South Acton, the fulling mill at "Mill Corner" in South Acton was leased out until, in 1826, his son [Winthrop Emerson Faulkner](#) would come of age and be able to assume control.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of Joseph Tillinghast which was attended with a good degree of solemnity & as large as could be expected considering the weather. –

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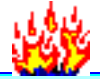
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March 18, Thursday: Russian troops occupied Hamburg — the independence of that city was restored.

David Melville of [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#) patented an apparatus for making [coal-gas](#).



FIRE

LIGHTING THE NIGHT



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 18 of 3 M / Our Meeting Was small RR said a few Words
in the last - three certificates were asked for Vizt Joseph
Sisson his son Joseph & Solomon B Bess is to proceed in marriage
engagements*

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March 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 3 M 1813 / In the forenoon Meeting Hannah Dennis
appear'd in Supplication & Abigail Robinson & C Rodman in
testimony
In the Afternoon Silent Meeting, after which visited the Work &
Alms houses & in the eveng made several call with my H*

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March 25, Thursday: At Kalisch, the Russian General Kutuzov, in the names of Tsar Alyeksandr and King Friedrich Wilhelm, called on all [Germans](#) to rise against the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 3rd M / In our first meeting father Rodman & Sarah



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Fish were concerned in testimony. – In the last (Monthly) we had much buisness some of which was an afflicting nature, Vizt two were disowned for incontinency & some other things, did not get along as could be wished, nothing, however but Uninimity prevailed among us which so far was comfortable – James Tucker of Dartmouth & Sarah Fish published their intentions of Marriage with each other. -- My dear Cousin Zacheus Chase was at Meeting of which I was very glad. –

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March 27, Saturday: Nathaniel Currier, lithographer of Currier & Ives, was born.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Vienna to search for musicians and music for the Prague opera.

The Prussian ambassador in Paris delivered the declaration of war on France.

A combined Russian-Prussian force occupied Dresden after it was evacuated by the French and the King of Saxony.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 3rd M / This Afternoon I crossed the ferrys to Narragansett & reached cousin Peleg Gardiners in season to take tea with them, after which took cousin Lewis's horse & rode to cousin John Hazards where my buisness Lay - In riding up there mine ear was very pleasantly saluted with the singing of the Birds which occasioned a pleasing sensation of mind, before I reached his house I Saw two great fires one to the Westward & the other east on Boston Neck the one to the west was the largest I ever saw & had a very terrific appearance. It was on my cousin Hazards land, bushes &c which he was burning –

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March 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day morning after sleeping well, I arose found it a sever rains storm which continued all Day & eveng with great violence so that none of us could go to meeting the day however was spent very pleasantly & I trust instructively as both cousin John & his Wife & Nathan were very interesting in conversation & I did what I could to render myself agreeable. –

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March 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morng - Arose early, took breakfast with cousin Hazard then rode to the ferry found no boat there & went up to cousin



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Gardiners sat a little while with them & returned again to the ferry accompanying 'd by cousin Lewis crossed both ferrys comfortably & reached home by 12 OClock finding My dear Wife & little son in good health, & my buisness & concerns as I left them. -

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April 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 4 M 1813 / Our Meeting was well attended C R had a few words to deliver - It was the dulllest of season with me, tho' life in no great dominion.

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April 4, Sunday: The British placed a 90-day embargo on all vessels in US harbors.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 4 M 1813 / Meeting this Morng was well attended & C R spake a few words. A season of leanness to me - In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of the little boy while my H went to Meeting Towards night took a pleasant walk down town with Br D R & went into the old house which belonged to my father & tho' it is greatly in ruins I could retrace the places which I so much loved to be in when I was a boy & lived with my Dear Aunt Paty Gould. The rooms below & chambers above all look very natural & recall to my mind many juvinile scenes, when innocency sat an my brow, & if at any time a wrong thing was done conscience awakening concience, would step in to my little mind & not leave it untill all was attoned for. -

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April 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 4 M / Our Meeting was well attended & C R had a few words to communicate - It seem'd like a season of favour of which my mind partook in a comfortable degree. -

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April 9, Friday: [Moll Pitcher](#), a resident of Lynn, Massachusetts, died. Her name would enter local language as the generic reference to necromancy in the 19th Century, as shown in this extract about a masquerade party at Brook Farm from THE BLITHEDALE ROMANCE (emphasis added):¹²⁴

Among them was an Indian chief, with blanket, feathers and war-paint, and uplifted tomahawk; and near him, looking fit to be his woodland-bride, the goddess Diana, with the crescent on her head, and attended by our big, lazy dog, in lack of any fleeter hound. Drawing an arrow from her quiver, she let it fly, at a venture, and hit the very tree behind which I happened to be lurking. Another group consisted of a Bavarian broom-girl, a negro of the Jim Crow order, one or two foresters of the middle-ages, a Kentucky woodsman in his trimmed hunting-shirt and deerskin leggings, and a Shaker elder, quaint, demure, broad-brimmed, and square-skirted. Shepherds of Arcadia, and allegoric figures from the Faerie Queen, were oddly mixed up with these. Arm in arm, or [page 815] otherwise huddled together, in strange discrepancy, stood grim Puritans, gay Cavaliers, and Revolutionary officers, with three-cornered cocked-hats, and queues longer than their swords. A bright-complexioned, dark-haired, vivacious little gipsy, with a red shawl over her head, went from one group to another, telling fortunes by palmistry; **and Moll Pitcher, the renowned old witch of Lynn, broomstick in hand, showed herself prominently in the midst, as if announcing all these apparitions to be the offspring of her necromantic art.** But Silas Foster, who leaned against a tree near by, in his customary blue frock, and smoking a short pipe, did more to disenchant the scene, with his look of shrewd, acrid, Yankee observation, than twenty witches and necromancers could have done, in the way of rendering it weird and fantastic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 4 M / Went on buisness to Connanicut with Saml Thurston & after we have completed it, we called and made a comfortable little visit to cousin Joseph Greene & found them all pretty WELL -

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124. Note that in 1825 William Blake had illustrated the allegoric figures from Edmund Spenser's THE FAERIE QUEEN.



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April 12, Sunday: Caspar Carl Beethoven, seriously ill with [tuberculosis](#), signed a document appointing his brother [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) guardian over his son Karl in the event of his death.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 4th M 1813 / Our Meeting the forenoon was well attended C R had a short communication & D B a lengthy one & very lively. In the Afternoon it was again well attended & silent -This eveng I visited Thos Robinson & went into the chamber to see his Wife who is sick & sat a little while with her very agreeably. Abigail read an interesting letter from her Sister Morton to me from David Sands -

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April 15, Thursday: In West Florida, which was Spanish territory, on authority given by the US Congress, General Wilkinson with 600 soldiers seized Mobile Bay. The small Spanish garrison elected not to put up a fight. After this the US would advance, toward the east into disputed territory to the Perdido River, as projected in 1810.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 4 M / Our Meeting was well attended and comfortable Hannah Dennis & father Rodman appear'd in testimony quite lively & savory. - In the Afternoon attended the funeral of cousin Wm Borden he was the only male first cousin living in [Newport](#) which my Mother had he was 66 Years of Age & buried in friends burying ground

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April 16, Friday: The 1st mass-production factory started up in the manufacture of that greatly needed object, the pistol. (Every year we find a new way to kill you — and yet some folks will claim there to be no such thing as progress!)

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Paris on his way to rejoin his army, or what was left of it, at Erfurt.

A letter from little [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#), when he was about ten years old, to his aunt [Mary Moody Emerson](#), provided an account of one of his days:—

Boston, April 16, 1813.

Dear Aunt,—I am much obliged to you for your kind letter. I mean now to give you an account of what I do commonly in one day, if that is what you meant by giving an account of one single day



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in my life. Friday, 9th, I choose for the day of telling what I did. In the Morning I rose, as I commonly do, about 5 minutes before 6. I then help Wm. in making the fire, after which I set the table for Prayers. I then call mamma about quarter after 6. We spell as we did before you went away. I confess I often feel an angry passion start in one corner of my heart when one of my Brothers gets above me, which I think sometimes they do by unfair means, after which we eat our breakfast; then I have from about quarter after 7 till 8 to play or read. I think I am rather inclined to the former. I then go to school, where I hope I can say I study more than I did a little while ago. I am in another book called Virgil, and our class are even with another which came to the Latin School one year before us. After attending this school I go to Mr. Webb's private school, where I write and cipher. I go to this place at eleven and stay till one o'clock. After this, when I come home I eat my dinner, and at two o'clock I resume my studies at the Latin School, where I do the same except in studying grammar. After I come home I do mamma her little errands, if she has any; then I bring in my wood to supply the breakfast room. I then have some time to play and eat my supper. After that we say our hymns or chapters, and then take our turns in reading Rollin, as we did before you went. We retire to bed at different times. I go at a little after eight, and retire to my private devotions, and then close my eyes in sleep, and there ends the toils of the day.... I have sent a letter to you in a Packet bound for Portland, which I suppose you have not received, as you made no mention of it in your letter to mamma. Give my love to Aunt Haskin and Aunt Ripley, with Robert and Charles and all my cousins, and I hope you will send me an answer to this the first opportunity, and believe me, I remain your most dutiful Nephew,

R. Waldo Emerson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 4 M / The times on which we have fallen are indeed distressing and alarming. I see & feel it every Day - but what has excited my feeling particularly at this time is this Afternoon a sharp & successive firing was heard from Fort Wolcot & the first time 3 Guns fired in succession which is a signal of Alarm at the approach of the English which affrighted many people & for the first time since the war startled me a little, it all however proved to be nothing more than that they were exercising their men & Guns - I think however such firing is injudicious & a few Afternoons ago when a British ship chased a vessel within the Reef she fired sharply & affrighted a poor Young Woman the Wife of — Marvel who was near her lying in so the she went into fits & labor pains & died in a few hours. Oh the hevy Guilt that will lay on the heads of those who are the Authrs of this most wicked War. —

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April 18, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 4th M 1813 / I staid from Meeting this mornng for my H to go & took care of the little boy the while. In the Afternoon I attended Father Rodman appear'd in Supplication & a short testimony. After meeting D Rodman & I went out to Saml Thurstons took tea & spent the evening very agreeably & may I not add proffitably for the precious Life was near both at Meeting this Afternoon & in setting with my friends this evening
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April 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 4th M / Our Meeting was well attended C R & H D appear'd in testimony — All the queries were Answered in the Preparative Meeting & no other buisness appeared

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April 25, Sunday: When the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) rejoined his army, or what was left of it, at Erfurt, can you imagine how glad these guys were to see him again?

The Bavarian government announced its neutrality.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 4 M / Yesterday & today I have been quite unwell with a pain seated in my shoulders thro' to my stomach which has prevented my going to meeting today.

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April 28, Wednesday: Prince Mikhail Illarionovich Kutuzov, commander of the Russian armies in Europe, died of natural causes in Bünzlau (Boleslawiec, Poland).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 28 of 4 M / About 9 OClock this morning the town was in general Alarm in consequence of an English Frigates approaching the harbours Mouth & finaly has run in between Conanicut & Boston Neck The Military company are now in Motion some going one way & some another. & what will be the Issue I know not perhaps before night we shall see & know more about it. — I can not say but that I have felt some purturbation of mind but have indeavor'd to labor for quiet & have been favor'd in good measure with it. —
It now appears that the Frigate above mentioned chased the ship in not far from the South ferry, which appears was the Ship*



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Whampoa of N York from France who -- she found it impossible to avoid a broadside from the Frigate ran on shore, the Frigate came to Anchor & sent Arm'd boats, which took & set fire to the Whampoa but by exertions of the People on shore was extinguished & much of the cargo will be saved. - great Alarm was excited in many Minds in consequence of this circumstance but no lives lost that we yet learn. -

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April 29, Thursday: Jacob Frederick Hummel of Philadelphia received a patent for a "varnish of elastic gum to render water-proof" shoes and other things (this was the initial US patent for a rubber product).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 4 M / Went to [Portsmouth](#) with my H to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - C R spake in the first - In the last we had much buisness among which were two requests for Membership which was comfortable but we had some other circumstances which render'd it a deeply exercising, yea, even Afflicting time to me - We dined at Cousin Z Chases & when we came [home] we found our dear little boy had not been well this afternoon

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April 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30 of 4 M 1813 / Our dear little Son slept quietly until 12 OClock last night, then awoke with violent puking & a relax which followed him closely till 3 OClock in the morning when it subsided & I went to bed but his Mother sat up with him the remainder of the Night. he seems relieved & revived this Morning but whether he is essentially better I am unable to determine in my own Mind. -
Our little boy has been much better thro' the day & the Doctor thinks him doing well. - for which I desire to be thankful*

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May 2, Sunday: At Lützen southwest of Leipzig, Russian and Prussian troops attacked the French. The battle, a limited gain for the Emperor [Napoléon I](#), cost 30,000-40,000 men their lives. Arthur Schopenhauer fled a Berlin that had come under threat (he would find refuge for a short time in Weimar and then, after quarreling with mommy, withdraw to nearby Rudolstadt).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 5 M 1813 / Our Meetings were pretty well attended & both silent ??? meeting in the Afternoon David Rodman & I took



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a little walk in the common burying ground before tea. —

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May 5, Wednesday: Søren Aabye Kierkegaard was born in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 5 M 1813 / How has blindness & superstition been foster'd in the minds of the Weak & credulous of almost all Ages of the World I have listened with attention to several Anecdotes related by my Mother at breakfast table this Morning. she said that just before the Lexington fight in the revolutionary War Aun Molly Wanton went to Hanover in Mass State to visit Aunt Joselin & while there the country was in an Alarm with a remarkable Phanomenon lately appear'd in — garden who lived in the neighborhood the Phenomen was Red Cabage a thing never seen nor heard of before in that Part of the country. The Opinions of many old men & women were taken on the subject who all agreed that it was ominous & presaged Blood in great effusion. one morning in came a neighbour with the Awful story of "Have you heard what has been seen in neighbor — garden?" the answer was No. The story was told, & Aunt Molly heard it with attention & reply'd why my father has the seed of red Cabage & plants them every year they are much used at R I as Pickle. This greatly abated the horror attendant on Many minds, but she said they seemed Almost sure it could not be admitted as a very extraordinary affair. —

She also related a story which her Grandmother used to tell soon after the first settlement of this Country before the lands were much cleared Mushrooms were not seen as at this Day at which time a large cap with a remarkable Prominence were fashionable among the Women about that time Mushrooms first appeared which so affrighted them that those caps soon went out of fashion, from the notion that Mushrooms looked like them & were sent as a warning of some hevy judgement soon to await the inhabitants of this country. This has Also been the day of the General Election & much stir as usual & great flocks of Children Passing the Streets — My mind has been on a low key from a sense of the depressed state of things in the World & what they may reduce me & every body else besides me in this town in Particular. Surely things never was more gloomy. —

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May 8, Saturday: French troops entered Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 5th M 1813 / Our friends on third day last went to Greenwich to attend the Quarterly Meeting & yesterday & today



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being very stormy, Wind very high & the rain decending in meere torrents They have not yet got down & I hardly think they will until tomorrow. It would have been very pleasant to me to have gone up & attended the Meeting but this detention of two days longer than common would have been irksome. When Friends went up I wrote a few lines to our frd Rowland Greene.

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May 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 5thM / I staid at home this forenoon to take care of our little boy while my H went to Meeting & soon after she had taken her seat she says our friends came in who had just got down from [Greenwich](#) – C Rodman, H Dennis, A Sherman and L Almy all offered testimonys. – In the Afternoon Sister Ruth took care of John & my H & I went to Meeting together – C Rodman appear'd in supplication & D Buffum in a favor'd testimony & a very good Meeting it was to me After which I went to the Alms House where I saw several men very sick who had been taken Prisoners by the English & returne'd to this country in a Cartael arrived a few days ago, poor things my heart was deeply touched for them. They are far from their friends & in a very suffering condition. one of them has a wife & four children in [Portsmouth](#) N Hampshire. –

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May 10, Monday: When the anti-French alliance abandoned Dresden the King of Saxony realized he was going to need to get all buddy-buddy with the emperor [Napoléon I](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 5 M / I was informed that one of the Men I saw at the Alms House yesterday, died this morning, poor creature I can feel much for his friends, having had a brother who died from home.

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May 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 5 M 1813 / My Mind has this mornng been dipt into sweetness & several subjects have been ruminated upon which have been pleasant, & at such times the language is 'Lord evermore give us of this bread, ['] but such is the propensity of frail human nature that it is not at all times food convenient for us, from our repeated errings we are brought to Poverly & allmost ready to conclude that we have past the day of grace & this Poverty is designed to bring us to a sense of our dependance & to chastise us for omissions & comissions, offensive in the



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Divine sight, but my heart has been made thankful this morning under a fresh evidence that the good hand is yet with me & will continue with me unto the end if faithful to what is from season to season manifested by the Witness of truth in the heart –

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May 12, Wednesday: “Behold, how good and joyful” for three voices and organ by Samuel Wesley to words of Psalm 133 was performed for the initial time, at the installation of the Duke of Sussex as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of All England (Masonic).

A cartel was arranged, for exchange of POWs between Great Britain and the United States of America.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 5th M / My Mind has again this Day been favor'd with good feelings for which I desire to be thankful. The precious sweetness has arisen much to my comfort & confirmation in the efficacy of truth

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May 13, Thursday: British and Spanish forces under [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) began their final offensive in the “Peninsular War” to liberate Spain from its French overlords. Austria would join in the alliance against France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 5 M / Our Meeting was Silent & a season of some favor to me. – This Afternoon recd a very Acceptable letter from Micajah Collins of Lynn, which I answer'd this evening

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May 16, Sunday: Lord William Bentinck, British Minister in Sicily, informed King Joachim Murat that Great Britain will favor his remaining King of Naples until another kingdom might be found for him.

In Vienna, Johann Nepomuk Hummel got married with a vocalist, Elisabeth Röckel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 5 M / Tho' much unwell I rode this morning to [Portsmouth](#), on horse back before Meeting called at Cousin Zacheus Chases, found Shadrack very sick (I think) in a rapid decline, he may perhaps live sometime & get smart again. – Then went to Meeting which was Silent but I believe a favor'd season to some minds I dined with Benj Pearce & then went to visit Joseph Fish in company with Richard Mitchell & Jonathon Dennis, being appointed for that purpose in consequence of his request



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to be received into membership - we found him according to our feelings in a religious frame of Mind & acquainted with the Cross of Christ & my mind was encouraged with a prospect of his future usefulness in society. -We took tea with him - On my way home I stoped a little while at the Widow Shermans - then Rode along pleasantly in company with Jonathon

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May 20, Thursday: French troops attacked a Russian/Prussian force near Bautzen east of Dresden, and captured the town (each side lost about a quarter of its soldiers, killed or wounded).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 5 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, & silent
In the Preparative Meeting Certificates were requested for Geo. B Robinson & Anthony Chase. -*

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May 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 5 M 1813 / The Mind is this mornng brought a little down, as into the valley of humiliation from a sense of my many defects, which tho' I am often sensible of, seem a little more depressing than common. -

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May 27, Thursday: That morning the American fleet was at anchor off the mouth of the [Niagara River](#). After a final cannon bombardment, boats filled with troops headed for the shoreline. By the end of the day they were in possession of the smoldering remains of Fort George and the remnants of the British forces were in full retreat westward along the shore of Lake Ontario. For the first time the river mouth had fallen entirely into American hands. (The American forces would fail to follow up on this advantage, and the British forces would be regrouped to fight another day.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 5 M / Our Meeting was very small. I believe there were not 40 women which made a very small Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The first was silent - & in the last we had a considerable buisness, which we got along with pretty well - Joseph Fish & Richard Kilson were received into membership - & James W Gould was disowned. Owing to its being a very Rainy Day we had no company at Dinner & was the reason of the Meeting being very Small -

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May 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 30 of 5 M / In consequence of my having been for sometime quite unwell I was bled this forenoon which has prevented my attending Meeting today. I understood however that there was considerable preaching both forenoon & Afternoon. —This eveng feeling pretty Smart called to see my friend Mary Tillinghast

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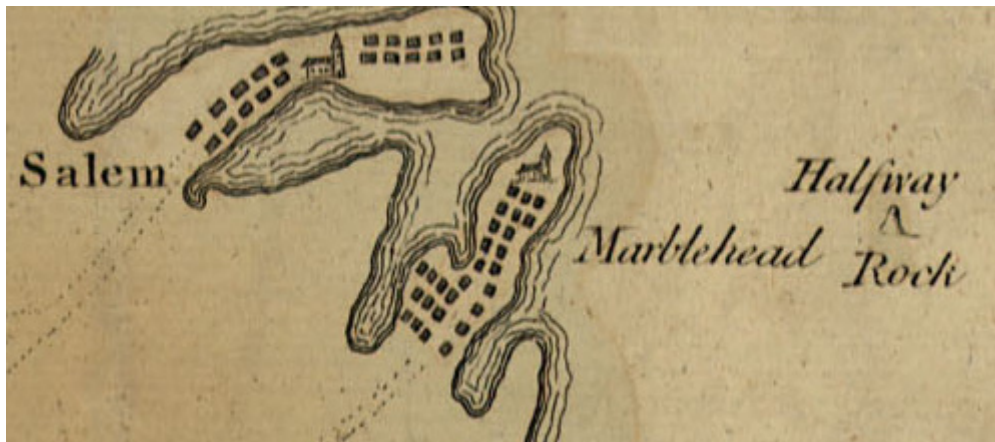


June 1, Tuesday: [Évariste Régis Huc](#) was born in Caylus, France.

French troops occupied Breslau (Wroclaw) and Katzbach.

Austrian Emperor Franz and Count von Metternich, on their way from Vienna to Gitschin, ran into the Russian Count Nesselrode looking for them. The Russians wanted Austria to commit to their cause. Franz told him that he would side with Russia in the absence of a favorable peace agreement with the Emperor [Napoléon I](#).

Off the port of Marblehead MA there was an engagement between the HMS *Shannon* and Captain James Lawrence's USS *Chesapeake*. Although the *Chesapeake* was being defeated by the *Shannon*, the seriously wounded Captain bravely advised his crew "Don't give up the ship." (This has been painted as really a nice story, but it wasn't but fifteen minutes later that the crew struck the ship's colors — and he would die of his wounds.)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 6 M / I have today been more engaged than is pleasant at the election of town Officers - Father Rodman was candidate for town Treasurer which naturally occasioned considerable anxiety & consequently exertion to Stimulate his friends to give him a vote & my labor was not wholly without effect, for he succeeded by a majority of more than 70 votes. —which insures him a comfortable living for the coming Year. — The spirit of party is a bane to all true Religion but a becoming care to have our Councils to consist of men that will be likely to do justice to their constituents as far as their knowledge extends, is in my opinion the duty of every good citizen, for truly when the "Wicked rules the Land does Mourn." for I truly



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have seen it, & experienced it, to my full conviction. –

5th day 2 of 6 M / Our Meeting was rather Small, but I believe a season of favor to many Minds Sarah Tucker late Fish appeared in a lively testimony I have no doubt to the comfort of some afflicted minds present. –

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June 6, Sunday: At Stoney Creek, the American invaders of Canada were attacked and defeated by British forces. 50 American soldiers and 400 Indians were taken prisoner. The American troops would soon be buttoned up in the forts at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 6 M 1813 / Our Meetings were silent except a few words from a friend in the Afternoon - After tea took a pleasant Walk round the hill with D Rodman & on my return was informd of the Arrival in the Harbour of Uncle Stanton in the Ship Pacific from Lisbon I immediately came down Street & found him at Mothers & was very glad to see him. I went with him to the Ship & spent an hour for the first time I was ever on board a Ship that floated. –

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June 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 6 M / At meeting CR was concerned in testimony - the Meeting was to me a pretty good time for which I desire to be thankful

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June 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 6 M / Yearly Meeting has this Day commenced at [Portsmouth](#) friends are Now coming into town but much fewer in numbers than I ever before saw them, & I suppose there will be but few here to what we have had in years past. –

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June 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our forenoon Meeting was unusually small owing I suppose In great Measure to peoples not coming in from [Portsmouth](#) as usual on 7th day night & the Mornng being very rainy & the weather very cold for the season The Meeting was very much favor'd with quiet & the current of Gospel testimony. - first in supplication by Ann Shipley then by Mary Clisby [?] then



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Henry Hull in a loving testimony as perhaps was ever delivered in our Meeting house. then Eliza Coggeshall in a sound good testimony & H Hull concluded in solemn supplication. – In the Afternoon Henry Hull again in testimony with life & power inviting the Youth to godliness of life & conversation. Then L Cofggeshall with good Authority. text "the fool saith in his heart there is no God." –

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June 14, Monday: [William Henry Farquhar](#) was born in York, Pennsylvania. This family was from Scotland. [Friend](#) Amos Farquhar, the father, a cotton manufacturer who had turned to farming and teaching school, had been born in 1768 as a great-grandson of Allen Amos Farquhar, the original immigrant of 1721, and his marriage with Friend Mary Elgar Farquhar had begun in 1795. William had a brother Charles Farquhar, Sr. who would become a physician in Alexandria, Virginia, and a brother Benjamin Hallowell Farquhar, so named in honor of a Quaker educator in Alexandria, who would get married with Mary W. Kirk.

The 1st Treaty of Reichenbach was signed between Great Britain and Prussia (this called for Britain to pay a substantial subsidy to maintain the Prussian army, in return for the Principality of Hildesheim being ceded to Hanover).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our Meeting opened this mornng under a very solemn covering. Short testimonies from Abel Thomas Henry Hull & Enoch Dorland - Much feeling was excited at the reading of the Epistles especially those from London. – Wm Rotch Junr in a weighty feeling manner proposed the attention of the Meeting to the distresses of the people in the eastern country on acct of provision, which was refer'd for future consideration. – 2nd Afternoon - The state of society as represented In the Answer to the Queries was gone into & many feeling & weighty remarks were made by H Hull & E Dorland & others. – The Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings gave information of six appellants[?] two of whom appear'd this Afternoon & committees appointed to hear the parties. – Wm Almy opened a concern that the Meeting should present a petition to the general government which took much hold of the Meeting but from the advanced state of it was refer'd to a future sitting - - the meeting adjourned to 3 OClock tomorrow Afternoon. –



June 24, Thursday: Henry Ward Beecher was born in Litchfield, Connecticut (8th of the Reverend Lyman Beecher's 13 children, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe).

At Beaver Dams in Ontario, the American invaders of Canada were again attacked and defeated by British forces. The American troops would soon be buttoned up in the forts at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 6thM / This Mornng took Chaise & rode with my



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dear wife & little son to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. left John at Anne Anthonys & went to Meeting A Sherman H Dennis Obadiah Davis & Parker Halls wife were concern'd in testimony & a precious Meeting it was to me. We had much Buisness in the last Meeting some of which worked unpleasantly to my mind we dined at Anne Anthonys & came home early & found Uncle & Aunt Stanton had Arrived last eveng from [Providence](#). – I can best remark that in riding to [Portsmouth](#) this morn'g in observing the fields in a very flourishing state & the Clover yealding a rich perfume my mind was humbled under a sense of the Goodness of God & the small returns poor rebellious man is making for the Beauties received at his hand – I thought did but our conduct arise in as sweet insense before him as does his inanimate part of the creation in what a different stall would our minds be in How sweet & clean would they be – On observing large fields of Whiteweed [?] I could but breath forth the Prayer "Oh Lord keep thy fields White unto harvest" I remember Anne Greene expressed those words in Supplication in our Meeting some Years ago & they particularly struck my Mind at the time & the feelings were sweetly renew'd this Morning

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June 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 6 M / I find that I quite misunderstood the observations of a friend in Meeting Yesterday which drew some remarks from me which were immp'per & on reflection today leaves an incomf'ortable savor. – I believe my remarks were to hasty, & it is poor consolation to say, it is not the first time I have missed – I hope however that by being humbled under it, the effect may tend to deepen me in experience & make me more cautious in future.

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June 26, Saturday: At the French headquarters near Dresden, Austrian Count von Metternich had an intensive negotiation with the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) and pushed four points of mediation: the dismantling of the Duchy of Warsaw, the enlargement of Prussia, the return of the Adriatic provinces to Austria, and the renewed independence of Hamburg and Lübeck. At the conclusion of nine hours of fruitless bargaining the Emperor would threaten war.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 6 M / This Aft'ernoon rec'd a few lines from L E Clarke giving us the affecting news of the Decease of our Dear & much lov'd Cousin John Hazard of North Kingston after a lingering [consumption](#) of several Months. Lewis state that he died in sure & certian hope of the Life to come, that Peter Hoxie observed to him just before the close "The Master is nigh to uphold & John thou'd whn knowest it" he bowed his head in the Affirmation tho' nearly Speechless. –



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My exercise has been today somewhat uncommon. Soon after I came down to the shop a hevy depression came over my mind which continued till I went to dinner, when I went home my H told me that Sister Eliza & Mary Briggs had carried our little John to Portsmouth which served only to increase my previous apprehensions that something was going to happen & would happen to him however this soon wore off but I become more & more distressed in spirit. about the Middle of the Afternoon brother Isaac came in with the account of Cousin Hazards Death. Soon after which it seemed to pass my mind with a degree of Sweetness "Surely the bitterness of Death is Past." & the exercise gradually wore off & I am inclined to believe that my mind was thus Dipt into sympathy with my dear cousins in N Kingston, tho' at the time I knew not what it was for - for I am sure had I lost a very near relation, my mind would not have been brought under closer sufferings -

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June 27, Sunday: The 3d Treaty of Reichenbach was signed by Austria, Prussia, and Russia, with Austria pledging that it would declare war on France by July 20th should the Emperor Napoléon I reject Count von Metternich's offer of mediation (the deadline was to become August 10th).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 6 M / I attended Meeting this forenoon which was not the worst of seasons to me. - In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of John while my dear H went to meeting - - In the eveng I walked our to D Buffums to wait on Ruth home. -

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June 28, Monday: King José I of Spain (Joseph Bonaparte) left Spanish soil for the final time.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 28th of 6 M / This has been a peculiar Day of my life. In the forenoon my mind was under exercise for what I knew not. it seemed however as if my spirit was continually under pressure & I was glad to feel my heart tender, feeling it as a renew'd pledge of the extendings of Divine goodness. - As I came down from Dinner & as I was walking across from the Shop to go into my mothers I saw a young man look at me with a familiar countenance & looked at him a second time & recognized the looks of my long loved & very dear friend **ISAAC AUSTIN**. I staped up to him & took him by the hand & asked him into the shop where we sat down together for more than three hours. This meeting was very unexpected & very affecting to both our Minds. we have not seen each other for nearly Seven years. In the interim whereof many & great changes have taken place, & tho' I have been*



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preserved from grose wickedness, yet, ah! poor thing the round of wickedness he has since been, I feel myself humbled under a sense of my own failings & feel no disposition to boast over him, since I saw him he has been confined nearly five years in the State Penitentiary at Richmond Virginia & is just released & on his way to [Nantucket](#) - I was glad yea my spirit bowed in humble thankfulness to find him a true Penitent & seeking his fathers house both his earthly & his heavenly fathers house with great apparent sincerity - Early in life while I was an apprentice I form'd an acquaintance with him which increased untill he undertook buisness for himself when I was obliged from occurences too obvious to relinquish a part of my confidence, but the love that I had felt for him was too strong to be eradicated from my heart & with all his faults there was something in him which made me love him much, he soon failed in trade & went from here & settled in Abany [Albany?] opened trade again & committed greater enormities than hi?? & went off privately & was finally taken up in Richmond & committeed to the Penitentiary, for what exactly I was never informd - but seeing him today my love was very tenderly renew'd for him, for beyond all doubting in my mind he has known the ways of Truth with great clearness & his heart was early visited with the Day Spring from on high, & many times in our early youth have we sat together & spoke of the Lords dealings with us in a manner which both abundantly confirm'd me that he has been made Acquainted with the Lords dealing & now after all his rounds of folly & disipation to see him while Youth still sits on his brow, so humble & contrite in spirit is matter of great rejoicing & consolation. - My heart was exceedingly tender'd at the interview & was a season which I shall never forget while I remember any thing - he went from here & has gone on board a vessel in the harbour intending for [Nantucket](#) this eveng

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June 29, Tuesday: While the allied forces were closing in around San Sebastián on the Bay of Biscay, in the Théâtre Feydeau of Paris, Le nouveau seigneur de village, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Creuzé de Lesser and Favières, was performed for the initial time (it's like they didn't know they were being snuck up on).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 6 M 1813 / My dear Isaac did not sail last night & has been on shore again this Morning & spent some time in my shop renew'd tender love springs in my heart towards him, his situation excites my sympathy & my pitty beyond any words which I have at command to express them in Uncle & Aunt Stanton spent the afternoon with us, also Mother & Sister Sally

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June 30, Wednesday: At the French headquarters near Dresden, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) signed off on Count von Metternich's four conditions: he accepted the armed mediation of Austria, he accepted a meeting of all belligerents at Prague with negotiations to be completed at least by August 10th, and he accepted a suspension of all military activity until August 10th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th [sic] day 30 of 6 M / I saw My Beloved Isaac this morning walking the deck of the vessel in the harbour thro' a spy glass, the sight of tho' thus far moved my heart with pitty & compassion, -I well knew him by his gate & his cloathing & I could even discern his features thro' the glass which I had. -

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July 1, Thursday: Import duties were doubled by the US Congress.

The trade monopoly of the East India Company was abolished.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 7 M 1813 / My buisness was such that I omitted meeting & in this instance as in allmost all others it proved of no advantage to me as I could have done all that was necessary before & the man did not call in meeting time as expected for his Watch - We spent the Afternoon & took tea at Aunt A Carpenters with Uncle & Aunt Stanton.

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July 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 7 M /I have been to day much Afflicted with the Tooth Ach, & have felt allmost good for nothing.

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Our national birthday, Sunday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne's](#), or [Hathorne's](#), 9th birthday.

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4,000 of our slaves would be able to depart from their American servitude by way of an arrangement with the Royal Navy during the [War of 1812](#). On the face of it, this was the largest [emancipation](#) between the revolution in Haiti in the 1790s and the British colonial abolition of the 1830s (though the emancipation in New York state on July 4, 1827 is a possible contender). These freedom fighters began to leave American waters left in this month and the last would have departed by April 1815. Just under 1,000 would settle in Trinidad, with the remainder settling in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick — apart from a few who would wind up in Bermuda and a score or so who would reach England.

[Joshua Barney](#) proposed a plan for the defense of Chesapeake Bay.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 7 M / I staid from Meeting this forenoon for my H to go & took care of our little boy - In the Afternoon went - M Morton preached & C R Prayed - Walked out with D R to J Dennis & took tea & set the eveng very agreeably. -

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July 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 7 M / We all [??] Uncle & Aunt Stanton, Isaac & Sally, Mother & My H & little John took tea with Aunt Patty Gould

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July 11, Sunday: Antonio Cano Manuel y Ramírez de Arellano replaced Pedro Gómez-Labrador Avelo as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Joseph Bonaparte was removed as commander in chief of French armies in Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 11 of 7 M / Attended Meetings In the forenoon D Buffum was concern'd in testimony from the text "Righteousness exalteth a Nation but sin is a reproach to my People" father R also had a few words to communicate - In the Afternoon father was again concern'd

Uncle & Aunt Stanton & Mother, Dined with us & took tea. -At tea we had the Addition of Mother Rodman & Sister Ruth

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July 12, Monday: First recorded "12th of July" sectarian riots in Belfast, [Ireland](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 7 M / An Account was rec'd last night of the probability of a Cessation of hostilities between this country & England & the hope is considerably Strengthened by further intelligence this eveng, & mine heart had leap'd with gratitude at the pleasing prospect - not that I see any great pecuniary advantage that I should particularly derive even in case of a peace, but Oh by the Milions of treasure & the rivers of Blood that hath been lost by this very Wicked & very impolitic War, & over all & above all the Guilt that fall on our once peaceful happy Country in consequence of it, is sufficient to make a heart capable of it shudder as the very thought. -

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July 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 7 M / At last Moy [Monthly] Meeting the case of Solomon Lawton was refer'd on acct of Jonathon Dennis & myself & today we went to [Portsmouth](#) to pay him a visit, which we did after meeting. He treated us respectfully, but we could not feel that we gained an entrance for the Truth in his heart, yet we are encouraged to hope that after many days the bread may be found returning on the Waters - We felt the satisfaction of having labor'd in love & faithfully according to the Ability rec'd -

I rode out with Jon & before meeting stoped at P Lawtons Dined at B Freeborn's Visited Solomon at his fathers & took tea at cousin Z Chases.-

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July 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

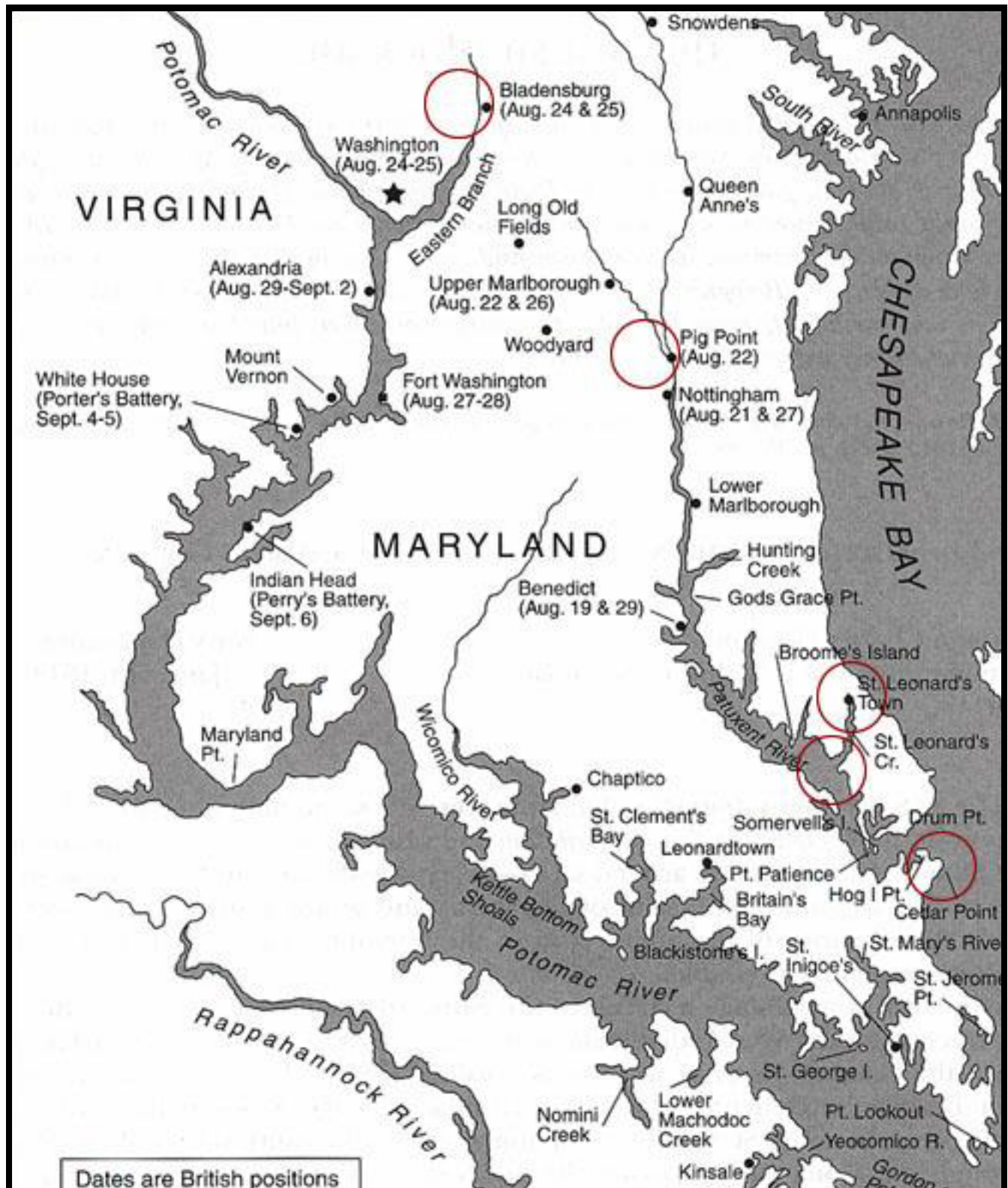
4th day 21 of 7 M / We have for several weeks past had the very Acceptable company of Uncle John Stanton & Aunt Martha from N York which we have enjoyed much & this Mornng they have left us for their home - They went to Narragansett Intending to take the Stage thro New London - My Mother went with them to Narragansett intending to spend some time with our friends & relations there.



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& I crossed the ferry to Connanicut & saw them across the Island.

—
They are very affectionate relations to me, having manifested a disposition to do much for my advantage & will no doubt to me make proof of their disposition should occasion offer. —

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July 22, Thursday: On the island of Barbados, after a hurricane, 18 were dead and an additional 8 were missing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22 of 7 M 1813 / Our Meeting was small but I believe attended with a degree of favor. — My cup was not made to overflow but I was thankful under a sense that I was a partaker of the small measure Vouchsafed. — In the last Preparative a certificate was requested for John Carl Junr [Earl?] Williams Directed to Scipio [New York]

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July 25, Sunday: After a siege of almost a month, British troops attacked the French defenders of San Sebastián — but were thrown back.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 7 M / Our Meeting this Afternoon was small but I thought was under a good degree of favor. After it D R & I went out to Saml Thurstons & took tea — I did not go to meeting in the forenoon being in the mornng under the necessity of Drinking some Salt Water — so I staid at home & took care of John, while my H went. —

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July 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 7 M / Our first Meeting was nearly silent. A friend was concerned in a few words — The last (Monthly) was long & much buisness before us which we got along with to pretty good satisfaction. — Sarah Tucker late Fish obtained liberty to visit the Quarterly Meetings of Sandwich Salem & Falmouth. — Uncle Benj Freeborn & wife & Benj Mott & Geo Dennis Dined with us —

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August 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 8 M 1813 / In our Meeting this Mornng Anne Greene & D Buffum were concern'd in Public testimony — In the Afternoon C R had a few words — both of them & particularly the morning



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were favord Seasons to me. -

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August 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5 of 8 M / Br David Rodman & I took a carriage & Carried our Wives & Sisters to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting we stoped a little while before Meeting at P Lawtons where we had the company for a little while of Our Venerable & very interesting friend [Moses Brown](#) of [Providence](#) his conversation was amusing informing & edifying -- The first that Broke Silence in the Public Meeting was Peter Hoxie, the next James Greene then Mary Morton then C Rodman & then John Casey to whom the weight of service fell, but according to my capacity of Judging all that were concern'd in Public appearance were favor'd & particularly Dear old John Casey - - In the last meeting Our buisness went on pretty well & the London printed Epistle for the present Year was read, & was very excellent. - Our Dear friend J Casey concluded the Meeting in a very solemn & impressive prayer to the Lord for the three classes of Mankind, The Aged, Middleaged & Youth
We Dined at Anna Anthonys & rode home toward night - father Rodman was taken Faint in the Carriage & Obliged to get out for some time & then ride very slowly home. -*

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August 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 8 M 1813 / Wm Almy Attended our forenoon Meeting & appeard in testimony & Supplication much to our satisfaction & edification C R Also said a few words & the London Epistle for last Year was read. - Wm Almy attended a Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) appointed by him at 4 OClock -Our Afternoon Meeting was Short & Silent

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August 12, Thursday: After secretly rearming, Austria declared war on France, joining the coalition of Great Britain, Russia, Prussia, Sweden, and the [German](#) principalities.

Carl Maria von Weber began rehearsals for the initial production in Prague with his reconstituted company: Gaspere Spontini's Fernand Cortez. This would be the first of 62 operas Weber would produce in Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

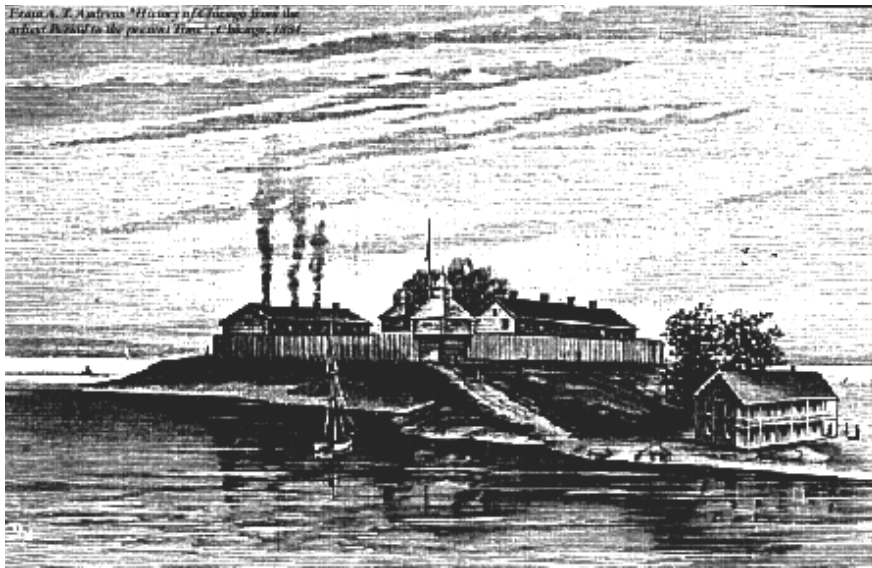
*5th day 12 of 8 M / Attended Meeting C R & H Dennis appear'd in agreeable testimonys
My Mind has been much in sympathy with a poor dear young woman Wife of Edw Stanhope who hath for about two years been afflicted with a dreadful sore leg & it increased in size untill it measured 27 inches round with the most excruciating pain, all*

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applications that could be thought of were made but none afforded even temporary relief for several months past & it was at length concluded that there was no chance for her life but Ampitation which has been this forenoon perform'd by Dr. Turner.

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August 15, Sunday: Fort Dearborn, at what was to become [Chicago](#), had been surrendered to the British. The evacuees were massacred by the Native American allies of the British.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 8th M / Our Meetings have been Silent today except a few words in the forenoon by C R – Towards night took a walk down to the garden & into the Clifton burying ground where many of our relations lay buried both Goulds & Wantons & Rodmans; & the graves of my Grandfather & Grandmother Wanton & have lately had made up & some stones put to dissignate them by, they are close to the Mouth of the Vault on the West side between that & the grave of their son Michael which has an head & foot stone letterd. – I know very well know that there is no great use in dissignating graves, but there is a decency which is becoming, & which I think friendly & other people ought to attend to. –

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August 19, Thursday: The US frigate *Constitution* under Issac Hull captured the British frigate *Guerriere*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 8 M / Sister Ruth & Eliza went this mornng to [Providence](#) intending to go from there to Lynn & Salem to attend their approaching Quarterly Meeting. – Our Meeting this day was as well attended as usual & to me a



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degree of favor was extended. -

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August 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 8 M / In our forenoon meeting D B was concerned in a short & lively testimony -- In the Afternoon C R Said a few Words -- Sister Mary & Ruth Freeborn took tea with us. - In the eveng our little John was taken very ill with a puking but was relieved by bed time

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August 26, Thursday: [Benjamin West](#) died.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) entered Dresden. Since it held a 2-to-1 majority, the Austrian army went on the attack, but then a French counterattack was successful. Although the Allies made initial advances the French eventually regained all lost territory. Then when French troops attempted to pursue Prussian contingents over the Katzbach River, the troops in flight turned desperately and defeated them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 8 M 1813 / This Morning under no small discouragement I set out to Walk to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting our little boy being complaining My H was not easy to leave him - When I had Walked as far as Middletown Town House Deacon Wm Tilley took me into his carriage & carried me as far as Mitchells shop which was a great relief I then traveled on & got to the House of our late friend Holder Almy with comparative ease & remembered the Account of Peter Gardiner that his "Master would give him hind feet" my reflections in the Walk was very pleasant & encouraging - took some refreshment before meeting -Went to meeting where we sat in silence & to me it was a good time, in the last I found it more my place to be still & make but few remarks on the buisness but towards the close a little jostle took place, but I dont know that much Damage was done, or at least my condition I thought was not injured - After Meeting David Shove & Mary Sherman received liberty to consummate their Marriage & a Meeting appointed tomorrow Afternoon at 3 OClock for the purpose - And Job Baker & Eunice Anthony published their intentions of Marriage with each other. - After Meeting Joseph Wilbour took me into his Chaise & brought me home, we stoped by the Way at Cundals Mills & I dined at Rich Mitchells & Joseph & Isaac Mitchells - On my return found my H & John as well as when I left them which was cause of thankfulness & they occaisoined some thoughtfulness at leaving them for only that short time. -

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➡ August 29, Sunday: Some allied troops being pursued by the French counterattacked at Priestena, Bohemia south of Dresden, and managed to beat off the pursuers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 8th M / In our Mornng Meeting CR appeared in testimony. In the Afternoon we were silent - Solomon B Boss went home with me & took tea sat the eveng & staid all night. -

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➡ September 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 9 M 1813 / The Month commences with depression of Spirits indeed there is hardly any Prospect looks promising. my buisness Dull & very little Money fall in my Way - Our little son seems to be unwell & I think in addition to the difficulty of his eye teeth which are now coming through, I believe he has the hooping cough coming on - Ah poor little fellow, trouble is commensurate with Our existence & if his life should shortly terminate there is this consolation that his troubles will end with his life -

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➡ September 5, Sunday: Off Monhegan Island in Maine waters, there was an encounter between the USS *Enterprise* and HMS *Boxer*. It was all so very picturesque. We can be sure that someone made points by being exceedingly manly. Or something.



William Hildreth of [Concord](#) died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 M 5th 1813 / We had a Short testimony in the forenoon Supplication in the Afternoon. - Our dear little son has been



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*quite indisposed for several days & this Afternoon we gave him
an emmetic which operated favorably in the evening. –*

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September 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 9M 8 / Since dinner my Mind has been affected in a way
which it hath not for a number of Years & indeed I do not
recollect that my feelings were ever similarly arrested at a
similar sight. – it was at seeing a poor miserable object of a
Man singing an heroic Song of the revolution with his Wife
sitting by, & a parcle of Boys & Men standing at the corner of
the Brick Market – there was something in his countenance so
depraved & his manner so corrupt that my heart was greatly
affected with the sight & a prayer arose for his reformation. –*

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September 9, Thursday: A treaty was signed at Töplitz bringing Austria in as an equal participant with Russia and Prussia against France. All sides pledged 60,000 troops.

Georg Friedrich Heinrich Fürst zu Waldeck und Pyrmont replaced Georg Fürst zu Waldeck und Pyrmont as Prince of Waldeck and Pyrmont (George II replacing George I).

Carl Maria von Weber conducted his initial performance with the Estates Theater in Prague, a performance of Spontini's *Fernand Cortez*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9 of 9M / Our Meeting was attended by most of our members
who are able to get out & was I think a pretty comfortable
gathering*

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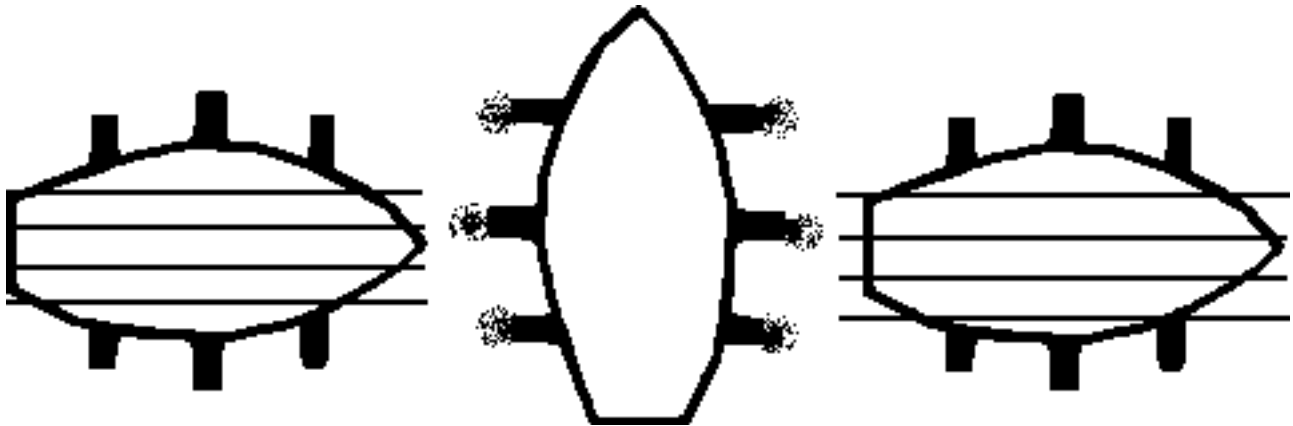
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September 10, Friday: Off the island of Put-in-Bay, [Ohio](#), the American fleet on Lake Erie engaged the small British squadron commanded by Captain Robert Barclay, RN. Commodore [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) was aboard his flagship USS *Lawrence*, which came to be heavily damaged by British fire. Perry's "spaniel dog" had been stowed in the china cabinet in the wardroom of the *Lawrence* and was howling incessantly. One of the gun captains was torn in half by a 24-pound ball. Lieutenant of Marines John Brooks, struck in the hip by a cannonball, was pleading to be finished off but found no-one willing to pull the trigger on him. Carrying his battle flag emblazoned with the injunction of Captain James Lawrence "Don't give up the ship," Perry, wearing a plain jacket so as not to identify himself, transferred by a small boat with a hole in its side half a mile to the nearby USS *Niagara*. By great good luck he was able to perform the perfect maneuver known as "crossing the T," in fact the only nautical maneuver in which a sailing ship may deliver damage to another ship without receiving damage in return, passing the *Niagara* between the bow of one British vessel and the stern of another in such manner that, while neither of these ships were able to direct a broadside at him, his own broadsides were simultaneously delivering "raking fire" to the full length of those enemy vessels:





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Within fifteen minutes the British surrendered. Perry reboarded the heavily damaged *Lawrence* to receive Captain Barclay's surrender and penned the now-famous man's man sentiment "We have met the enemy and they are ours."



(Indeed the enemy were ours, for Perry would be able to bring each and every vessel of that British squadron into port as a prize of the US, with the proceeds of sale to go into the pockets of the American participants in the Battle of Lake Erie. Perry would be promoted to Post-Captain.)



(While this battle was taking place on Lake Erie, Senecas of the southern tier assembled to protect Anna Church, who was alone at Angelica while her husband was trapped in Europe by the war.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 9 M / My Mind is far from being in an elevated condition on the other hand depression is very much my portion -Oh that in all situations my hope & trust may be Steadfastly on the Lord. -

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September 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12th of 9th M / Our Morng meeting was large & quiet & I thought favord Mary Morton appeard in a Solemn supplication & H Dennis in testimony In the Afternoon we were Silent but I thought a good degree of favor was extended -
After meeting walked with Br D R & took tea with Saml Thurston*

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September 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 9 M / Our Meeting was silent but well attended, & I thought a good degree of favor was extended --

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September 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 9 M / My Mind has for several weeks been perplexed about Moving from our present habitation which is in every respect very agreeable to us, our neighbours very kind & affectionate & our rooms very pleasant - but the house annexed with my shop being vacant & to be had for a few Dollars more than what we now give, has proved a temptation & it seems now pretty much concluded on that we move in a few weeks, not however without much regret at leaving our neighbors who are Wm Briggs's family & have ever proved very kind & affectionate to us. -

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September 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 9 M 1813 / I staid from meeting this forenoon to take care of John for my H to go - She told me that it was a favord meeting - D Buffum M Morton & H Dennis appeard very sweetly in testimony. - In the Afternoon I went - Silence prevailed & I thought a pretty good Meeting - towards Night took a pleasant Walk with Br D Rodman. -

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September 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 9 M / Our Meeting was well attended & to me a very comfortable season - soon after I took my seat life sweetness & tenderness arose in my mind which frequently moistened mine eyes with tears, & while thus sitting the substance of a testimony once delivered in our Meeting house by our leams[?] came very fresh & sweetly into my mind "Every true servant will be occupied



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in his Masters service or Watching at the door of the tabernacle until he appear." which continued at times thro' the whole sitting, & Mine heart was rejoiced to find that the good spirit was still with me, & did arise this day greatly to my comfort & has continued near this Afternoon – Our friend Anne Greene was over from Connanicut & had a precious little testimony to deliver. –

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September 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 9 M / Our Meetings were silent but good seasons to me – After meeting with Br D Rodman & J Sherman walked out to J Dennis & took tea – Brother Isaac Is very sick I found him this evening much worse than he has been with a fever – This mornng The Frigate President arrived in the harbor & in the evening went up the river this circumstance I consider a great calamity to this town as the Probability is that We shall be under a rigorous blockade by the British Last eveng James Irish was Drowned in Coddingtons Cove he had been to Prudence after grapes with John Chase & [] Sherman a lad about 13 Years of age – they landed John Chase at his shore & the other two were carrying the boat to James Chases boat house – a flow of Wind upset them but by exercion they righted her again but she soon overset again & Irish perished the boy held on to the boat & after an hour or two drove on shore allmost exhausted but saw the light at Jonathan Dennises house & with great difficulty just as they were going to bed they very humanely administered to his necessitys & soon recovered him so that he could give an account of himself –

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September 29, Wednesday: United States forces reoccupied Detroit.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 9th M 1813 / This Day Brother Isaac & I have enter'd into an agreement in much love respecting the settlement of our late dear fathers estate – The Will left it in four parts to be divided at the Decease or second Marriage of our dear Mother. – The decease of Brother David left it in three, that is, between Isaac James & myself – The personal Estate he gave to mother of course is at her disposal & the real estate which was only dividable by fathers Will Consisted of the House & lot in which he lived & an old house & lot at the lower end of Thames Street which he purchased of John Tracy & a lot in Gidley Street which he purchased of Phineas Gilbert & has been called the Gilbert Garden. – The estate was in debit rising 1200 Dollars – Brother Isaac sometime past went to Boston when Brother James was there & purchased his right of one third in the estate which left it only dividable between him & me & Isaac has now agreed to give me the Old house & lot & the Gilbert Garden & fifty



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Dollars to quit claim to the house & lot up town & he to cancell all the debits, the principle part of which is due to him for building the addition to the house in which father lived & which he & mother now occupies. – The Inventory amounted to a little rising 400 Dollars including the House & leased lots which was purchased of Deborah Garrison for our Aunts Patty Mary & Hannah Gould to live in – none of which we consider as belonging to us, but to Mother who has the right of Disposal – Thus we have come to know our particular right & proportion of the estate in reversion of after Mother without any Difficulty & in great Brotherly harmony which I pray may ever exist between us.

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September 30, Thursday: After being abandoned by their King Jérôme Bonaparte, Westphalian troops surrendered Kassel to the invading Russians. The victors dissolved the Kingdom of Westphalia and removed this absent monarch from authority. Meanwhile, in flight, Jérôme reached the Rhine River and safety.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 9th M 1813 / Our Meeting was small but thirteen women attended owing to the weather being exceedingly stormy – yet we held Monthly Meeting & in the first Job Challinor preached with acceptance in the last our buisness labor'd exceedingly owing to the womens committee not sending their report respecting the clearness of Eunice Anthony to preceed in marriage with Job Baker in consequence of which the Meeting was adjourned till One OClock tomorrow at [Portsmouth](#) – Antipas Chase & Susanna Hicks dined with us having this day published their intentions of Marriage with each other. –

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October 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 10 M 1813 / In understood by a friend that attended the adhourment that the young friends were reported clear & a meeting was appointed in the Afternoon at which they solemnized their Marriage. –

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October 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 10 M / This Afternoon Brother Isaac & I have concluded the buisness between us & passed Deeds – which puts to an end between us all concern of our late Dear fathers estate, we each know our share in reversion from Mother – I have the two lots down town & he has the homestead. –

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➡ October 3, Sunday: At Wartenburg, Prussian troops inflicted heavy losses on the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 10 M / In consequence of having scraped the skin from off my heal & being quite lame with it I staid at home from Meetings.

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➡ October 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 10 M / We have this Day removed from our very comfortable & agreeable accomodations in Spring Street owned by Jethro Briggs & occupied in the lower part by his son Wm & family -Into the house to which my Shop is attached where I have said before we shall be comfortable in some respects but not so much so on some others - We leave our dear Neighbors with much regret we had lived on such intimate terms with tham that they really claim a great share of our affections. -

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[Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) resigned as commander in chief of the Spanish army.

In the “Battle of the Thames” or Moraviantown, east of Chatham in Ontario, United States forces under General William Henry Harrison, victor at the battle of Tippecanoe (Keth-tip-pe-can-nunk), Indiana, who had crossed the Detroit River in pursuit of British General Proctor, captured Ft. Malden south of Detroit at the entrance to Lake Erie.



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Shawnee headman Tecumseh was shot dead and General Procter fled.



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Here is the death of Tecumseh as it has been depicted in a Brumidi frieze on the rotunda of the US Congress:



The body was skinned and the white soldiers made nice forget-me-not strops for their straight razors (not depicted). A friend carried the bones off and, it seems, buried them on an island, but upon the death of this friend, the location of the burial was lost.¹²⁵



October 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 10 M / This forenoon I calculated to go to Meeting till within a few minutes before the time when my Wood came which I thought would overlay my time so as to prevent - but I afterwards found as I allmost uniformly have that I might have gone to meeting & nothing have differed by it. -

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¹²⁵. They must have been a little disappointed! Because, as [Herodotus](#) noted, death knowing not color, no matter what hue human skin is while it is adorning a living human being, when our skin has been cured and dried it uniformly becomes just another piece of whitish stuff.



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British, Portuguese, and Spanish forces led by [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) crossed the Bidassoa River from the Iberian Peninsula into France.¹²⁶



The Iron Duke pissing in the Bidassoa?

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October 10, Sunday: At 8PM, Giuseppe Fortunio Francesco Verdi was born at Le Roncale near Busseto northwest of Parma, eldest of two children born to Carlo Verdi, a tavern owner, with Luigia Uttini, daughter of tavern owners.

Juan O'Donojú O'Ryan was named First Secretary of State (Prime Minister) of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 10 M 1813 / In consequence of indisposition I staid from our forenoon Meeting - but my H went, & told me that D Buffum & A Robinson preached sweetly - In the Afternoon I went, had a good Meeting - father R said a few words. -

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October 14, Thursday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) entered Leipzig at the head of 200,000 men. "It ain't over 'till it's over." Bavaria declared war on France.

There was a ceremony in Caracas, Venezuela at which Simón Bolívar was awarded the title "El Libertador."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 14 of 10 M / Our meeting was large as usual, silent & I thought a pretty good time. - Wm L Burling late of N York is now here. -

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October 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 10 M / Wm Burling & L L Clarke took tea with us & Wm set the evening in addition came Sisters Ruth, Eliza, Joanna & Rebecca - Br David & John who made a very agreeable circle

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October 17, Sunday: During a lull in the fighting at Leipzig both sides were reinforced.

Fernando de Salerna replaced Juan O'Donojú O'Ryan as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 10 M / In our Morning meeting D Buffum was much favord in testimony - Illustrated the passage of Felix trembling before Paul & apply'd it to the condition of an individual or individuals present In the Afternoon we were silent. -

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October 19, Tuesday: When the French began to pull their forces out of Leipzig, a rear guard was supposed to held off the advancing Allies. However, a corporal who had been left in charge of destroying the causeway out of the city got nervous and blew it up while French troops were still crossing over it. This trapped the rear guard in the city where it would eventually be obliged to surrender. Total casualties in the Battle of the Nations at this point mounted to some 92,000, not to consider thousands of civilian casualties in and around Leipzig. Wurttemberg and the rest of the Confederation of the Rhine joined the Allies against France. Saxony was occupied. Prussian troops occupied Frankfurt-am-Main. The French empire east of the Rhine was obliterated.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 10 M / I have been much occupied today in attending to the pulling down of the house which falls to me After Mother It was with much reluctance that I consented to its being taken Down as it was the place of my Youth, where I lived very hapily with my dear Aunts Patty Mary & Hannah Gould & spent many pleasant hours, & in going over it this morning recognized the various corners in which I played & Kept my pretty things in those Days, which were days free from care & trouble, & it is no small test of feelings to see it taken our of sight. - here many would think I have evinced weakness, & perhaps I may, but the scenes of my youth were pleasant & on them I love to reflect & I do not feel that there can be much harm in it - - In consequence of the extreme rottenness of the building I have been long sensible that it could never be enjoyed again as an habitation, or even as a store & The boys were daily carrying it off peace by peace. -

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October 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 10 M / Attended Meeting but a dull time to me. - A Short testimony by father Rodman - Jona Dennis & Solomon B Boss dined with us - - - Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening

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October 22, Friday: [Maria Louisa Sampson](#) was born in [Plymouth](#), Massachusetts.

The Meerfeld Endowment, by Imperial decree, was awarded to Franz Schubert.

[Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 1st birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 10 M 1813 / Last Night I watched with David Huntington & feel but Poorly today We have this Afternoon finished pulling down the old house & building the fence round the Lot. -

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October 24, Sunday: In Prague, incidental music for Das österreichische Feldlager, a play by Schmidt after Schiller, by Carl Maria von Weber, was performed for the initial time.

From this day until November 5th, Persia and Russia would be negotiating the Treaty of Gulistan of 1813 that would end of the Russo-Persian War by Persia (Iran) surrendering to Russia all territories to the north of Aras River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 10 M / In our Forenoon Meeting D Buffum was concerned in a very lively testimony, in the Afternoon we were silent. & both Meetings were unsettled seasons to my mind.-

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October 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 10 M / This forenoon was the funeral of Sam'l Elam it reached town about noon & the corps was carried to the Meeting house where was collected a considerable number of the great folks of the town & our friend David Buffum was concerned in a testimony which was pertinent & attended with power. - After Meeting the corps were enter'd in the burying ground near the Meeting house by the side of our late friend John Hadwen -

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October 28, Thursday: An allied administration took over in Saxony and Stolberg-Wernigerode. A Prussian administration took over in Quedlinburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 10 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) & attended our Monthly Meeting. - - Dined at cousin Chases & rode home During the deliberations of this day a very exercising case occur'd - It seems that a certain friend has taken a dislike to me & thinks I have joined the party against him (as he calls it) but I believe there is no party except which wishes him all love & good Will & today he undertook to handle me in a very indirect & unhandsome manner - but I concluded it was best to take no notice of his remarks neither did any other friend & the Meeting ended very quietly. - This friend is very bitter in his spirit towards many friends & why he should be against me who never did him any harm in my life either in word or Deed, I know not - I feel nothing but love for him & hope he may yet experience the Strong man to be bound hands & feet in him -

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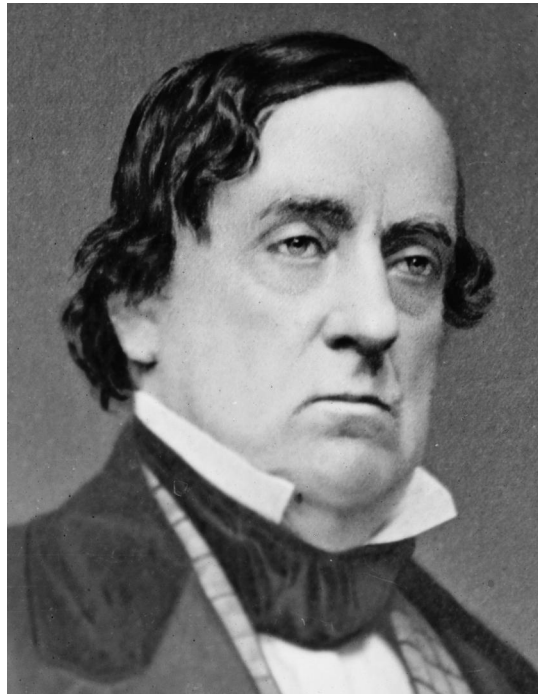


October 29, Friday: [William Benjamin Carpenter](#) was born at Exeter in England, the 1st son of the [Unitarian](#) Reverend Dr. Lant Carpenter.

An allied occupation administration took over in Hannover and Hildesheim.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) performed for the 1st time at Milan's Teatro alla Scala, presenting the initial performance of his "Le streghe, variations on a theme from Süßmayr's Il noce di Benevento." During this visit to Milan he met the singer Antonia Bianchi of Como, Italy.

President [James Madison](#) appointed [Lewis Cass](#) as the Governor of the Michigan Territory to serve in that capacity whenever convenient (that is, with long periods of absence during which a Lieutenant Governor would take over), until 1831.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29 of 10 M / Rode out to the late residence of Saml Elam & met the Town Council, but the Witnesses to the Will not being present it was not Proved - The Object I had in going was to be engaged as an appraisor to the Estate - Wm Rotch having requested me to Act in that capacity. -

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October 30, Saturday: An Austrian-Bavarian force that had placed itself at Hanau east of Frankfurt-am-Main, astride the line of French retreat, was decimated by the French forces.

An allied occupation administration took over in Brunswick. The Kingdom of Westphalia was dissolved. Wilhelm I resumed his throne as Landgrave of Hesse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 10 M 1813 / I have been quite seriously indisposed today with a cold which I have labored under with a sore throat -today the soreness of the throat has much increased - but I have kept about & been out some. -

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November 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th days of the Week / I have been pretty much the whole of the time confined to the House with the most severe Cold & Cough attended with a considerable degree of inflammation on the Lungs, besides which I have been so hoarse I could scarcely speak - My Cough still holds on & I have some fever remaining, but I raise pretty freely & I feel in hopes that the greatest difficulty has passed by - I was not at Meeting on first day & have not been today, & had I been in health it was my intention to have gone to Swansea to have attended the Quarterly Meeting which is held there this Day -

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Arthur Schopenhauer returned from Rudolstadt to his mother's home in Weimar.

By the Treaty of Gulestan signed on this day, Russia received all Persian territory north of the Aras River (this included Abkhazia, Dagestan, Baku, and Georgia).



November 6, Saturday: Bremen was returned to the status of a free city.

The Duchy of Brunswick was restored. Duke Friedrich Wilhelm was returned to his throne.

The Electorate of Hannover being restored, Georg III (who was also King George III of England) was restored to that throne.

An allied occupation administration took over in Frankfurt-am-Main.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6 of 11 M 1813 / I have been better of my Cold for Yesterday & today, but I raise a great deal yet. Cough hard & have a shortness of Breath which is very tedious.

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November 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 11 M / Attended Meeting this forenoon we had a short testimony & supplication of the merits of which, from my own state of Leanness I was no judge of – In the afternoon I staid at home for my H to go which she did & said meeting was silent.

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November 11, Thursday: The French garrison at Dresden surrendered to the Allies.

British troops defeated American forces at Chrysler's Farm, Montréal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 3rd, 4th & 5th Days / These Days have been occupied in taking an Inventory of the Personal Estate of Saml Elam at his late residence at [Portsmouth](#), Wm Rotch Junr was there, also Thos Arnold two days, whose company was very pleasant – conversation with Wm Rotch Junr was edifying & I may safely say that the time spent with him was to proffit both spiritually & temporally – It Rained so hard on fifth Day that we could not come from [Portsmouth](#) to attend Meeting – but I rode home in the Afternoon with Wm Rotch Junr. –

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November 14, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) confessed to the French Senate that its Grand Empire was no longer in existence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 11 M 1813 / Attended Meetings which were seasons of favor but considerably obstructed by hindering things & endeavored however to keep up the contest pretty closely –

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November 18, Thursday: In Alabama, United States troops from Fort Strother raided a settlement of Hillabee Indians at Ten Islands on the Coosa River. The soldiers were apparently unperturbed by the fact that the Hillabee were currently in peace negotiations with the United States. 60 were killed and 250 captured.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 11 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & I believe was to some a season of favor – I[t] was however to me attended with Barrenness – & Poverty –


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 November 21, Sunday: King Wilhelm I of Hesse was restored to his throne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 11 M / In our forenoon Meeting A Robinson & D Buffum appeared in testimony - Much to satisfaction - In the Afternoon we were silent - Meetings today were seasons wherein my mind was favord to keep up the warfare in a good degree - I walked out to Saml Thurstons with D Rodman took tea & set the forepart of the evening. -

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 November 23, Tuesday: An epidemic of [typhoid fever](#) in Leipzig, possibly caused by the dead and wounded from the Battle of Leipzig littering the streets of the city and suburbs (including the Gewandhaus), produced the death of acting Police Commissioner Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Wagner.

In 1813 several British naval officers, prisoners of war, resided in [Concord](#) on parole, some of whom were taken in the *Guerriere*. A number left here, November 23d, but their places were supplied by others the next day. Some of them were of distinguished families and scattered their wealth with liberal hands.¹²⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


3rd day 23 of 11 M / Last night David Rodman & I watched with David Huntington whose situation is very distressing -

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 November 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 11 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this Day held in town was silent - In the last we had but little buisness with which we proceeded in the love no Obstruction thereto appearing. -

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 November 28, Sunday: Simon Mayr's melodramma tragico *Medea* in Corinto to words of Romani ater Euripides was performed for the initial time, at Teatro San Carlo, Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 11 M / Our forenoon Meeting was silent & I thought favor'd in the Afternoon the funeral of D Huntington went to

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(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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Meeting - C R said a few Words

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December 2, Thursday: The County of Hanau was attached to Hesse-Kassel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 12 M 1813 / Our Meeting was silent & a season of some favor to me however, Wanderings of mind was trying but were not permitted wholly to run away with The Mind from best things -

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December 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 12 M / Last night I watched with Thos G Hazard & have felt so hevy today that I did not attend Meeting - went to bed early in the evening -

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December 9, Thursday: A chorus for a production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 12 M / Soon after I took my seat in Meeting my mind became settled & centerd in a favor'd frame And I can say it was a time of proffit for which I desire to be thankful -

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December 12, Sunday: Great Britain laid claim to the District of Columbia on the west coast of the North American continent (British Columbia), in opposition to a similar United States claim.

After three days of fighting against the British and Portuguese, French forces retreated back into Bayonne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12 of 12 M / Our Meetings were pretty good seasons - in the forenoon D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony - Silence in the Afternoon -

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December 13, Monday: [James Robert Ballantyne](#) was born at Kelso, Scotland, a nephew of the Ballantyne brothers whose publishing debts would in 1826 so embarrassed [Sir Walter Scott](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*2nd day 13 of 12 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Thos Hornsby to attend the Town Council we were appointed Appraisors to the Estate of Saml Elam & render'd in the Inventory which we had perviously taken - Wm Rotch Junn was there. -
Our Ride tho' very cold was not was unpleasant as might have been expected -*



December 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 12 M 1813 / Our Meeting to me was comfortable & I believe I can say it was good for me to be there. -

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December 19, Sunday morning: Captain Nathaniel Leonard arrived at the gate of [Fort Niagara](#) only to be surprised to encounter there British sentries rather than American ones (only his being a prisoner of war in Canada would prevent a courts martial). The British sallied out of the fort, torched the village of Youngstown, New York, and continued up the River Road to drive away an American detachment at Lewiston, New York and torch that village as well (by the end of the year the British troops would have also put Manchester, Schlosser, Black Rock, and Buffalo to the torch).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 12 M / I staid from meeting this forenoon to give my H an opportunity of going - In the Afternoon I went but had a rather a dry meeting - however It has been a day of no small favor - life has been near & my mind has been expanded in a manner a little uncommon on the subject of War as being inconsistent with the pure spirit of Christianity

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December 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 12 M / I thought our Meeting was favor'd & a degree of it was experienced in mine own particular but was much tried with rovings of mind. -

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December 26, Sunday: Aureliano in Palmira, a dramma serio by Gioachino Rossini to words of Romani after Sertor, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan. Unfortunately, the effort met with a cool reception.

British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh departed London for the continent.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 12 M / We had a testimony in both our Meeting of the Merits of Which I presume not to judge - they were very



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barran Seasons to me. -

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December 30, Thursday: [Walter Savage Landor](#)'s LETTERS TO THE COURIER, SIGNED CALVUS (a pamphlet).

Hannover annexed Hildesheim.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 12 M 1813 / I have concluded not to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & I have serious doubts whether the conclusion is right. The only excuse I can offer is that I was obliged to get up last night with a severe tooth Ach & slept but little sound sleep till after 3 OClock - but my face is easy this Mornng & the day is very fine - this is the first time I have missed a Monthly Meeting in this Month since expiration of my Apprenticeship which is now eleven Years - I am however encouraged that I do not omit going easily - for it really occasions distress of mind & serious reflections. - The foregoing was written in the Mornng & from any thing I have gained in my buysness I might as well have been at [Portsmouth](#) - Nothing I have undertaken has prospered in my hands -I undertook to put a Crystal to a Watch & broke two in doing it -I have been to work on a watch all day & every thing seemed to work against me - however my mind has been tender & my spirit humble for which I desire to be thankful - With this day I complete my 32nd Year, which Also excites serious reflections

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December 31, Friday: Prussians and Russians commanded by Field Marshal Blücher crossed the Rhine River near Mannheim.

In raids over the previous week, native Americans allied to the British had destroyed Buffalo and 6 other western New York towns.

[Benjamin Wiley, Jr.](#) was born to [Keturah Green Wiley](#) and [Benjamin Brown Wiley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 31 of 12 M / Here completes this Year which seldom rolls round but that I feel sensible that another of my life is gone- Father & Mother Rodman spent the Afternoon & took tea with us

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January 1, Saturday: On the New York side of the [Niagara River](#), Youngstown, Lewiston, Manchester, Schlosser, Black Rock, and Buffalo had been put to the torch. By holding [Fort Niagara](#) the British were in control not only of the mouth of the river but also of a safe haven for their warships and supply vessels.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) replied favorably to the allied offer of December 15th.

[Hung Hsiu Ch'üan](#) 洪秀全 was born. After being disappointed in the Confucian civil service examinations, he would have visions and come to the conclusion that he must be [Jesus](#) Christ's younger brother on a mission to redeem China (don't laugh, 25,000,000 [Chinese](#) are going to die rancid deaths on account of this fantasizing).¹²⁸

CHINESE CIVIL WAR

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 1st M 1814 / Recd this eveng a leter from my beloved friend Micajah Collins Dated 12 M 23rd - which was a very agreeable NewYears gift.—¹²⁹

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January 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 1st M / Our Meeting this forenoon was a preciousy favored season our fr D Buffum was much favor'd in a living & baptizing testimony In the Afternoon we felt the continuation of divine regard - I don't know when I have experienced better Meetings - L L Clarke took tea with us -

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128. For all that he was JC's little brother, this guy wouldn't actually have much use for anything peculiar to the New Testament — such as for instance kindness, or forgiveness, or redemption. Instead his [Christianity](#) was going to be long on obedience, and proper worshipfulness, and his dad was to be construed as a God of vengeance. But the *Tai-p'ings* did have a useful list of prohibitions: there was to be no prostitution in their Kingdom of Heaven, or even divorce, there was to be no enslavement or even foot-binding, there was to be no recreational use of [opium](#) or [wine](#) or [tobacco](#) — and of course there was to be no gambling! Both the Chinese Communists of the PRC (People's Republic of China, on the mainland) and the Chinese Nationalists of the ROC (Republic of China, on Taiwan) now claim that they originated as this nativist resistance movement against the Manchu overlords in Beijing.


129. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1815: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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 January 5, Wednesday: The Spanish Cortes returned to Madrid.

“Betsey Telock, Æ. 49, is burnt to death. It has been commonly reported, that she came to her end by spontaneous combustion from the inordinate use of ardent spirits. But it is the opinion of the gentleman, who first discovered her body, soon after the flames in her room were extinguished, that she caught her bed-clothes on fire with a candle, and thus lost her life.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 1st M / I Dreamed last night of seeing Our friend Mary Mitchell deceased - She seem'd to be in the Meeting house Yard in company with my Aunts Martha & Mary Gould & as I approached her she put out her hand to me & we shook hands together in the same manner in which we did when she was alive - This Dream has left a pleasant savor thro' the day -

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 January 6, Thursday: In [Concord](#), formation of a society for the suppression of [alcohol](#) abuse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 1st M / Our friend Gideon Molineux & his companion Silvester Birdsill from NYork state were at our Meeting today & at [Portsmouth](#) yesterday - Gideon is a preacher of the true stamp, & manifested himself a deep searcher of States - he appeared in testimony & supplication much to the comfort of the living, & the awakening of such as were at ease - They have gone to Connanicut this Afternoon accompanied by David Buffum & John Weaver intending to have a meeting there tomorrow. -

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 January 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 1st M / In our fournoon Meeting D Buffum & H Dennis appeared in very acceptable public testimony - In the Afternoon we were silent - - I thought both Meetings favor'd. - In the eveng My H went with Sisters Ruth & Joanna to Thos Robinsons

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 January 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 1st M / Our meeting was pretty well attended & I thought it was a lean time for life. -

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 January 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:




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7th day 15 of 1 M / This evening I walked to [Portsmouth](#) to visit my Aged & much loved cousins Zacheus Chase & Wife – The next morning it was a severe SnowStorm which kept us within doors all Day & deprived me of Attending Meeting – The day however passed pleasantly & on 2nd day [Monday] morning I walked home & found it quite fatiguing to travel in the Snow, which however was not over my shoes except in a few places – I found my H & little son were well & done well in my absence.

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 January 20, Thursday: [Moses Prichard](#) finally was able to get married with his fiancée of eight years, [Jane Hallett](#). For the initial three years of their wedded bliss they would reside at [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#)'s boardinghouse in [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1 M 20th 1814 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & I thought was favor'd – In the preparative meeting, Several of the Queries were remarked upon especially the one respecting the Poor & friends generally that were in ability & the Overseers of the Poor were encouraged to discharge their duty especially at this season of the Year – A request from Sally Hadwen was received to be admitted to Membership – her case is peculiar – she was born after her father was disowned, but lived alternately with her Grandmother Hadwen & Aunt Dorcas Brown who brought her up in the ways of Society & she has attended Meetings of Discipline without knowing she had no right of Membership but being now inform'd of it has now requested to be confirmed as a member –
My H spent the eveng at Gilbert Chases. –*

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 January 21, Friday: Modena and Reggio were occupied by Neapolitan troops.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) ordered the release of Pope Pius VII from confinement at Fontainebleau.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 M 21 / It is this day two Years that my dear Father left time in commemorating the day my mind is led into seriousness & sensations are excited which I trust are profitable to be abode under. –

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 January 23, Sunday: Prussian troops crossed the Marne River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 23 of 1 M / Our Meeting in the forenoon was well attended- A friend appeared in testimony & supplication – In the Afternoon we were Silent
Visited the Work & Alms Houses. –*

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January 27, Thursday: Creek Indians attacked the United States forces in Camp Defiance, Alabama. The attack failed but the natives inflicted heavy casualties.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 1st M / Our friends Hinchman Haines & Joseph Haines from New Jersey were at meeting Hinchman is truly a great & deep Minister – Joseph a good Preaching Elder – Jabez Green from Cornwall Moy [Monthly] Meeting in NYork State was also at meeting & preached a little to us, but the two former were of the most importance. –

In our meeting for buisness Hinchman gave us much good advice. – & a considerable buisness was before us among which a committee was appointed to report the names of some suitable friends to the Station of Elders. –

B Mott, P Lawton, A Sherman, G Dennis & I Lawton came home to Dine with us but our Chimney took fire & burned so badly that they all left us except I Lawton. –

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January 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 1 M / Our Meetings were well attended- In the forenoon we had a testimony from a friend – In the evening Br J Rodman & Dr Hazard were our visitors- a short call from father Rodman. –

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February 1, Tuesday: This was “Cold Tuesday” in [Concord](#). The temperature was well below zero.

In a driving blizzard at La Rothière, a combined Allied force of Russians, Prussians, Austrians, Bavarians, and other [Germans](#) attacked the French forces. Due to the extreme weather, and some Allied blunders, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) was able to arrange an orderly retreat. The struggle on this day nevertheless produced some 12,000 casualties, order of magnitude.

L’oriflamme de Charles Martell, an opéra comique by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul, Henri Montan Berton, Rodolphe Kreutzer, and Ferdinando Paer to words of Etienne and Baour-Lormian, was performed for the initial time, at the Paris Opéra (this was a government effort to rally support for the Emperor and for France during this invasion).

Neapolitan troops occupied Tuscany.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)’s THE CORSAIR hit the bookstore shelves — and on this day sold a magnificent 10,000 copies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 2nd M 1814 / It was my intention to have gone this day to [Providence](#) to have attended our Quarterly Meeting to be held 5th day next but the River Shut with Ice last night & the Packets do not run the expense of the Stage is rather beyond prudence for me to bare & it looks so much like a Storm & indeed Snows a little this Afternoon that it seems to be rather too great a risk & undertaking for me to Walk even as far as [Warren](#) which I had contemplated & take the Stage from thence hence I see no way but to abide in the patience & see what the morrow will bring forth - My mind has been quite unsettled most of the day - but since dinner feel more like laboring for the quiet & waiting for the event. -

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February 2, Wednesday: The Spanish cortes passed restrictions on King Fernando VII (should he be released by the French).

Luigi Cherubini was named a lieutenant in the “corps de musique” of the National Guard in Paris.

Visiting [Providence](#) during the cold snap, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and his travel party overnighed at Elmgrove, the home of Friend [Moses Brown](#):

4th day This Mornng tho’ the prospect was dubious I went in the mud & slow [SNOW?] out to J Weavers & rode with him to [Providence](#) - We stoped James Maxwells in [Warren](#) & dined - then went on & reached [Moses Brown](#) before night in evening we crossed Moses Bridge. - We lodged with our fr Moses it is the first time I was ever there & found him the same interesting character at home as abroad. -



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The following morning, on their way into [Providence](#), they stopped off to say hello at the home of Moses's son Moses Obadiah Brown.

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February 3, Thursday: As the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) arrived in Troyes southeast of Paris, the citizens barricaded their houses and were refusing to aid his soldiers. Meanwhile, ministers of the four allies were meeting in Châtillon-sur-Seine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about a visit to the home of [Friend Moses Obadiah Brown](#):

5th day Mornng after breakfast we rode to [Providence](#) stoped a few moments at O Browns - then went down town & did a message or two before Meeting. - At Meeting our fr James Greene opened the Service in a sound & I believe seasonable & savory testimony then Hinchman Haines in a living testimony & supplication - In the Meeting for buisness Sarah Greene - daughter of Paul was appointed to the Station of an Elder - I went with Br D Rodman to Henry Russells & dined where I saw Saml Brown & his sister Eliza who inform'd me of the decease of their Mother Lydia Brown on the 26 of 10 M last. - after dinner we gave a call at Josiah Lawtons & took a dish of tea - Spent the remainder of the eveng at Caleb Wheatens & returned to Henry Russells & lodged. -

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February 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Mornng - After breakfasting at Henrys set out for home we started from Jos Anthonys came over John Browns Bridge - stoped at Coles in [Warren](#) & bated our horse then over [Bristol](#) ferry to Holder Chases & dined & reached Home early in the eveng - With a thankful Heart that I had been once more favord to be at a Quarterly Meeting & to find my dear wife & little son in pretty good Health

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February 5, Saturday: Preliminary peace talks between the French and the Allies began at Châtillon-sur-Seine — the Allies offered the French their 1792 boundaries and the French of course found that utterly unacceptable.

Der Götterbund, an allegorical drama by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Kley, was performed for the initial time, for the birthday of the composer's mother.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5th of 2M 1814 / The savor of my visit still remains &



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I feel thankful that I have been -

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February 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6 of 2 M / In our forenoon Meeting A friend bore
testimony to the Truth In the Afternoon we were silent & I
thought pretty good Meetings
In the eveng called at D Williamsses. -*

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February 10, Thursday: French forces attacked Russian forces at Champaubert, capturing General Olssufiev and allowing only a fifth of his army to escape.

The peace talks at Châtillon-sur-Seine had been getting nowhere and at this point were suspended. The allies met amongst themselves at Troyes.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10 of 2 M / Our Meeting owing to the stormy weather was
very small - two Women only attended, but it was among the
preciously favor'd seasons to my mind -*

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February 12, Saturday: Bayard à Mézières, ou La siège de Mézières, an opéra comique with music by Adrien Boieldieu, Luigi Cherubini and two others to words of Chazet and Dupaty, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 2 M / My Mind frequently runs to my late visit at
[Providence](#) with much satisfaction & has this day been reviewed
with peculiar sensations which are very pleasant. -*

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February 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 2 M / In our forenoon Meeting C R & D B were
concerned in testimony The latter I considerd much favored - In
the Afternoon a few words were droped by C R - In the eveng D
Rodman & I went our to S Thurstons & took tea. -
I consider it a season of favor to me, being often enabled to
experienced the tendering influence of Divine love for which I
desire to be thankful. -*

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February 17, Thursday: French forces attacked various German units at Mormant and Valjovan and sent them reeling in disarray.

After a week's hiatus, the peace talks were restarted at Châtillon-sur-Seine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 2 m / Our friends Hinchman Haines & Jospeh Haines attended our Meeting this day general information was given to the inhabitants of the town but the day proving very rainy few of them attended The meeting however was large considering the weather he appear'd both in testimony & supplication in a very deep & weighty manner. -

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February 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wantonould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 2 M / Our Meetings were as well attended as common considering the Walking - we had short communications in each. -

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February 24, Thursday: When the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reentered Troyes there was general rejoicing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 2 M / The riding was so exceedingly bad & withall a very rainy day, that I thought it imprudent to attempt to go to our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was this day held at [Portsmouth](#). - Nobody went from town but D Williams & his daughter Mary & they were obliged to stay out all night. -- It is not a little unpleasant to me to omit a Moy [Monthly] Meeting. I never do it but I feel the omission. -I rote this forenoon to my fr Obadiah Williams in Butternutts. - it is the first time since he left this Town. -

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February 27, Sunday: British forces defeated French forces at Orthez, opening up southwestern France to invasion.

Symphony No. 8 in F Major, Op. 93 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed for the initial time, in the Redoutensaal, Vienna. Audience response was warm but not uproarious. One musician in the violin section was Louis Spohr.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 2 M 1814 / My much beloved friend Philip Dunham spent last eveng with us & was at our Meeting today. he dined with us & went aftermeeting to D Buffums & to J Dennis to lodge



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- Philip gave us evidences in both meetings of his Authority in the Gospel - I love him much & hope he will be preserved & deepen in the Truth -

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March 3, Thursday: The French garrison at Soissons surrendered to the Prussians and Russians.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 3 M 1814 / Our Meeting today was well attended - & I hardly know what else to say of it - We seldom escape trial of late - as respects my own condition I thought it quite as well as common. -

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March 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 3 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was large - C R preached first from the Text "Open thy Doors of Lebanon & let the fire devour thy Cedars - D Buffum was then concerned in an appropriate testimony & savory - but our meetings of late are seasons of exercise. - In the Afternoon my H went while I staid & took care of the little boy. - Sister Ruth & Br John set the eveng with us. -

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March 9, Wednesday: At Chaumont southeast of Paris, Russia, Austria, Prussia, and Great Britain published a joint treaty creating these four countries as arbiters of the future to the exclusion of lesser powers, and pledging themselves to continue the war upon France as long as necessary and never conclude any separate peace. They backdated this document to March 1st.

Prussian troops made a surprise attack on the French at Laon sending them into headlong flight.

French forces in the south fell back to Lyons.

A British force including Lord William Bentinck landed at Livorno and made for Lucca.

Samuel Wesley's Organ Concerto in C was performed for the initial time, at Covent Garden. The music had been intended for a concert on March 4th, but had not been ready — Wesley had finished it on March 5th and then he and Vincent Novello had spent the night copying parts. The manuscript was dated March 8th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 3 M / Our friend Mary Bonsall accompanied by Hannah Elliot & George Williams of Philadelphia came to town day before Yesterday after a meeting at Connanicut in the forenoon -rested yesterday, & today attend Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) & expect to




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return to town this Afternoon. –


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 March 10, Thursday: Die Eselshaut, oder Die blaue Insel, a feenspiel by Johann Nepomuk Hummel to words of Geway, was performed for the initial time, in the Theater-an-der-Wien, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 3 M / Our fr M Bonsal & G were at Meeting Mary was concerned in Savory & acceptable in testimony – My Dear H was unable to go to Meeting in consequence of the Disposition of our little Son.

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 March 13, Sunday: When Russian forces made a surprise night attack on French positions at Rheims northeast of Paris, the French repelled the attack, inflicting heavy casualties.


The Allies, having crossed the English Channel, at this point captured the city of Paris. That city's chief of police, Fouché, seeking alliances among the new authorities, suggested that they consider deporting his former boss [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) to the United States of America.

As peace broke out, young [George Back](#) found himself released from the prisoner-of-war camp at Verdun.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 3 M / Our forenoon Meeting was well attended – A testimony from friend – Text "We have a little sister who has no breasts &c --Solomon B Boss & wife dined with us – – My H went to meeting in the Afternoon & I staid at home with John who has not been well for a week past. –

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 March 17, Thursday: Lucca was occupied by Neapolitan troops.

Prussians defeated the French at Fismes.

After their defeat at Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River near present-day Alexander City, Alabama on this day, the defeated Red Sticks (Creeks) would be forced to flee to the Florida peninsula. [Sam Houston](#) had been twice wounded. His combat activities caught the eye of General Andrew Jackson.¹³⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 3 M / Attended Meeting which was as large as usual – Asa Howland was there & took tea with us this Afternoon

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130. Have you ever wondered about fatherless boys who go out onto a battlefield and either are killed or attract the attention of a father figure? –Have you ever wondered why they would do that? –Do such situations seem like chance events, to you? –Happenstances?



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March 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 3 M / Both our Meetings were silent which is the first, first Day in Many Months that there has been no public offering in some part of the Day. to me both were seasons of leanness. -

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March 22, Tuesday: A letter from the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) to Empress Marie-Louise, in which he outlined his strategic plans, was captured by Russian troops.

French troops abandoned Lyon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 3 M / Last eveng was very Dark with very high Wind & Snow - Sam Carr was lost in the Storm in coming from the point to his house he got blown down & Bewildered lost his way, & got into the Water & was drowned - he was this Morning found not far from the house he left When his watch was brought to me to clean off the Last Water I was uncommonly shocked being the first I had heard of the Accident. -

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March 24, Thursday: In an attempt to create divisions in Spain, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) released King Fernando VII at Bácsara.

The Papal States were returned to the Pope (they had been annexed by Napoléon in 1809). In return, the Pope recognized the French annexation of Avignon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 3rd M 1814 / Our Meeting today was silent but to me a favord Season - In the last Solomon B Boss & Joseph Robinson requested removal certificates - It seems discouraging in prospect to find our meeting so fast diminishing. -

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March 27, Sunday: United States forces defeated Creek Indians at Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River of Alabama. More than 600 were killed, 146 were wounded, and some 300 native women and children were captured. Headman Red Eagle surrendered, ending the Creek uprising.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 3 M / Silent Meetings & I thought pretty good ones



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After tea took a Walk round the Hill with Br D Rodman –

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March 31, Thursday: The French defenders of Paris agreed to an armistice. Allied armies, led by Tsar Alyeksandr, entered the French capital. As the Russian and Prussian armies entered Paris, Fromental Halévy broke off piano practice to help his brother stare at Cossacks marching past his home.

There being rumors that the Elysée Palace had been mined, the Tsar took up residence in the home of Charles Maurice de Talleyrand.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) took up residence in Fontainebleau.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 3rd M / Our first Meeting was silent & in the last (Monthly) we had an exercising time. Things however ended well – among the things which occupied our attention was the Appointment of an Elder – Jonathon Dennis was appointed & his name concluded to be sent forward to the Quarterly Meeting. I may now remark that the company of the Aged has many times of late felt peculiarly grateful to my feelings. "Blessings brighten as they takes their leave" & very pleasant was the presence of our Aged friend Thos Robinson at meeting this day when I first saw him I was glad he was able to attend, but before the buisness of the Meeting had got through he was of great use in setting a difficult Matter before us. – My mind is often affected with heviness at the prospect of the short time which several of our worthy & useful ancients have to remain with us & tho' they may outlive many of us who are young & Active yet certainly in the course of nature their days must be nearly number'd & who will be endowed with their quallifications to manage in discipline is a thing hid yet as thro' all generations there have been some raised up & quallified to carry the Ark of the testimony there is yet room to hope that the Testimony will not be left to Reproach –

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April 3, Sunday: Nobody loves a loser. The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) was deposed. Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévent was named the leader of a provisional government for France.

The name of the Académie Impériale de Musique (Paris Opéra) was changed to the Académie de Musique.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 4th M 1814 / Our forenoon Meeting I believe was highly favor'd indeed I thought it much more than commonly so before any thing was Said & I believe nothing that was said hurt the solemnity Our Ancient fr D Buffum was well engaged in testimony wherein he was concerned to call the attention of the Youth to things which belong to their Peace – then a few Words



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by Father Rodman- & then Hannah Dennis concluded the Meeting in Solemn Supplication. - Our Afternoon Meeting was silent but favor'd with Solemnity. -

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April 7, Thursday: Lucca was occupied by Austria.

[The Reverend Mr. Timothy Flint](#) sent out a rather amazingly self-revelatory open letter to his parishioners, requesting that he be dismissed from his charge at their Lunenburg Congregational Church — a missive his parishioners would be careful to preserve.



Three respectable ministers have been here with a view to settle in this region, have become discouraged and are gone, since I have been here. Twelve at least have been in this way in this country — they are all gone. ... I also, have had enemies, and bitter ones in this place. ... My congregations ... are larger, than when Mr. Mathews, or Mr. Giddings preached here, or other ministers, who are known. ... Religion, when I came here was considered contemptible. The phalanx of opposition was in array from one end of the street to the other. Why did they invite me here? On speculation. A minister — a church — a school — are words to flourish in an advertisement to sell lots. ... I shall not attempt a vindication of my course. ... I have passed through good report and through evil report. I have endured my "cruel mockings" and my perils from "false brethren." ... I came naked here. I am naked still. ... my confidence in the God whom I serve, is deep and unabated. ...¹³¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 4 M / Our Meeting today was silent & to me a season of distress - - Recd a letter this Mornng from David Smith 28th Ult & Post Mark of 1st inst.

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April 10, Easter Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote an ODE TO [NAPOLEON BONAPARTE](#).¹³²

British forces captured Toulouse.

British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh and Austrian Foreign Minister Prince von Metternich arrived in Paris to represent their respective countries. They met with Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia and worked out the conditions of abdication. This was presented to Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévnt and the provisional government, who accepted them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 4 M 1814 / Our Meeting this forenoon was pretty well attended And a season of favor - I can say ti was in good

131. The God whom he serves. Hmmm.

132. I haven't read this, and thus cannot tell you whether it contains the line "Lo, how the mighty have fallen."



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*measure so the me - D B was concern'd in testimony - - - In the
Afternoon father R said a few Words.*

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April 12, Tuesday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), who since his excellent adventure in Russia had been wearing a tiny pouch of black taffeta on a string around his neck, gulped down its contents. It contained [opium](#) with a mixture of belladonna and hellebore. But his suicide potion didn't work, more's the pity — it just made him spasm and go comatose for awhile.¹³³



Down but not out

DOPE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 12th of 4 M / This Afternoon took a little walk with John & called on our old neighbor Briggs. - While sitting there my mind was much exercised on Marys account, she has lately become Serious & I have no doubt but her mind has been tenderly visited & reached by divine love & my fervant secret intercessions have been put up that she may not take up her rest in the barran hills of an empty profession, but Alass it is little else which I can do for her The Work must be on her own part but the [Baptists](#) have gotten hold of her among whom it is a time of much stir & many go into the Water -The young coverts are almost continually at work upon her, to get her in Also. The event must be left & whether she does or does not yeald to their importunity I shall ever believe that her mind is at present under impressions which if cultivated would lead her beyond Water Baptism or any other outward cerimony even into, spiritual Baptism & the Spiritual Supper of our Lord & Master these she may Know by the depth of experience by due attention to that holy & pure spirit which I have no doubt she hath of late felt the operations of. -
This Afternoon & while writing the above the funeral of Ann Rogers has Passed by she was a young woman of respectability but suddenly taken from time. - but a few nights ago she attended a Ball where with great mirth & gayety there she took a hevvy cold which very shortly put a period to her life - I understand she was favor'd in her illness with quiet & resignation to her situation, but I do hope her sudden Death may prove a Warning*

133. All the pain of dying with none of the benefit of death: Nazi leaders, with their cyanide-filled tooth cavities, must have learned from this Frenchman's bad example.



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to the great Party Makers & to the young people of the town. –

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April 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 4 M / Day before yesterday Joseph CARPENTER departed this Life at the Alms House the Keeper being his guardian – & was this Afternoon buried from the house of his sister Anna Carpenter, in the south half of which he had the rents of during his life –he was a man of sense & agreeable in conversation but in consequence of a very sore leg for many years the smell of such as rendered his company very disagreeable. –

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April 14, Thursday: Charles-Philippe de France, comte d'Artois was named Lieutenant-general of the Kingdom, succeeding Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévent as Head of State for France.

Prince Eugène, Viceroy of Italy, signed a peace accord with the Allies and surrendered his forces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 4 M 1814 / In our Meeting to day my mind was agreeably & profitably employed most of the time & love was renewedly Kindled in my heart towards the small company gathered –& desires raised that we might all labor to improve our time while it lasted. – [Newport](#) has now become striped [stripped] as to numbers, many have removed away & the few which remain who are concernd to be faithful in their day have no small weight to bear
Father R bore a short testimony*

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April 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 4 M / All our aforementioned friends dined with Sister R Rodman Also which was to us a great gratification I love them all but my old & long true friend Micajah is very near to my best feelings – he & Wm Brown have left their home with a prospect of visiting the Southern Middle States as far as Ohio which they expect will not be accomplished in less than one Year, but felt their minds previously drawn to visit us a little – Their case has very tenderly excited my sympathy & I can say my heart has been this day made thankful for their company & the feelings which it has occasioned – They left our house



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in the Afternoon to drink tea at D Buffums & expecting to lodge there tonight – The only Alloy to this day has been an afflicting Ague –

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April 20, Wednesday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) took leave of his Imperial Guard at Fontainebleau and departed with a retinue of 14 carriages toward the coast of France.

A mob attacked the Italian Senate in Milan, and the Finance Minister was tortured in an attempt to force him to give over the treasury.

Having received a parish vote of 30 yeas over 10 nays, the Reverend [John White](#) was ordained over the 3d parish in Dedham at a salary of \$600 and ten cords of wood, the ordination sermon being preached by his own pastor, the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) of [Concord](#) (spirits, crackers, and cheese for the occasion cost \$5.63).

[JOHN WHITE](#) [of [Concord](#)], son of Deacon [John White](#), was born December 2, 1787, graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1805, and was ordained over the third parish in Dedham April 20, 1814.¹³⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 4 M / Our friends returned this evening Which they spent at John Rodmans & at the close of it Abijah & William came & lodged with us. – we sat up till 11 O'clock in agreeable conversation. – I understand by those who were there that Micajah was much favored in their Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today. –

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April 21, Thursday: A 5-man provisional government took over in Lombardy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 4th M 1814 / Our beloved friends Micajah Collins & his wife Wm Brown & Abijah Chase were at Meeting with us Wm Brown first appeared in testimony very sweet lively & fresh from the fountain then a little before the close Micajah in a short but very feeling manner gave us much good advice. – They dined with Br D Rodman, just before they set out I went up & found them in silence I joined with them & soon Micajah addressed us in a sweet & tender manner on the subject of parting from each other & gave us much precious advice which tender'd (I have no doubt) all hearts present. mine was very much so & a very solemn covering seem'd to be over us as I think I ever witnessed – They have just called at our Door to part with my dear H – leaving us under renew'd feelings of that love which length of time nor

134. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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distance of Miles cannot separate. – They expect to lodge tonight at Benj Freeborns in [Portsmouth](#) & go on to [Providence](#) the next day, from whence they expect to go on westward, to return they know not when They have my full unity & near sympathy & very particularly dear Wm Brown who leaves at home a wife & two little children. –

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April 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 4 M / Father Rodman in a short & D Buffum a pretty lengthy testimony in the forenoon – in the Afternoon the Meeting was silent – after which Father & I walked down to J Dennis & took tea. –

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April 28, Thursday: The frigate [HMS Inconstant](#), Captain Sir Edward Tucker, built 1783, sailed from the Mediterranean port of St.-Raphaël, with the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) aboard (he had opted for a British vessel, fearing retribution from the French navy).

The Kingdom of Italy was dissolved by Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 4 M / My H and Sister Ruth have gone to [Portsmouth](#) together to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which I am unable to attend in consequenc of the effects of a severe ague which I have for some time labored under, it is better but the Stiffness & soreness remain – I feel sorry to be deprived of going to [Portsmouth](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting as I have three times in succession a circumstance which I think has never occurred since I was an apprentice. it is however a comfort to believe that the engagement is still active in my mind & I hope it will not be suffered to abate

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May 1, Sunday: Andrew Jackson was commissioned a major general in the regular army with command of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 5th Mth 1814 / Our Meetings were both Silent & I considerd lean poor seasons – After meeting took tea with My H & John father Rodmans


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 May 3, Tuesday: King Louis XVIII arrived in Paris and seated himself upon the throne of France.

The Sovereign Principality of Elba was created, to be ruled over by the Emperor [Napoléon I](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 5 M / Our friends that went to [Greenwich](#) this Mornng to attend the Quarterly Meeting had a fine fair wind & easy time up.

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 4th (Wednesday) of 5th Mo.: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4 of 5 M / "In the midst of life we are in Death" - It has been the Day of General Election & as usual much noise & tumult in town - During which my mind has been not a little in the glooms & far from partaking in the coman merriment, so tho I have frequently said to myself (particularly this afternoon) "In the midst of life we are in Death" - Toward night heard of the recent Death of our excellenct friend Thos Scattergood of Philadelphia. -

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The accumulating unused education fund of the [Rhode Island Quakers](#) having risen to about \$9,300, there arose yet another scheme to divert the interest to some other more urgent non-educational purpose, and so Friend [Moses Brown](#) submitted the following letter:

The Meetings for Sufferings,
Dear friends:

As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you, that in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been renewedly brought under my consideration, and believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the honor of Truth. I have for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the West part of my homestead farm, containing about Forty-three Acres for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the boarding School thereon; Provided the Meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a Committee to view the ground, consider the proposal and report their prospect to the next Meeting for Sufferings, which may be more generally attended, they can then Act upon it, as it shall appear to them best. You will however dispose of the proposal in this or any other way that appears to you best.

As treasurer of the School fund, I may for your information mention that its present amount is about Nine thousand three



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hundred Dollars. With desires that this important subject may be considered and proceeded in conformably to the mind of truth that we may hope for its blessing.

I conclude your affectionate friend,
Moses Brown

His offer brought the value of the fund that had been being accumulated for some years, for Quaker education, to a total of \$9,300 (not even close to the estimated \$16,000 that would be needed). The land in question is in the area now referred to as "the East Side," but at the time was being referred to as "Providence Neck," and very obviously, it wasn't worth nearly as much then as it is worth now that it is enveloped in the most toney district of Providence. The property contained some seven acres of usable trees, and quantities of stone that might be used in the construction. At the time such land was considered to be worth about \$200 per acre. The land is along what is now referred to as Olney Avenue, but at the time this road was being referred to as "Neck Road." (Neck Road ran directly up the hill along what is now Olney Avenue, turned at the top of the hill to follow what is now Morris Avenue, then turned again along what is now Rochambeau and plunged through what is now the entrance to Butler Hospital, to Swan Point and then to the Pawtucket Line. This was the track that one would follow if one wanted for some reason to, say, journey to Boston.) It was noted that the plot was situated at the crest of the hill "about Three fourths of a mile from the compact part of the Town of [Providence](#) and Friends Meeting House there, and about the same distance from the College," the Rhode Island College that is now known as Brown University. The Meeting for Sufferings adjudged this to be "a pleasant and healthy scite [sic] to erect such a Building upon."

The initial plan would be to construct two buildings, one for the education of boys and the other for the education of girls, but the expense of this would force a consolidation into one building.



May 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 5th M 1814 / Our Meeting was pretty large considering some are absent to Quarterly Meeting. Our Aged friend Thos Robinson & Wife were present whose company was pleasant, their Daughter Abigail was also there who has been confined by ill health for several Months.

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May 6, Friday: Between 4AM and 5AM, Georg Joseph Vogler died of a stroke in Darmstadt at the age of 64. At the time of his death he was penniless, having been ruined by his attempt to construct the Triorganon instrument.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 5 M / Our friends have returned this Afternoon from Quarterly Meeting after a plesant passage up & down the River. -They bring information that John Baley & Amos Peasly were there & allmost on a religious visit to this & [Smithfield](#) Quarterly Meeting

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May 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 5 M / Our friend D Buffum was concern'd in the forenoon Meeting in a Savory & pathetic testimony on the necessity of the frequent reading the Scriptures warmly recommending it to the rising generation. - The Meeting however to me was a season of great leaness - In the Afternoon we were Silent & my Mind was in a more favor'd state.

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May 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 5 M / I have but a poor account to insert of myself which is that I stayed from meeting - perhaps I might have gone, but such was the State of my buisness that I omitted tho' not without considerable inward reproof. - My mind has been in a tender frame & humbled in a considerable degree under a sense of my Short comings. -

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May 15, Sunday: Master Commandant Thomas Macdonough's squadron sailed out of Otter Creek into the Narrows, and away to the north of Lake Champlain. They would be cruising all summer about the lake, while drilling for the naval engagement they considered to be an inevitability.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 5 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was attended with rather an uncommon circumstance soon after the Meeting was settled a youngish man rose up in the young mens quarter & asked liberty to tell what God had done for his Soul & waited a few minutes, & nothing being said he went on to remark that he had been long a professor of Religion but had not possessed it but a little while, that he was brought up in the Calvinistic order & used formal Prayer &c but that the Lord was pleased to Shew him that his state was then very Dark & has since brought him into his marvelous light & confirm'd his mind that true worship



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consisted in Spirit & truth so that he felt the Lord Power to constrain him to Publish what he had done for his soul, after giving some little account of the operations of Truth on his mind he went on to encourage christians to hold on their way & stand as examples to the flock & then to exhort Sinners to forsake the evil of their way & turn unto the Lord for grace was free to all - then the Youth he exhorted to Watchfulness & also all classes present - declaring that he Stood in fear & trembling among us as he did at all times when he undertook to speak in the Lords name - I was wholly at a loss to conjecture who he was or what he was he spoke rather broken English & I could not understand all he said, but there was not much to find fault with except his breaking the order of Society in speaking where he had not a right - - After Meeting I understood he was a Swiss & had married an Indian in Narragansett & now lived with Nicholas Geffroy & worked at the Watch making buisness. -Father Rodman said a few words D Buffum was concernd in a living & Powerful testimony & Hannah Dennis also appeard in a few words very sweetly & Truth I believed reigned in no common degree In the Afternoon our Meeting was silent except what talking our little John Gould did who was carried for the first time in his life but was so restless that his Mother was obliged to bring him home before the Meeting was fairly settled.

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May 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 5th M 1814 / Our Meeting was silent, pretty well attended but to me a season of but little Spiritual refreshment tho' I have not a Doubt but others were favord to experience the Arisings of life. -
In the Last (Preparative) Mary Perry requested Membership -*

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May 20, Friday: King Vittorio Emanuele of Sardinia reentered Turin for the first time in 16 years and attempted to replace everyone in his administration in their old posts. The laws of 1770 were reinstituted and everyone of French descent was ordered out of the country.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 20 of 5 M / A pleasant visit this Afternoon at D Buffums.
My H & John & Mother Rodman were there -*

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May 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 5 M / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony - it was to me a season very devoid of



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life. my mind however was running on much the same subject which D B had to treat upon

In the Afternoon I was again in a barran State tho' I tried to get centered & settled but could effect but little - times & seasons are not at our command. - The Meeting was Silent -After tea took a Walk to the Beach with Br D Rodman. -

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May 24, Tuesday: Pope Pius VII made a triumphal return to Rome.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 5 M / Our frd Amos Peasely is in Town & expects to be at our Moy [Monthly] Meeting on 5 day [Thursday] next. - Many are the Afflictions of this life. my mind has been affected with the situation of Mary Hind who had within a few days become quite distracted She is a West India woman no connections here & destitute of property. -

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May 25, Wednesday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 11th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 5 M / Our friend A Peasly is at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting today

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May 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 5 M 1814 / Amos Peasly was at Meeting his Service was uncommonly lively & edifying & Powerful. indeed I do not think for power I ever heard any thing to exceed it - I have no Doubt many were sensibly edified & those who were in allmost a lifeless state had their feelings greatly quickened
In the last Meeting (Monthly) considerable buisness was transacted in good harmony -
Geo Dennis & Jos Wilbour Dined with us & Uncle & aunt Thurston & Eliz Freeborn took tea -
In the eveng took a pleasant Walk round the Point with Br D*



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May 29, Sunday: Master Commandant Thomas Macdonough brought his fleet out of Otter Creek and came to anchor off Plattsburgh, New York.

In Paris, former Empress Josephine died of natural causes.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 5 M / In consequence of having taken some Physic last night I was not at Meeting - In the Afternoon attended which was silent & to me a dull season but not wholly without life. -

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May 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 5 M / I have spent more time than was for my pecuniary Proffit in reading the Manuscript Journal of My late Cousin David Greene dec'd / but the Mind has been thereby strengthened & renew'd in the belief that to note time as it passes is far from being unprofitable. In reading his various experiences I have found that which has accorded with mine own, "as face answers face in a glass" he seemd much in the same line as I have been. he has delighted in the same rural scenes at cousin Thos Goulds in Middletown, taken the same solitary walks about the town & to [Portsmouth](#), experienced the ebbings & flowings of divine life & had recorded many of the same errors of his life as I find in mine own. in perusing it I found my mind often much affected & almost to weeping, to find many of his exercises so congenial with mine own.

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May 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 5 M 1814 / This has been a day of Calamity, & depressing to every mind that abhors War. - Late last evening an Alarm was beat & reported that the British Brig Nimrod was beating up the west Passage after a Vessel under Sweedish colours - The Malitia went down to Gardiners beach where they staid all night & in the Mornng at About 9 OClock the Nimrod came up to the Sweedish Vessel laying at Anchor & fired an abundance of 32 / & grape Shot Sent her Barge & set fire to the Vessel the Militia went off to her to extinguish the fire & in coming from her with Some of her crew a thirty two pound shot struck the Boat Killed a young Man belonging to Middletown by the name of John Smith & dangerously wounded another belonging to this town by the name of Isaac Bassett. - This is the first time I ever



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heard the sound of Killing Guns. it was Awful indeed, but Alass what is the human mind capable of vast numbers went down as spectators & viewed the horid scene with composure, & many made quite a buisness to run round & pick up the Bullets to bring to town to sell which I am told brought \$1 a piece.

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The independence of the City of Hamburg was restored for a 2d time.

The First Treaty of Paris was signed by Great Britain, Austria, Prussia, Russia, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, and France, returning the French boundaries to those of January 1, 1792 and restoring the Bourbon dynasty. France renounced all claim to the Netherlands, Belgium, [Germany](#), Italy, and Switzerland. Tobago, Saint Lucia, and Ile de France were ceded to Britain. Santo Domingo was granted to Spain. Austrian rule was reestablished in Istria. The 12-year dispute over the possession of Malta ended in favor of Great Britain, by its becoming a crown colony. A clause called for the independence of the [German](#) states and their union in a federation, but that particular clause was held as a secret. It was agreed to hold a Congress in Vienna starting October 1st.

Effective immediately, this treaty prohibited the introduction of [slaves](#) into French colonies by foreigners. The treaty specified that as of June 1, 1819, the [international slave trade](#) would also be interdicted absolutely even to the French themselves. France and Great Britain agreed to endeavor to induce the approaching Congress at Vienna "to decree the abolition of the Slave Trade, so that the said Trade shall cease universally, as it shall cease definitively, under any circumstances, on the part of the French Government, in the course of 5 years; and that during the said period no Slave Merchant shall import or sell Slaves, except in the Colonies of the State of which he is a Subject." Castlereagh wrote to Austria, Russia, and Prussia in hope "that the Powers of Europe, when restoring Peace to Europe, with one common interest, will crown this great work by interposing their benign offices in favour of those Regions of the Globe, which yet continue to be desolated by this unnatural and inhuman traffic."

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: During the peace negotiations between the United States and Great Britain in 1783, it was proposed by Jay, in June, that there be a proviso inserted as follows: "Provided that the subjects of his Britannic Majesty shall not have any right or claim under the convention, to carry or import, into the said States any slaves from any part of the world; it being the intention of the said States entirely to prohibit the importation thereof."¹³⁵ Fox promptly replied: "If that be their policy, it never can be competent to us to dispute with them their own regulations."¹³⁶ No mention of this was, however, made in the final treaty, probably because it was thought unnecessary.

In the proposed treaty of 1806, signed at London December 31, Article 24 provided that "The high contracting parties engage to communicate to each other, without delay, all such laws as have been or shall be hereafter enacted by their respective Legislatures, as also all measures which shall have been taken for the abolition or limitation of the African slave trade; and they further agree to use their best endeavors to procure the co-operation of other Powers for the final and complete

135. Sparks, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE, X. 154.

136. Fox to Hartley, June 10, 1783, as quoted in Bancroft, HISTORY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, I. 61. Cf. Sparks, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE, X. 154, June 1783.



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abolition of a trade so repugnant to the principles of justice and humanity."¹³⁷

This marks the beginning of a long series of treaties between England and other powers looking toward the prohibition of the traffic by international agreement. During the years 1810-1814 she signed treaties relating to the subject with Portugal, Denmark, and Sweden.¹³⁸ May 30, 1814, an additional article to the Treaty of Paris, between France and Great Britain, engaged these powers to endeavor to induce the approaching Congress at Vienna "to decree the abolition of the Slave Trade, so that the said Trade shall cease universally, as it shall cease definitively, under any circumstances, on the part of the French Government, in the course of 5 years; and that during the said period no Slave Merchant shall import or sell Slaves, except in the Colonies of the State of which he is a Subject."¹³⁹ In addition to this, the next day a circular letter was despatched by Castlereagh to Austria, Russia, and Prussia, expressing the hope "that the Powers of Europe, when restoring Peace to Europe, with one common interest, will crown this great work by interposing their benign offices in favour of those Regions of the Globe, which yet continue to be desolated by this unnatural and inhuman traffic."¹⁴⁰ Meantime additional treaties were secured: in 1814 by royal decree Netherlands agreed to abolish the trade;¹⁴¹ Spain was induced by her necessities to restrain her trade to her own colonies, and to endeavor to prevent the fraudulent use of her flag by foreigners;¹⁴² and in 1815 Portugal agreed to abolish the slave-trade north of the equator.¹⁴³



June 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 6 M 1814 / Meeting rather small but attended by several of the Worthys who thro' Age & infirmitys have not Steadily attended of late Vizt Sarah Robinson & daughter Abigail & My Cousin Bathsehba Gould whose presence was comforting to me. Was favoord with quuiet tho' roving of mind tried me a little, & had the watch been faithfully kept up a greater degree of favor doubtless might have been experienced - It seem'd to me to be a season of favor to many present - One Short appearance in the Ministry C R to pretty good satisfaction - My dear H was there we have gotten quite at ease with respect to attending Meetings of late. We take our beloved little John put him to Bed & leave him a slepp & the hand of Morpheus seldom leaves him till we return.

Saw at Banisters Wharf the Brig that was set on fire by the British on 3rd in the east Passage she was towed round to day

137. AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN, III, page 151.

138. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 886, 937 (quotation).

139. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 890-1.

140. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, page 887. Russia, Austria, and Prussia returned favorable replies: BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 887-8.

141. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, page 889.

142. She desired a loan, which England made on this condition: BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 921-2.

143. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, pages 937-9. Certain financial arrangements secured this concession.



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about 40 Hogs heads of Molasses was saved, but the wreck exhibits a scene of destruction, her quarter deck is burned allmost to the Water it looks like a mere Shell. - Alass for a State of Warfare When will Mankind beat their swords into Ploughshares & learn the horid Art no more. -

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June 4, Saturday: King Louis XVIII issued the Constitutional Charter, claiming hereditary right to the throne of France with a permanent bicameral parliament.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 6th M 1814 / This evening Mail from Boston brings News Papers containing accounts of great events in Europe, nothing short of another complete revolution in the Government of France - Bonepart is seems has yealded his Aunthority to the family of Burbons & Lewis the 18th is now on the Throne, thro' the instrumentality of the allied Powers who have followed him to Paris & made this Great Wonderful & strange overturn in the state of things. - The world therby is rid of one of the greatest, if not the greatest Tyrant that ever existed, who has been a Terror to the Nation around him for Years. - but while I can feel this event as of great importance to the World, may I not allow my mind to rejoice at it not knowing what is for the best. - The change has not been effected but by great slaughter & blood shed of the human species, Milions of lives has it lost. Alass shocking & miserable has been the state of Poor Europs for years. my heart has often felt deeply affected at the multiplied accounts of battles that have been fought on her "delightful plains" - & I greatly desire the Sword may now be sheathed & the period predicted by the Prophet Isiah when the "Lyon & the Lamb shall lay down together" be hastened. - Alass for our poor Country of America, now at War, may she also, be blessed with returning PEACE

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June 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 6 M / Our Meeting this forenoon, I thought was unusually favord was favord in my own particular with a good degree of reverant quiet The Mind however at times wont to rove. - Our friend D Buffum in testimony labord faithfully tho the forepart of it in weakness - he introduced the Passage of Martha & Mary. enforced the necessity of choosing the better part - Warned us against a security within ourselves contenting with a Morral life &c - C Rodman sd a few words After Afternoon Meeting Silent & to me Solemn & favord - after talk a



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Walk to the Alms House with Br D Rodman –

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June 6, Monday: The Duchy of Guastalla was returned to sovereignty by the allies, under Duchess Maria Luigia (former Empress Marie-Louise of France).

Tsar Alyeksandr, King Friedrich Wilhelm, and Prince von Metternich arrived at Dover for an official visit to England in celebration of the defeat of the Emperor [Napoléon I](#).

A council dismissed the [Reverend Timothy Flint](#) from his charge at the Congregational Church in the Lunenburg portion of Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6th of 6 M 1814 / My dear Mother has been quite unwell for several Days but her Medicine has had a favorable effect & I think her better today. - She related a little experience of hers today. She says that about five years ago soon After Aunt Molly Wanton lost her reason & several trying instances existing in the family, one day in particular her mind was greatly under pressure of Affliction & to add to it one of the family had stuck a Nail in their foot which added to her agitation. after the difficulty of the Nail a little subdsided she set down & Wept then took up a book, a Sermon Called the Covenant preached by James Muir D D & read a little in it then sat still a while & it came into her Mind to get Bogatzkys Golden Treasury & see what the Text was for the Month & day of the Month that she was born Vizt 5 M 11th & found it to be "How long wilt thou hide thy face from me O Lord Psal XIII.2 - Divine Answer: For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great Mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee: for this is as the Waters of Noah unto me, for as I have sworn that the Waters of Noah should no more go over the earth so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee nor rebuke thee Isa IVI.7.9." Which text was the same with the Sermon she had just before read & she said, the effect was such as soothed her mind & comforted her up, & the Clouds seemed quite to dispell for a season. -

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June 7, Tuesday: George Anson Byron was promoted to Captain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 6 M / Attended Town Meeting being the Election of Town Officers considerable opposition to those of last year was expected, but the greater part of the solid freemen attended & Most Friends of the Town were present which I have no doubt prevented much delay in the buisness as those who were disposed



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to oppose were thereby discouraged - The whole buisness of the Town was conducted without a single paper Vote. - I thought I was never more sensible of the good effect of the countenances of solid people on the conduct of the loose minded, & I differ much in sentiment with those who think Friends ought not to Attend Town Meetings. I believe they may & have done in this Town much good many times for there is something in the Countenances of a weighty Friend which carries Awe over others. & it is my solid judgement that if Friends in some sections of this Country had timely exerted their influence in a proper Manner the present disastrous War might have been Averted.

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June 8, Wednesday: Hostilities began at St. Leonard's Creek. (This would go on for some time.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 6 M 1814 / We had the company of our interesting neighbour & friend Mary Briggs & Mariah Mumford this Afternoon & Sister Mary joined us in the evening - - I felt near sympathy with Dear M Briggs, her mind appears very tender & sweet & I have no doubt is preciously visited with the "Day Spring from on high" I read to her the acct of Thos Burling of N York who died some years ago at the Age of 14 Years - the acct of his Pious close & lively expressions of the times with his Sisters dream after his death was affecting to her mind & drew the pearly tear. -

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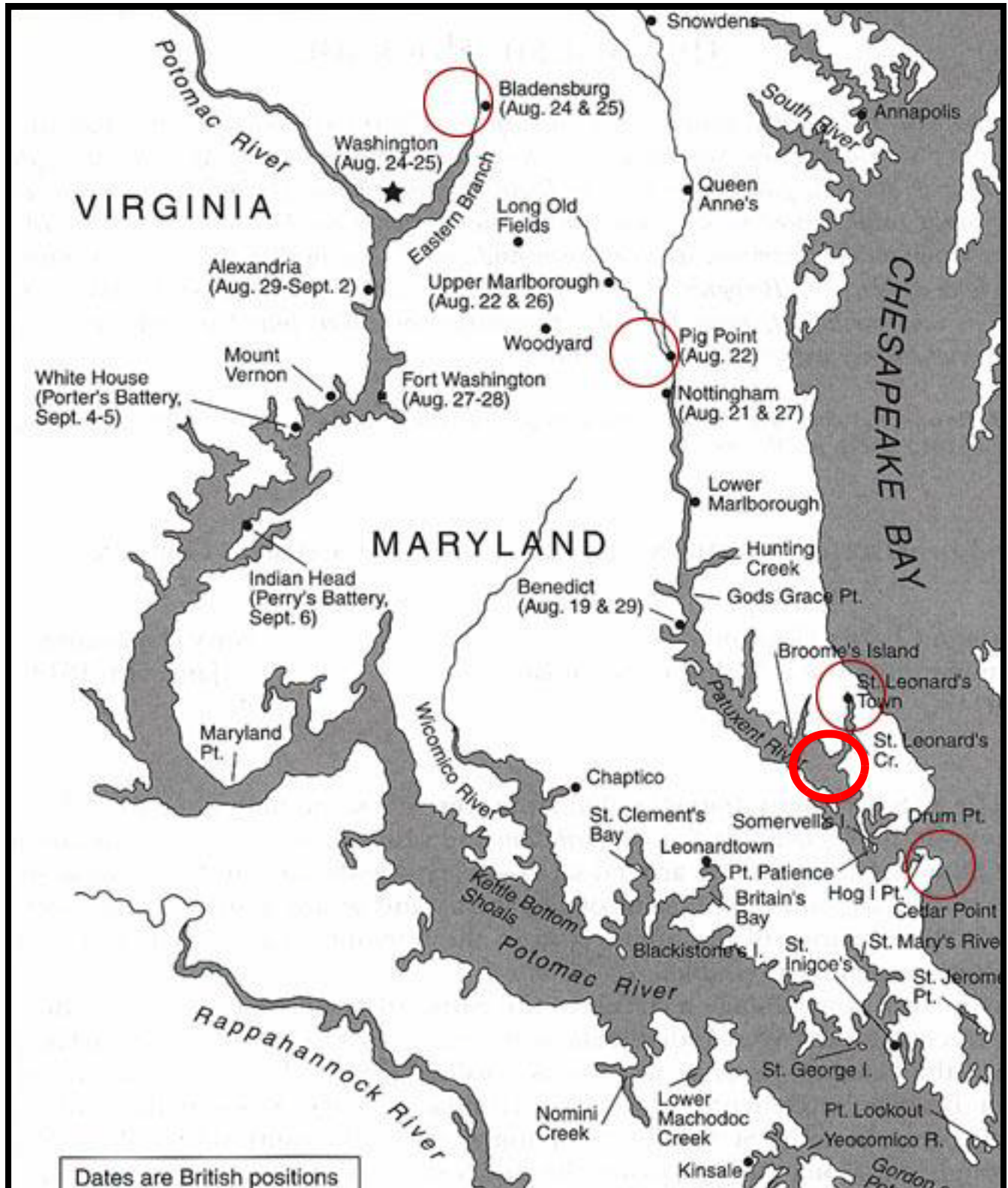


June 9, Thursday: John Kimball de Laski was born in St. John, New Brunswick.

At a dinner with the Prince-Regent in Carlton House, King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia, the Earl of Liverpool, and Viscount Castlereagh were invested as Knights of the Garter.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 6 M / Our Meeting to me was a favord One, & my heart was made renewedly thankful under a sense of the extendings of divine goodness In the forepart of it a travel [travail] was experienced for one on whose account I have at seasons of late felt much for & who my prayer is may find the right Way - After which I was led to reflect on divers persons some who lived before & some since my remembrance, who filld seats in that house & now are called from works to reward. - we who now meet there, are also hastening fast to the final change to experience what they have passed thro' before us. & may our change be as glorious as there is reason to believe some of theirs have been. - Our friend Mary Varney was present & toward the close of the meeting got hold of the State of it pretty well & declared the Truth with boldness among us, to the tendering of divers minds. -

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Notwithstanding the aforementioned state of favor, roving & unprofitable thoughts sometime presented. but were not premitted to get the Assendancy very far. -
The experience at Meeting has continued thro' the afternoon -Oh how precious is a tender mind. - This eveng Br D Rodman called & gave us a view of a couple of letters from Avis Mumford of this town now residing in [New Bedford](#) to her Brother & Sister. She displays an excellent talent at writing - fine sentiment & withall a pious seeking mind.

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June 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 6 M / Yesterdays savor has been renew'd today, under which my heart [h]as been thankful to the Author of All Good.

We have begun to prepare for Yearly Meeting & towards Night Saw our ancient fr John Casey from [Greenwich](#) go up street with a company with him among whom was Thos Howland who stoped & took tea with us & set the eveng in interesting conversation -

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7th day 11th of 6 M: At the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, as recorded in the diary of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), the prospect of a [Yearly Meeting School](#) would be discussed. Friend [Moses Brown](#) was offering a lot of 40 Acres on his farm near [Providence, Rhode Island](#):

7th day 11th of 6 M 1814 / Yearly Meeting has now commenced, Friend have come plentifully into Town - Our family consists of Ezekiel Jones & Wife Isaac Bassett & his Wife - Dan'l Johnson Saml Philbrook. Estes Newhall Ezra Collins & Thos Anthony as lodgers. - My mind & body much engaged, but favord to keep in a good degree of patient quiet. -

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June 12, Sunday: Emperor Franz I of Austria was proclaimed King of Lombardy, which he of course annexed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day / The forenoon meeting was large & favord John Moore a Physician of Pensylvania was very large in testimony. he declared the Truth with good natural ability of Mind, & with no common Share of divine Authority - My post was door Keeper which I endeavor to fulfill with all my abilities - I never set down during the whole meeting & being at the door had an opportunity to observe the countenances of those about, anxious to hear - My mind was sensibly affected to see how desirous they were to hear, many of them afraid to go into the house for fear they would have to set still a little while - I did very feelingly



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*deplore the state of poor Mankind many of whom seem desirous of no better food than Words - & notwithstanding my fatigue of body my mind, was favord with a good degree of feeling quiet
The Afternoon Meeting very large but as still as common & I thought considerably more so than common Doctor John Moore again the only laborer, his preaching both for matter & manner much resembles Rich Motts. I thought him not quite so favor'd as in the Morning. - the people were much pleased with his testimony. - I dont remember of both our first day meetings at the Yearly Meeting time, passing with but two commemorations & both of them from one man - several of our lodgers took tea out, their places were supplyd at table by several from Lynn & Salem friends -*

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June 13, Monday: Angéla ou L'atelier de Jean Cousin, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Montcloux d'Epinay, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / Our Meeting met at the usual time I thought not under as solemn covering as I had witnessed, but in good measure. - The public service was a short & savory Prayer by Joseph Douglas & a few words from C Rodman discussing forward appearances which I hope will not be taken by the feeble ones as a blow at them - After a space of about half an hour D Buffum proposed our proceeding to buisness. The usual rotine of which was gone through - Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Baltimore, Philadelphia New Garden & New York were read & a corresponding committee appointed. nothing further remarkable at this time -

Afternoon, the meeting met at the 3rd hour, as usual at this sitting we had much preaching. The State of Society was enterd into & a number of deficiencies confessed in the Answers. - Remarks were made by James Hallock Danl Haverland & John Moore from abroad -[Moses Brown](#) Wm Almy C Rodman & Benj Percival of our own members were most conspicuous. The latter appeared in an humble Prayer much to the comfort of some present. - Three of the committee in the case of Folger Popes appeal refer'd from last Year being absent -at his request he was called in & three more added in his presence The Meeting then Adjourned to the 4th houe tomorrow Afternoon

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June 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / The meeting met at the time adjorned, was opened under a solemn covering, a pathetic testimony by D Haveland chiefly in address to the youth, he then asked liberty to set a while



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in the womens apartment which was given & Our fr [Moses Brown](#) accompanied him. – Committee to report the State of the treasury reported. O Brown for treasurer. that there was 400 Dolls in his hands & 400 Dolls necessary to be raised. – The Committee in the case of Folger Popes appeal then reported. they confirmed the judgement against him, a very solemn covering was witnessed over the Meeting. after Minute was made & the report accepted he was called in, took his seat on the right hand on the front seat of the Old mens quarter, after a solemn pause of about five minutes Saml Rodman the Clerk rose up & read the report & Minute. in a few minutes the Appellant rose & requested liberty to give reasons to the Meeting why the report ought not to be accepted – The Clerk rose & informed him with consistent & in a very dignified manner, that it would be contrary to the usage of the Meeting to admit such remarks when a committee had reported their judgement & in the report asserted that they had given the parties a full hearing – Folger then remarked that he thought it within the limits of discipline to Allow such indulgence & went on a little further & left the Meeting observing he left it for our consideration & passed out of the Meeting. – Solid & solem remarks were made by John Casey & D Buffum. – The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were then read by which it appear'd the subject of the Yearly Meeting school had been before them & that our friend [Moses Brown](#) had offered a lot of 40 Acres on his farm near [Providence](#). This subject brought great weight over the Meeting which seemed fully united in the belief that the time had come when it might be Moved forward in with great safety than at any period heretofore. –[a Minute was made on Singly encouraging friends to promote subscriptions throughout the Yearly Meeting & a minute made recommend the care of the buisness of the Meeting for Sufferings. **These lines were crossed out**] The Epistle from Virginia Yearly Meeting was recd & read at this time.

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June 15, Wednesday: A joint Austrian/Bavarian administration took over in Birkenfeld.

The Netherlands abolished the slave trade.

Ministers meeting in London decided to move the meeting of the Congress of Vienna from July 1st to August 15th.

Johann Nepomuk Hummel's singspiel Die Rückfahrt des Kaisers to words of Veith was performed for the initial time, in the Theater-an-der-Wien, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / Meeting opened with a little excellent preaching by John Moore he principally address to the Youth [one line crossed



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out] at this [repeat of 2 day] sitting the corresponding committee produced essays of Epistles to the yearly Meetings of London New Garden, Baltimore, Virginia Philadelphia & New York also one for the new Yearly Meeting established last Year at Ohio which were agreed to after a little alteration in some of them. – The Subject of the Yearly Meeting School came again before us & it was unanimously agreed & a minute made recommending subscriptions throughout the Yearly Meeting for the Promotion of it The Meeting adjourned to the 4th hour in the Afternoon. –

Afternoon met by adjournment – John Moore again preached excellently & Danl Haveland appeared in a living Powerful & Humble Prayer for all ranks & discriptions in society. – The Meeting was occupied chiefly in finishing unfinished minutes preparing endorsements for friends that were with us from other Yearly Meetings & was concluded by fervant prayer by John Moore

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June 16, Thursday: Emperor Franz I returned to Vienna amidst joyful festivities and a public holiday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Our frinds have mostly left us this morning for their own homes which leaves our houses destitute to what they have been for a week past. – The Meeting was large, much favor'd & I believe to the satisfaction of all & the edification & comfort of many present. – James Hallock was first & largely favor'd in testimony, then John Moore, J Hallock rose a Second time & J Moore followed in a fervant Prayer – Hannah Dennis had a few words in conclusion which considering the favor'd state the Meeting was left in, had an unusual good effect – This Afternoon J Moore attended as physician with Several of this Town to extract a Cancer from cousin Elizabth Gould Breast which was very favorably performed. –

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June 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 18th of 6 M 1814 / This Afternoon we had the Company of Cousin Martha Hazard. My Mother. Br Isaac Sister Sally. & Thos Hornsby to set the Afternoon & take tea with us. –

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June 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 19th of 6th M / Our Meeting this mornng was large & tho' there was considerable preaching I thought it rather a dull season Daniel Clapp of Pomfret spake a few words - then David Buffum pretty lengthy in a seasonable, appropriate & savory testimony. Then Hannah Dennis shot [short] but with her usual Sweetness. -Sister Ruth Dined with us -
Silent in the Afternoon with Br D R walked out to J Dennis & took tea. - Sister Rebecca Rodman got comfortably to bed this evening with a fine boy We all feel thankful on her account -*

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June 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 6 M / Cousin Nathan Hazard & Thos Hornsby took tea with us. -

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June 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 6 M / The infirmities of my nature predominated in my Thoughts so far in meeting that tho' I labord to get the mind centerd on good, was frustrated. till Hanna Dennis broke the bread among us. perhaps there might not have been twelve basket fulls left, but certainly my mind was in a much better condition after her communication than before & I have no doubt the meeting generally were edified

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June 25, Saturday: Austria regained sovereignty over Tirol.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25th of 6 M 1814 / This forenoon by previous agreement Br John Rodman & I went to [Portsmouth](#) on our way stoped at the new Stone Factory now building in the crossroad near the Bridge on Lawtons Gulley. it is now nearly to the tops of the window frames of the second story & appears to be built in a substantial manner, after examining it a little we went to Thos Potters where I soon accomplished the little buisness I went upon. from there we crossed the field & went to Anne Anthonys, spent about 3 hours very agreeably & drank tea, then went to Peter Lawtons & finding him from home went down to I Lawtons & set the evening - returned to Peters & lodged & found him at home - Next Mornng after breakfast we walked Down on Benj Motts farm to see the new factory their building of Stone by E W Lawton. Geo Engs & Co. which we found nearly in as great state of forwardness as the other, after walking round & contemplating a little on things



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around &c we bent our way to the Meeting house but found it early Meeting time & stepd to the Widow Almys where we rested a little & return'd to meeting, which was large solemn & silent, but I found the previous exercise I had taken was more than convenient for my body, & the mind unable to rise above it. a good degree of favor was however experienced. -After Meeting we walked to Uncle Sam Thurstons & dined. found him & wife settled more to their minds than at their former residence, after dinner proceeded homeward, a shower overtook us & we halted a little at Rich Mitchells, took a little refreshment & came home with fatigued limbs - found my H & John at father Rodmans where I took a dish of Tea & came home. -

This visit without exceptions as to the outward is one of the most Pleasant I have had in many years. There seemed to be no alloy, we accomplished all we set our to do & a little more, which with a good degree of innocency attended our own minds & the scenery around, renderd it proffitable in a good degree, tho' perhaps not so much divine favor attending the mind as at some others when the outward was less favourable.

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June 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 6 M 1814 / Mary Babcock sent for me this forenoon to come & see her. I found her quite feeble & weak, but so as to be sitting up in her chair. She expressed a wish to Make a Will which she had done several times before at prvious visits. I took the Minutes & came home rote the Will & went again after dinner & she executed it. - She seemed quite sensible that the day of her dissolution draws near & expressed a wish to be buried in friends ground but I told her that as her relations were all laid in the common I thought she had better be also. She seemed readily to relinquish the prospect. -

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June 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 6 M / Rode with my H & our little J S G to [Portsmouth](#), stoped at Anne Anthony's where we left John & went to Meeting - In the first Jeremiah Austin preached - - In the last buisness was conducted with as much weight & solemnity as I ever knew in a Monthly Meeting - After the buisness was ended that remained on the Minutes Jonathon Dennis proposed in quite a weighty manner that that part of Discipline which requires the appointment of Visitors be revived, which obtained the weighty consideration of the Meeting & drew many seasonable & pertinent remarks, particularly from D Buffum Saml Thurston C Rodman & Benj Freeborn

The subject was so weighty in the Meeting that it was laid before



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the Womens Meeting & left for further consideration till next Month. –

After Meeting we returned to A Anthonys found John had done well in our absence Dine & rode home –

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July 1, Friday: [Elijah Hinsdale Burritt](#) joined the Congregational Church of Simsbury, Connecticut.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 7 M 1814 / This morning before I was up, message was sent that Mary Babcock had departed this life about 1 / 2 an hour before I arose & went to [-] Durfees where I had boarded her for several Months gave the necessary directions as her Guardian & returned to breakfast In the instance of her death the necssity of speedy attention to things appertaining to the final close of time is renewedly & forcibly suggested to the mind. Several weeks ago she sent for me to consult about making her Will. I left with her such advice as I thought necessary & she was to consider of it & when her mind was made up send for me, which she did three weeks before, but I neglected going untill she sent again when I found her quite ill & a necessity for immediate attention. Tho' I did not then think her change quite so near.

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July 3, Sunday: American forces and their native allies crossed the Niagara River and captured the British garrison of Fort Erie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 7 M 1814 / In the forenoon meeting a few words were spoken by father Rodman & a pretty good meeting, tho' myself tried with roving thoughts. - Left Meeting in the Afternoon to attend the funeral of my Ward Mary Babcock, being the last service I could perform for the body. - She was buried from the house of Benj Durfee at the foot of Belview Street where I put her to board last spring & where I believe she has had every attention paid to render her situation as comfortable as her very infirm & helpless state would admit.

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Our national birthday, Monday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 10th birthday.

The 4th was celebrated in Honolulu, Hawaii with a dinner ashore, as artillery salutes were fired from ships in the harbor.

In New-York, Uri K. Hill sang an "Ode" written especially for the occasion while Commodore Stephen Decatur, an honorary member of the State Society of the Cincinnati, dined with that association in Tontine Coffee House.

The [Declaration of Independence](#) was printed in the Philadelphia [Aurora General Advertiser](#).

In Ashburton, England, American prisoners of war celebrated the 4th by drinking 18 toasts.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



At Halifax, Nova Scotia, [George Back](#) became a midshipman aboard HMS *Akbar*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 7 M / Considering It is Independence Day there has been but little Muster in town to what is usual at the Annual return of this Day. it is a time of Mourning in the land. The countenances of most people are sadned at the sorrowful situation of our national concerns in general but particularly the difficulty that we have been placed under since the general Blockade of the British on the Coast. "Commerce does indeed droop her head" & her almost every movement is hung in Cypress, besides the fear which exists of an attack, and our peaceful dwelling, rased to the dust -these things tend to cast a gloom on all around & Oh that the people would turn it to their lasting Benefit. - My heart has been many times affected under a sense of things as they are, but alas to see & feel is all I can do. -

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July 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 7 M / Mary Briggs is very sick & is this very warm day suffering under a tedious Blister, my mind is alive to her case it feels more than I know how to express - She has a very near place in my heart, but I fear unless a change takes place speedily for the better in her health, that the time fast approaches when ties of Affection must be broken I called to her home this Afternoon but found her so feeble as to render it improper to go into her room. -



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My Mother & Izabel Gardiner set the Afternoon with us.

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July 6, Wednesday: The Quadriga was restored to its place on the Brandenburg Gate (this symbol of the Prussian state had been removed by the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) in 1806 and was brought back to Berlin by Marshal Blücher).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 7th M 1814 / Uncle David Lawton & his daughters Ann & Hannah Dined and spent the day with us also Sister Ruth - In the Afternoon I went with uncle David to Thos Robinsons where we set an hour in agreeable conversation. The old man & his wife relating several old but interesting Anecdotes, some of them particularly of the Wanton family. - We had in addition to the foregoing at tea the company of Hannah Dennis & daughter Anne. Margaret Buffum & Sister Eliza & Mary In the eveng Edw & Mary Lawton & J Sherman came in, making a very pleasant & agreeable circle. -

While I was at Thos Robinsons with Uncle David the old man related the following. He said the way the Wanton family came to settle on R I was - In Scituate Massachusetts where Edw Wanton first settled there was great persecution of Friends of which society he was convinced under the Gallows when Mary Dyre & her friends were hanged The Priest of the town of Scituate took great pains to do many things to try the feelings of Edw & his family & among which he named his dog Wanton. Edw two sons Wm & John not being in the same spirit of non resistance as their father, was determined on giving the Priest a severe whipping & knowing at the same time it would be unsafe to reside afterwards in Scituate provided themselves with Horses to come off full speed for R I They accordingly put their plan into execution whiped the priest unmercifully, mounted their horses & came away, but before they got far, at a Tavern they were overtaken by a concourse of Presbyterians who surrounded the house. Wm & John looked out of the Windows & determined on an adventure, they accordingly rushed out of the house with sticks in their hands beat their way through the crowd, & seeing the Presbyterians horses were better than their own siezed them & galloped off, these two men were no small adventurers thro' life. Tho John became afterward a very religious Man & Public friend - after they were settled on R I & While they were young in years Pirates infested the Coast the two Wantons volunteered their service to go out after them which they did & finally succeeded in bringing them in - In one of their cruises after these pirates they put into [Martha's Vineyard](#) & Richd Ward was on board, who determined to furnish himself [a number of pages missing]

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July 19, Tuesday: Samuel Colt, American gunsmith and inventor, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 7th M 1814 / The times are gloomy & sadly affecting - This day I have witnessed the passing along our streets of Militia companies going to take different stations, & Oh how Awful to see men pass by in full health, some of them too as Drunk as they can stand - they not knowing how soon their existence may be in another world or sadly maimed for life. - As one company passed down Street, very soon followed the young man (Isaac Bassettt) who had his leg shot off 31st of 5 M last when the Nimord in the east Passage his countenance pale & wan. -such thinks I is the miserable consequence of War. -

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July 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 7 M / Our meeting was silent & I believe solid to many minds & might by me have been better enjoyed had it not have been for a little unwatchfulness in the beginning & weakness of body before the close - the last (preparative) the Queries were Answered in which I took an active part in weakness, believing it my duty so to do - & felt satisfied therewith. I have often seen ways made where none has appeared to my humbling admiration & today has been a renew'd evidence of care of my friends & of [Providence](#) extended. - When we returned from Meeting we found at our door a Barrel of Flour, & on inquiry found it a present from Uncle Stanton of N York - It came in a vessel which arrived last eveng having narrowly escaped capture by a British Barge. - - I believe I feel humbly thankful for this favor. - My H & John set the Afternoon at our old neighbor Briggs - -Mary seems to be getting better. -

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July 22, Friday: At Greenville in Ohio, the United States of America made peace with several native American nations (Wyandots, Delawares, Shawnee, Senecas, and Miami), that had previously been British allies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 7 M / At our pause at dinner table my mind was renewedly humbled under a sense of the Bounty of Providence - The vegetables on the table were the produce of my garden & of a delicious quality, & in eating them greatful sensations were excited to the giver of all things. - John Earl & wife, Eunice Clark & hudson Jacob, Sarah Earl & Father & Mother Rodman spent the Afternoon & took tea with us.



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--I attended the funeral of John M Mansfield.

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July 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 7M 1814 / Our forenoon meeting was a quiet season. Father Rodman had a few words to communicate. Afternoon silent between Meetings walked with Saml Wood of NYork to Avis Carpenters & made a short but plreasant visit, & found for the first time found I was related to her & her family & that her children were third cousins, by way of the Stantons After meeting in the afternoon walked with Saml to David Buffums & took tea after which we took a walk on Tomany Hill Saml seem'd much pleased with the extensive prospect & the scenery around. He seems to be a very goodly friend. -

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July 25, Monday: The Prussian marshall, Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, was the toast of England, and even the sight of his boots got Londoners hot by reminding them of how easy it was for their wearer to have people killed. On this day at Killingworth Colliery near Newcastle, England, George Stephenson's locomotive, named, guess what, the *Blücher*—the 1st really adequate locomotive—made its initial run.



The engine hauled coal trucks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 7 M / Rose before Sunrise, took chaise & with Sam Wood Rode to the Place called Purgatory near Learlaw[?] west Beach & Rode home thro' Green End a rout I never was before, found it as pleasant tract of Country as any on the Island - At Purgatory I have been twice before but not since I was Boy, its appearance I readily recognized also the Marked Rocks nearby where when I was there last I put my name but found the "All subduing hand of time" had obliterated it. many names placed there - & engraved deep still remain among which I Observed Thos Rotch in 1784 & another in 1764 the name I do not reclollect. -



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*This little ride was peculiarly interesting both to me & Saml.
he was much animated in contemplating the works of nature & I
was glad of the opportunity of obliging him by conducting him
to these favorite haunts of the Curious.*

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July 28, Thursday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) escaped the annoyance of his pregnant wife [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#) and his infant daughter [Ianthe Shelley](#) by running away with a teenager,



[Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), to Bourbon France. They took along with them another 16-year-old adventuress, Percy's step-sister Mary Jane Clairmont, and this ménage would be moving quickly through war-ravaged France into Switzerland.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 28 of 7 M / Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in town - The first was silent & the last a season of but little life - as Dr Rutty says "the fire was under the Ashes" - The subject of appointing visitors was revived but so little life being felt in the meeting was dismissed for the present -- Jethro F Mitchell & wife & B Pearce dined with us

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July 31, Sunday: When Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Berlin, he found the city in a state of nationalistic excitement on account of the defeat of the Emperor [Napoléon I](#).

Brigadier General Alexander Macomb's brigade, made up of the 6th, 13th, 15th, 16th, and 29th regiments, set out in boats from Cumberland Head for Chazy Landing while Bissell's brigade, made up of the 5th, 14th, 30th, 31st, 33d, 34th, and 45th regiments, began to march toward Chazy. Invalids, and 200 effectives, were left behind to finish the military works on Cumberland Head. At this point there were 4,500 men in or to the rear of the village of Champlain, and a working party of 400 under Colonel Fenwick was completing three redoubts there.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31st of 7 M 1814 / Our Meetings were both silent & I believe seasons of favor, as respects my own condition it would rank about middling - tho considerably tried with roving of mind - Towards night took a walk to the Work & Alms houses with Br D Rodman. -

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August 3, Wednesday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Elegischer Gesang "Sanft wie du lebstest" was performed for the initial time, in the house of Baron Johann von Pasqualati, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 [sic] of 8 M 1814 / Yesterday by mail a letter from Aunt M Stanton in NYork - replied to it this Mornng & put it in the Mail -this Afternoon meeting with a private conveyance & Thos Casey rote another to Uncle Stanton. - Elijah Waring arrived in town this Afternoon & took quarters at Aunt Anna Carpenters. -

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August 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4 of 8 M / Rode with Sister Ruth to [Portsmouth](#) - My H went in a Chaise with Eliza being a good driver, & Ruth affraid to go with Eliza, caused our separation. - before meeting we stoped at Uncle Saml Thurstons - In the first Peter Hoxie was concernd in a lively testimony, then James Green sound orthodox & to my feelings very savory - Then Abel Collins in a supplication - Then Sylvester Weeks in testimony feelingly then



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Peter Hoxie addressed the Youth - then Abigail Robinson sound sweet & Savory - In the last being the Quarterly Meeting we had but little buisness - The answers to the Queries excited some feeling remarks from Wm Almy -John Casey & Peter Hoxie particularly on the appearance of defects in the Attendance of mid-week Meetings - but my mind was much more alarmed at the very cautious manner in which several of the answers stood respecting Love & Unity as for instance "Love & Unity measurably subsists among most friends" leaving room for much disunity to exist unnoticed. -

We all dined at Anne Anthonys. - towards night rode home & found our little John had done well with our Kind old neighbor Briggs who took care of him in our Absence.

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August 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 8 M / We had the agreeable company of Elijah Waring & wife from Philadelphia at tea also Aunt Anna Carpenter & Lewis Clarke & Aunt Anna says it is the first time she ever sit the afternoon & took tea with any of the tennants that ever lived in this part of the house, a great favor indeed. -

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August 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 8 M 1814 / My Mind is this eveng rather more than common under an humbling sense of my own weaknesses & deficiencies which excites seriousness & tenderness of Heart. - & desires renewedly arise for deliverance from every evil bond - Yesterday I recd a very acceptable letter from my beloved friend Micajah Collins dated [-] Penna 7 M [-] which I forgot to insert yesterday. I love Micajah much. -

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August 7, Sunday: During celebrations for the return of the King of Prussia in Berlin, Carl Maria von Weber was thrown by the crush of the crowd under the wheels of an oncoming carriage. He was saved just in time by his friend Ludwig Tieck.

The papal suppression of the Society of Jesus of 1773 was rescinded by Pope Pius VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 8 M / Pretty good meetings. Our friend Peter Hoxie attended & had good service - In the forenoon In testimony & Supplication also Hannah Dennis in testimony twice & very sweetly -In the Afternoon Peter was again concerned in



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Testimony. & father Rodman in Supplication - My old mistress Mary Williams with her cousin Nancy Brown & her daughter took tea with us. -

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August 9, Tuesday: By the "Treaty of Fort Jackson" imposed by General Andrew Jackson, more than half the land of the Creek Nation (9,300,000 hectares) came to pertain to the white people.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 8 M / My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at David Williams's - I went up & took tea with them & set a part of the eveng very agreeably - This eveng Sister Elizabeth recd a letter from Betsy Purinton & one from Saml Philbrick

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August 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 8 M / Raymond Perry Burdick a young man of my acquaintance, has just left my shop expecting this Afternoon to set out for Lake Erie to join the Squadron there. - I had much conversation with him & put into his Pocket "Christianity a System of Peace" by T Parsons. - his heart was very heavy as was mine at the reflection that we were about to part & very probably never to meet again in this life. - Alass for the state of things. Many precious souls precipitated into eternity to gratify the ambition of wicked, very wicked Men. & great in my opinion will be their responsibility in the day of acct that is hastening on all flesh. - 5th day 11 of 8 M / Our Meeting was attended by early all our Members it seemed to be a quiet solid time among us, tho' in my own mind Life did not rise as at sometimes, but I thought general favor was evidently to be felt over the meeting. - My mind is this afternoon is more than commonly impressed & depressed with the state of the times. - Rote this eveng to cousin Eliz Robbins of L Island & Uncle Wm Mitchell of Nine Partners.


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 August 14, Sunday: By the Convention of Moss, Sweden recognized the Norwegian constitution — but in union with the Swedish throne.

In areas heald by the revolutionary forces in Mexico, the country's first income tax was levied.

Il turco in Italia, a dramma buffo by Gioachino Rossini to words of Romani after Mazzolà, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 14th of 8 M 1814 / Our Meetings were both silent, except a few words by a friend in the forenoon. — John Yarnal a young man from Philad & cousin of our late friend Peter Yarnal took tea & set the evening with us. —

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 August 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 8 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended - Life low in my own particular, but I thought it a solid opportunity. —In the last (Preparative) we had no buisness but to appoint Representatives. —


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 August 19, Friday: Franz Schubert passed his final examination at the Imperial teachers' training college, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19 of 8 M / Spent about five hours of this day on a committee from the Town to inspect the state of the Poor both at the Work & Alms house & the Pension list to discover what can be done to lessen the Towns expenses - but found that but small abridgements could be made —

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 August 21, Sunday: Having sired, upon his housekeeper Victoire Lefèvre, one final bastard,¹⁴⁴ Benjamin Thompson died in Auteuil on the outskirts of Paris as Sir Benjamin Thompson, "Count von Rumford." —One of those people who had utterly wasted life in its every aspect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 8 M / At meeting in the forenoon silent except a few words towards the close by D Buffum. — This Afternoon we concluded to try John at meeting the second time the first his mother was obliged to bring him home, but he set with me this Afternoon & behaved as well as was possible for a child of two

144. Registered as the product of *un père absent*, this son would grow up to become a French soldier and be killed in the Crimea.



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years & five months to do. he scarcely moved himself the whole time –

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August 23, Tuesday: Pélage, ou Le roi et la paix, an opéra by Gaspard Spontini to words of Jouy, was performed for the initial time, in the Paris Opéra.

“General Izard wrote to the War Department that he had decided to remove west by way of Lake George and Schenectady with 4,000 men, leaving the sick and convalescents and about 1,200 men under Brigadier General Alexander Macomb to garrison Plattsburgh and Cumberland Head. The same day Macomb sent to Williams, commanding the Secret Corps, desiring that his agents obtain further information in regard to the enemy’s force.”¹⁴⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 8 M / A season of self examination.

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August 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 8 M / This morning took Chaise & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting on the way there, stoped at cousin Zacheus Chases & spent an hour very agreeably. – In the first meeting my mind was for three quarters of an hour much unsettled but by wrestling was favrd with the arisings of life in which time Our fr WM Almy rose with lively & pertinent matter & after him H Dennis. Then Mary Hicks in a few words which I could not hear & meeting ended pretty well with me. – In the last we had but little buisness – We dined at Abrahams Anthonys- & rode home – 6th day 26th of 8 M 1814 / When we came home last evening we found our relatives Benjamin Marshall & his wife Niobe in town- we went immediately up to Mary Frys to see them & they came down to see Mother before bed time – This forenoon Niobe was engaged in calling on some of her old friends & I took a walk with Benjamin they made a short but agreeable call at our habitation & dined with Isaac & Mother. – After dinner with Mother I waited on them to their lodgings & parted with them, with much regret as, they were in a few moments to leave town Benjamin appears to be a man very Amiable in his manners & disposition & I can but again regret their leaving town so soon feeling desirous to devote a little more time & attention to them feeling an obligation to them on Uncle Stantons account as well as the love I feel for them. –

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August 28, Sunday: In Dresden, Johanna Rosine (Pätz) Wagner, a widow with nine children, widowed by Carl Friedrich Wagner for less than a year, got married with Ludwig Heinrich Christian Geyer, a portrait painter, actor and poet — who it would seem may have been her infant Wilhelm Richard Wagner's biological father. The family would relocate to Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 8th M / Our Meetings both Silent & to me dull
seasons Our little John went again this Afternoon & behaved well
-Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us this Afternoon -*

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August 31, Wednesday: "Gen. Izard, having waited in vain for different orders, withdrew from Plattsburgh and marched his army of 4,000 troops along the new State road through Pleasant Valley on their way to the Niagara Frontier. Almost immediately, an officer came riding furiously shouting the news of a British invasion from the north and warning out the militia..."¹⁴⁶ Brigadier General Alexander Macomb appealed to Vermont Governor Chittenden to send the militia. Chittenden was stuck on the legalism that the state militia could not serve outside the borders of the state but did urge General John Newell of Charlotte and General Samuel Strong of Vergennes to ask for volunteers to serve in New York. "On the same day General Mooers ordered out the militia of Clinton and Essex en masse to resist the invasion of the British and couriers on horseback hastened to alarm the surrounding villages and towns."¹⁴⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 31 of 8 M / Set the evening at Thos Robinsons with my H
-previous to my going in I walked up further on the Point &
finding an acquaintance at the gate of the North Battery or what
is now called Fort Greene. I Stopped & by invitation went in &
walked round. it appeared to be a neat clean place with good
accommodations, but the sight of so many implements of Death &
the reflection that some or all of the young men that I saw there
with their fine forms, innocent countenances & amiable minds
might soon meet the Pale messenger on that very spot at an
untimely period, did not fail to affect my heart with
seriousness. -*

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September 1, Thursday: According to a record created later by Mrs. Davidson, “Macdonough to-day anchored his fleet in Cumberland Bay. Sir George Prevost following (Gen. Brisbane) with all his combined forces, amounting to 15,000 well disciplined troops, threw himself into the little village of Champlain. Immediately on his arrival there, he endeavored [sic] to disaffect the minds of the inhabitants toward their own government, and draw them over to the enemy; failing in this, he proceeded to impress wagons and teams in the vicinity for the purpose of transporting their baggage and military stores.”¹⁴⁸

When 2,500 British troops from Nova Scotia arrived at Castine, Maine, the US defenders blew up their fort and ran away. The British thereupon sail up the Penobscot River, investing it as far as Bangor.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 9 M 1814 / Small Meeting - a few words dropped by a friend to me satisfactory. - Great overturns in last Mo nothing short of the British having reached the City of Washington & destroyed the Capitol Presidents House & other Public property -

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September 4, Sunday: “The main body of the invading army had indeed reached Chazy and Lieut.-Col. Appling, Capt. Safford and Lieut. M.M. Standish with a troop of New York State cavalry were sent out on the State road as an advance guard, while Capt. Sproul, with two cannon and 200 American soldiers went to defend Dead Creek bridge. About 700 of the militia of Clinton and Essex counties came pouring into Plattsburgh, in response to the call of Gen. Mooers, and the Vermonters rallied in great number under Gen. Strong. Early in the morning the boys of Capt. Aiken’s company, who, only the week before had been pupils in the Academy, marched to West Chazy where they remained all night.”¹⁴⁹ Eleazer Williams would record later that “The enemy’s guard is within eighteen miles from us. Some of the bold and brave militia-men have exchanged shots with them.” Mrs. Davidson would record later that “According to the best of my recollection, however, the town (Plattsburgh) was deserted by the inhabitants on or about the fourth of September, 1814.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 9 M 1814 / Our Meetings were both silent - I struggled for life & was favor’d to witness its arisings in the Afternoon -David Rodman & I took tea at Jon Dennis’s & set the forepart of ye eveng.

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September 5, Monday: General Macomb ordered that 720 sick and invalid troops be conveyed to Crab Island.

In an otherwise clear sky to the northwest of Agen, France, a small, slow-moving, perfectly spherical white cloud appeared at about 11AM. After remaining motionless for a period of time it began to speed toward the south while revolving upon its axis. Observers heard rumbling noises of an ear-shattering intensity culminating in an explosion, and there was a shower of stones of various dimensions. After this the cloud remained stationary, slowly evanescing.

ASTRONOMY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 9 M / In addition to all the other unpleasant occurrences of the times the unpleasant information that the Banks of NYork & Philadel had stopd payment of Specie & that the Exchange Bank in [Providence](#) had done the same - This is a renewe'd damper on Trade & credit. - Where we shall get, or what next that is unpleasant will occur is hard to tell, but the times are such that it is not worth while to suffer our expectations to be so raised about any thing as to be disappointed, let what will occur tho' total destruction of Property & the loss of our own & many others lives be the unhapy issue.

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September 6, Tuesday: Governor Caleb Strong of Massachusetts called up the state militia for the defense of Maine. "About noon the British army reached Plattsburgh and took possession of the village north of the Saranac. Their right wing, under Col. Wellington, had been only temporarily checked by the loss of their leader at Culver Hill and the skirmish which had preceded that, near Beekmantown Corners, and later, at Halsey's Corners. Meanwhile, the left wing had been somewhat delayed by obstructions placed in the road, by an encounter at Dead Creek bridge and the firing of the American gun boats at the mouth of the Creek. Overwhelmed, however, by the immense number of the enemy, the defenders had retreated in good order to their works on the east side of the river, pulling up the planks of the bridge. Prevost chose for his headquarters the Thomas Allen farm, on the hill west of the village, from the summit of which the British commander could overlook the lake and watch for the appearance of his fleet. His troops encamped on the high ground in the vicinity, now known as Prospect Heights. Lieut. Gen. de Rottenburgh, second in command, established himself west of Prevost, towards Hammond hill, with Gen. Powers and his command opposite on the south side of the road, but further west. Maj. Gen. Robertson, was at the Isaac Platt farm, where the dead and wounded of the recent engagements had been carried. Brisbane was at the Boynton farm, then occupied by Samuel Lowell and the Qr. Master General took possession of the Capt. Nathaniel Platt homestead, where that patriot still remained, although the Bailey family had retired to the 'Union' at Peru."¹⁵⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 9 M / My mind has this Afternoon been much withdrawn from outward things, tho' necessity engaged at times in them - & turned unward, & I have been thankful in witnissing the quickening operation of divine love in some good degree to arise in my heart. - I am deeply sensible of many short comings

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but tho' I have not very frequently spoken of my spiritual condition of late, yet am not unmindful of the passing of things, being sensible that time goeth swiftly away & that we are hastening apace to that country from whence no traveller returns, & before that Judge from whose decree there is no appeal. – My mind was forcibly struck on observing this Afternoon the Sun to grow low in the horizon & to see the vegetable Kingdom on the decline – I thought it emblematical of advanced age or the close of a mans life, how anxiously as we watch his last breath & how beautiful to see his setting sun go down in Brightness –

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September 8, Thursday: Vermont militiamen began to arrive on the battlefield. Captain Farnsworth of St. Albans, for instance, brought a rifle company of 96 men.

Royalists under José Tomás Boves forced Simon Bolívar and the Second Republic out of Caracas, reasserting Spanish power.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 9 M 1814 / Silent Meeting and I believe but very little of the circulating sap of life among us –

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September 9, Friday: King Louis XVIII of France appointed Gaspare Spontini as director of the King's Private Music and the Théâtre-Italien.

“Prevost was now busily engaged in bringing up his battering trains and supplies; erecting batteries and otherwise preparing for the siege. The Americans had already burned fifteen or sixteen buildings on the north side of the river which afforded protection to the enemy; also, their own barracks and hospitals near the forts, while their sick and convalescent had been removed to Crab Island, where those who were able manned a battery mounting two six pounders. Skirmishes with the enemy at the two bridges and at the different forts along the river were frequent. During the day, Allen, Travis and Williams of Aiken's Volunteers came near being captured or killed by a guard of the enemy, while securing supplies from a barn within the enemy's lines. That night was dark and stormy. Williams says:— ‘A corps of the regular troops, under Captain MacGlassin, about 11 o'clock, crossed the Saranac, and stormed, at the point of the bayonet, a bomb-battery of the enemy, near Weight's printing office. My brother John was the leader of this detachment, and was the cause of the death of the engineer of the battery. Having accomplished the duty assigned them, they returned to the forts whence they had issued, with honor and victory.’”¹⁵¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9th of 9th M / This evengs Mail brings nothing of a pleasant nature on the contrary accounts from various quarters that the calamities of War increase & the Cloud is thickening fast great Military preparations are making – Extra Sessions of

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the General Court of Boston & the General Assembly of this State are to be called by the respective Governors. - but unto whom are we to flee for safty Surely it must be to the Lord Alone for in him only is sure defense. - a trust in our own endeavors must prove falacious to all those who rely on them. - for my own part the situation of our National affairs has never appear'd so gloomy as at the present moment, & I have never seen less prospect of a peace, nor never since the declaration have I felt more sensibly depression to assail my mind & yet it is far from being below hope & confidence in HIM who is all power in heven & earth. -

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September 12, Monday: The Swiss Diet accepted the cantons of Geneva, Valais, and Neuchâtel into its confederation.

The British advance on [Baltimore](#) was halted by the [Maryland](#) militia when British commander Major General Robert Ross was killed.

After the battle on Lake Champlain, the Vermont volunteers disbanded. Commodore Macdonough sent the wounded to his hospital on Crab Island. Trenches were dug to the south of the hospital tents, and as soldiers of one or the other side died their bodies were placed indiscriminately in these trenches. It was almost as if it didn't matter what the fight had been about.



Later on these poorly buried bones in their fragments of uniform would begin to come to the surface, and would be noticeable for many years by random passers-by:

We passed close to the small island, called Crab-Island, to which the dead and wounded of both fleets were carried, and which was the common grave of hundreds of friends and foes. The particular details of the scenes of horror which attended and succeeded the [Battle of Plattsburg of September 11, 1814] - of the shocking mutilations of the human form, in every imaginable mode and degree, and of the appalling display on the beach, of so many bodies, dead and wounded, preparatory to their conveyance either to the hospital or the grave, I shall, for obvious reason, omit. Even now, their bones, slightly buried on



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a rocky island, are partly exposed to view, or being occasionally turned up by the roots of trees, blown down by the wind, shock the beholder, and their buttons, and other parts of their clothes, (for the military dresses in which they were slain, were also their winding sheets,) are often seen above the ground. Long may it be, e'er the waters of this now peaceful lake are again crimsoned with human blood.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 9 / Went Yesterday Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#), got through with my buisness & took tea at Thos Potters in season to be at Cousin Zacheus Chases before dark where I spent the eveng & lodged. - took breakfast there next morning & before meeting went up to Peter Lawtons & set awhile -At Meeting our friend Wm Almy was concerned in a pertinent sound & lively testimony on the subject of War - & in solemn Supplication - - to me a good meeting - Returned from meeting to Cousin Z Chases & dined - In the Afternoon took a Walk to the shore & on the side of the Gulley reviewing scenes which greatly delighted men in boyhood, & now Years more Mature, are not less so. - After tea Walked home & found my H & little son well, but Hannah not a little depressed from my absence & the many gloomy reports in circulation of threatened Invasion by the British --

A town meeting was this day held to consider what was best to be done for the safty of the Town. some things were done but I felt no freedom to attend believing friends could not act in it with consistency & feeling something in my mind to say "Stand Still & see" - In the Meeting I was inform'd it was concluded to send away the public Records which I thought a prudent measure - & a motion was made by John Cahoon (a man bearing no good will to friends) that our Representatives be instructed to use their Influence in General Assembly to get the Law exempting friends from Military duty repealed, which was put to vote & the designs of this man & some others were frustrated by a very large Majority. -on being informed of This circumstance my mind was humbled & afresh adverted to what seemed so impressively to pass it in the Morning for sometime before & while the people were going up to the Meeting, with countenances bespeaking an agitated concern

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September 15, Thursday: The English soldiers and sailors who had been taken prisoner, and who were able to travel, were sent by steamboat from Plattsburgh, New York for Greenbush, New York in the care of Captain White Youngs.

For the 2d time, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) proposed marriage to the heiress Anne Isabella Milbanke. This time, they announced that they had become engaged.

Russian State Secretary Count Karl Nesselrode arrived in Vienna to attend the Congress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 9 M 1814 / Late at meeting by Accident but a solid favord time to me & I believe to others. A few words spoken by C R. —

This Mornng Allancin Peckham of Middletown Moved in the Extra sessions of the General Assembly now sitting in this Town that the Law exempting friends & other conscientious people from Military Duty be repealed. In a very short time after the question was taken & there appear'd but five Votes in favor of it. Thus the House of Assembly has again & with allmost unanimous Vote frustrated the designs of a few Malicious people who are ready on any occasion to persecute as far as their power extends —

This is a fresh cause of thankfulness to the Author of every good & my heart has when ever I have reflected on the subject been tendered within me & desires raised that we who are of an Age to reap the benefit of the exemption May so order our lives & conversations as not to dishonor the Principles we Profess

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September 17, Saturday: The Rarotonga group of islands of the [Cook Islands](#), which would eventually become the home of [Thomas Francis Neale](#), was officially discovered by the Russian ship *Suvarov*.

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The main island of Suvarrow atoll was, when first sighted by the whites, covered with a tall forest of mostly banyan trees.

Prussian Chancellor Prince Karl August von Hardenberg arrived in Vienna to attend the Congress.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 9 M 1814 / Altho I have been very buisily occupied this Week in Assessing the Town Poor Tax, Yet I can say with a degree of humble gratitude that there has been but few weeks perhaps in my whole life when my mind has been more favord with peace & quiet within. & tho' there is much stir among the people of the Town in moving away there goods & their persons to avoid apprehended danger, & rumors of great Battles that have been fought within the once peaceful & very happy States of America. Yet amid all I have not been moved & on this ground I greatly crave to remain that when we are put to the test & an hostile foe may present at our doors, faith & good resolution may not forsake me. -In this event I feel much for my dear Wife & little son, having no where for them to flee for refuge - but having in the course of my life many times seen ways opened both for preservation & escape from dangers, tho' not of the Magnitude which now appears to threaten & means provided for a lively hood when the close of the Year has left me allmost with out resource



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*- I have no reason to distrust that Almighty Power which is over all his Works & sees & knows what is best for us. -
This evengs Mail brings an account of a great Battle having been fought at Baltimore. - & Plattsburgh Oh! Oh! when will the Art of War cease & All men love like Brethren -*

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September 18, Sunday: The initial meeting was held in Vienna between the representatives of the four victorious powers: Austrian Foreign Minister Prince von Metternich, Prussian Chancellor Prince Karl August von Hardenberg, British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh, and Russian State Secretary Count Karl Nesselrode.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 9 M 1814 / This Mornng rose early & walked on the Hill & went on the Top of the Church house which has now become an open desolated place & fast tumbling to ruins. From the top of this house is (I believe) a more extensive prospect than from the Church Lantern. The Mornng was clear which afforded a view of the sea. - I saw no ships of War off which I was glad off - these are not times as were once, to see enlivening commerce spead her sails on the broad Ocean. - not a single sail is now discovered from Month to Month or craft in our Rivers any more than in the days when the Natives possessed the Land. The Walk was pleasant but pensive & left a pleasant savor on the mind & gave me a good appetite when I sat down to breakfast with my beloved H & little John

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September 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 22 of 9 M 1814 / Our Meeting today was silent but a good one tome. -
I drew the lines & began the insertion of this day without recollecting that the last date was unfinished Our Meetings on first day last were pretty good ones but mostly silent - In the Afternoon Br D Rodman & I walked out to John Weavers & took tea, a pleasant visit to pleasant people, with an hopeful family of children around them -*

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September 25, Sunday: Tsar Alyeksandr I of Russia and King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia made their ceremonial entry into Vienna to attend the Congress, accompanied by Emperor Franz I of Austria (who had met them outside the city).

Franz Schubert's Mass in F D.105, composed for the centennial of the Liechtental Church, was probably performed for the first time, and was directed by the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 25 of 9 M / I have this mornng experienced renewal of life & I do acknowledge with a greatful heart that notwithstanding my various engagements. I have of late been favor'd from day to day for many days together with the precious incomes of love & life to a degree which has to my admiration quieted all fear with respect to the commotion of the times. -- At the forenoon meeting D. Buffum Preached - perhaps never more favord - Silent in the Afternoon - Set the eveng at home - & my Mother came in & set with us. -

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September 29, Thursday: Ministers of the four powers held their first official meeting at Vienna and agreed on a statement of procedure.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 9th M 1814 / Yesterday Afternoon I recd a few lines from Cousin L L Clarke informing that our Cousin Silas Casey departed this life the day before at [Greenwich](#) & that his remains were to be brought down to Boston Neck to his late Mansion to be inter'd this Afternoon. -- The near relationship between his wife & my mother & the intimacy which has allways existed in the family placed in my mind between the two Drifts of going to the funeral or attending our M Meeting this day held in town - had the wind been favorable or so as to have induced a belief that I could have crossed the ferries in season, I believe the former would have prevailed, but it not being the case I concluded to give up the Idea. -- Our first Meeting was silent except a few words from C R which to me felt savory -- In the last The buisness (what little we had) went on well - - - Uncle I Lawton Dined with us - Also Our Aged & Venerable friend Jeremiah Austin Sr of his Company I was very glad. I know of no man who I consider more pure in spirit or that has filled the various Station in society which he has been called to with more propriety & now tho' past 80 Years of Age, appears to retain his Natural understanding perfectly, & is green & lively in the Truth

This eveng my H Spent the eveng at our Cousin Elizbeth Anne & Mary Goulds- I Joined her & pleasant opportunity it proved. -

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October 2, Sunday: There was a grand ball at the Hofburg, celebrating the opening of the Congress of Vienna.

On a 4th assault, Spanish forces succeeded in dislodging the local defenders of Rancagua. They then proceeded to off everyone they could find including wounded and the non-combatants — only a few hundred of the Chileans, under Bernardo O'Higgins, would be able to hide or escape.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 10th M / Our meeting this mornng was large & a



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very favor'd one - Early in the sitting Abigail Robinson appeared in testimony & was unusually enlarged - adverting to the present calamitous times, exhorting us to repent & it may be what we most fear may be averted - While she was speaking our fr Wm Almy came in & took a back seat till she had done & then went forwd into the Galery but was not concern'd in testimony - Hannah Dennis appear'd in supplication - & soon After Ruth Weaver spoke a few words so low that I could not understand them - This I believe was the first aappearance of hers in Public - Afternoon Meeting Silent - Set part of the eveng at Thos Robinsons Sisters Ruth & Eliza being there. -

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October 3, Monday: British forces left Madeira, which they had held since 1807.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3rd of 10 M 1814 / My mind has this day been tender & serious & feelings excited which warrant the hope of a continuance of divine favor - These feelings I have been much favo'd with of late for which I desire to be thankful - Took tea at father Rodmans with my H & little son.-

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October 6, Thursday: Thousands of people joined the crowned heads of Europe in food and entertainment at the Augarten park in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 of 10th M / Our Meeting was silent & a season of close reflection to me. I believe I was favor'd to view some things properly. -
This Afternoon British Ships were seen off which created an Alarm & this evening a muster was made by the Militia. - My heart can but Mourn for the Situation of the Nation, & deeply sympathise with those who are obliged to follow the sound of the Drums & Life with their implements of Death on their shoulders, intending to Kill or be killed. & very far be it from me to rejoice because I am exempt from that service - I hold the exemption in humility desirous so to conduct as to bring no reproach on the principles which I profess. - I do feel much for the poor things which are to be exposed this night many of them feeble & delicate in health & Oh! saith my soul may this dreadful War soon be brought to a close.*

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October 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1 day [sic] 7 of 10 M / The Alarm last eveng proved harmless - only some ships passing eastward - but how soon they may return we cannot tell -

This Afternoon took a Walk to Middletown with Eunice Earl & Sister Ruth Rodman to read the epistled to Women Aged & infirm & unable to attend Meetings- We called at the Widow Hathaways found her weak & very low from the effects of a Cancer & unable to hear them read - then went to Cousin Sarah Gould read them to her & Cousin Elizabeth Anthony where we took tea & had a pleassant walk home before Dark. - This is a service which I think the women proffitably engaged in -

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October 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 10 M / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum appeared in lively testimony - Silent in the Afternoon - In the eveng went to D Buffums to meet [-] brother who had fallen into [illegible] threatening languages to a man in the Town Meeting - D B & I were appointed to treat with him but in opportunity [--?]

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October 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 10th M 1814 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended a quite a comfortable season. Our friend & my cousin Anne Greene was over & declared the truth among us in the simplicity & the Power, to the comfort of many (I have no doubt) that were present besides myself - She addressed the Youth very sweetly inviting them to an experience of the blessed Truth that thro' the Medium of Jesus Christ - Father R had a short testimony & the Meeting ended. -

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October 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th 10 M / Anne Greene was at Meeting In the forenoon the & D Buffum bore lively testimonys - In the Afternoon Anne tred the Wine press alone - The Youth were her principle engagement & I trust some hearts were tendered by her communication - Our little John was there & Anne is the first person he has heard preach - while she was speaking his attention was much fixed upon her & When he came out, his first impression was that she was a naughty Woman for speaking out loud in Meeting, nor could we seem to make him very clearly comprehend the use or object of Preaching.

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October 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 10M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended - a short testimony was delivered - I believe it was a season of but little life - We had no buisness but to Answer the Queries in the last which was our Preparative - After Meeting we met with D Sherman to treat further with him respecting matters of which he was complained of but met with no better success than the last time. -

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October 23, Sunday: [William Mackay Prichard](#) was born (presumably, this happened at [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#)'s boardinghouse in [Concord](#) at which his parents [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) were residing).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 10 M / A few words were spoken in our forenoon meeting but I consider'd it a dull season - In the Afternoon I thought there was more life circulating among us. - My H set the eveng at Thos Robinsons I went about 7 OClock & was very agreeably entertained - both by their intersting conversation & Abigail read some of her sister Mortons letters. -

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October 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24th of 10 M / This morning I crossed the ferries to Narragansett stoped at Ezeak Gardners & rectified his Clock & there Dined, then went to the Widow Ester Carpenters & cleaned theirs & took tea - The Dr Woman is a person of great information & well read in history & furnished it with much Anecdote in relating several of her husbands Ancestors she mentioned that one of them was a Military officer under Oliver Cromwell & that she had in the house a case of Pewter Bottles which he used in the Army, on my expressing a wish to see one of them both its curiosity as a pewter Bottle & its great Antiquity they brought out the case which contained Six Square Pewter Bottles with Screw - tops, both the screws & the tops were as good as they ever were & the bottle good except one of them which leaked a little which might easily be stoped by a little solder. they will contain six quarts apeace. - I took tea with this agreeable old woman & her daughters & after finishing the Work on hand, went to Cousin Gardiners spent the remainder of the evening & there lodged. After Breakfast at cousin Gardiners the next Morning I crossed the ferry went to cousin Howlands on Connanicut rectified their Clock & dined - - went to the ferry & found the boat not quite ready - went up to cousin J Greenes & set about 1 / 2 an hour, then returned & crossed to [Newport](#) & found my H & little son had



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been well in my absence. -

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October 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my H to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first C R, H D & A S bore short testimonys - In the last we had not a great deal of buisness. - Daniel Chase was complain'd of by [Portsmouth](#) Prep Meeting for neglecting to pay his Depts - his case was committed to a committee which I fear will prove a trying one. - We dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & rode home before dark. -

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October 30, Sunday: The members of the Congress of Vienna attended a concert directed by Antonio, of 40 pianists on 20 pianos, at the riding school of Vienna (this must have been something like 40 riders astride 20 horsiebacks).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 10 M / In the forenoon Abigail Robinson & Father Rodman concern'd in testimony. Abigail was large in offering - to me a season of favor. - The Afternoon Meeting Father again appeard. -

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November 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 11th M 1814 / Arose This Morng by 4 OClock And with Brother D Rodman took Chaise & went to Swansea to attend the Quarterly Meeting we Crossed the Bridge at Howlands ferry before Sunrise & got yo Troy [?] by Breakfast time - we had a comfortable repast at Durfees Tavern & crossed Slades ferry at 10 OC stooped at the Widow Chases a few minutes before Meeting - At Meeting James Greene first declared the Truth in a lively feeling manner, then Jonathon Chase delivered a few words much in the sweetness of life. - Obadiah Davis delivd the longest & best testimony & ever heard from him - Ruth Davis concluded the meeting in solemn. - In the meeting for discipline abiel Howland spead his Concern to visit Easton & several other Quarterly Meetings in NYork state which was concurd with - A proposition was brot forwd from [Greenwich](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting to build a Meeting House in Plainfield Connecticut which was refer'd to a committee - & was the chief buisness which came before us except that which is of course - After Meeting we spoke with a few of our Friends standing about the house, whom we were glad to see, then Rode to the ferry & crossed, & from thence reached Peter Lawtons a little after Dark where we were Kindly entertained our food relishing well having fasted from the time of our Repast at Fall River in the Morning - At Peters we Lodged, & next



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*morning after breakfast rode home. –
Our little excursion was a pleasant one & attended with a renew'd
evidence of the extention of Divine favor which I trust will
render it a little proffitable. – In the 11th M 1806 I attended
the Quarterly Meeting at the same place. – & if I do not attend
it in 8 years to come I shall have passed quite the meridian of
life – Ah how time flies – it flies indeed, & will soon be gone.
how needful for me to improve every moment yet left. –*

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➡ November 5, Sunday: [Rhode Island](#) joined Massachusetts in calling for a constitutional convention.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th [sic] of 11 M / Two public testimonies in the
forenoon & one in the Afternoon – – The one in the Mornng by
D Buffum was very lively & pertinent. –
Set part of the eveng at D Williams where I fell in with Josiah
Siddons of Philadelphia. he had heard of me by Hannah Pope who
is an acquaintance of his*

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➡ November 10, Thursday: The Russian commander, Prince Repnin, who had reason to anticipate that he was going to receive Poland in return, turned over the administration of Saxony to Prussia and began the evacuation of his troops.

[William J. Brown](#) was born into a free black family in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). His grandfather Cudge had worked as a teamster for [Friend Moses Brown](#) before being [manumitted](#) by Moses on November 10, 1773.



MOSES BROWN



➡ His father was a sailor who had previously worked on Moses's farm, and his mother was the daughter of a black slave and a Narragansett woman. William would become a sailor, a shoe repairman, a Baptist minister, and a leader in Providence's black community. Here are some entries from his autobiography:

PAGES 5-11: My father's name was Noah Brown; his father was Cudge Brown and his mother Phillis Brown. Grandfather Brown was born in Africa, and belonged to a firm (named Brown Brothers) consisting of four, named respectively, Joseph, John, Nicholas and Moses Brown. They held slaves together, each brother selecting out such as they wished for house service; the rest of the slaves to perform out-door labor. I am not positive, but believe my grandfather was brought from Africa in the firm's



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vessel. He had two or three brothers. One was named Thomas, and the other Sharp or Sharper Brown, and they worked for Moses Brown. My grandfather was occupied as a teamster, doing the team work for two farms, the one on which Mr. Brown lived, and the other to the northward towards Swan Point Road.

PAGES 32-35: My grandfather was married to Phillis, November 20th, 1768, and they went to keeping house, living in one towards the north end of Olney street, owned by Mr. Brown, where he kept his teams. Newport, his oldest son, was born April 22d, 1769. Rhoda, his oldest daughter, was born September 27th, 1776, and Noah, my father, was born September 20th, 1781. James was born November 17th, 1788....

My father married Alice Greene; her maiden name was Alice Prophet. She was a widow, having lost her husband, Uriah Greene, several years previous to her second marriage. They were married in Cranston, R. I., the 25th of December, 1805, and commenced keeping house in that town, but being engaged in a seafaring life, he removed to Providence, and rented a house of Dr. Pardon Bowen, situated on Wells street. During his residence in Cranston, he had a son born, July 10th, 1810, and named him Joseph George Washington Brown. My sister, Mary Alice, was born September 1811, in this city. My brother George was born September 23d, 1817. After residing in Dr. Pardon Bowen's house five years, we were obliged to move, as Mr. Bowen wished to make a strawberry bed in the garden where the house was located. My father hired a house called the Red Lion, near the junction of South Main and Power streets, on the north side, the place where the Amateur Dramatic Hall now stands. My brother Henry was born there in 1820....

My mother, as I stated, was a widow when she was married to my father. I never had any knowledge respecting her first husband's relations. My mother's relations were the Prophets, who belonged to the Narragansett tribe, and resided in Cranston. My grandmother's father was a man of note and one of the chiefs, and called, Grandfather Jeffery. Whether he was a prophet by name or by title I know not. He had two daughters, but whether he had any sons I know not, but think he had none. One of grandfather Jeffery's daughters married a white man, preferring civilized to savage life. The other daughter, my grandmother, purchased a colored man and married him, by whom she had five children, one son and four daughters, John, Phebe, Mary, Alice, and Eunice. Her father being very much displeased with her management, gave his effects to the first, who married the white man, and the fourth generation are living in the city at present, and moving in upper circles. After some years his anger abated towards his daughter's husband and he rendered some aid to the family....

Pages 40-51: The house which my father rented [was] located in the south part of the town, near the water. It was a gambrel roofed house, painted with plain boards like clapboards, and painted red.... On the west side was a door and two windows, one



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over the other, and two doors on the north side, one leading into the cellar, the other into the back yard, with two windows the same as in front. The inside of the house was arranged as follow: two rooms on the first floor, the largest used for a kitchen, the other for a sitting room or bed room. Adjoining us on the east was a sailor boarding house kept by Mr. James Axum. From our east window could be seen a fine garden filled with various kind of vegetables belonging to Mr. Axum. There were two rooms upstairs arranged the same as below, having access by a stair-way in a small entry three feet by six, on the north side of the west room. When we first moved in we occupied the upper rooms, until the family below could vacate their rooms, which was some six months after we moved in. Two rooms was considered quite a genteel tenement in these days for a family of six, especially if they were colored, the prevailing opinion being that they had no business with a larger house than one or two rooms. The family occupying the lower floor of our house were considered the upper crust of the colored population, Mr. Thomas Reed by name, by trade a barber, and kept a fashionable shaving saloon....

He was responsible for the rent to Mr. Tillinghast and other heirs, to whom it belonged. It was forty dollars per year. There being more room than he needed or could afford to pay for, he rented the upper part for fifteen dollars per year; which reduced his rent to twenty-five dollars. The landlords received their rents quarterly. Every one knew, in those days that a man having a family of six could not pay the rent of four rooms, unless he robbed or went on the highway to get a living....

(We can see in the above the reality that lay behind Frederick Douglass's observation that in certain respects people of color in the antebellum northern society had moved from being the slaves of individuals to becoming "slaves of the community.")

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote something in his journal that has not been completely decipherable:

5 day 10th of 11 M / Omitted Meeting & went down The Neck to attend in surveying a peace of Land at the request of an old acquaintance who is involved in a Law Suit pending in the Court [?] is setting - I understood there were two appearances in the ministry at Meeting [?] they were edifying to [?]

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November 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 11th M 1814 / One Public appearance in each of our Meetings, today they were dull seasons to my mind & I believe dullness generally pervaded the gathering. - In the eveng sat a little while at D Rodmans & went into Sister Joannas Chamber &



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*was glad to find her comfortable with her sweet little infant
whose name they have concluded to call Abbe.*

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November 15, Tuesday: Pedro Cevallos Guerra replaced José Miguel de Carvajal Vargas y Manrique, duque de San Carlos as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd 15th of 11 M / Much occupied with D Rodman as overseers of
the poor in fitting out Sarah Rogers on a Journey to Galen in
Seneca Coounty in the State of NYork where she expects to reside
with her Nephew Matthew Rogers. - She was disappointed by the
Packet & took the Stage to [Providence](#) where she is to meet John
Sheldon who is to see her with comfotable accommodations &
suitable company on her way to Galen. -*

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November 17, Thursday: Because it was being perceived as a Revolutionary institution, the Paris Conservatoire began to experience the official displeasure of the new regime, and Bernard Sarrette was suspended as director.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17 of 11 M / Our meeting small - a short offering by a
friend - No buisness in the Preparative Meeting -*

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December 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1 of 12th M 1814 / I have scarcely been free from the
Ague in my face since the last date - & this day being very wet
& Rainy I again omitted Meeting. - This is a day appointed by
all New England States for Thanksgiving & Prayer & has been
observed as usual in this town.
We had at tea the company of Sarah Arnold of Troy in N York She
also set the evening near the close of which her Mother Elizabeth
Arnold came in & set a little while their company was truly
pleasant Elizabeth was the Daughter of our late friend John
Hadwin & looks & speaks exceedingly like her Mother, so much so
that as she was relating a circumstance I could not refrane from
looking at her. - she also appears to be a woman that has learned
much in this School of Christ.*

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December 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 12 M / We had the company of Hinchman Hanes &



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Joseph Hanes at Meeting both forenoon; they had acceptable service among us & in some instances as "ministered" to our states remarkably - they are bound into the eastern Quarterly Meeting to finish the Work they began Last Winter. -

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December 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 12th M 1814 / Our friends Hinchman & Joseph Hanes set out for New Bedford this Morning accompanied by our young frds John D Williams & Saml Dennis. - - This eveng we had the company of several of our young friends Vizt E W Lawton & wife Caty Dennis & Avis Howland whose company was very pleaaasant & tho' neither of the foregoing are members of society I believe some of them are in a way thro' faithfulness to become greater in religious attainments than some of us who hold a birth right

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December 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 12 M / For more than a Week past I have suffered greatly with a tooth Ache & Ague in my face - & this day above all others have been peculiarly afflicting

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December 10, Saturday: At the Congress of Vienna a committee of the Eight Powers was constituted, to investigate the feasibility of the total abolition of [human enslavement](#).¹⁵²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 12 M / With a mind depressed I am going to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon to meet D Buffum & J Weeden tomorrow, to visit Davis Sherman - - Reached Cousin Zacheus Chases about Dark & in season to take tea with them my limbs were much fatigued, but passed the eveng agreeably with them. - next Morning 1st day [Sunday] was a Snow Storm but I footed it to Meeting & got there in season to dry myself & get comfortable before the people gathered. - The Meeting was silent & a season of struggle & exercise to me - John Weeden & I dined at the Widow Shermans, where after dinner

152. Notice how new and novel such an idea was — for instance, such an idea is not to be found being suggested or so much as contemplated anywhere in the Good Book, not even in the teachings of Jesus Christ. You could go to eleven Hollywood movies about the slave gladiator rebel Spartacus and be informed dramatically twenty-two times that this had been his fantasy of the perfect world — and twenty-two times you would be entertaining a fantastical historical feel-good preposterousity. Dreaming of being able to get along without slaves is sorta like our technological fantasy of being able to get along without the ringing of the telephone — it is an “emergent,” an idea that cannot arise until the conditions for its arising have fully emerged, conditions such as that things as they are have become dreary and distressing even for the owners of telephones.



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we had an opportunity with David which proved very exercising to me but before we left him were able to discover more tenderness in him than on any former opportunity, yet could not discover so much of a right disposition in him as we desired. I think my mind was never so enlarged in any similar opportunity & was a season of instruction – From there I went to Uncle Saml Thurstons took tea & set the eveng very agreeably with them – Lodged & this morning again footed it home thro' the Snow, which was a fatiguing journey as any I have taken in a long time found my beloved Wife & little Son had been well & done well in my absence for which I feel thankful as for my own Wellfare. – This eveng I have the tooth Ach. I suppose the effects of cold taken in Walking into town

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December 15, Thursday: A group of New Englanders assembled in the chamber of the State House in Hartford, Connecticut to consider the implications of the [War of 1812](#) for their section of the American nation. This “Hartford Convention,” which included official and unofficial delegations from the New England States, would be meeting until January 4, 1815.

READ THE FULL TEXT

This Hartford Convention, which would discuss separatism (regional secession from the federal union), would be proposing that as an alternative there might be a series of amendments to [the federal Constitution](#):

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 12 M 1814 / Soon After taking my seat in Meeting I thought I felt life arise & spread from Vessel to Vessel among us & it proved a season of favor – The Word was preached in the power & demonstration of the Spirit first by H Dennis & then by A Robinson & father R had a few words which felt pertinent & lively. – After I came our of meeting I compared notes with J F Mitchell & found his sense of the forepart of the Meeting was similar to Mine.

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December 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 12 M / Our meeting this forenoon was a season of deep & humbling instruction to my mind, the like exactly I do not recollect – Soon after I took my seat by the Stove our friend D B took his seat by the side of me & it seemed to pass my mind that he would preach. The impression soon passed off & I had some struggle to get the mind settled, when of a sudden I seemed to emmerge from that & a passage of Scripture occur'd with life Vizt "If any man lack Wisdom let him ask of God" it seemed to expand & I was led into many reflections upon it. &



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it appear'd to me that many feel a want of some thing which they do not possess Vizt Religion or true Wisdom, & for the Want of a right application to the source from whence true Wisdom may be obtained, to him who giveth liberally & upbraideth not they lean to their own understanding, get bewildered & finally established in formality rather than in the life & essence of Religion -after this had passed my mind & continued seriously impressed on it for some time, I looked up & saw D Buffum was about to rise -When he arose his opening was "Get wisdom & with all thy gettings get understanding"- & fully illustrated the subject of the true wisdom & understanding & true faith, often advising that if any lacked Wisdom let them ask of God who giveth liberally & upbraideth not - his exercise & opening was so exactly similar to mine, that as he repeated the scripture it wrought no small astonishment in my feelings - at the same time humbling my mind under a sense of the continued favor of divine goodness to a mind unworthy -- Father Rodman was afterwards concerned in a few words. Also Ruth Weaver expressed the passage Vizt Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of Man to conceive the good things which God hath layed up in Store for them who love & fear him. - In the Afternoon Our meeting was silent but Divine goodness near - Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening with us. -

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December 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 19th 12th M 1814 / Was born this Mornng about 5 Minutes before 1 OC unto my Brother Isaac & Sarah his Wife a daughter whose name they have concluded to call Susan

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December 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd 20 of 12 M / In setting a little while with my Mother this morning she made a remark which struck me with some force Vizt that when a person increased in a generous disposition as they increased in Years it was a pretty true sign that Grace a bounded with them for it was the case with people that as they incline to the Earth they become more Earthy. - She related that her grandfather Saml Clarke when his children were all married off he observed to them when all together that Now they were settled & provided for to his mind & when he left time his estate should be for them, but added it was not his intention to lay up any of his income, he ment to spend the whole of it & that he did & kept open house for the entertainment of all friends who came along, & the poor of every description found relief within his



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December 22, Thursday: Christian missionaries arrived in the Bay of Islands of New Zealand, to set up a mission.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 12 M / Our meeting was about as large as usual A Robinson was concerned in testimony also another friend but I did not think that life arose as at some seasons - In the last & Preparative Job Weaver published his intentions of Marriage with Almy Chase which was the chief buisness that came before us - Our little John was at Meeting & it was the first meeting of buisness he ever attended, & as he has begun to attend them young I desire he may become a useful & ornamental Member This is my concern for him, & should he read this when I am gone, I pen it now, for his information that he may know a parents solicitude for his future wellfare

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December 25, Sunday: In the previous year, [Joanna Southcott](#) had been put on notice by a Spirit that at the age of 65 she would by the “power of the Most High” give birth during the harvest season of this year to a man-child, to be known as the Shiloh, the Prince of Peace, who would “rule the nations with a rod of iron.” She had journeyed to London, witnesses noticing that she appeared pregnant, but during the harvest season nothing had happened, and then on this [Christmas Day](#) some allege that an infant was delivered stillborn, “caught up to God and His throne” — while the evidence seems to suggest that there was no such blessed event (Skinner, Stephen. MILLENNIUM PROPHECIES. Stamford CT: Longmeadow Press, 1994, page 109).

MILLENNIALISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 12 M 1814 / A few words were delivered by an Elder brother in the forenoon - Soon after I took my seat on looking round & observing a considerable number of young people with very innocent countenances, love rose in my heart toward them & with it, the Passage, "And he had compassion on the multitude" - It also soon opened to my mind with lively sensations that were we to assemble with true Faith in him who in former days had compassion on the multitude & break a little bread among them which satisfied a great number & there was much to spare, so we in this day might experience that Miracle wrought in us spiritually for tho' in sitting down in meeting we might feel but little else than poverty & want, yet by faith, we might expereince that little greatly enlarged & by the time Meeting closed go away greatly satisfied that we had been there, & that the Blessed Master had owned us by his living presence. -- In



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*the Afternoon we were silent but I thought it was a solid, may
I not say solemn season to many present.*

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December 29, Thursday: [Edward Jesse](#)'s father, the Reverend William Jesse, died in his 77th year at West Bromwich.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 12 M / Quite to my disappointment & sorrow my Wife was this Morning taken with a violent sick headache which prevented her going to [Portsmouth](#) with me to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - I took Sister Mary in the Chaise with me on the way thither we stoped a few minutes at Uncle Saml Thurstons & warmed & refreshed our selves & got to meeting in season. Our first meeting was silent & I thought favor'd with life: - In the last Discipline Hannah Dennis paid us a visit in Gospel love which was very acceptable to the Meeting. I do not think I ever heard her with more Life or better Authority. - Job Weedon & Almy Chase published their intentions of Marriage with each other. - The case of D Sherman was refer'd at the request of the committee & that of L Gould Junr at my request feeling my mind much exercised at the prospect of his being disowned at that Meeting. - On the whole it proved a Season of deep instruction to my mind & I believe enlargement. We dined at Richd Mitchells & rode home before dark finding my dear H relieved from her headache but quite feeble.

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December 30, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived at Seaham.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 12th M 1814 / With this day I complete the 33 Year of my Age - Another Year of my life has gone & I have advanced another towards the Grave. - It has seldom in my life happened that this day has passed away unnoticed & has ever been a day of much reflection. - this has been peculiarly so - love has flowed sweetly in my heart & I desired to be thankful for a fresh evidence of the continuation of divine regard. -

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December 31, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Annabella signed their marriage contract.

When the Vienna palace of Russian ambassador Count Andrei Kyrillovich Razumovsky was consumed by fire, hundreds of art works meticulously collected by him were forever lost. Two people who attempted to salvage embassy documents were killed. The count would return to Russia, depriving [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) of one of his most important patrons.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 12 M 1814 / Here ends the Year - It has been to me a day of seriousness & much reflection - Who will see the close of the next is very uncertain - but it is certain that many of us who are now on the stage & probably some who are in Active life Will not. -

This evening I was admitted a member of Engine Company N 5 - There are some circumstances which prompted to this measure which I conceive justifiable but from my present feelings I shall not remain a Member Long.

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January 1, Sunday: The British were repulsed in a 2d attack upon General Andrew Jackson's system of ditches around the sea approaches to New Orleans, in a [War of 1812](#) that because of the Treaty of Ghent was already over. News of the Treaty of Ghent arrived at the Congress of Vienna — this would significantly raise the influence of Britain on the continent because it meant that that nation, undistracted, could in the future field many more troops there.

Lowell Mason entered upon his new duties as choir director at the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, Georgia.

The followers of [Joanna Southcott](#) had allowed her corpse to putrefy for four days while they waited around to see if a magical bouncing baby was going to spring from it. Finally they allowed a post-mortem, which gave no indication of any pregnancy. Joanna had left behind her, however, a sealed Great Box, and the expectation that if this box were not properly opened in the presence of 24 Bishops of the Church by the end of the year 2004, there was going to be all hell to pay. (The box has been opened, although not in the presence of any 24 Bishops of the Church—it proved to contain a horse-pistol, a few coins of the period, various scribblings, some trinkets, and odds and ends— and, as we now notice, the year 2004 has come and has gone.)

MILLENNIALISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st M 1815 / We commence the Week, the Month & the Year together - a day of thoughtfulness it has been to me. Our Meetings have both been Silent & to me pretty good seasons, tho' roving of mind intruded a little — Father & Mother Rodman set the evening with us -¹⁵³



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January 2, Monday: At Seaham, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Annabella Milbanke were wed. Lord and Lady Byron would sojourn at Halnaby in Yorkshire until the 21st of the month.

Andrew Law sent a petition from Newark, New Jersey to the US House of Representatives to renew the 1802 patent for his system of musical notation involving four note shapes and the elimination of the staff (which wasn't going to happen).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 1st M / This day rode with J. Weaver to R Mitchells in Company with Abigail Robinson & H Dennis to See Thos Gould Junr who being at Cundels Mills I took the Chaise went & invited him up to Richards where After dinner we had a solid opportunity with him & discharged our Legacy of Love in a manner which affords peace to our Minds tho' with no obvious benefit to his. - There is a solid & enriching benefit remitting from a sense of having done our duty & all that lays in our power to restore a brother but alass the poor thing seem'd shut up in a full belief that he had done right tho' much was said & very affectionatly expressed to convince him of the error in which he is involved - Vizt that of learning the Art of War - Abigail Robinson & Hannah Dennis, seem'd to be much engaged for his Welfare - After the opportunity we spent a little time in interesting conversation in company with Richard & his wife - then I rode home with Hannah & John with Abigail. -

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153. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815 and Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823. Series 7 Microfilm Reel #4, positive, is made up of Friend Stephen Wanton Gould's Diaries #12-16, 1815-1838 (August 24, 1815-September 20, 1838 and Extracts from the records of the monthly meeting held by Rhode Island Quakers, 1676-1707) (Reel #12 is the negative copy of Reel #4)



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January 7, Saturday: At the Congress of Vienna, France was admitted as an equal member to the directing Council of Four (Austria/Great Britain/Prussia/Russia).

[Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) was ordered to abandon his post as Ambassador-plenipotentiary to France in the capital city of Paris and –Castlereagh the chief British envoy being needed at home to manage relations with the House of Commons– hie himself to the Congress of Vienna.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 7th of 1st M / Here ends the first week of the Year –It
may be memorable in my mind – It has been a season of life & love*

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January 8, Sunday: On the northern shore of the Gulf of Mexico, the British army, unaware that a treaty of peace had been signed, made a 3d assault against General Andrew Jackson's system of ditches around the sea approaches to New Orleans. Whoever won control over this port and river city supposed they would "win" the war that was already over, because the port was the key to all of the American Inland South facing the Caribbean, a general territory which went under the name "Louisiana," that is, "Land of Louis XV, King of France," although whatever paltry "rights of ownership" Louis XV had had to this real estate (which were debatable) had passed to his (erstwhile) heir the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) subsequent to his having lost his head, and had then been sold to the national government of the United States of America in 1803 for the paltry sum of \$0.⁰⁴ per acre.¹⁵⁴ However, Jackson had been reinforced with levies from Kentucky and the British troops were being led by a brother-in-law of [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#), Packenham, who had achieved his position of military mastery from political connections of rank and privilege rather than from any demonstrated facility in getting other men to die when he told them to. The watchword of the British was "Booty and Beauty." The troops were chiefly drawn from Wellington's peninsular army. This relative Packenham did a no-no. He led a manly frontal assault against a fully prepared and alerted defensive position

154. When the national government of the United States of America purchased rights to such territories from weaker people, such as the Dakota nation, they weren't in the habit of paying nearly as much as this per acre, even when the rights to the real estate were far more real than the rights of King Louis.



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under fine daylight conditions with no thought of surprise or other trickiness. The attackers were cut down in half an hour of concentrated rifle and cannon fire with losses of almost 2,000 dead and injured. Only one of their general officers was still alive. American casualties were 6 killed and 10 wounded (Jackson's loss in the entire campaign was merely 333 souls). The British withdrew to their original landing-place and re-embarked.

This Battle of New Orleans, the last campaign of the [War of 1812](#), was being fought subsequent to the signing of the Peace of Ghent on December 24, 1814. There is no merit, however, in the frequent assertion that Jackson's great victory was won after the war was over, for the Ghent treaty specifically called for continued hostilities until ratification by both governments, and this mutual ratification would be effected only during February 1815. After so many distressing months of failure in a war in which the enemy had burned and sacked the federal capital and which had led disaffected citizens to question the value of the Union itself, Jackson's victory at New Orleans would seem to wipe away the nation's memories of incompetent leadership. Overnight, Old Hickory would be transfigured into a symbol of distinctive American strengths and virtues, and his path would turn inevitably toward the freshly painted because scorched "White House." But for the moment the Virginia Dynasty still commanded, and Jackson would retire with his honors to his beloved Hermitage. Some admirers of Jackson would be able to obtain a lock of his hair, which hair, now tested, shows lead poisoning which would fully explain his severe abdominal cramping and constipation during this period. (The lead bullet lodged in his body produced chronic health problems such as irritability, paranoia, severe mood swings, and kidney failure, until it would be surgically removed in 1832 and the dissolved lead burden in his body would be able to decrease. The calomel which he took due to this constipation, since it contained mercury, may explain why his teeth would fall out at such an early age.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 1st M 1815 / Our Meetings were silent excepting a short offering in the forenoon – Went with Father Rodman to visit of our friend D Buffum who had for a week or two been confined by indisposition. took tea with him & set most of the evening. –

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January 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 1st M / Our Meeting was silent. And to me a season of but little proffit, being much unsettled. – We took tea at Father Rodmans. –

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January 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 1 M / Heard this Afternoon of the recent very sudden departure out of time of our Beloved friend & Brother Matthew Franklin of NYork. It appears he was at Pearl Street Meeting & was delivering a sermon in which he appeared to be engaged with unusual life & while in the Middle of a sentence Sat down & was soon helped out of Meeting to his home & died in a fit of Apoplexy in a short time - with this goodly young man I was well acquainted - He has twice visited New England & the



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*last time was in 1812 - His ministry was lively pertinent & Sound
His death was a solemn Warning to those who are in health to be
prepared for we know not in which hour we may be Summoned to
Eternity. -*

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January 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15 of 1st M / Ruth Weaver reviewed the text "Boast not
thyself of tomorrow for we know not what a day may Bring forth
- & father Rodman followed her on the same subject - D Buffum
was lively & Powerful in testimony - In the Afternoon Silent. -
In the eveng Br J Rodman & I called a little while at Neighbor
Towles. - then came back & Set the remainder together & Br Isaac
Joined us very agreeably -*

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January 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 16th of 1st M 1815 / I have today met with the Following
Obituary notice in the NYork Commercial Advertiser of the 10th
inst "Smitten friends
"Are Angels sent on errands full of love
"For us they languish
"And for us they die young
Death has impressed another awful lesson upon those who glory
in the transitory enjoyments of life. - He has deprived this
city of a valuable & worthy citizen & has bereaved the Society
of Friends of a Member, who tho' in the prime of life has long
stood forth, an Able advocate in the cause of universal
righteousness, & whose life adorned the doctrines he propessed.
Matthew Franklin, a distinguished minister in that Society
expired last evening about half past seven. The circumstances
of his death are Solemn and impressive. In usual health he
attended the meeting in Pearl Street to which he belonged on the
preceeding morning, and, after an interval of Silence, he rose
& repeated the following emphatic declaration of the apostle
James; "Pure religion & undefiled before God the Father, is
this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction."
On this point of the text he enlarged very instructively
illustrating the nature of the duties, to which the apostle
alluded, and exhorted the audience to the exercise of christian
benevolence with much of that feeling & pathos, for which his
discourses have latterly been remarkable. -
But Oh! it was enough! While this pleading with a countenance
suffused with earnestness & affection the cause of the indigent
& friendless, a Mandate from the councils of eternal wisdom
arrested him in the commencement of a sentence, and instantly*



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closed his mental powers in utter oblivion to the woes & sufferings of his fellow creatures. He suddenly applied his hand to his head, slowly took his seat, rose up, & feebly with the assistance of others walked out; was conveyed home & without uttering a Sentence fell into a State of Apoplectic insensibility in which he languished until released without a struggle, from the last tie of his mortal nature.

Numerous are the eyes that will overflow at this event, for he was tenderly beloved by every class of his friends. The poor will lament their loss for many were they upon whom his private charities, like the refreshing dews of the night upon the parched soil, shed relief & gladness. As an active Governor of the NYork Hospital; as a Trustee of the Free School; as a Member of other important associations; as a correct & upright Merchant, his loss will be long & deeply regretted. Oh his social qualities & his eminent worth as a Minister of the Gospel, it becomes us here to be silent: we cannot do justice to a theme so affecting. "He mourns the dead who lives as they desire."

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January 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 1st M 1815 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended by Members. James Hallack was with us, & I think it may be said the Love of God was very conspicuous in his ministry. -In the last (Preparative) he was also concerned very sweetly for the various branches of society & particularly for the Youth. -At the close of the preparative Meeting he requested a Meeting to be appointed at the sixth hour tomorrow evening which was agreed upon. - In the Afternoon I recd a letter from Aunt Patty giving a Short acct of the funeral of M Franklin - & at the same time one from Obadiah Brown giving inclosing two for James Hallack I immediately carried them to E Hoxies[?] where I found him. -they contained information of the extreme illness of his son, which brought his mind into a streight about the Meeting he had appointed, thinking he had better return homeward tomorrow Morning. -

Was called upon to examine the bruises of Matilda Speare which she said she had recd from Daniel Chase Jr & his wife to whom she was by indenture bound by the Overseers of this Town. (The child is about 6 years old. On inspection of the Back there appear'd to be marks which indicated severe bruises of a blackish, greenish & yellowish hue like old bruises that had begun to disappear the most remarkable was on the left Shoulder & there were similar marks on the right shoulder which the child inform'd me was occasioned by the stripes of an horse whip given by Mrs Chase. One of her ears bore the marks of bruises & scratches, the scabs remaining, which she said was done by Mrs. Chase who took her up by the ear. - On the lower extremities of her body there appeared large weals & from the breadth of them



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I should suppose they had been swollen to the size of a common finger. On inspecting her head there appeared to be bald spots where the hair was evidently pulled out by the roots which she said was done by Mrs. Chase at various times & stated twice in particular when she by sudden force tore her our of bed by the hair & one when her own child wet the flour [floor], she took her by the hair & rubed her face in the Water. -

I went to see those marks of unnatural abuse at the request of one of the town Council in company with one of the overseers of the poor, & certainly it was wicked in the extreme & if the facts are proven upon Chase & his wife I think hevy damages will be recovered by prosecution & their rights of Membership in Society be forfeited. -

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January 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 1 M 1815 / James Hallack feels most easy to attend the meeting & I have been much occupied tho' [thro'] the Day in preparing the Meeting house for it --

At 6 OC. R M the meeting met - the house was well lighted with Candles. - It proved to be the most solid & satisfactory Meeting that has been held by appointment in this town for many years. - James was engaged about two hours in very weighty & Powerful communication & tho' the Small part of the house was full & so much crowded that many stood in the Passage, when he concluded speaking all remained perfectly still & quiet, none moved from their seats & I thought I never witnessed a more solid covering over a gathering - & when the meeting concluded the people seemed unwilling to separate

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January 21, Saturday: [Horace Wells](#) was born in Hartford, Vermont.¹⁵⁵

The assembled leaders in Vienna attended a requiem mass in St. Stephen's Cathedral organized by Talleyrand, for Louis XVI on the 22d anniversary of the monarch's [execution](#). The requiem was conducted by Antonio Salieri.

LA GUILLOTINE

From this date until March 9th, [Lord and Lady Byron](#) would be at Seaham, home of Sir Ralph and Lady Milbanke.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 1st M 1815 / I have heard many speak of their satisfaction & edification at being at James Meeting last evening

This eveng rode to [Portsmouth](#) with David Williams & lodged at

155. Wells's drug experiments on himself would, on January 24, 1848, bring about his death.




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 January 22, Sunday: Great Britain and Portugal signed a treaty in regard to the [international slave trade](#). In return for British cancellation of a £600,000 debt owed by Portugal, no subject of Portugal would ever purchase any slave along the coast of Africa north of the equator.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


-1st day Rose early & took breakfast which was very kindly prepared for us by Elizabeth & Alice - we then rode down into New town on the buisness we went on - then went to Meeting which was Silent - After Meeting we had an oppertunity with David Sherman - his case is to me a very trying one - We dined at John Bordens after which we rode to George Halls to invesitage Davids case a little further where D Williams left me & went on towards Westport - I returning home stoped a few minutes at Saml Thurstons & from thence to Richd Mitchells & took tea & from thence rode home - before dark. -

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 January 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 1 M / In our first meeting Abigail Robinson was concerned in an excellent testimony touching the State of the times, recommending an individual inquiry how far each one has contributed to the drawing down the Judgements of Heaven which now seem to be poweri [pour] down on the inhabitants of this once highly favor'd land. -
In the last (Monthly Meeting) was an exercising time - a proposition was made to appoint a committee to inspect the state of society & to visit such members as way opened, which by the improper meddling of some, the extreme caution of others, & the Want of Zeal in some - nearly fell thro' - tho' the preposition spread with considerable life over the meeting when first made*

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 January 30, Monday: The 6,487 volumes of ex-president-in-bad-need-of-some-ready-cash [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s library, purchased on this day by the federal congress for \$23,950 to replace volumes burned by the British during the War of 1812, would be arriving in Washington DC by horse and wagon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 1st M / Confined within doors with the Ague & the soreness of my Blister, my mind much turned towards the ensueing Quarterly Meeting at [Providence](#) had made calculations to attend it, but such are my infirmities that I fear to attempt it, at this very cold spell of weather would be an imprudent risk, several of my friends have been in this Afternoon & offered



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me a seat in Their Chaises, which is very kind & a renew'd insentive to dedication for I have often believed that way is made for those who are devoted to discharge their duty where no way appears. As I have no way left but the expence of the Mail stage the river being shut, no less than three offers of conveyance has felt very greatful. -

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January 24, Tuesday: Before the New Jersey state legislature, the postponed steamboat hearings resumed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 1 M / Spent this day with my friend David Buffum at his house engaged in writing his Will. he is frequently of late subject to ill turns & is now confind by one of them I think his frail tabernacle of Clay is dissolving, but may contunie by care some time longer. -

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January 25: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) accompanied vocalist Franz Wild at a concert to celebrate the birthday of the Tsarina at the Congress of Vienna (this would be his final public performance at the piano).



January 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 1st M 1815 / Much afflicted with the Ague in my face, which with a portion of physic taken last eveng prevented my going to meeting - the Ague remaining hard I put a Blister on my Arm this evening. -

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January 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31st of 1st M / My face stukk very uncomfortable & confined within doors - I have given up the prospect of Quarterly Meeting - some who attempt ed it going & got as far as [Bristol](#) ferry were obligedd to return the ferry being stopd with Ice & the weather today has been the coldest I wver knew this eveng the mercury was 8 degrees below nothing - I have felt thankful for having things around me comfortable & especially that I have wood aplenty & can keep my stove [store?] comfortable. - My H has spent most of the day in the Shop with her Spinning Wheel


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
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 February 1, Wednesday: The [Duke of Wellington](#) arrived at the Congress of Vienna as the British representative, replacing Viscount Castlereagh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 2nd M 1815 / The cold abates a little more Ice made in the harbor [too faint] night than I ever before saw [five line nearly illegible, but all having to do with the extreme cold]

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 February 2, Thursday: Representatives of 32 teeny [German](#) states unrecognized at the Congress of Vienna demanded an immediate congress of [Germany](#) to consider a constitution, a congress that would never happen.

The [Duke of Wellington](#) made his initial public appearance in Vienna, at a ball in the *Redoutensaal*. Everyone was fascinated and, as you might imagine, there was quite a large crush.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 2nd M 1815 / Attended Meeting & tho' my spirit was barran when going, it proved a season of feeling & close exercise, expecially in commemorating what passed at our last Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -It seemed to open fully & satisfactorily to my mind that the body must witness an exercise for itself, or it will long remain barran & unfruitful - true it is, that individuals compose the body & individuals must & will be exercised, but their hands will be tied from useful labor untill we can experience a more general concern, untill the body is more fully bound to promote labor for its own help & restoration, & it was my sense then & remains so now, that could the Moy [Monthly] Meeting be united in appointing a judicious committee one that would be willing to be exercised in the cause of Truth, who might have liberty to visit individuals, families & Meetings at their discretion much benefit might be the result - & not only such as are delinquents require help, but many who are endeavoring to fill their ranks in righteousness may need the friendly & pious call of their brethren & sisters, who may be enabled thro' divine help to afford them suitable council & thereby strengthen their hands in well doing. -

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 February 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 2 M / Our mornng Meeting was as large as could be expected considering the hevy fall of Snow last night About 20 women got out - In the Afternoon it was also pretty well attended & [illegible] spoke a few words. - Set the evening pretty much at home excepting a short call at Brother Isaacs in the forepart of it. -

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February 8, Wednesday: The Five Powers in Vienna finally came to agreement in regard to Saxony and Poland. Also, the eight signatories of the Treaty of Paris signed a statement on the [international slave trade](#), unanimously concurring that it was immoral (dedicating themselves to its eradication, they could of course arrive at no agreement on any enforcement provision — just because something is immoral does not mean that anything ought to be done about it because this is, after all, an imperfect world in which the wise people do understand that “the best is ever the enemy of the good”).

British forces from Louisiana captured Mobile in the Mississippi Territory.

Caleb C. Billings (presumably “Junior” or “II”: the 1st infant so named would survive but five months, dying on July 4th) was born to Caleb Callender Billings and [Nancy Thoreau Billings](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 8th of 2 M 1815 / A Day of exercise of mind a proposition by our fr D Buffum made today occasioned (with some other circumstances relative to Society) much serious reflection this evening. — The proposal was to stand in the capacity of Overseer — which I am very unwilling to consent to, from a concious belief that I can be more useful out of the appointment than in it. —

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February 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 2nd M / At Meeting an appearance in supplication — My mind in a pretty good state. — Still exercised with the proposition of standing as Overseer. — I feel a desire to do what I can in my day & generation, but cannot believe that to be my proper sphere. —

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February 11, Saturday: After months of sometimes acrimonious debate, a final agreement on Poland and Saxony was signed at the Congress of Vienna. The Posen district was returned to Prussia while Galicia reverted to Austria. Krakow and its surrounding 1,000 square kilometers became a free city. The remaining 127,000 square kilometers of the old Duchy of Warsaw became the Kingdom of Poland under the Russian Tsar. In return for giving up most of its claims Prussia received 40% of Saxony, the Duchy of Westphalia, Swedish Pomerania, and the west bank of the Rhine. In return for its concessions Austria received the Tyrol, Salzburg, the Adriatic Provinces, and certain assurances in Italy. Everybody was as happy as they could possibly be in an imperfect world.

The British sloop-of-war *Favorite* arrived at New-York, with an English and an American messenger bearing a treaty of peace, which the English government had already ratified. The news of the Treaty of Ghent, despatched by express, would reach [Boston](#) in thirty-two hours. As the news spread, a general feeling of satisfaction expressed itself in rejoicing, without caring to inquire what were the terms of the treaty.

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The personages we are expectedly to desire so eagerly to emulate are Thomas Truxton, Edward Preble, Alexander Murray, John Rodgers, Isaac Hull, Stephen Decatur, Jacob Jones, James Lawrence, William Bainbridge, John Barry, Nicholas Biddle, David Porter, Charles Morris, William Henry Allen, Oliver Hazard Perry, William Burrows, John Cushing Aylwin, and Thomas MacDonough. This volume concludes with an essay "Characteristick anecdotes of the Battle on Lake Erie."

Thou, Ocean, thou, the seaman's sire !
Witness for us, while deeds like those
Approved our prowess to our foes,
Did they not 'midst ourselves, inspire
In all, the emulous desire
As well to act, as to admire !



February 12, Sunday: The news arrived in [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#), by express stage out of New-York, that in Ghent "on the 24th December last," a peace had been concluded between the United States of America and Great Britain, and that the Battle for New Orleans had been merely a waste of everyone's lives. This express stage proceeded forward to inform first Worcester and then Boston.

1815. The glad tidings of Peace were announced here February 12, and our streets were thronged with delighted men and women, and resounded with acclamations of joy. The town was brilliantly illuminated in the evening, and although it was intensely cold, the streets were thronged to a late hour by persons of both sexes and of all ages, and the sound of mirth resounded from almost every dwelling. Many, however, who had been carried along by this tide of rejoicing, had cause to mourn when the excitement had subsided, and the "sober second thought" of reflection had returned. They had speculated largely, when prices were high, and vast amounts were invested in merchandise, the value of which, on restoration of peace, "fell, like Lucifer, never to rise again." Many failures were the consequence; but to people at large, peace came as a blessing.



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This year was signalized by the Great Storm and high tide. The storm commenced Sept. 22, and the wind was violent, and increasing through the night and the succeeding morning, many houses were unroofed, and other blown down. The tide on the 23d, rose to an extraordinary height, the gale from the South-East was of unparalleled severity, both combined, they drove the principal part of the shipping in the harbor from its moorings up the river against Weybosset bridge, which in short time gave way, and the whole was driven up and landed on the northern shore of the cove. A large sloop was left a considerable distance North of Great Point, now the site of the State Prison, and between that point and the upper part of the Canal basin, were upwards of thirty sail, of a burthen from 500 tons downwards. The water entirely filled the lower stories of the buildings in Market-street, west of the bridge, and a portion of the brick wall of the Washington Insurance building, in the third story, was broken in by the bowsprit of the ship Ganges, as she was driven rapidly by in the foaming current. A sloop of some 50 or 60 tons was driven across Weybosset-street, into Pleasant-street, where she grounded. The Baptist meeting-house, built for Rev. Mr. Cornell, near Muddy Dock, now Dorrance-street, was entirely destroyed. Many houses, stores and barns were swept from the wharves in South Water, Weybosset and some other streets, into the cove, where many of them were crushed to pieces. The water at the junction of Westminster and Orange-streets was at least six feet in depth. Two human beings only here lost their lives in this storm, which was matter of great wonder, when so many were perilled. No measures were taken to ascertain the damage done by the storm, but it was estimated at about a million of dollars.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 2nd M / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum was concerned in a very lively testimony to the necessity of "Commencing with our own hearts" &c In the Afternoon a short testimony by a friend - both meetings I considered favor'd seasons to me tho' not wholly exempt from thoughts which had better be excluded from a religious Meeting - Jonathon Dennis Dined with us - & Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening. -

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February 14, Tuesday: British forces took control of the city of Kandy on the island of Sri Lanka.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 2nd M / This Morning at five OClock which was before Day break - My friend Charles Gorton knocked at the door & gave me the very pleasing intelligence that two men had arrived at 2 OC with the News of PEACE from [Bristol](#) & that the Printers were striking off hand Bills - I thought the news so pleasing



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that I immediately dressed myself made my [illegible] & went out & at the Watch House I [illegible] the two Messengers of Peace themselves who cont [illegible] had before told me - After staying there a while I walked out a little & returned home a little after day light & pretty soon Rec'd the hand bill. The Bells were set to Ringing before Sunrise & guns fired & both Bells & Guns have been going the whole day with many displays of Colours in different parts of the Town - & generally the greatest scene of public rejoicing I ever beheld - This evening the Town was generally illuminated wherewith Thames Street was nearly as light as Day & as many men women & children travelling about as at the General Election. Lights were placed in the Church Lantern which was to have been a Signal of Alarm, now a Token of Peace.

This mode of rejoicing (tho' on this occasion I cannot feel so far amiss as on some others) is very far from what I conceive to be right, my heart hath indeed been humbled & made thankful to HIM who ruleth the world in that he hath Blessed us with the return of the Olive Branch. & Oh that the people would lay it to heart.

Another cause of thankfulness is that with all the commotion of the day & evening no accident has happened that has come to my knowledge.

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February 15, Wednesday: Viscount Castlereagh departed from Vienna for London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 2nd M 1815 / On looking over the late great event of Peace my heart is humbled under a sense of gratitude for the many favors recd - I have been blessed with the means of reputable living thro' the War & have not gone behind hand while many have spent their last & gone much in debt & some have within my knowledge suffered much with cold & Hunger this Winter - & for the many favors I have recd I do feel a Song of praise unto Him who alone was the Author of All - & Oh that I may renew my devotion to his cause - With what gratitude should the inhabitants of this Town look unto the Lord, having preserved us from the Danger of invasion the Sword & famine, in viewing his tender mercies, my heart is full

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February 16, Thursday: Johanna Wagner Geyer and Ludwig Geyer added a daughter, Cäcilie, to their family which already included the toddler Wilhelm Richard Wagner.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 2 M / Jonathon Chase & Daniel Brayton of Swansey



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Attended Meeting & Jonathon appear'd in testimony, which evinced him to be a living member of the Body - They are on a visit to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - intending to see the families of it & have commenced their services this Afternoon. - In the Preparative Meeting The former Overseers with the addition of my name were reported & agreed to be recommended to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting for that Service - A Service which I feel not only incompetent on but have serious doubts whether it is the sphere in which I ought to act - however submit to the judgement of my friends. -

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February 17, Friday: In support of homeland agriculture, a Corn Bill was introduced into the House of Commons to restrict import of foreign grain. This would enhance the nation's security but raise the price of bread.

The federal Congress proposed that the United States of America borrow the sum of \$18,400,000, by creating an issue of treasury notes in the amount of \$25,000,000. A portion of these treasury notes, issued in sums under \$100, would be payable to bearer, and would serve as a currency. Treasury notes over \$100 were to bear interest at 5 2/5%, making a cent and a half a day on each \$100. Both were to be receivable for all public dues and were to be transferable at option, those bearing interest in 6% bonds and those without interest in 7% bonds.

The ratification of the treaty of Ghent that had been signed the previous December 24th ended the [War of 1812](#) between England and the USA. By its provisions all conquered territory was to be mutually restored, and three commissions were to be appointed: the first to settle the title to the islands of Passamaquoddy Bay; the second to settle the northeastern boundary as far as the St. Lawrence; and the third to, run the line through the St. Lawrence and the lakes to the Lake of the Woods. In case of disagreement, the point in dispute was to be referred to some friendly power. Hostilities on land were to terminate with the ratification of the treaty, and on sea in certain specified times, according to the distance, the longest time being four months. The treaty provided against the carrying away by the British of "any negroes or other property." Both parties agreed to use their best endeavors for the suppression of the slave-trade.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: At the Congress of Vienna, which assembled late in 1814, Castlereagh was indefatigable in his endeavors to secure the abolition of the trade. France and Spain, however, refused to yield farther than they had already done, and the other powers hesitated to go to the lengths he recommended. Nevertheless, he secured the institution of annual conferences on the matter, and a declaration by the Congress strongly condemning the trade and declaring that "the public voice in all civilized countries was raised to demand its suppression as soon as possible," and that, while the definitive period of termination would be left to subsequent negotiation, the sovereigns would not consider their work done until the trade was entirely suppressed.¹⁵⁶

In the Treaty of Ghent, between Great Britain and the United States, ratified February 17, 1815, Article 10, proposed by



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Great Britain, declared that, "Whereas the traffic in slaves is irreconcilable with the principles of humanity and justice," the two countries agreed to use their best endeavors in abolishing the trade.¹⁵⁷ The final overthrow of Napoleon was marked by a second declaration of the powers, who, "desiring to give effect to the measures on which they deliberated at the Congress of Vienna, relative to the complete and universal abolition of the Slave Trade, and having, each in their respective Dominions, prohibited without restriction their Colonies and Subjects from taking any part whatever in this Traffic, engage to renew conjointly their efforts, with the view of securing final success to those principles which they proclaimed in the Declaration of the 4th February, 1815, and of concerting, without loss of time, through their Ministers at the Courts of London and of Paris, the most effectual measures for the entire and definitive abolition of a Commerce so odious, and so strongly condemned by the laws of religion and of nature."¹⁵⁸ Treaties further restricting the trade continued to be made by Great Britain: Spain abolished the trade north of the equator in 1817,¹⁵⁹ and promised entire abolition in 1820; Spain, Portugal, and Holland also granted a mutual limited Right of Search to England, and joined in establishing mixed courts.¹⁶⁰ The effort, however, to secure a general declaration of the powers urging, if not compelling, the abolition of the trade in 1820, as well as the attempt to secure a qualified international Right of Visit, failed, although both propositions were strongly urged by England at the Conference of 1818.¹⁶¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 2nd M 1815 / Our friends J Chase & D Brayton go on their visits to families I attended them to Wm Leer Jos Williams & Alice Wyatts - then R Mitchell took my place & went with them thro' the Day - they took tea with us & in the evening & again waited on them to father Rodmans, Susan Thurstons, Polly Hadwens & John Earls at Wm Lees & John Earls they were remarkably favor'd, & evinced themselves Skillful workmen & wise thro' the whole.

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157. AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN, III. No. 271, pages 735-48; U.S. TREATIES AND CONVENTIONS (edition of 1889), page 405.

158. This was inserted in the Treaty of Paris, November 20, 1815: BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1815-6, page 292.

159. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1816-7, pages 33-74 (English version, 1823-4, page 702 ff.).

160. Cf. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1817-8, page 125 ff.

161. This was the first meeting of the London ministers of the powers according to agreement; they assembled December 4, 1817, and finally called a meeting of plenipotentiaries on the question of suppression at Aix-la-Chapelle, beginning October 24, 1818. Among those present were Metternich, Richelieu, Wellington, Castlereagh, Hardenberg, Bernstorff, Nesselrode, and Capodistrias. Castlereagh made two propositions: 1. That the five powers join in urging Portugal and Brazil to abolish the trade May 20, 1820; 2. That the powers adopt the principle of a mutual qualified Right of Search. Cf. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1818-9, pages 21-88; AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN, V. No. 346, pages 113-122.



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February 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th 2m / A very driving Snow Storm the whole day but our above mentioned friends inclining to ersue their visit to families I attended them thro' the Day first to D Rodmans then to Betsy Buffums. John Eastons (not a member) Robert Lawtons Eliza Hoxie Hannah Eastons, Robert Braytons not a member where they chose to dine being a relation & an old acquaintance - next to Gilbert Chases, James Taylor, Mary Tillinghast, Perry Weaver & the Widow Allens. - Our visit to John Eastons was remarkable he was mightily affected with Jonathons preaching & Daniels Prayer, our hearts were all greatly reached - at Robt Lawtons Nicholas was called in but came reluctantly Daniel however reached the witness in his mind & broke him into tears. -

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February 19, Sunday: Violin Concerto no.7 by Louis Spohr was performed for the initial time, in Vienna. This was judged among the best in that form yet composed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 2nd M / I am almost sick with the cold taken yesterday travelling about in the Snow - Attended meetings & in both our above mentioned friend had good service

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February 20, Monday: At this point during the 1812-1815 war with Great Britain, the USS *Constitution*, off Lisbon, captured the British sloops-of-war (or, perhaps, brigs) HMS *Cyane* and HMS *Levant*. The engagement took place by moonlight off Madeira. The loss to the Constitution was only three killed and twelve wounded. Meeting subsequently with a fleet of British vessels, our frigate escaped in a fog but lost HMS *Levant*, which the British warships recaptured.

(After this 1812-1815 war with Great Britain, our big frigate would be laid up for repairs at the US Navy Yard in Boston until 1821.)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 2 M 1815 / Our friend J Chase & Daniel Brayton finished their visit in town this Afternoon I believe to their own & friends satisfaction - Jonathon Dennis attended them today. -

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February 21, Tuesday: The British, after issuing a proclamation of martial law, withdrew from the coast of Georgia.

Congress authorized the funding of the non-interest-paying treasury notes in circulation. The interest upon the loan was 7%. \$3,268,949 was invested in bonds at par.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 21st of 2nd M / This Afternoon about 5 OClock the [Providence](#) Mail Stage arrived with a White flag before & a National standard behind with the news of the Ratification of the treaty with England by the President - immediately all the bells in town were set to ringing & people flocked about the streets in great numbers
On going out & making some inquiry I find it is not exactly as above stated. - The Senate have passed their Sanction to the treaty & it waits the Presidents signature.*

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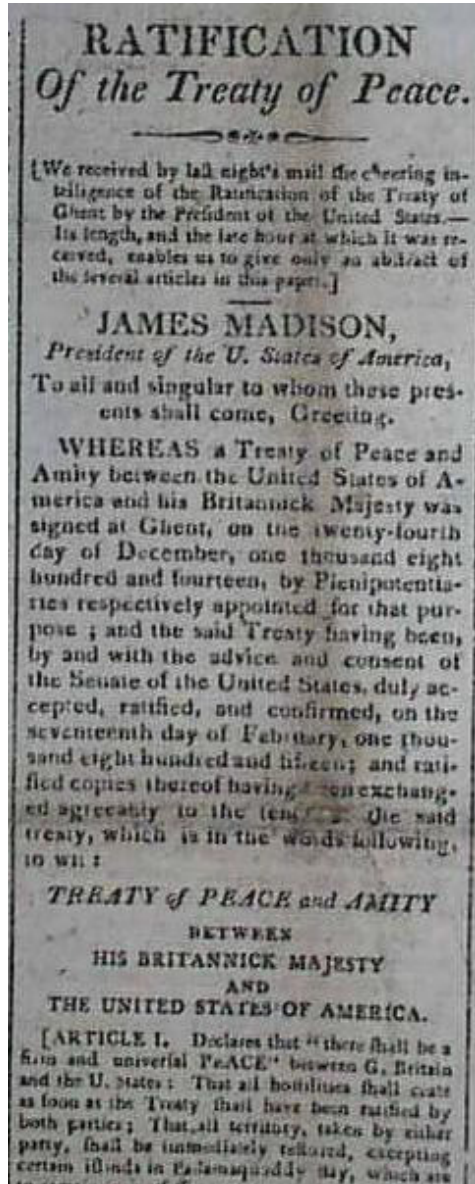
February 22, Wednesday: [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) gave birth to a daughter, two months premature.



A large concert was given in Boston with massed choirs and instrumentalists, to celebrate George Washington's birthday and the Treaty of Ghent. The event would inspire the founding of the Boston Handel and Haydn Society.

The American sailors being held in the prison complex on the Devonshire moor near Plymouth, England marched in their yard in celebration of this birthday (it may have been upon this occasion that the impromptu black band from #4 performed "Yankee Doodle" to the annoyance of watching British officials).

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th 22nd of 2nd M / The Mail this eveng Brot the Treaty of peace & the Presidents Proclamation which puts to rest all doubt & question that peace is really concluded between England & America. This is an Era of the World very remarkable. all Christian Powers are now at Peace - no War exists between any of them & May this state long continue & prove a forerunner of that great Day long ago predicted even to the Nations of the Earth shall learn the Art of War no MORE. - The Bells have rung



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all day & in the evening many houses were illuminated. I am thankful the Nation is at peace & as thankful that the mode of rejoicing practiced by the people is over 5th day 23rd of 2nd M 1815 / The mornng being very cold the travelling bad & my H being quite unwell I got into a Sleigh with David Williams & His daughter Mary & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting & in going I have seldom suffered more with the cold. The travelling being hard & our Horse dull made us late at Meeting - We met our Friends Jonathon Chase & D Brayton & Jonathon & Hannah Dennis were concerned in lively testimonys - We had much buisness in the last meeting but were favord to get along with it to pretty good satisfaction & in good season. - We dined at Uncle S Thurstons in company with Jonathon & Daniel who have nearly accomplished their visit to the families of Friends in this Monthly Meeting We took our leave of them & rode home much more comfortably than we rode out the weather having moderated & the road become Smoother.

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February 26, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#), three generals, and a thousand men set sail from the Island of Elba in the Mediterranean, passing the ships on guard and heading toward the southern coast of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 2nd M / Meetings small walking bad & lean seasons
a few words offerred in the Afternoon. -*

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February 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 28th of 2 M / Sitting this eveng attending to my H while she was reading the Memoirs of Benj Bangs a weighty frame of mind came over me & I believe I livingly said in my heart "BLESSED be the NAME of the LORD" while sitting thus enjoying the circulations of the divine life those words involuntarily rose up in much precious feeling & I was grateful for this fresh evidence of divine favor. --
Heard this Afternoon that my Aged cousin Joseph Greene of Connannicut is low & apparently near his end*

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March 2, Thursday: The Dominion of Kandyan Provinces ([Ceylon](#)) was vested in the Sovereign of the British Empire.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reached Castellane.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 2nd of 3rd M 1815 / Our friend D Buffum was concerned in a lively & very sweet testimony "He that knoweth his Masters will &c" Ruth Weaver appeared in a few words - Meeting well attended considering the very bad travelling - to me it was a season of favor. -

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March 5, Sunday: Upon the 12th meeting of the "Swiss Committee," most issues of the Congress of Vienna were resolved (or so they supposed).

The German physician Franz Mesmer died. He had developed "Mesmerism," a set of techniques we now know as hypnotism. Prior to the introduction of [anesthesia](#) in the late 1840s, this "Mesmerism" would be being very widely relied upon for surgical pain relief.

[Nancy Thoreau Billings](#) died in Bangor, Maine, possibly due to complications of childbirth. Her widower Caleb Callender Billings would remarry on June 7, 1818, with the widowed Betsey Brown Hammond, a mature daughter of [Reuben Brown](#) of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 3 M / Mt Aged cousin (by marriage) Joseph Greene of Jamestown departed this life this morning about 5 O'clock - he married my fathers own Cousin Abigail Gould & their son David served his time at the Tailors trade with him, both which circumstances made a particular intimacy in the families. - The walking very bad. Meetings both small & silent - a few women attended & some that were not members

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March 7, Tuesday: At Laffrey, 800 soldiers produced the first threat to the project of the returning Emperor [Napoléon I](#). Disdaining armed confrontation, he walked toward them identifying himself as their emperor and inviting them to gun him down. The soldiers threw down their weapons and knelt. They, and then their officers, turned sides and went on that day to take Grenoble.

News of the escape reached Metternich and the Quadruple Alliance at the Congress of Vienna, and they were brought to an awareness that they were going to need to defeat the emperor again on the field of battle.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7th of 3rd M / This Mornng with my H crossed the ferry to Connanicut to attend the funeral of cousin Jos Greene we had 14 others on board the boat Vizt D Buffum Jons Dennis & Wife, John Weaver & two Daughters - James Mitchell & Daughter Rhoda & others - At the funeral we met our friend Thos Jones & Geo Philbrick on a religious visit - The Meeting was held at Josephs house in which Thos Jones spoke twice D Buffum twice & Hannah Dennis once one of their communications appeared to me to be with good Authority -particularly D Buffums "He observed that we were on a very important voyage with our all on board & desired we might pay strict attention to the helm the company & the Pilot



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*that we might arrive safe at the haven where true riches lays -
In his second standing he illustrated the Prodigal holding
[illegible] the encouragement to return to the fathers House
- The Corpse were inter'd in the Meeting House [illegible] A
pretty large company of us arrived at the house & they
[illegible] T Jones & G Williams with us Recd by T Jones
[illegible]*

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March 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 8th of 3rd M 1815 / This Morning recd a letter from my
fr Hannah Pope, Baltimore dated 2nd M 15 1815 / & 2n M 19 -which
was very acceptable. -*

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March 9, Thursday: [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) wrote in her journal: "Thursday 9th. Read & talk — still think about my little baby — 'tis hard indeed for a mother to lose a child."

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lady Byron left for Six Mile Bottom to visit Augusta Leigh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9th of 3rd M / Thos Jones & his companion George
Philbrick were at meeting - Thos was concern'd in a short but
sweet testimony. - The meeting was as well attended as could be
expected considering the Walking-
Rote a letter this eveng to Wm Rotch Jnr respecting Jacob Rivera*

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March 12, Sunday: Lord and Lady Byron began to stay at Six Mile Bottom, until the 28th of the month.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 3rd M / Our Meetings were both pretty large, no
vocal communication & from my own condition I was ready to
conclude it was a low season with most present but little life
in circulation*

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March 14, Tuesday: Troops sent by King Louis XVIII to subdue [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) went over to his side at Auxerre southeast of Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 3rd M / This day our little son John Stanton is



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three Years old. – he is at present a promising little boy. / – can spell quite smartly & repeat a considerable number of poetic peaces which gives him quite a smart & forward appearance & he is a remarkable minute observer of allmost every thing he sees & hears & appears to have many Ideas not common in children of his age –He is advancing into a World fraught with many snares & woes, & should he arrive to maturity I crave nothing for him beyond his being a good man & useful in his generation. This is my anxious desire & I pray the God of our lives that the Angel of his presennce may ever be near & guard him from evil. he is now young, but not so young but a sense of good & evil is very apparent in his mind. – & exerts[?] evidently powerful convictions for doing wrong & a commendation of or good attend him & as proof of this I could instance many circumstances within six months

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March 16, Thursday: The Kingdom of the Netherlands (in our present era, that would correspond to Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg) was established under King Willem I.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 3rd M 1815 / At meeting two Public Testimonys one from C Rodman the other H Dennis – After meeting we had a short opportunity with D Chase Jr but two of the committee being absent we defer'd investigation for another opportunity – Saml Thurston & Richd Mitchell dined with us – Sister Eliza set the evening

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March 19, Sunday: It was a Sunday in Paris in the spring and Louis XVIII was packing his bags, intending to flee with his family to find safety in Belgium.

[Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) wrote in her journal: “Sunday 19th. Dream that my little baby came to life again — that it had only been cold & that we rubbed it by the fire & it lived — I awake & find no baby — I think about the little thing all day — not in good spirits — Shelley is very unwell.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 3rd In the Mornng Meeting our friend D Buffum was concerned in a lively feeling & pertinent testimony – In the Afternoon silence prevailed –

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March 23, Thursday: King Louis XVIII of France crossed the border into Belgium and found safety in exile in Ghent.

The *USS Hornet*, off the island of Tristan d'Acunha in the south Atlantic, captured the *HMS Penguin* and destroyed her.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 3rd M / Our Meeting was Small - we had a little preaching of its merits I am an incompetent judge but this I know it was not a little exercising & straightening to my mind. -

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March 26, Easter Sunday: The estate of Prince Kinsky resumed annuity payments to [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 3rd M / In each Meeting we had an offering my judgement suspended - A friend at Meeting Joseph Sharpless travelling with books to sell. -

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March 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 3rd M / Our friend D Buffum called into the shop as he frequently does. Our conversation was interesting - he recurred to a Dictionary which I have in my possession for information respecting the culture of Madder which he says he is making some attempts to propagate - he remarked that his Years & in fermities had so increased that he considered his present exercioons were not for himself - I remarked in reply that he was acting in conformity to a sentiment I had heard expressed Vizt "that a man should live as tho' he was to live a thousand Years & yet at the same time he should live as if he was not to live a week - he said he considered that sound doctrine, that for the benefit of future generations men should lay plans & give in case with the first [illegible] the results had this been the case with the first settlers many houses would now have with different [illegible]

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March 30, Thursday: In Rimini, Joachim Murat, former King of Naples and brother-in-law of the international outlaw [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), proclaimed the independence of Italy. He declared war on Austria.

Mehmed Emin Rauf Pasha replaced Hursid Ahmed Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 30th of 3rd M 1815 / In our first meeting we had a Short testimony. — In the last (Monthly) we had much buisness but all pretty much refered — Wm Potter of [Portsmouth](#) requested membership which was refered to a committee — Geo Davis & Son dined with us.

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April 1, Saturday: To all to whom these preasants shall come Greeting

MANUMISSION

Whereas Kettle Sutton of Pencader hundred Newcastle County and State of Delaware Farmer; did purchase of his Sister Sarah Sutton, of this same place for a valuable consideration in Money, and become lawfully seized of and in a certain colored boy named David Williams, now aged ten years the first day of March last post —
Now Know Yea, that I Kittle Sutton afforesaid in conformity to the Laws customs and usages of the State of Delaware and for other good causes and consideration one thereunto moving, have Manumitted liberated and sett free, and by these preasants do manumitt liberate and sett free from slavery the said David Williams afforesaid from and after he shall arrive to the age of thirty years whitch will happen on the first day of March in the year of our LORD one Thousand eight hundred and thirty five, and I do for my self any heirs Executors Administrators or afsignes hereby quitt all claim to the servises of the said david Williams afforesaid and from the claims of all and every person or persons whomesoever; I do declare the said David Williams absolutely Free to all intents and purposes after the expiration of the said term of twenty years from the first day of March last post
In testimony of whitch I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this first day of April in the year of our LORD one Thousand eight hundred and fifteen 1815—
Signed Sealed — — } Kittle Sutton {Seal}
& Delivered in presence of }
Geo. - - Purie
Margaret Peirce
Newcastle County /s I George Purie Esq one of the founders of the Prase in and from said County do hereby certify that the above Manuiss-
ion signed Sealed and delivered to be deposited with in my Possession
Given under my hand and Seal the day and year above written
Geo - - Purie

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 1 of 4th M 1815 / Peter Hoxie took tea set the evening & lodged wuth us — We had also at tea Father ^& Mother Rodman & Neighbor Mumford. —

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Signed Sealed - &
 & Delivered in presence of
 Geo. Peirce
 Margaret Peirce
 & the County of & County Peirce Esq one of the Justices of the

Little Sutton



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➡ April 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 2 of 4 M / Peter Hoxie at Breakfast – At meeting he was concern'd In testimony, twice in the Morning & in the Afternoon in testimony & supplication. –Jonathon Dennis Dined with us – I have today for the first time since my appointment, entered a little on the duties of an Overseer & was pretty well satisfied with my labor tho' the result was not quite to my wishes. –

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➡ April 5, Wednesday: In Indonesia, 13,000-foot Mount Tambora (Gunung) on the north coast of Sumbawa Island blew 4,000 feet of its peak into the air, causing a tidal wave and a rain of rock fragments that killed 12,000 people on nearby islands. Before the explosion the mountain had been some 13,000 feet high, more or less, and afterward it has been measured at 9,350 feet. Some 40 cubic miles of tephra material had been blown into the skies of this planet.¹⁶² This eventually caused a drop in temperature as the dust spread through the upper atmosphere of the planet, amounting to some 7 degrees in New England in the year 1816. The result would be crop-destroying frosts, and ice floes on the Thames River as it passed through London.¹⁶³ Because of the explosion of this Mount Tambora, of which they were unaware, Americans would come to refer to their year 1816 as “eighteen hundred and froze to death.”¹⁶⁴

*“Beware the lo
heres,
and the lo
theres.”*

VOLCANIC EXPLOSIVITY INDEX (Logarithmic)

Timing	Volcanic Event	Logarithmic Explosivity Index
640,000 years ago	Yellowstone, Wyoming	VEI-8
74,000 years ago	Toba, Sumatra (the largest caldera in the world)	VEI-8
5,600 BCE	Mazama (forming Crater Lake)	VEI-7
1,620 BCE	Thera	VEI-7
79 CE	Vesuvius	VEI-5
April 10, 1815	Tambora, Indonesia	VEI-7
January 20, 1835	Cosigüfa, Nicaragua	Very large

162. The explosion of Krakatoa in Indonesia in 1883, by way of contrast, would put 18 cubic miles of tephra material into the atmosphere, and would thus result in a lesser global weather excursion, although because of the topography of the lowlands of Sumatra and Java nearby some 36,000 people would be drowned as its tsunamis reached the other side of the narrow strait.

163. In 2004 scientists would uncover the remains of a native village under some 10 feet of ash, and the bodies of two adults. A remarkable similarity would be noted between the Tambora remains and those associated with the 79CE eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

164. This isn't Krakatoa, the volcano you've probably heard about. Krakatoa exploded in 1883.



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Timing	Volcanic Event	Logarithmic Explosivity Index
August 26, 1883	Krakatau	VEI-6
July 15, 1888	Bandaisan, Japan	Apparently not that much of an explosion
May 10, 1902	Mt. Pelée, Martinique	Apparently not that much of an explosion
January 30, 1911	Taal, Philippines	Apparently not that much of an explosion
June 6-8, 1912	Novarupta (near Mt. Katmai), Alaska	VEI-6
1919	Kelud, Java	Apparently not that much of an explosion
1932	Quizapú, Chile	Apparently not that much of an explosion
1947-1948	Hekla, Iceland	Apparently not that much of an explosion
1956	Bezmianny, Kamchatka	Apparently not that much of an explosion
June 15, 1991	Pinatubo, Philippines	VEI-6
May 18, 1980	Mount Saint Helens, USA	VEI-5
March 20-October 2010	Eyjafjallajökull	VEI-4

VEI5 = Event of a size to be expected about once per decade

VEI6 = Event of a size to be expected about once per century

VEI7 = Event of a size to be expected every other millennium or so

VEI8 = Event of a size to be expected every 10,000 years or so

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 5th of 4 M / We took tea at Aunt A Carpenter in company
with My Mother, Br Isaac & wife*

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April 6, Thursday: The Allies mobilized vs. [Napoléon Bonaparte](#).

The British guards discovered a small hole cut in an interior wall between two sectors of the prison complex on the Devonshire moor near Plymouth, England, and for some reason suddenly all began to fire indiscriminately down from the perimeter wall at the American sailors being held there as they exercised in the yard. In this turkey shoot, seven were killed outright or died soon of their wounds, and 31 were wounded but survived. Two of the dead and four of the wounded sailors were black, one of these but 14 years of age.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 6th of 4 M / Our Meetg was pretty well attended and silent A dwarfish time to me - but this Afternoon much exercised on acct of an Appointment I stand under to treat with D C Jr & wife -Oh the importance of right & caucious steppings

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April 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th M 9 1st day / [note dating error] In the forenoon [illegible] In the Afternoon poor silent Meeting

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April 11, Tuesday: Field Marshal [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) arrived in Brussels from the Congress of Vienna to organize the defense of Europe against the international outlaw [Napoléon Bonaparte](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11th of 4th M 1815 / Rode to Rich Mitchells this morning to Meet the committee in case of D Chase Jr Staid there till dinner, & had the disagreeable feelings which the absense of four of the committee occasioned & returned home - found the absense of D W & his wife was occasioned by a misunderstanding A R was indisposed

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April 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 4 M / Abel Collins was at Meeting & preached his advice was good & I believe his concern was sincere for the wellfare of the rising generation whom he chiefly addressed. - Meeting was pretty well attended - I dont know when I have seen the high seats so well filled with women. -

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April 14, Friday: John Warren died of an inflammation of the lungs leading to heart failure.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 4 M / Rode with Abigail Robinson this forenoon to Ruth Mitchells - there dined. after dinner the committee met & went to visit Daniel Chase Jr & his Wife. The latter we found in a very unfavorable state of mind & they both persisted in denying what was alleged against them tho' we had Suffcient proof of their being very cruel to the child, that was placed under their care. -This opportunity was a very exercising one to the mind of all the committee, particularly in that we were



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*unable to discover any sense of thier misconduct or signs of
repentance - we returned to R Mitchells & took tea & then
returned home -*

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April 16, Sunday: Austrian forces recaptured Bologna from the revolutionaries. Gioachino Rossini, composer of Inno dell'Indipendenza, would come to have a police record.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16 of 4 M / Our forenoon meeting large & solid - D Buffum
declared the truth with Power - Father Rodman was concerned to
rehearse the warning "Set thine House in order &c" H Dennis
appeard in a few words - Silent in the Afternoon*

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April 19, Wednesday: Prince Lobkowitz agreed that as [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had demanded, his share of the composer's annual stipend would be paid at the new rate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 19th of 4th M 1815 / My mind has been for a considerable
time very destitute & barran of good & I am ready to cry out My
leaness My leaness. - last eveng was a little renew'd by the
reading of the acct of Hans Nelsen Hought a Norwegian who had
of late been much persecuted & imprisoned in that country on
acct of his religion - his sentiments appear similar to Friends
& he appears to have come forth much in the same manner as G Fox
did in England. -*

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April 20, Thursday: Switzerland closed its border with France.

Bostonians Gottlieb Graupner, Asa Peabody, and Thomas Webb led a group of amateur singers to ratify a formal constitution called The Boston Handel and Haydn Society. This was the first such group in the United States.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 4 M / Our Meeting well attended & favor'd in
silence - In the last (Preparative) while answering the Queries
our fr Saml Thurston offer'd some weighty remarks particularly
in reading the scriptures. - In the Afternoon met at the Meeting
house with the committee in case of D Chase Jr & agreed on
reports respecting him & his Wife Sorrowful Case -*

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April 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 4th M / Meetings both silent - dull seasons to me - 5th day 27th of 3rd M [not error] / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting stoped a little while on the way at Uncle S Thurstons - Our first meeting was silent & in the last we had much buisness & we sat five hours & the longest Monthly Meeting I ever recollect - The first buisness was to receive Wm Potter into membership. - Various other concerns came before us The most exercising of which was the cases of Daniel Chases Jr & Hannah his wife -They were both disowned - We dined at Uncle Thurstons. In riding home my H observed they had on the womens side of the House a very trying Meeting, but that they were greatly [?] assisted by the labor & service of Abigail Robinson who exerted herself Yesterday & went [illegible] there to day -

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April 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 4 M 1815 / This mornng just as we had done breakfast - Our friend John Heald came in with his companion James Boulton from the State of Ohio came in escorted by W Knowles -They were at Jamestown Meeting yesterday & came across the ferry this morning - At meeting in the forenoon John had a hard time but preached a little - They dined at Father Rodmans -In the Afternoon John was nearly silent a few words at the close of the meeting -they returned with us took tea & lodged & in the evening we had a number of friends call in to see them which made a pleasant social circle.

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May 1, Monday: Luigi Cherbini conducted the premiere of his Symphony in D with the Royal Philharmonic Society in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 5 M 1815 / We find our friends J Heald & J Boulton to be solid deep friends John a solid minister & James an Elder -having a meeting appointed at [Portsmouth](#) today I accompanied them thither & on the way stoped at S Thurstons - At Meeting John was quite shut up & at the close told us that he had endeavored to attend to duty as closely as he was capable of but had not seen a moment when it was Safe for him to communicate one word in the ministry - We dined & took tea at Uncle Richd Mitchells, rode to town & stoped at D Williams & set the eveng & returned to our house to lodge - Their company maky - a little more more [illegible] H but she is glad to accompany [illegible] sympathy -

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May 2, Tuesday: At Tolentino east of Perugia, under attack by Austrians, the Neapolitan army under Joachim Murat disintegrated. His army gone, the King of Naples would sail for France to help [Napoléon Bonaparte](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd 5th M 1815 / Our friend J Heald & J Boutlon left town for the Quarterly Meeting at [Greenwich](#) they went in the Boat with those who went from this Moy [Monthly] Meeting - I went down & saw them on board, & felt them a strong inclination to be with them, indeed my desires have been seldom stronger. but so it is, it seems to be improper for me to leave home at present - - They have to all appearance had a fine passage up, & I desire divine favor may attend them & us who stay -

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May 3, Wednesday: The victorious powers agree to divide the Duchy of Warsaw at the meeting point of Prussia, Russia, and Austria in such manner as to create a Free, Independent, and Strictly Neutral City of Kraków (Cracow).

In the presence of assembled allied diplomats, a series of letters from [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) were opened by Prince Metternich and their contents inspected. They promised peace with Austria if it would break with the allies, and Metternich assured the group that no such deal was ever going to go down.

There was a report in the *Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung* that the problem of brass concert horns such as the French Horn, that despite the player moving his hand inside the bell and also adjusting the length of a slide, it was impossible to equally well render all the notes of the scale, had been fully resolved by a local chamber musician, Heinrich Stölzel, through the incorporation of two spring-loaded cylindrical piston valves:

Heinrich Stölzel, the chamber musician from Pless in Upper Silesia, in order to perfect the Waldhorn, has succeeded in attaching a simple mechanism to the instrument, thanks to which he has obtained all the notes of the chromatic scale in a range of almost three octaves, with a good, strong and pure tone.

All the artificial notes - which, as is well known, were previously produced by stopping the bell with the right hand, and can now be produced merely with two levers, controlled by two fingers of the right hand - are identical in sound to the natural notes and thus preserve the character of the Waldhorn. Any Waldhorn-player will, with practice, be able to play on it.

This would lead to the development of the concert trumpet, the coronet, the valve trombone, the tuba, and the euphonium. "Tommy Dorsey, got something here we'd like to show you."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 5th M / The General Election of state Officers took place in town today which has made a considerable parade - I for the first time in my life saw the Solemnity of organizing the Upper house, ie - The Governoer & Senate proclaimed & take



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their several engagements. – Governor Jones is a Noble Stately & reverant Man, whose charracter both as a private citizen & Governor of the State I very highly esteem - I consider he has been a great Blessing to the state since his election by his wise forbearing in every respect prudent conduct during the late War The day was wet & cold which I fear will prove dangerous to the health of many children. –

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May 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 5 M / Our Meeting was Silent & rather Striped on the Upper seats the usual occupants being at Quarterly Meeting

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May 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 5 M / Our Friends returned from Qrtl Meeting they had pleasant Passages up & down - & had a pretty good meeting & say that Old Neal Casey a crazy black that has been long in John Caseys family deceased about 2 M ago - he was a great trial to John & a comfortable release in his Death. – John Heald James Boulton & [illegible] Dined with us & after Dinner [illegible lines] & lodged – Sister R set the Afternoon & evening

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May 6, Saturday: [Nicolò Paganini](#) was arrested and imprisoned in Genoa on the charge of abducting and “abusing the innocence” of 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#), daughter of Ferdinando Cavanna, a poor tailor (they had gone together from Genoa to Parma during the previous October but he had abandoned her during December because of her pregnancy).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 6th 5 M 1815 / Rote two letters to Little Compton
announcing Meetings there on 2nd day [Monday] next - Acoaxet
on 3rd day & at Center [Westport?] on 4th day - Our friends J
Heald & J Boutlon will be at [Portsmouth](#) & at Tiverton tomorrow
The former is the mornng & the latter in the afternoon*

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May 7, Sunday: [William Dickes](#) was born in Beechencliff, near Bath.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 5 M / In the forenoon meeting a Short communication



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In the Afternoon Silent. -

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May 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 5 M / My Mother & Elizabeth Huntington set the afternoon with us.

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May 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 5 M / Recd a letter from my friend & old acquaintance Rowse Taylor in Ohio, it contained two sheets, its first date was 1st M 28th 1814 & the last 4 M [April] 12 1815 besides several that were included - In the eveng Brothers David & John & Sister Ruth came to hear it read - its contents is very interesting Rowse was a Brother much beloved when here among us -

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May 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 5 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended, Silent & rather a dull time. - In the eveng went over to Thos Robinson to shew them the letter I had recd from Rowse Taylor which dear Abigail read with much interest & her father & mother heard it with an equal share[?]

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May 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 5 M / I had calculated to go to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon to visit My Cousins Zacheus Chase & family, but such is the uncertainty of things - my wife is much engaged in cleaning house [illegible] can not spare me, my attention being requisite to John, besides the sky is overcast & the air raw, which renders the walk less desirable & two of Brother Isaacs children & two of Br Davids are quite sick probably coming down with the Measils & it is likely John may have the [next three lines illegible]

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May 14, Sunday: [Nicolò Paganini](#) signed to pay damages to Ferdinando Cavanna, father of pregnant 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14 of 5 M 1815 / Our forenoon Meeting large & silent.
In the Afternoon small & a few words deliverd - Walked with Br
D Rodman up to J Dennis & took tea & read to them the letters I
lately recd from Rowse Taylor. -*

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May 15, Monday: Having signed to pay damages to Ferdinando Cavanna, father of pregnant 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#), [Nicolò Paganini](#) was released from the tower in Genoa after a confinement of 8 days (he would abrogate the agreement, submitting a counter-charge of extortion).

King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia created the Grand Duchy of Posen out of the Polish lands under his control.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 15 of 5 M / Recd this mornng a letter from Uncle Stanton
containing a pressing invitation to go & pay them a visit in NY
to which has brought me to c conclusion to go directly after our
Yearly Meeting if nothing urgent seems to present -
This eveng called to see Wm Lee [?] & his family soon after his
wife had expired [?] found them in much affliction but alas
such was the leaness of my mind that I was not [illegible] to
enter into those feeling which would do them good much less to
communicate words - I proffered such assistance as was in my
power & left them. -*

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May 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 16th of 5th M / Called again to see Wm Lee & experienced
a little more favor in my own particular, but far short of what
I wanted to feel I have been much occupied thro the Day in While
Washing & cleaning my shop. -*

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May 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 17th 5 m / Pretty much occupied in cleaning up the Shop
&c My mind has this Afternoon been favord with the Arisings of
life & desires raised yea aspirations have assended for help,
for releaf from - the barranness & emptiness of [?] which hath*



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May 18, Sunday: Saxony signed a treaty of peace with Prussia, Russia, and Austria. Most of Saxon territory was ceded to Prussia.

King Ferdinando IV of Sicily was restored to his throne as Ferdinando I, King of the Two Sicilies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 5 M / At meeting D Buffum was concerned in a living & feeling testimony on the subject of Affliction which seemed like a brook by the way - In the Afternoon attended the funeral of Lydia Lee Wife of Wm Lee D Buffum & Hannah Dennis was concernd [illegible] & pertinent testimony [last four lines nearly illegible]

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May 20, Tuesday: [Nicolò Paganini](#) sued Ferdinando Cavanna, father of pregnant 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#), for extortion.

Stephen Decatur sailed from New-York for the Mediterranean with a fleet of 10 ships, to deal with the [Barbary pirates](#).

Sir Ralph Milbanke obtained authorization from the Prince-Regent to take the name and arms of Noel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th [sic] day 20th of 5 M 1815 / Disappointments are often the lor of all - I cannot help feeling one of Minor importance in a considerable degree I had calculated on going this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) to visit my beloved Relations Zacheus Chase & his wife, but the weather is so cool & the ground so wet that it looks like an unfavorable time. - As the probability is from the age of my afore mentioned relations - the loved & greatly beloved scenes of my youth will not long remain unbroken I am a little disappointed in not being able to go conveniently, but disappointments are frequently good for us. & Such minor ones being patiently submitted to may tend to insure the mind to greatr[?] ones

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May 21, Sunday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia created the Kingdom of Poland, under his rule.

The people of Naples rose against their monarchy (the royal family, however, was being well protected by British troops).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 5 M / In the forenoon D Buffum & Father Rodman were concerned in testimony both lively & pertinent – In the Afternoon Father again appeared to my satisfaction & in some degree Awakening.

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May 22, Monday: United States forces peacefully reoccupied [Fort Niagara](#), very much the worse for wear, as British forces retired once again to their old position at Fort George, which had become nothing but a ruin, and to a new post, Fort Mississauga, that they had in 1814 begun at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

Prince Leopoldo di Bordone of Salerno, younger brother of King Ferdinando IV of Naples, entered Naples accompanied by Austrian generals, and the king was restored to the throne.

Austrian troops captured Rome.

King Friedrich Wilhelm ordered that a commission be empaneled to draw up a constitution for Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 5 M / Our kind & dear young friend Mary Briggs spent the day with us assisting my H in her sewing preparatory to our Yearly Meeting

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May 24, Wednesday: The *Allgemeine musikalische Zeitung* reported that Antonio Salieri had recovered from a “serious illness.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 5 M / Mary Briggs spent the day with us her Company is allways Acceptable – also Sister Mary Rodman

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May 25, Thursday: [Washington Irving](#) embarked upon a 17-year expedition through Europe.

Prussia annexed the Duchy of Arenberg, the Principality of Rheina-Wolbeck, the Counties of Rietberg, Salm-Horstmar, and Steinfurt, the southern part of Münster, and the City of Dortmund. Essen, Paderborn, and Minden were returned to Prussia. Part of northern Münster was transferred to Hannover.

Adam Czartoryski's PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE POLISH KINGDOM was published in Vienna. This guaranteed independence to Poland, with an independent judiciary and civil rights for peasants and Jews.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 5 M / Our first Meeting was silent & I believe a low season In the mast (Monthly Meeting) we had a low & exercising season I was so under the hatches that I scarcely opened my mouth to help the buisness forward at all - The committee report respecting the state of society was considerd but from some cause it labord so hard that no way opened to appoint a committee to labor for the help of the weak or those who needed council & the case was referd to next Moy [Monthly] Meeting -Testimony respecting Danl & H Chase were agreed on & directed to be renderd[?] - but among other of the exercising subjects [-?] pleasant nature occur'd which was a report from Susanna Sherman of [Portsmouth](#) to be admitted to Membership Wmm Mitchell from Nine Partners attended & made some few pertinent remarks - Benj Mott Peter Lawton [-illegible-] with us

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May 26, Friday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia and King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia departed from Vienna for the allied military headquarters at Heilbronn.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26th of 5 M 1815 / Saml Vinson & Wife set the Afternoon with us

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May 27, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27th of 5 M / Uncle Wm Mitchell & Sister Ruth set the Afternoon with us the good old man is pleasant & [illegible] edifying. - In the 26th of this M A man of my acquaintance by the name of Cary Congdon hanged himself - the circumstances attending the case are very remarkable - he was upwards of 30 Years old had a wife & [-] children the last time his wife was put to bed she had twins which with the depression of the times, sunk his spirits, & he had for sometime been observed to be in a strange way & to some of his intimates had expressed his design of



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ending his own existence -but notwithstanding he had a large family in better times he had acquired a little property & had not much diminished it during the War, in the latter part of the Afternoon he went from his house to the Stable where he kept a Cow & threw down hay for the night & then with a skein of Shoe-thread hanged himself to a beam in the Stable & the Cow after he was removed was put in the stable but in the following morning it was observed that she had eaten nothing, the next night she was put in again & in the Morning she was found near the door tumbling & much agitated - the next night the attempt was made to put her into the Stable again but she refused to go & altho she was forced by a number of men they were unable to effect it she would break through them in spite of all they could do & further attempts were given over - hay on the outside of the Stable was given her which she ate with readiness - It is very remarkable that she appear'd to have eaten nothing from the time he hung himself until they offered her food out of it - there are some congectures with respect to the reasons, but all fall far short of accounting for them - She was not in the stable at the time the deed was done - an attempt was made to bleed him but as blood was obtained so that the smell of blood could not affright her- Why is it not reasonable & just to conclude that the Cow was an instrument in the hand of the Almighty to express to survivors the wickedness of the act by showing horror & a total aversion to the Spot where the act was done - It is remarkable that an half brother of Carys who lived in Wickford ended his own existence but about 3 of 4 weeks ago - This man had small family & was wealthy - how horrible & what poor frail things we are at best, but especially when we loose confidence in that Almighty Power who provides every [illegible] Sparrows & will not leave poor man when [—?—] on HIM

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May 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 5 M 1815 / Our Meeting was to my mind a solid solemn favord season for which I feel thankful Our fr D Buffum deliverd a solemn testimony & father Rodman I thought was favord in a short testimony I am staying at home this Afternoon while my H has gone to Meeting - to take care of John who is not very well -he has held several meetings & preached several little sermons which were more innocent & quite as edifying as many that will be deliverd at the different Meeting houses in town this Afternoon

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➡ June: Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) became involved in the New England [Yearly Meeting](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#). He would be asked to help make decisions regarding the Quaker meetinghouse in Boston. According to the diary kept by Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), on the second day of the yearly meeting, in the afternoon, this man of color was among the “public laborers,” which is to say, among those who stood and doffed their hats and spoke from the silence of worship. The public laborers whom Friend Stephen heard were:

- Friend Rowland Green
- Friend Elisha Thornton
- Friend [Moses Brown](#)
- Friend [Paul Cuffe](#)

This is the first time that ever a man of colour delivered his opinion in our Yearly Meeting and I guess in any in the World.

➡ June 1, Thursday: In Paris, a massive celebration took place on the Champ de Mars, overseen by [Napoléon Bonaparte](#). This had been advertised as a ceremony to announce the results of the plebescite on the Additional Act to the Imperial Constitution, in which 99.9993% of the votes cast by the Frenchmen had been in favor of their emperor.

Samuel Wesley was elected to full membership of the new Philharmonic Society.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 1 of 6 M 1815 / Our meeting today was rather small & many of us I believe was variously [?] situated observed some who at seasons I have reason to believe are fresh & lively to [illegible] some whose countenances bespoke much langor in the inward life who were not ?? with sleep & I believe some could say at the close of the meeting they had been with Jesus & experienced his enlivening presence to do them good - It was with me a better season than common.

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➡ June 4, Sunday: Denmark traded Pomerania and Rügen to Prussia for part of the Duchy of Lauenburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4 of 6 M / Our forenoon meeting was pretty large & a season of Divine favor A Robinson was engaged in a short but very sweet testimony of encouragement to such as were under Affliction
In the Afternoon we were Silent but it appeared to most be a wakening season Isreals Shepherd being near & extending his Crook around the gathering [last two lines illegible]*

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June 7, Wednesday: [Walton Felch](#) got married with Lydia Inman. The couple would produce one child, Hiram E. Felch of Boston.

As Austrian occupation troops departed from Rome, the temporal power of Pope Pius VII was restored.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 7th 4th of the Week 1815 / Recd this morning an affectionate & very acceptable testimony of the continued remembrance & love of my friend Micajah Collins dated at NYork the 1st inst - It met me at a moment when my heart was tender & ready to receive the impressions that such as communication would be likely to excite from an old & long loved friend. - The NYork packet arrived this mornng brought a considerable Number of friends to attend the Yearly Meeting among whom were Edw Stabler, Isaac Bonsall, Rich'd Mott, John Murray Jr & wife & several Women. - I feel desirous they may be instruments of good

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June 8, Thursday: This material having to do with the [manumission](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana of a mulatto [Slave](#) woman "Lucy about thirty years of age" whom William Snelling desired to take back with him to their home of Kentucky is from page 232 of Deed Book C of Bullitt County:

Be it known that this day before me John Lynd Esquire, notary Public in and for the City of New Orleans duly commissioned personally appeared William Snelling of Christian County, State of Kentucky, owner of a Mulatto slave named Lucy about thirty years of age a native of Bullitt County in said State. Now in this place in the service of this appearer and about to depart with him for Kentucky aforesaid and the said appearer declared that in order to recompense the faithful services of said slave he does by these presents emancipate and manumit her this said mulatto Lucy hereby declaring her to be from henceforth a free person and for himself and his heirs renouncing all right of ownership or other which he had of in and to said mulatto previous to the passing of this act and he further declared that neither he nor his heirs shall or will at any time hereafter call in question or oppose the verdict of this act nor ever claim the said woman as a slave before any Court of Justice.
Then done and passed at New Orleans this twenty second of March one thousand eight hundred and fourteen in presence of George Pollock / Pollock and Samuel Herman. Witnesses who hereunto sign their names with the appearer and me notary in faith Hereof I affix the impression of my Seal of office.
[signed] Wm. Snelling
John Lynch, Ntr. Public
In presence of George Pollock and Saml. Herman
I James Halbert, Clerk of the County Court of Bullitt County in the State of Kentucky do certify that on this 8th day of July 1815 the within Instrument of Writing purporting to be a Deed of Emancipation given and granted by William Snelling to a mulatto woman Lucy was produced to me in my office by the said Lucy and that --- truly recorded the same together with the testimony thereby attached as well as this Certificate given under my hand this 8th day of July 1815
James Halbert

These documents are so utterly mysterious!

The Congress of Vienna closed. Great Britain retained Malta, Heligoland, and most of its other overseas conquests. The Bourbons, Braganças, Pope Pius VII, and the Italian princes were all restored. Switzerland was declared neutral. The Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg were united. The Duchy of Warsaw went to Russia. Lombardy and Venice went to Austria. Prussia obtained the Rhineland and part of Saxony. Hanover obtained East Friesland and Hildesheim. Krakow became an independent republic. The charter of the [German Confederation](#) was signed, creating a loose union of 34 sovereign states and 4 free cities with a Federal Diet in Frankfurt-am-Main under the presidency of Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 6 M 1815 / Our Meeting in consequence of the strangers who attended it was larger than usual & Rich'd Mott preached very Sweetly & quite to my satisfaction - his opening



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was the "New Name & the White Stone" which enlarged on very interestingly. father Rodman near the close deliverd a short but pertinent & to my mind Savory testimony

At the close of the Meeting John Winslow of Portland appointed a Meeting for the People of colour without previous consulting friends of this Meeting & the hour proposed 7 OC PM & the time altogether being improper & some other circumstances renderd it a very exercising case & very little information was given by friends however at the time considerable number of White & blacks collected & John preached till almost 10 OClock & I thought on the whole he was in a degree favor'd & Truth presented from re [illegible] - I had the house lighted as one of the committee for the purpose & determined to help out a trying case as well as I could

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June 9, Friday: The Act of the Congress of Vienna was signed by representatives of Austria, France, Portugal, Prussia, Russia, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, in the Imperial Palace. The Spanish ambassador refused his signature because Parma had been given to Napoléon's wife (Spain would not accede to this treaty until 1817). Minor countries were invited to accede at some later date.

Announcement of publication of Piano Sonata op.90, by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 9th of 6 M / Had a short [illegible from Wm Burling in my [next three lines nearly illegible]

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June 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 6 M 1815 / Many friends have come to Town & we have for lodgers Our valued friend Hannah Pope formerly of Bolton now of Baltimore, & her Sister in law Ann - Daniel Johnson & Isaac Bassett, Daniel & [blank] Holder sons of our fr Thos Holder of Bolton - - - I have desired & do renewedly desire that this Yearly Meeting may prove to me a season of favor & quiet beyond what I have sometimes experienced - -& I think I have made a pretty good beginning. -

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June 11, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) noted in his journal an entirely silent session of the Friends Yearly Meeting:

1st day Our Meeting this forenoon was large as usual & much favor'd our fr Edw Stabler of Alexandria was much favor'd in a long & excellent communication - I think I never saw the people more attentive & Still in the Yard - In the Afternoon a larger



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concourse of people assembled than in the Morning, but to the great disappointment of the multitude there was not a single offering in the course of the Afternoon & it is the first silent Yearly Meeting I ever recollect & I believe is the only instance that has occurd in my Life - considering there was no preaching the people were as still as could be expected - between meetings our fr John Heald & his companion James Boulton arrived & took Quarters with us. -In addition to our usual family we had at tea Ezra Collins, Jonathon Chase & two Long Island young friends also Nancy Brown -



June 12, Monday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) left Paris heading for Soissons.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friends Yearly Meeting continued, and [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made notes in his journal:

2nd day / The meeting met this mornng under a solemn covering the first remark was from D Buffum who expressed his thankfulness in being permitted to attend another annual solemnity & a desire that friends might abide under that influence which would rightly direct all our movements, next father Rodman subjoined a few further remarks & a little hinted at the necessity of keeping from moving out of the right spirit which causes the Ark to jostle - then Peter Hoxie & then Edw Stabler took in the whole & pointed out the order of society in a clear oint of view & the harmony & simplicity of the Truth - The meeting was moved to Action by D Buffum. Saml Rodman the former Clerk was absent & Wm Rotch Jnr as Clerk of the meeting for Sufferings according to discipline Opened the Meeting Then John Murray Jr of NYork made soe sweet & very pertinent remarks - Epistles were recd from all the Yearly Meetings in the world & the usual rotines [sic] of buisness were Gone thro' with great apparent harmony & love my name was on the committee to answer the Epistles but alas that most probably will be all, as neither my time nor tallents will admit of my being useful in that capasity - I was however thankful in being made partaker of the good things before us & may acknowledge divine favor thus far. -At 4 OClock the meeting met by appointment, the subject of the School underwent some discussion but a further deliberation right not to another sitting - that of the Meeting house in Boston was acted upon & a committee[?] appointed to investigate the case & report suitable trustees to REview & hold the porperty & what in their judgement is best to be done to building a New meeting house. The present one being so decayed as to be unsafe for use. A committee was appointed to consider of the propriety of a proposition from Salem Quarter to divide their Quarterly Meeting & report to a future sitting. - I thought in the first of the sitting a pretty good savor of life was to be felt but it diminished & according to my understanding we did not conclude so well as we began. -

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June 13, Tuesday: The term “civilized” was in this year coming into currency among us civilized peoples, as an explanation of sorts for our manifest superiority over the remainder of God’s creation. We updated and generalized the invidious distinction between the inexperienced rural hicks or rubes, on the one hand, and the suave urban slickers, on the other—a distinction which had been hanging around in our cultures at least since the days of [Æsop](#)—and made it serve as a distinction between those humans who still live their lives as part of extended tribes, on the one hand, and those humans who, on the other, have lost all traces of their tribal allegiance save an allegiance to a mini-tribe known as “my family.” “Civilized” means that it’s because we live in cities, that we’re ever so much better than you, yeah.¹⁶⁵



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) made a record that now indicates to us that some Quakers must have been having, in their general white racism, difficulty accepting non-whites such as [Friend Paul Cuffe](#) as their social equals, regardless of whatever wealth and accomplishment:

3rd day / At 10 OClock the Meeting met by adjournment The Meeting entered on the State of society & after the first Queries & answers thereto was heard - we recd a visit from Jemima Shorwell which was short but very sweet, she addressed the young men very sweetly inviting them to come taste & see how good the Lord is -when she retired we resumed the state of society Many remarks were made by J Murray, R Mott, J Bonsill D Buffum, [Moses Brown](#) Wm Rotch Jr & by a large number of Minor laborers, some to the purpose & some greatly out of joint - with respect to the subject of Love & Unity. The intemperate use of spirituous liquor & our testimony against War a pretty general exercise spread over the meeting for the advancement of our concerns with respect [illegible] & the committee to prepare epistles were directed to prepare an epistle to the Quarterly Meeting expressive of the Meetings exercise & desiring individual labot for the advancement of the exercise? of Truth &c. - to give the committees opportunity to investigate the subjects committed to them - The meeting adjourned till tomorrow morning -We had at Dinner a large company - also at tea & among the rest Brother [Paul Cuffee](#) - it appeard to be a new experience to most of the company to sit down to a table & eat with a man of colour, but however I am glad to insert that none were displeased & with some it was rather gratifying to have it to say that they had had the opportunity of being with him - After tea our dear old

165. Etymologically, the Indo-European origins of “city” and “cemetery” are very entangled, entangled indeed. Isn’t it interesting that, when we obtained a term to distinguish ourselves in 1815 from all the non-white peoples who needed to die out to make room for us, we chose a positive coinage such as “civilization,” for ourselves, rather than a more accurate negative coinage such as “cemeterization,” for them?



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friend John Casey came in & spent a little while in very pleasant & edifying conversation. after he went out our company [illegible] & in a short time we drew into silence & J Heald expressed a few words much in the sweetness & we then retired to rest¹⁶⁶

We may hope that, digesting this meal, Captain [Cuffe](#) was able to look back and feel rather gratified to say that he had had the opportunity to break bread with this assortment of oh-so-pleasant oh-so-condescending honkies.



June 14, Wednesday: The Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin became a Grand Duchy. Duke Friedrich Franz I took on the title of Grand Duke.

[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) reached the border with the Low Countries at Beaumont.

Per the journal of [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#), the [Quakers](#) met to consider the Yearly Meeting boarding school being proposed for [Providence, Rhode Island](#):

4th day / The meeting met at 10 OClock The subject of the Yearly meeting school occupied the most of the sitting a large committee was appointed to digest & further investigate the subject & report to the next sitting The committee on the Epistles wer engaged from half past 2 OC till 5 OC when the meeting met & tho' the epistles were not all digested before of the committee & two of them untouched yet they were all read & passed the Meeting – there were but five of us that could attend to them Vizt Thos Howland, Abraham Sherman Jr Jas Scott & myself all new & inexpeerenced except Thos. The others of the committtee attend the School committee which met at the same time which deprived us of many experienced helpers The School committee not having fully gone to the subject, it was refer'd another year & they joined to the Meeting for Sufferings further to digest & proceed as far within the time as they may think advisable, & the meeting came to a conclusion tho' not till it was so dark that the Clerk was scarcely able to read.

“MOSES BROWN SCHOOL”

166. Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote this putting upward the bright shiny congratulatory side of this coin (“Look at what great people we are, we are actually able to overcome our disinclinations and actually able to sit down politely and actually consume food at the very same table with a person of another race!! We didn’t even need to throw up afterward!!”) but clearly this bright coin of acceptance and brotherhood had another –more unpleasant –more uncongratulatory side to it.



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June 15, Thursday: Beating back Prussian resistance, Napoléon's army crossed the Sambre River at Charleroi and Marchiennes and proceeded in the direction of Brussels, 50 kilometers to the north.

The first *Burschenschaft* was formed at Jena (this student organization, its motto "Honor, Liberty, Fatherland," would become the basis of the [German](#) Nationalist Movement).

French physician [René-Théophile-Hyacinthe Laënnec](#) was appointed to Necker Hospital in Paris (in that institution, during September 1816, he would create the [stethoscope](#)).

[Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave the initial of a pair of very well received performances at the Deutsches Theater in Pest.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / This mornng Our Bolton lodgers Hannah & Ann Pope left us & went in the [Providence](#) Packet homeward. The two Women felt near my best feelings, as has many others who have been with us. Our Meeting was large & our friend Edward Stabler was largely opened in Doctrine & his communication was attended with a large degree of that power which reached the heart – Richd Mott was also engaged in a short but loving & well adapted testimony At 3 OC PM our friend John Heald & James Boulton left us, & with them our house was evacuated of our Y Meeting friends they having left us before. The rest of the Afternoon, tho' free from care to what we have been has been – In the evening Wm Burling called to See us with [-blank] whose company was very pleasant - but it so happened that in the forepart of it I was out at Thos Robinsons to wait on our soucin Hazard over to lodge at my Mothers while there Richard Mott had a sitting in the family & preached with is much humility & sweetness –

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June 16, Friday: Despite heavy losses, the French beat back Prussian (and other German) forces at Ligny, while the British/Dutch repelled the French at Quatre-Bras. The day's fighting created more than 25,000 casualties.

11-year-old Karl II replaced Friedrich Wilhelm as Duke of Brunswick, under regency.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Called this morning at Elizabeth Hoxies to sit a little while with Jemima Shotwell Ann Yarnall & Sarah Sutton whose company I found very sweetly interesting, - should have been glad to have had more of it & if they do not go to Providence tomorrow they engaged to sit the Afternoon with us. – This Afternoon My Mother & Cousin Hazard, with Sister Ruth set the Afternoon with us - Thos Hornsby joined us at tea also Lewis Clarke

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June 17, Saturday: The *USS Constellation* defeated the Algerian flagship *Mashuda* off Gibraltar. Admiral Reis Hammida and 30 crew members were killed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day / Our fr Jemima Shotwell paid us a visit of a few minutes just before she left us this morning for [Providence](#) it was very sweet & cordial to our minds – I have been (as was as my dear H) occupied most of the day in preparing for my intended visit to NYork

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June 18, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in München.

Into an area of just less than three square miles of fields near the village of Waterloo in northern Europe, various commanders crammed 140,000 men and 30,000 horses — and then instructed the men to kill each other.



They killed each other from 11:25AM until it was too dark and they were too tired to kill each other any more.

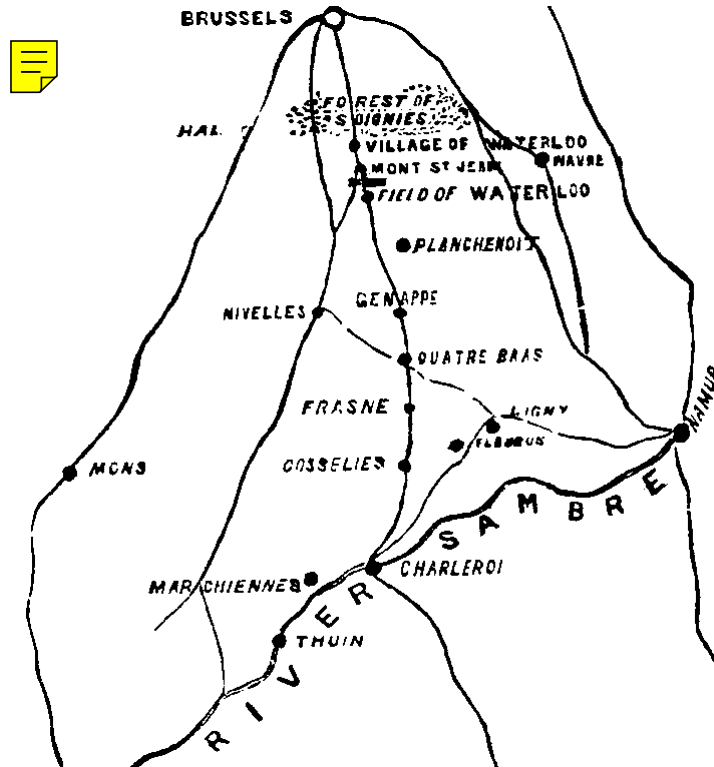


When the situation had become hopeless for the French forces, the English called on the commander of

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Napoleon's famous Imperial Guard to surrender the forces still under his command. He responded "Merde."

Bonaparte himself had decided there was no point in sticking around after 8:30PM but the slaughter continued until at least 10:00PM, with at least 47,000 of the men dead or so badly wounded as not to be able to continue killing each other.¹⁶⁷



That is to say, in more conventional language, that [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#) and Blücher defeated the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) at Waterloo (actually, of course, these gentlemen themselves did no fighting on that

167. An entire generation of Europeans would be able to wear what they would refer to as "Waterloo teeth," yanked from the gaping mouths of the corpses of fallen young men.

(The horses also provided their teeth, and the Duke of York would have a corridor of Oaklands, his home in Surrey, lined with the teeth of horses killed during this battle. I haven't been able to obtain any statistics on how many of the horses killed each other; however, the presence of the horses was not exactly what you could call innocent, as their usefulness in war had driven up the price of horse fodder to ridiculous levels and for years had been interfering with the ability of ordinary people to move around in the world. With the warfare on the continent over, the price of fodder would plummet, and suddenly tramlines drawn by giant Shire horses would again become able to compete economically against the barges on canals.)



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day). A boot termed the “Wellington” would become popular, named after the British general at Waterloo.



It was lighter than the “Blüchers” that had been worn by some since the turn of the century but that had become quite popular in the previous year when this Prussian general had visited London. The Wellington boot was made of soft, thin calfskin and fitted close to the leg as far as the knee so that it could be worn under long trousers that were fastened with a strap under the sole of the boot. But, whichever boot you prefer, these two generals had booted Napoleon right out of Europe.

“Thou first and last of fields, king-making victory!”—[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#).



“[A nation is] a group of people united by a mistaken view about the past and a hatred of their neighbors.”

— E. Renan, *QU’EST-CE QU’UNE NATION?*





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"Brilliant generalship in itself is a frightening thing – the very idea that the thought processes of a single brain of a Hannibal or a Scipio can play themselves out in the destruction of thousands of young men in an afternoon."



– Victor Davis Hanson, CARNAGE AND CULTURE:
LANDMARK BATTLES IN THE RISE OF WESTERN POWER
(NY: Doubleday, 2001)



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England has now been blest with thirty-seven years of peace. At no other period of her history can a similarly long cessation from a state of warfare be found. It is true that our troops have had battles to fight during this interval for the protection and extension of our Indian possessions and our colonies; but these have been with distant and unimportant enemies. The danger has never been brought near our own shores, and no matter of vital importance to our empire has ever been at stake. We have not had hostilities with either France, America, or Russia; and when not at war with any of our peers, we feel ourselves to be substantially at peace. There has, indeed, throughout this long period, been no great war, like those with which the previous history of Modern Europe abounds. There have been formidable collisions between particular states; and there have been still more formidable collisions between the armed champions of the conflicting principles of absolutism and democracy; but there has been no general war, like those of the French Revolution, like the American, or the Seven Years' War, or like the War of the Spanish Succession. It would be far too much to augur from this, that no similar wars will again convulse the world; but the value of the period of peace which Europe has gained, is incalculable; even if we look on it as only a truce, and expect again to see the nations of the earth recur to what some philosophers have termed man's natural state of warfare. No equal number of years can be found, during which science, commerce, and civilization have advanced so rapidly and so extensively, as has been the case since 1815. When we trace their progress, especially in this country, it is impossible not to feel that their wondrous development has been mainly due to the land having been at peace. Their good effects cannot be obliterated, even if a series of wars were to recommence. When we reflect on this, and contrast these thirty-seven years with the period that preceded them, a period of violence, of tumult, of unrestingly destructive energy,—a period throughout which the wealth of nations was scattered like sand, and the blood of nations lavished like water,—it is impossible not to look with deep interest on the final crisis of that dark and dreadful epoch; the crisis out of which our own happier cycle of years has been evolved. The great battle which ended the twenty-three years' war of the first French Revolution, and which quelled the man whose genius and ambition had so long disturbed and desolated the world, deserves to be regarded by us, not only with peculiar pride, as one of our greatest national victories, but with peculiar gratitude for the repose which it secured for us, and for the greater part of the human race. One good test for determining the importance of Waterloo, is to ascertain what was felt by wise and prudent statesmen before that battle, respecting the return of Napoleon from Elba to the Imperial throne of France, and the probable effects of his success. For this purpose, I will quote the words, not of any of our vehement anti-Gallican politicians of the school of Pitt,



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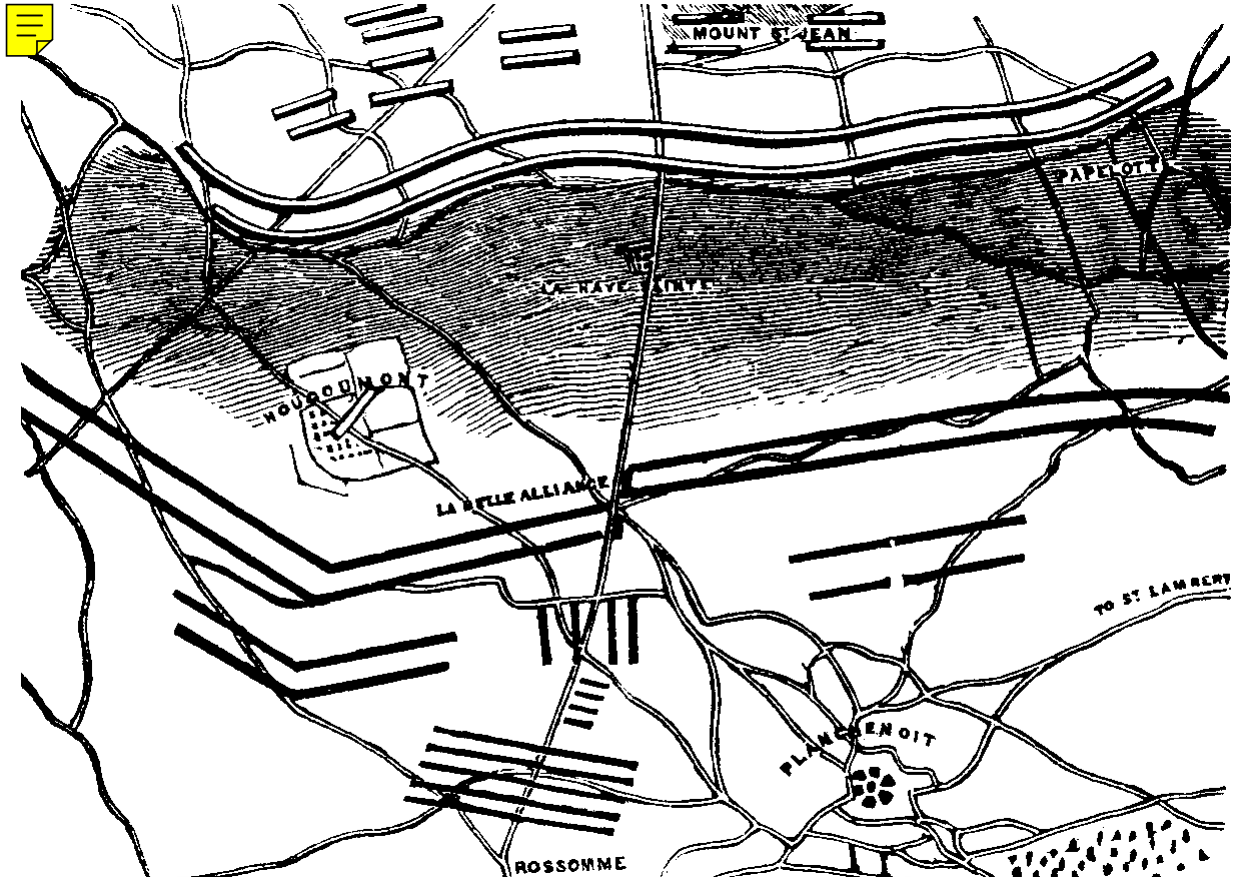
but of a leader of our Liberal party, of a man whose reputation as a jurist, a historian, and a far-sighted and candid statesman, was, and is, deservedly high, not only in this country, but throughout Europe. Sir James Mackintosh, in the debate in the British House of Commons, on the 20th April, 1815, spoke thus of the return from Elba:

"Was it in the power of language to describe the evil? Wars which had raged for more than twenty years throughout Europe; which had spread blood and desolation from Cadiz to Moscow, and from Naples to Copenhagen; which had wasted the means of human enjoyment, and destroyed the instruments of social improvement; which threatened to diffuse among the European nations, the dissolute and ferocious habits of a predatory soldiery, – at length, by one of those vicissitudes which bid defiance to the foresight of man, had been brought to a close, upon the whole, happy beyond all reasonable expectation, with no violent shock to national independence, with some tolerable compromise between the opinions of the age and reverence due to ancient institutions; with no too signal or mortifying triumph over the legitimate interests or avowable feelings of any numerous body of men, and, above all, without those retaliations against nations or parties, which beget new convulsions, often as horrible as those which they close, and perpetuate revenge and hatred and bloodshed, from age to age. Europe seemed to breathe after her sufferings. In the midst of this fair prospect, and of these consolatory hopes, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from Elba; three small vessels reached the coast of Provence; our hopes are instantly dispelled; the work of our toil and

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fortitude is undone; the blood of Europe is spilt in vain –

“Ibi omnis effusus labor!”



The Congress of Emperors, Kings, Princes, Generals, and Statesmen, who had assembled at Vienna to remodel the world after the overthrow of the mighty conqueror, and who thought that Napoleon had passed away for ever from the great drama of European politics, had not yet completed their triumphant festivities, and their diplomatic toils, when Talleyrand, on the 11th of March, 1815, rose up among them, and announced that the ex-emperor had escaped from Elba, and was Emperor of France once more. It is recorded by Sir Walter Scott, as a curious physiological fact, that, the first effect of the news of an event which threatened to neutralize all their labors, was to excite a loud burst of laughter from nearly every member of the Congress. But the jest was a bitter one: and they soon were deeply busied in anxious deliberations respecting the mode in which they should encounter their arch-enemy, who had thus started from torpor and obscurity into renovated splendor and strength:

“Qualis ubi in lucem coluber mala gramina pastus,
Frigida sub terra, tumidum quem bruma tegebat.
Nunc positus novus exuviis nitidusque juvena,



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Lubrica convolvit sublato pectore terga
Arduus ad solem, et linguis micat ore trisulcis.”
— Virgil, Aen.

Napoleon sought to disunite the formidable confederacy, which he knew would be arrayed against him, by endeavoring to negotiate separately with each of the allied sovereigns. It is said that Austria and Russia were at first not unwilling to treat with him. Disputes and jealousies had been rife among several of the Allies on the subject of the division of the conquered countries; and the cordial unanimity with which they had acted during 1813 and the first months of 1814, had grown chill, during some weeks of discussions. But the active exertions of Talleyrand, who represented Louis XVIII at the Congress, and who both hated and feared Napoleon with all the intensity of which his powerful spirit was capable, prevented the secession of any member of the Congress from the new great league against their ancient enemy. Still it is highly probably that if Napoleon had triumphed in Belgium over the Prussians and the English, he would have succeeded in opening negotiations with the Austrians and Russians; and he might have thus gained advantages similar to those which he had obtained on his return from Egypt, when he induced the Czar Paul to withdraw the Russian armies from cooperating with the other enemies of France in the extremity of peril to which she seemed reduced in 1799. But fortune now had deserted him both in diplomacy and in war.

On the 13th of March, 1815, the Ministers of the seven powers, Austria, Spain, England, Portugal, Prussia, Russia, and Sweden, signed a manifesto, by which they declared Napoleon an outlaw; and this denunciation was instantly followed up by a treaty between England, Austria, Prussia, and Russia (to which other powers soon acceded), by which the rulers of those countries bound themselves to enforce that decree, and to prosecute the war until Napoleon should be driven from the throne of France, and rendered incapable of disturbing the peace of Europe. The Duke of Wellington was the representative of England at the Congress of Vienna, and he was immediately applied to for his advice on the plan of military operations against France. It was obvious that Belgium would be the first battlefield; and by the general wish of the Allies, the English Duke proceeded thither to assemble an army from the contingents of Dutch, Belgian, and Hanoverian troops, that were most speedily available, and from the English regiments which his own Government was hastening to send over from this country. A strong Prussian corps was near Aix-la-Chapelle, having remained there since the campaign of the preceding year. This was largely reinforced by other troops of the same nation; and Marshal Blucher, the favorite hero of the Prussian soldiery, and the deadliest foe of France, assumed the command of this army, which was the Lower Rhine; and which, in conjunction with Wellington's forces, was to make the van of the armaments of the Allied Powers. Meanwhile Prince Swartzenburg was to collect 130,000 Austrians, and 124,000 troops of other Germanic States, as "the Army of the Upper Rhine;" and 168,000



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Russians, under the command of Barclay de Tolly, were to form "the army of the Middle Rhine," and to repeat the march from Muscovy to that river's banks.

The exertions which the Allied Powers thus made at this crisis to grapple promptly with the French emperor have truly been termed gigantic; and never were Napoleon's genius and activity more signally displayed, than in the celerity and skill by which he brought forward all the military resources of France, which the reverses of the three preceding years, and the pacific policy of the Bourbons during the months of their first restoration, had greatly diminished and disorganized. He re-entered Paris on the 20th of March, and by the end of May, besides sending a force into La Vendee to put down the aimed risings of the royalists in that province, and besides providing troops under Massena and Suchet for the defense of the southern frontiers of France, Napoleon had an army assembled in the northeast for active operations under his own command, which amounted to between one hundred and twenty, and one hundred and thirty thousand men, with a superb park of artillery and in the highest possible state of equipment, discipline, and efficiency. The approach of the multitudinous Russian, Austrian, Bavarian, and other foes of the French Emperor to the Rhine was necessarily slow; but the two most active of the allied powers had occupied Belgium with their troops, while Napoleon was organizing his forces. Marshal Blucher was there with one hundred and sixteen thousand Prussians; and, before the end of May, the Duke of Wellington was there also with about one hundred and six thousand troops, either British or in British pay. [Wellington had but a small part of his old. Peninsular army in Belgium. The flower of it, had been sent on the expeditions against America. His troops in 1815, were chiefly second battalions, or regiments lately filled up with new recruits.] Napoleon determined to attack these enemies in Belgium. The disparity of numbers was indeed great, but delay was sure to increase the proportionate numerical superiority of his enemies over his own ranks. The French Emperor considered also that "the enemy's troops were now cantoned under the command of two generals, and composed of nations differing both in interest and in feelings." His own army was under his own sole command. It was composed exclusively of French soldiers, mostly of veterans, well acquainted with their officers and with each other, and full of enthusiastic confidence in their commander. If he could separate the Prussians from the British, so as to attack each singly, he felt sanguine of success, not only against these the most resolute of his many adversaries, but also against the other masses, that were slowly laboring up against his eastern dominions.

The triple chain of strong fortresses, which the French possessed on the Belgian frontier, formed a curtain, behind which Napoleon was able to concentrate his army, and to conceal, till the very last moment, the precise line of attack which he intended to take. On the other hand, Blucher and Wellington were obliged to canton their troops along a line of open country of



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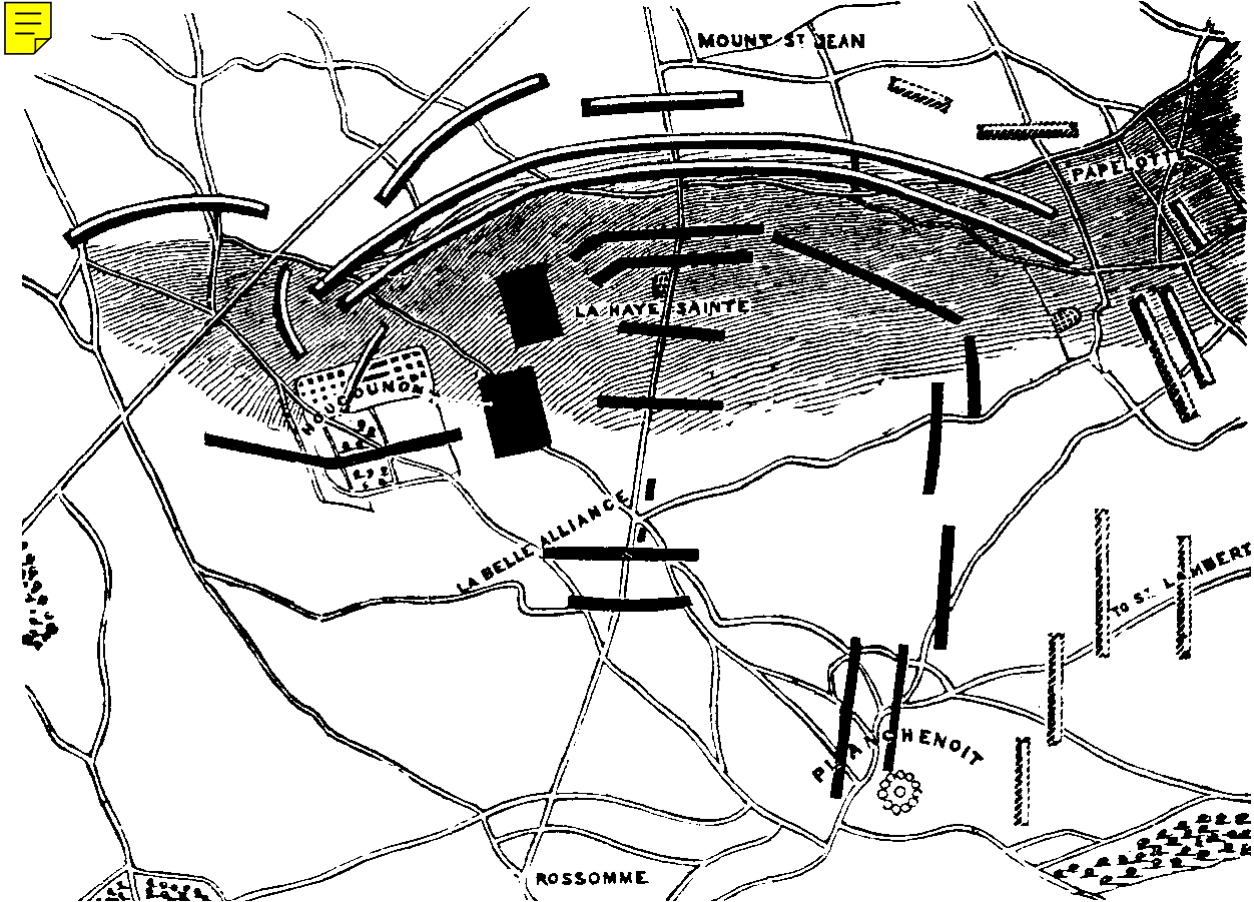
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considerable length, so as to watch for the outbreak of Napoleon from whichever point. of his chain of strongholds he should please to make it. Blucher, with his army, occupied the banks of the Sambre and the Meuse, from Liege on his left, to Charleroi on his right; and the Duke of Wellington covered Brussels; his cantonments being partly in front of that city and between it and the French frontier, and partly on its west; their extreme right reaching to Courtray and Tournay, while the left approached Charleroi and communicated with the Prussian right. It was upon Charleroi that Napoleon resolved to level his attack, in hopes of severing the two allied armies from each other, and then pursuing his favorite tactic of assailing each separately with a superior force on the battle-field, though the aggregate of their numbers considerably exceeded his own.

The first French corps d'armee, commanded by Count d'Erlon, was stationed in the beginning of June in and around the city of Lille, near to the north-eastern frontier of France. The second corps, under Count Reille, was at Valenciennes, to the right of the first one. The third corps, under Count Vandamme, was at Mezieres. The fourth, under Count Gerard, had its head-quarters at Metz. The fifth corps was under Count Rappat Strasburg, and the sixth, under Count Lobau, was at Laon. Four corps of reserve cavalry, under Marshal Grouchy were also near the frontier, between the rivers Aisne and Sambre. The Imperial Guard remained in Paris until the 8th of June, when it marched towards Belgium, and reached Avesnes on the 13th; and in the course of the same and the following day, the five corps d'armee with the cavalry reserves which have been mentioned, were, in pursuance of skillfully combined orders, rapidly drawn together, and concentrated in and around the same place, on the right bank of the river Sambre. On the 14th Napoleon arrived among his troops, who were exulting at the display of their commander's skill in the celerity and precision with which they had been drawn together, and in the consciousness of their collective strength. Although Napoleon too often permitted himself to use language unworthy of his own character respecting his great English adversary, his real feelings in commencing this campaign may be judged from the last words which he spoke, as he threw himself into his traveling carriage to leave Paris for the army. "I go," he said, "to measure myself with Wellington."

The enthusiasm of the French soldiers at seeing their Emperor among them, was still more excited by the "Order of the day," in which he thus appealed to them:

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"Napoleon, by the Grace of God, and the Constitution of the Empire, Emperor of the French, &c., to the Grand Army.

"AT THE: IMPERIAL HEAD-QUARTERS.

"Avesnes June 14th, 1815.

"Soldiers! this day is the anniversary of Marengo and of Friedland, which twice decided the destiny of Europe. Then. as after Austerlitz, as after Wagram, we were too generous! we believed in the protestations and in the oaths of princes, whom we left on their thrones. Now, however, leagued together, they aim at the independence and the most sacred rights of France. They have commenced the most unjust of aggressions. Let us, then, march to meet them. Are they and we no longer the same men?

"Soldiers! at Jena, against these same Prussians, now so arrogant, you were one to three, and at Montmirail one to six!

"Let those among you who have been captives to the English, describe the nature of their prison-ships, and



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the frightful miseries they endured.

"The Saxons, the Belgians, the Hanoverians, the soldiers of the Confederation of the Rhine, lament that they are compelled to use their arms in the cause of princes, the enemies of justice and of the rights of all nations. They know that this coalition is insatiable! After having devoured twelve millions of Poles, twelve millions of Italians, one million of Saxons, and six millions of Belgians, it now wishes to devour the states of the second rank in Germany.

"Madmen! one moment of prosperity has bewildered them. The oppression and the humiliation of the French people are beyond their power. If they enter France they will there find their grave.

"Soldiers! we have forced marches to make, battles to fight, dangers to encounter; but, with firmness, victory will be ours. The rights, the honor. and the happiness of the country will be recovered!

"To every Frenchman who has a heart, the moment is now arrived to conquer or to die!

"NAPOLEON."

"THE MARSHAL DUKE OF DALMATIA, Major General."

The 15th of June had scarcely dawned before the French army was in motion for the decisive campaign, and crossed the frontier in three columns, which were pointed upon Charleroi and its vicinity. The French line of advance upon Brussels, which city Napoleon resolved to occupy, thus lay right through the center of the cantonments of the Allies.

Much criticism has been expended on the supposed surprise of Wellington's army in its cantonments by Napoleon's rapid advance. These comments would hardly have been made if sufficient attention had been paid to the geography of the Waterloo campaign; and if it had been remembered that the protection of Brussels was justly considered by the allied generals a matter of primary importance, If Napoleon could, either by maneuvering or fighting, have succeeded in occupying that city, the greater part of Belgium would unquestionably have declared in his favor; and the results of such a success, gained by the Emperor at the commencement of the campaign, might have decisively influenced the whole after-current of events. A glance at the map will show the numerous roads that lead from the different fortresses on the French north-eastern frontier, and converge upon Brussels; any one of which Napoleon might have chosen for the advance of a strong force upon that city. The Duke's army was judiciously arranged, so as to enable him to concentrate troops on any one of these roads sufficiently in advance of Brussels to check an assailing enemy. The army was kept thus available for movement in any necessary direction, till certain intelligence arrived on the 15th of June that the French had crossed the frontier in large force near Thuin, that they had driven back the Prussian advanced troops under General Ziethen, and were also moving across the Sambre upon Charleroi.



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Marshal Blucher now rapidly concentrated his forces, calling them in from the left upon Ligny, which is to the north-east of Charleroi. Wellington also drew his troops together, calling them in from the right. But even now, though it was certain that the French were in large force at Charleroi, it was unsafe for the English general to place his army directly between that place and Brussels, until it was certain that no corps of the enemy was marching upon Brussels by the western road through Mons and Hal. The Duke, therefore, collected his troops in Brussels and its immediate vicinity, ready to move due southward upon Quatre Bras, and cooperate with Blucher, who was taking his station at Ligny: but also ready to meet and defeat any maneuver, that the enemy might make to turn the right of the Allies, and occupy Brussels by a flanking movement. The testimony of the Prussian general, Baron Muffling, who was attached to the Duke's staff during the campaign, and who expressly states the reasons on which the English general acted, ought for ever to have silenced the "weak Inventions of the enemy" about the Duke of Wellington having been deceived and surprised by his assailant, which some writers of our own nation, as well as foreigners, have incautiously repeated.

It was about three o'clock in the afternoon of the 15th, that a Prussian officer reached Brussels, whom General Ziethen had sent to Muffling to inform him of the advance of the main French army upon Charleroi. Muffling immediately communicated this to the Duke of Wellington; and asked him whether he would concentrate his army, and what would be his point of concentration; observing that Marshal Blucher in consequence of this intelligence would certainly concentrate the Prussians at Ligny. The Duke replied, - "If all is as General Ziethen supposes, I will concentrate on my left wing, and so be in readiness to fight in conjunction with the Prussian army. Should, however, a portion of the enemy's force come by Mons, I must concentrate more towards my center. This is the reason why I must wait for positive news from Mons before I fix the rendezvous. Since however it is certain that the troops must march, though it is uncertain upon what precise spot they must march, I will order all to be in readiness, and will direct a brigade to move at once towards Quatre Bras."

Later in the same day a message from Blucher himself was delivered to Muffling, in which the Prussian Field Marshal informed the Baron that he was concentrating his men at Sombref and Ligny, and charged Muffling to give him speedy intelligence respecting the concentration of Wellington. Muffling immediately communicated this to the Duke, who expressed his satisfaction with Blucher's arrangements, but added that he could not even then resolve upon his own point of concentration before he obtained the desired intelligence from Mons. About midnight this information arrived. The Duke went to the quarters of General Muffling, and told him that he now had received his reports from Mons, and was sure that no French troops were advancing by that route, but that the mass of the enemy's force



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was decidedly directed on Charleroi. He informed the Prussian general that he had ordered the British troops to move forward upon Quatre Bras; but with characteristic coolness and sagacity resolved not to give the appearance of alarm by hurrying on with them himself

A ball was to be given by the Duchess of Richmond at Brussels that night, and the Duke proposed to General Muffling that they should go to the ball for a. few hours, and ride forward in the morning to overtake the troops at Quatre Bras.

To hundreds, who were assembled at that memorable ball, the news that the enemy was advancing, and that the time for battle had come, must have been a fearfully exciting surprise, and the magnificent stanzas of Byron are as true as they are beautiful.

There was a sound of revelry by night,
And Belgium's capital had gather'd then
Her Beauty and her Chivalry, and bright
The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men;
A thousand hearts beat happily; and when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes look'd love to eyes which spake again,
And all went merry as a marriage-bell;
But hush! hark! a deep sound strikes like a rising knell.
Did ye not hear it — No; 'twas but the wind,
Or the car rattling o'er the stony street;
On with the dance! let joy be unconfined;
No sleep till morn, when Youth and Pleasure meet
To chase the glowing Hours with flying feet -
But, hark — that heavy sound breaks in once more,
As if the clouds its echo would repeat;
And nearer, clearer, deadlier than before!
Arm! Arm! it is — it is — the cannon's opening roar!
Within a window'd niche of that high hall
Sate Brunswick's fated chieftain; he did hear
That sound the first amidst the festival,
And caught its tone with Death's prophetic ear;
And when they smiled because he deem'd it near,
His heart more truly knew that peal too well
Which stretch'd his father on a bloody bier,
And roused the vengeance blood alone could quell:
He rush'd into the field, and, foremost fighting, fell.
Ah! then and there was hurrying to and fro,
And gathering tears, and tremblings of distress,
And cheeks all pale, which but an hour ago
Blush'd at the praise of their own loveliness;
And there were sudden partings, such as press
The life from out young hearts, and choking sighs
Which ne'er might be repeated; who could guess
If ever more should meet those mutual eyes,
Since upon night so sweet such awful morn could rise?
And there was mounting in hot haste: the steed,
The mustering squadron, and the clattering car,
Went pouring forward with impetuous speed,
And swiftly forming in the ranks of war;
And the deep thunder peal on peal afar;
And near, the bent of the alarming drum
Roused up the soldier ere the morning star;
While throng'd the citizens with terror dumb,
Or whispering, with white lips — "The foe! They come! they come!"
And Ardennes waves above them her green loaves.
Dewy with nature's tear-drops, as they pass,



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Grieving, if aught inanimate e'er grieves.
Over the unreturning brave,—alas!
'Ere evening to be trodden like the grass
Which now beneath them, but above shall grow
In its next verdure, when this fiery mass
Of living valour, rolling on the foe
And burning with high hope, shall moulder cold and low.
Last noon beheld them full of lusty life,
Last eve in Beauty's circle proudly gay,
The midnight brought the signal-sound of strife,
The morn the marshalling in arms, — the day
Battle's magnificently-stern array!
The thunder-clouds close o'er it, which when rent,
The earth is covered thick with other clay,
Which her own clay shall cover, heap'd and pent,
Rider and horse, —friend, foe, —in one red burial blent.

But the Duke and his principal officers knew well the stern termination to that, festive scene which was approaching. One by one, and in such a way as to attract as little observation as possible, the leaders of the various corps left the ball-room, and took their stations at the head of their men, who were pressing forward through the last hours of the short summer night to the arena of anticipated slaughter.

Napoleon's operations on the 15th had been conducted with signal skill and vigor; and their results had been very advantageous for his plan of the campaign. With his army formed in three vast columns, he had struck at the center of the line of cantonments of his allied foes; and he had so far made good his blow, that he had effected the passage of the Sambre, he had beaten with his left wing the Prussian corps of General Ziethen at Thuin, and with his center he had in person advanced right through Charleroi upon Fleurus, inflicting considerable loss upon the Prussians that fell back before him. His right column had with little opposition moved forward as far as the bridge of Chatelet.

Napoleon had thus a powerful force immediately in front of the point, which Blucher had fixed for the concentration of the Prussian army, and that concentration was still incomplete. The French Emperor designed to attack the Prussians on the morrow in person, with the troops of his center and right columns, and to employ his left wing in heating back such English troops as might advance to the help of their allies, and also in aiding his own attack upon Blucher. He gave the command of this left wing to Marshal Ney. Napoleon seems not to have originally intended to employ this celebrated General in the campaign. It was only on the night of the 11th of June, that Marshal Ney received at Paris an order to join the army. Hurrying forward to the Belgian frontier he met the Emperor near Charleroi. Napoleon immediately directed him to take the command of the left wing, and to press forward with it upon Quatre Bras by the line of the road which leads from Charleroi to Brussels, through Gosselies, Frasne, Quatre Bras, Genappe, and Waterloo. Ney immediately proceeded to the post assigned him; and before ten on the night of the 15th he had occupied Gosselies and Frasne,



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driving out without much difficulty some weak Belgian detachments which had been stationed in those villages. The lateness of the hour, and the exhausted state of the French troops, who had been marching and fighting since ten in the morning, made him pause from advancing further, to attack the much more important position of Quatre Bras. In truth, the advantages which the French gained by their almost superhuman energy and activity throughout the long day of the 15th of June, were necessarily bought at the price of more delay and inertness during the following night and morrow, than would have been observable if they had not been thus overtasked. Ney has been blamed for want of promptness in his attack upon Quatre Eras; and Napoleon has been criticized for not having fought at Ligny before the afternoon of the 16th: but their censors should remember that soldiers are but men; and that there must be necessarily some interval of time, before troops, that have been worn and weakened by twenty hours of incessant fatigue and strife, can be fed, rested, reorganized, and brought again into action with any hope of success.

Having on the night of the 15th placed the most advanced of the French under his command in position in front of Frasne, Ney rode back to Charleroi, where Napoleon also arrived about midnight, having returned from directing the operations of the center and right column of the French. The Emperor and the Marshal supped together, and remained in earnest conversation till two in the morning. An hour or two afterwards Ney rode back to Frasne, where he endeavored to collect tidings of the numbers and movements of the enemy in front of him; and also busied himself in the necessary duty of learning the amount and composition of the troops which he himself was commanding. He had been so suddenly appointed to his high station, that he did not know the strength of the several regiments under him, or even the names of their commanding officers. He now caused his aides-de-camp to prepare the requisite returns, and drew together the troops, whom he was thus learning before he used them.

Wellington remained at the Duchess of Richmond's ball at Brussels till about three o'clock in the morning of the 16th, "showing himself very cheerful," as Baron Muffling, who accompanied him, observes. At five o'clock; the Duke and the Baron were on horseback, and reached the position at Quatre Bras about eleven. As the French, who were in front of Frasne, were perfectly quiet, and the Duke was informed that a very large force under Napoleon in person was menacing Blucher, it was thought possible that only a slight detachment of the French was posted at Frasne in order to mask the English army. In that event Wellington, as he told Baron Muffling, would be able to employ his whole strength in supporting the Prussians: and he proposed to ride across from Quatre Bras to Blucher's position, in order to concert with him personally the measures which should be taken in order to bring on a decisive battle with the French. Wellington and Muffling rode accordingly towards Ligny, and



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found Marshal Blucher and his staff' at the windmill of Bry, near that village. The Prussian army, 50,000 strong, was drawn up chiefly along a chain of heights, with the villages of Sombref, St. Amand, and Ligny in their front.

These villages were strongly occupied by Prussian detachments, and formed the keys of Blucher's position. The heads of the columns which Napoleon was forming for the attack, were visible in the distance. The Duke asked Blucher and General Gneisenau (who was Blucher's adviser in matters of strategy) what they wished him to do. Muffling had already explained to them in a few words the Duke's earnest desire to support the Field Marshall, and that he would do all that they wished, provided they did not ask him to divide his army, which was contrary to his principles. The Duke wished to advance with his army (as soon as it was concentrated) upon Frasné and Gosselies, and thence to move upon Napoleon's flank and rear. The Prussian leaders preferred that he should march his men from Quatre Bras by the Namur road, so as to form a reserve in rear of Blucher's army. The Duke replied, "Well, I will come if I am not attacked myself," and galloped back with Muffling to Quatre Bras, where the French attack was now actually raging.

Marshal Ney began the battle about two o'clock in the afternoon. He had at this time in hand about 16,000 infantry, nearly 2000 cavalry, and 38 guns. The force which Napoleon nominally placed at his command exceeded 40,000 men. But more than one half of these consisted of the first French corps d'armée, under Count d'Erlon; and Ney was deprived of the use of this corps at the time that he most required it, in consequence of its receiving orders to march to the aid of the Emperor at Ligny. A magnificent body of heavy cavalry under Kellerman, nearly 5000 strong, and several more battalions (if artillery were added to Ney army during the battle of Quatre Bras; but his effective infantry force never exceeded 16,000.

When the battle began, the greater part of the Duke's army was yet on its march towards Quatre Bras from Brussels and the other parts of its cantonments. The force of the Allies, actually in position there, consisted only of a Dutch and Belgian division of infantry, not quite 7000 strong, with one battalion of foot, and one of horse-artillery. The Prince of Orange commanded them. A wood, called the Bois de Bossu, stretched along the right (or western) flank of the position of Quatre Bras; a farmhouse and building, called Gemiancourt, stood on some elevated ground in its front; and to the left (or east), were the enclosures of the village of Pierremont. The Prince of Orange endeavored to secure these posts; but Ney carried Gemiancourt in the center, and Pierremont on the east, and gained occupation of the southern part of the wood of Bossu. He ranged the chief part of his artillery on the high ground of Gemiancourt, whence it played throughout the action with most destructive effect upon the Allies. He was pressing forward to further advantages, when the fifth infantry division under Sir Thomas Picton, and the Duke of Brunswick's corps, appeared upon the scene. Wellington (who



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had returned to Quatre Bras from his interview with Blucher shortly before the arrival of these forces) restored the fight with them; and, as fresh troops of the Allies arrived, they were brought forward to stem the fierce attacks which Ney's columns and squadrons continued to make with unabated gallantry and zeal. The only cavalry of the Anglo-allied army that reached Quatre Bras during the action, consisted of Dutch and Belgians, and a small force of Brunswickers, under their Duke, who was killed on the field. These proved wholly unable to encounter Kellerman's cuirassiers and Pire's lancers; the Dutch and Belgian infantry also gave way early in the engagement; so that the whole brunt of the battle fell on the British and German infantry. They sustained it nobly. Though repeatedly charged by the French cavalry, though exposed to the murderous fire of the French batteries, which from the heights of Gemiancourt sent shot and shell into the devoted squares whenever the French horsemen withdrew, they not only repelled their assailants, but Kempt's and Pack's brigades, led on by Picton, actually advanced against and through their charging foes, and with stern determination made good to the end of the day the ground which they had thus boldly won. Some, however, of the British regiments were during the confusion assailed by the French cavalry before they could form squares, and suffered severely. One regiment, the 92nd, was almost wholly destroyed by the cuirassiers. A French private soldier, named Lami, of the 8th regiment of cuirassiers, captured one of the English colors, and presented it to Ney. It was a solitary trophy. The arrival of the English Guards about half past six o'clock, enabled the Duke to recover the wood of Boss, which the French had almost entirely won, and the possession of which by them would have enabled Ney to operate destructively upon the Allied flank and rear. Not only was the wood of Boss recovered on the British right, but the enclosures of Pierremont were also carried on the left. When night set in the French had been driven back on all points towards Frasne; but they still held the farm of Gemiancourt in front of the Duke's center. Wellington and Muffling were unacquainted with the result of the collateral battle between Blucher and Napoleon, the cannonading of which had been distinctly audible at Quatre Bras throughout the afternoon and evening. The Duke observed to Muffling, that of course the two Allied armies would assume the offensive against the enemy on the morrow; and consequently, it would be better to capture the farm at once, instead of waiting till next morning. Muffling agreed in the Duke's views, and Gemiancourt was forthwith attacked by the English and captured with little loss to its assailants.

Meanwhile the French and the Prussians had been fighting in and round the villages of Ligny, Sombref, and St. Amand, from three in the afternoon to nine in the evening, with a savage inveteracy almost unparalleled in modern warfare. Blucher had in the field, when he began the battle, 83,417 men, and 224 guns. Bulow's corps, which was 25,000 strong, had not joined him; but the Field



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Marshal hoped to be reinforced by it, or by the English army before the end of the action. But Bulow, through some error in the transmission of orders, was far in the rear; and the Duke of Wellington was engaged, as we have seen, with Marshal Ney. Blucher received early warning from Baron Muffling that the Duke could not come to his assistance; but, as Muffling observes, Wellington rendered the Prussians the great service of occupying more than 40,000 of the enemy, who otherwise would have crushed Blucher's right flank. For, not only did the conflict at Quatre Bras detain the French troops which actually took part in it, but d'Erlon received orders from Ney to join him which hindered d'Erlon from giving effectual aid to Napoleon. Indeed, the whole of d'Erlon's corps, in consequence of conflicting directions from Ney and the Emperor, marched and countermarched, during the 16th, between Quatre Bras and Ligny without firing a shot in either battle.

Blucher had, in fact, a superiority of more than 12,000 in number over the French army that attacked him at Ligny. The numerical difference was even greater at the beginning of the battle, as Lobau's corps did not come up from Charleroi till eight o'clock. After five hours and a half of desperate and long-doubtful struggle, Napoleon succeeded in breaking the center of the Prussian line, at Ligny, and in forcing his obstinate antagonists off the field of battle. The issue was attributable to his skill, and not to any want of spirit or resolution on the part of the Prussian troops; nor did they, though defeated, abate one jot in discipline, heart, or hope. As Blucher observed, it was a battle in which his army lost the day but not its honor. The Prussians retreated during the night of the 16th, and the early part of the 17th, with perfect regularity and steadiness. The retreat was directed not towards Maestricht, where their principal depots were established, but towards Wavre, so as to be able to maintain their communication with Wellington's army, and still follow out the original plan of the campaign. The heroism with which the Prussians endured and repaired their defeat at Ligny, is more glorious than many victories.

The messenger who was sent to inform Wellington of the retreat of the Prussian army, was shot on the way; and it was not until the morning of the 17th that the Allies, at Quatre Bras, knew the result of the battle of Ligny. The Duke was ready at daybreak to take the offensive against the enemy with vigor, his whole army being by that time fully assembled. But on learning that Blucher had been defeated, a different course of action was clearly necessary. It was obvious that Napoleon's main army would now be directed against Wellington, and a retreat was inevitable. On ascertaining that the Prussian army had retired upon Wavre, that there was no hot pursuit of them by the French, and that Bulow's corps had taken no part in the action at Ligny, the Duke resolved to march his army back towards Brussels, still intending to cover that city, and to halt at a point in a line with Wavre, and there restore his communication with Blucher.



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An officer from Blucher's army reached the Duke about nine o'clock, from whom he learned the effective strength that Blucher still possessed, and how little discouraged his ally was by the yesterday's battle. Wellington sent word to the Prussian commander that he would halt in the position of Mont St. Jean, and accept a general battle with the French, if Blucher would pledge himself come to his assistance with a single corps of 25,000 men. This was readily promised; and after allowing his men ample time for rest and refreshment, Wellington retired over about half the space between Quatre Bras and Brussels. He was pursued, but little molested by the main French army, which about noon of the 17th moved laterally from Ligny, and joined Ney's forces. which had advanced through Quatre Bras when the British abandoned that position. The Earl of Uxbridge, with the British cavalry, covered the retreat of the Duke's army, with great skill and gallantry; and a heavy thunderstorm, with torrents of rain, impeded the operations of the French pursuing squadrons. The Duke still expected that the French would endeavor to turn his right, and march upon Brussels by the high road that leads through Mons and Hal. In order to counteract this anticipated maneuver, he stationed a force of 18,000 men, under Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, at Hal, with orders to maintain himself there if attacked, as long as possible. The Duke halted with the rest of his army at the position near Mont St. Jean, which, from a village in its neighborhood, has received the ever-memorable name of the field of Waterloo. Wellington was now about twelve miles distant, on a line running from west to east, from Wavre, where the Prussian army had now been completely reorganized and collected, and where it had been strengthened by the junction of Bulow's troops, which had taken no part in the battle of Ligny. Blucher sent, word from Wavre, to the Duke, that he was coming to help the English at Mont St. Jean, in the morning, not with one corps, but with his whole army. The fiery old man only stipulated that the combined armies, if not attacked by Napoleon on the 18th, should themselves attack him on the 19th. So far were Blucher and his army from being in the state of annihilation described in the boastful bulletin by which Napoleon informed the Parisians of his victory at Ligny. Indeed, the French Emperor seems himself to have been misinformed as to the extent of loss which he had inflicted on the Prussians, Had he known in what good order and with what undiminished spirit they were retiring, he would scarcely have delayed sending a large force to press them in their retreat until noon on the 17th. Such, however, was the case. It was about that time that he confided to Marshal Grouchy the duty of pursuing the defeated Prussians, and preventing them from joining Wellington. He placed for this purpose 38,000 men and 96 guns under his orders. Violent complaints and recriminations passed afterwards between the Emperor and the marshal respecting the manner in which Grouchy attempted to perform this duty, and the reasons why he failed on the 18th to arrest the lateral movement of the Prussians from Wavre to



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Waterloo. It is sufficient to remark here, that the force which Napoleon gave to Grouchy (though the utmost that the Emperor's limited means would allow) was insufficient to make head against the entire Prussian army, especially after Bulow's junction with Blucher. We shall presently have occasion to consider what opportunities were given to Grouchy during the 18th, and what he might have effected if he had been a man of original military genius.

But the failure of Grouchy was in truth mainly owing to the indomitable heroism of Blucher himself; who, though he had received severe personal injuries in the battle of Ligny, was as energetic and ready as ever in bringing his men into action again, and who had the resolution to expose a part of his army, under Thielman, to be overwhelmed by Grouchy at Wavre on the 18th, while he urged the march of the mass of his troops upon Waterloo "It is not at Wavre, but at Waterloo," said the old Field-Marshal, "that the campaign is to be decided;" and he risked a detachment, and won the campaign accordingly. Wellington and Blucher trusted each other as cordially, and cooperated as zealously, as formerly had been the case with Marlborough and Eugene.

It was in full reliance on Blucher's promise to join him, that the Duke stood his ground and fought at Waterloo; and those, who have ventured to impugn the Duke's capacity as a general, ought to have had common sense enough to perceive, that to charge the Duke with having won the battle of Waterloo by the help of the Prussians, is really to say that he won it by the very means on which he relied, and without the expectation of which the battle would not have been fought.

Napoleon himself has found fault with Wellington for not having retreated further, so as to complete a junction of his army with Blucher's, before he risked a general engagement. But as we have seen, the Duke justly considered it important to protect Brussels. He had reason to expect that his army could singly resist the French at Waterloo until the Prussians came up, and that on the Prussians joining there would be a sufficient force united under himself and Blucher, for completely overwhelming the enemy. And while Napoleon thus censures his great adversary, he involuntarily bears the highest possible testimony to the military character of the English, and proves decisively of what paramount importance was the battle to which he challenged his fearless opponent. Napoleon asks, "If the English army had been beaten at Waterloo, what would have been the use of those numerous bodies of troops, of Prussians, Austrians, Germans, and Spaniards, which were advancing to the Rhine, the Alps, and the Pyrenees?"

The strength of the army, under the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo was 49,608 infantry, 12,402 cavalry, and 5645 artillerymen with 156 guns. But of this total of 67,655 men, scarcely 24,000 were British, a circumstance of very serious importance, if Napoleon's own estimate of the relative value of troops of different nations is to be taken. In the Emperor's own



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words speaking of this campaign, "A French soldier would not be equal to more than one English soldier, but he would not be afraid to meet two Dutchmen, Prussians, or soldiers of the Confederation." There were about 6000 men, of the old German Legion, with the Duke; these were veteran troops, and of excellent quality. Of the rest of the army the Hanoverians and Brunswickers proved themselves deserving of confidence and praise. But the Nassauers, Dutch, and Belgians were almost worthless; and not a few of them were justly suspected of a strong wish to fight, if they fought at all, under the French eagles rather than against them. Napoleon's army at Waterloo consisted of 48,950 infantry, 15,765 cavalry, 7832 artillerymen, being a total of 71,947 men, and 246 guns. They were the flower of the national forces of France; and of all the numerous gallant armies which that martial land has poured forth, never was there one braver, or better disciplined, or better led, than the host that took up its position at Waterloo on the morning of the 18th of June 1815.

Perhaps those who have not seen the field of battle at Waterloo, or the admirable model of the ground, and of the conflicting armies, which was executed by Captain Siborne, may gain a generally accurate idea of the localities, by picturing to themselves a valley between two and three miles long, of various breadths at different points, but generally not exceeding half a mile. On each side of the valley, there is a winding chain of low hills, running somewhat parallel with each other. The declivity from each of these ranges of hills to the intervening valley is gentle but not uniform, the undulations of the ground being frequent and considerable. The English army was posted on the northern, and the French army occupied the southern ridge. The artillery of each side thundered at the other from their respective heights throughout the day, and the charges of horse and foot were made across the valley that has been described. The village of Mont St. Jean is situate a little behind the center of the northern chain of hills, and the village of La Belle Alliance is close behind the center of the southern ridge. The high road from Charleroi to Brussels (a broad paved causeway) runs through both these villages, and bisects therefore both the English and the French positions. The line of this road was the line of Napoleon's intended advance on Brussels.

There are some other local particulars connected with the situation of each army, which it is necessary to bear in mind. The strength of the British position did not consist merely in the occupation of a ridge of high ground. A village and ravine, called Merk Braine, on the Duke of Wellington's extreme right, secured his flank from being turned on that side; and on his extreme left, two little hamlets called La Haye and Papelotte, gave a similar, though a slighter, protection. Behind the whole British position is the extensive forest of Soignies. As no attempt was made by the French to turn either of the English flanks, and the battle was a day of straightforward fighting,



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it is chiefly important to ascertain what posts there were in front of the British line of hills, of which advantage could be taken either to repel or facilitate an attack; and it will be seen that there were two, and that each was of very great importance in the action. In front of the British right, that is to say, on the northern slope of the valley towards its western end, there stood an old fashioned Flemish farm-house called Goumoat, or Hougoumont, with out-buildings and a garden, and with copse of beech trees of about two acres in extent round it. This was strongly garrisoned by the allied troops; and, while it was in their possession, it was difficult for the enemy to press on and force the British right wing. On the other hand, if the enemy could take it, it would be difficult for that wing to keep its ground on the heights, with a strong post held adversely in its immediate front, being one that would give much shelter to the enemy's marksmen, and great facilities for the sudden concentration of attacking columns. Almost immediately in front of the British center, and not so far down the slope as Hougoumont, there was another farm-house, of a smaller size, called La Haye Sainte, [Not to be confounded with the hamlet of La Haye at the extreme left of the British line.] which was also held by the British troops, and the occupation of which was found to be of very serious consequence.

With respect to the French position, the principle feature to be noticed is the village of Planchenoit, which lay a little in the rear of their right (i.e. on the eastern side), and which proved to be of great importance in aiding them to check the advance of the Prussians.

Napoleon, in his memoirs, and other French writers, have vehemently blamed the Duke for having given battle in such a position as that of Waterloo. They particularly object that the Duke fought without having the means of a retreat, if the attacks of his enemy had proved successful; and that the English army, if once broken, must have lost all its guns and materiel in its flight through the Forest of Soignies, that lay in its rear. In answer to these censures, instead of merely referring to the event of the battle as proof of the correctness of the Duke's judgment, it is to be observed that many military critics of high authority, have considered the position of Waterloo to have been admirably adapted for the Duke's purpose of protecting Brussels by a battle; and that certainly the Duke's opinion in favor of it was not lightly or hastily formed. It is a remarkable fact (mentioned in the speech of Lord Bathurst when moving the vote of thanks to the Duke in the House of Lords), that when the Duke of Wellington was passing through Belgium in the preceding summer of 1814, he particularly noticed the strength of the position of Waterloo, and made a minute of it at the time, stating to those who were with him, that if it ever should be his fate to fight a battle in that quarter for the protection of Brussels, he should endeavor to do so in that position. And with respect to the Forest of Soignies, which the French (and some few English) critics have thought calculated to prove so



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fatal to a retreating force, the Duke on the contrary believed it to be a post that might have proved of infinite value to his army in the event of his having been obliged to give way. The Forest of Soignies has no thicket or masses of close growing trees. It consists of tall beeches, and is everywhere passable for men and horses. The artillery could have been withdrawn by the broad road which traverses it towards Brussels; and in the meanwhile a few regiments of resolute infantry could have, held the forest and kept the pursuers in check. One of the best writers on the Waterloo campaign, Captain Pringle, well observes that "every person, the least experienced in war, knows the extreme difficulty of forcing infantry from a wood which cannot be turned." The defense of the Bois de Bossu near Quatre Bras on the 16th of June had given a good proof of this; and the Duke of Wellington, when speaking in after years of the possible events that might have followed if he had been beaten back from the open field of Waterloo, pointed to the wood of Soignies as his secure rallying place, saying, "they never could have beaten us so, that we could not have held the wood against them." He was always confident that he could have made good that post until joined by the Prussians, upon whose cooperation he throughout depended.

As has been already mentioned, the Prussians, on the morning of the 18th, were at Wavre, which is about twelve miles to the east of the field of battle of Waterloo. The junction of Bulow's division had more than made up for the loss sustained at Ligny; and leaving Thielman with about seventeen thousand men to hold his ground, as he best could, against the attack which Grouchy was about to make on Wavre. Bulow and Blucher moved with the rest of the Prussians through St. Lambert upon Waterloo. It was calculated that they would be there by three o'clock: but the extremely difficult nature of the ground which they had to traverse, rendered worse by the torrents of rain that had just, fallen, delayed them long on their twelve miles' march.

An army, indeed, less animated by bitter hate against the enemy than was the Prussian, and under a less energetic chief than Blucher, would have failed altogether in effecting a passage through the swamps, into which the incessant rain had transformed the greater part of the ground through which it was necessary to move not only with columns of foot, but with cavalry and artillery. At one point of the march, on entering the defile of St. Lambert the spirits of the Prussians almost gave way. Exhausted in the attempts to extricate and drag forward the heavy guns, the men began to murmur. Blucher came to the spot, and heard cries from the ranks of - "We cannot get on." "But you must get on," was the old Field Marshal's answer. "I have pledged my word to Wellington, and you surely will not make me break it. Only exert yourselves for a few hours longer, and we are sure of victory." This appeal from old "Marshal Forwards," as the Prussian soldiers loved to call Blucher, had its wonted effect. The Prussians again moved forward, slowly, indeed, and with pain and toil; but still they moved forward.



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The French and British armies lay on the open field during the wet and stormy night of the 17th: and when the dawn of the memorable 18th of June broke, the rain was still descending heavily upon Waterloo. The rival nations rose from their dreary bivouacs, and began to form, each on the high ground which it occupied. Towards nine the weather grew clearer, and each army was able to watch the position and arrangements of the other on the opposite side of the valley.

The Duke of Wellington drew up his army in two lines; the principal one being stationed near the crest of the ridge of hills already described, and the other being arranged along the slope in the rear of his position. Commencing from the eastward, on the extreme left of the first or main line, were Vivian's and Vandeleur's brigades of light cavalry, and the fifth Hanoverian brigade of infantry, under Von Vincke.

Then came Best's fourth Hanoverian brigade. Detachments from these bodies of troops occupied the little villages of Papelotte and La Haye, down the hollow in advance of the left of the Duke's position. To the right of Best's Hanoverians, Bylandt's brigade of Dutch and Belgian infantry was drawn up on the outer slope of the heights. Behind them were the ninth brigade of British INFANTRY under Pack; and to the right of these last, but more in advance, stood the eighth brigade of English infantry under Kempt. These were close to the Charleroi road, and to the center of the entire position. These two English brigades, with the fifth Hanoverian, made up the fifth division, commanded by Sir Thomas Picton. Immediately to their right, and westward of the Charleroi road, stood the third division, commanded by General Alten, and consisting of Ompteda's brigade of the King's German legion, and Kielmansegge's Hanoverian brigade. The important post of La Haye Sainte, which it will be remembered lay in front of the Duke's center, close to the Charleroi road, was garrisoned with troops from this division. Westward, and on the right of Kielmansegge's Hanoverians, stood the fifth British brigade under Halkett; and behind, Kruse's Nassau brigade was posted. On the right of Halkett's men stood the English Guards. They were in two brigades, one commanded by Maitland, and the other by Byng. The entire division was under General Cooke. The buildings and gardens of Hougomont, which lay immediately under the height, on which stood the British Guards, were principally manned by detachments from Byng's brigade, aided by some brave Hanoverian rifle-men, and accompanied by a battalion of a Nassau regiment. On a plateau in the rear of Cooke's division of Guards, and inclining westward towards the village of Mark Braine, were Clinton's second infantry division, composed of Adams's third brigade of light infantry, Du Plat's first brigade of the king's German legion, and the third Hanoverian brigade under Colonel Halkett.

The Duke formed his second line of cavalry. This only extended behind the right and center of his first line. The largest mass was drawn up behind the brigades of infantry in the center, on either side of the Charleroi road. The brigade of household



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cavalry under Lord Somerset was on the immediate right of the road, and on the left of it was Ponsonby's brigade, Behind these were Trip's and Ghingy's brigades of Dutch and Belgian horse. The 3rd Hussars of the King's German Legion were to the right of Somerset's brigade. To the right of these, and behind Maitland's infantry, stood the 3rd Brigade under Dornberg, consisting of the 23rd English Light Dragoons, and the regiments of Light Dragoons of the King's German Legion. The last cavalry on the right was Grant's brigade, stationed in the rear of the Foot-Guards. The corps of Brunswickers, both horse and foot, and the 10th British brigade of foot, were in reserve behind the center and right of the entire position. The artillery was distributed at convenient, intervals along the front of the whole line. Besides the generals who have been mentioned, Lord Hill, Lord Uxbridge (who had the general command of the cavalry), the Prince of Orange, and General Chasse, were present, and acting under the Duke.

Prince Frederick's force remained at Hal, and took no part in the battle of the 18th. The reason for this arrangement (which has been much cavilled at), may be best given in the words of Baron Muffling:- "The Duke had retired from Quatre Bras in three columns, by three chaises; and on the evening of the 17th, Prince Frederick of orange was at Hal, Lord Hill at Braine la Leud, and the Prince of Orange with the reserve, at Mont St. Jean. This distribution was necessary, as Napoleon could dispose of these three roads for his advance on Brussels. Napoleon on the 17th had pressed on by Genappe as far as Rossomme. On the two other roads no enemy had yet shown himself. On the 18th the offensive was taken by Napoleon on its greatest scale, but still the Nivelles road was not overstepped by his left wing These circumstances made it possible to draw Prince Frederick to the army, which would certainly have been done if entirely new circumstances had not arisen. The Duke had, twenty-four hours before, pledged himself to accept a battle at Mont St. Jean if Blucher would assist him there with one corps, of 25,000 men. This being promised, the Duke was taking his measures for defense, when he learned that, in addition to the one corps promised, Blucher was actually already on the march with his whole force, to break in by Planchenoit on Napoleon's flank and rear. If three corps of the Prussian army should penetrate by the unguarded plateau of Russomme, which was not improbable, Napoleon would be thrust from his line of retreat by Genappe, and might possibly lose even that by Nivelles. In this case Prince Frederick, with his 19,000 men (who might be accounted superfluous at Mont, St. Jean:, might have rendered the most essential service." It is also worthy of observation that Napoleon actually detached a force of 2000 cavalry to threaten Hal, though they returned to the main French camp during the night of the 17th.

On the opposite heights the French army was drawn up in two general lines, with the entire force of the Imperial Guards, cavalry as well as infantry, in rear of the center, as a reserve.



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The first line of the French army was formed of the two corps commanded by Count d'Erlon and Count Reille. D'Erlon's corps was on the right, that is, eastward of the Charleroi road, and consisted of four divisions of infantry under Generals Durette, Marcognet, Alix, and Donzelot, and of one division of light cavalry under General Jaquinot. Count Reille's corps formed the left or western wing, and was formed of Bachelu's, Foy's, and Jerome Bonaparte's divisions of infantry, and of Pire's division of cavalry. The right wing of the second general French line was formed of Milhaud's corps, consisting of two divisions of heavy cavalry. The left wing of this line was formed by Kellerman's cavalry corps, also in two divisions. Thus each of the corps of infantry that composed the first line had a corps of cavalry behind it; but the second line consisted also of Lobau's corps of infantry, and Domont and Subervie's divisions of light cavalry; these three bodies of troops being drawn up on either side of La Belie Alliance, and forming the center of the second line. The third, or reserve line, had its center composed of the infantry of the Imperial Guard. Two regiments of grenadiers and two of chasseurs, formed the foot of the Old Guard under General Friant. The Middle Guard, under Count Morand, was similarly composed; while two regiments of voltigeurs, and two of tirailleurs, under Duhesme, constituted the Young Guard. The chasseurs and lancers of the Guard were on the right of the infantry, under Lefebvre Desnouettes; and the grenadiers and dragoons of the Guards, under Guyot, were on the left. All the French corps comprised, besides their cavalry and infantry regiments, strong batteries of horse artillery; and Napoleon's numerical superiority in guns was of deep importance throughout the action.

Besides the leading generals who have been mentioned as commanding particular corps, Ney and Soult were present, and acted as the Emperor's lieutenants in the battle.

English military critics have highly eulogized the admirable arrangement which Napoleon made of his forces of each arm, so as to give him the most ample means of sustaining, by an immediate and sufficient support, any attack, from whatever point he might direct it; and of drawing promptly together a strong force, to resist any attack that might be made on himself in any part of the field. When his troops were all arrayed. he rode along the lines, receiving everywhere the enthusiastic cheers from his men, of whose entire devotion to him his assurance was now doubly sure. On the northern side of the valley the Duke's army was also drawn up and ready to meet the menaced attack.

Wellington had caused, on the preceding night, every brigade and corps to take up its station on or near the part of the ground which it was attended to hold in the coming battle. He had slept a few hours at his headquarters in the village of Waterloo; and rising on the 18th, while it was yet deep night, he wrote several letters to the Governor of Antwerp, to the English Minister at Brussels, and other official personages, in which he expressed



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his confidence that all would go well, but "as it was necessary to provide against serious losses should any accident occur," he gave a series of judicious orders for what should be clone in the rear of the army, in the event of the battle going against the Allies. He also, before he left the village of Waterloo, saw to the distribution of the reserves of ammunition which had been parked there, so that supplies should be readily forwarded to every part of the line of battle, where they might be required. The Duke, also, personally inspected the arrangements that had been made for receiving the wounded, and providing temporary hospitals in the houses in the rear of the army. Then, mounting a favorite charger, a small thorough-bred chestnut horse, named "Copenhagen," Wellington rode forward to the range of hills where his men were posted. Accompanied by his staff and by the Prussian general Muffling, he rode along his lines, carefully inspecting all the details of his position. Hougoumont was the object of his special attention. He rode down to the south-eastern extremity of its enclosures, and after having examined the nearest French troops, he made some changes in the disposition of his own men, who were to defend that important post.

Having given his final orders about Hougoumont the Duke galloped back to the high ground in the right center of his position; and halting there, sat watching the enemy on the opposite heights, and conversing with his staff with that cheerful serenity which was ever his characteristic in the hour of battle.

Not all brave men are thus gifted; and many a glance of anxious excitement must have been cast across the valley that separated the two hosts during the protracted pause which ensued between the completion of Napoleon's preparations for attack and the actual commencement of the contest. It was, indeed, an awful calm before the coming storm, when armed myriads stood gazing on their armed foes, scanning their number, their array, their probable powers of resistance and destruction, listening with throbbing hearts for the momentarily expected note of death; while visions of victory and glory came thronging on each soldier's high-strung brain, not unmingled with recollections of the home which his fall might soon leave desolate, nor without shrinking nature sometimes prompting the cold thought, that in a few moments he might be writhing in agony, or lie a trampled and mangled mass of clay on the grass now waving so freshly and purely before him. Such thoughts will arise in human breasts, though the brave man soon silences "the child within us that trembles before death," and nerves himself for the coming struggle by the mental preparation which Xenophon has finely called "the soldier's arraying his own soul for battle." Well, too, may we hope and believe that many a spirit sought aid from a higher and holier source; and that many a fervent though silent prayer arose on that Sabbath morn (the battle of Waterloo was fought on a Sunday) to the Lord of Sabaoth, the God of Battles, from the ranks, whence so many thousands were about to appear that day before His judgment-seat.



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Not only to those who were thus present as spectators and actors in the dread drama, but to all Europe, the decisive contest then impending between the rival French and English nations, each under its chosen chief, was the object of exciting interest and deepest solicitude. "Never, indeed, had two such generals as the Duke of Wellington and the Emperor Napoleon encountered since the day when Scipio and Hannibal met at Zama."

The two great champions, who now confronted each other, were equals in years, and each had entered the military profession at the same early age. The more conspicuous stage, on which the French general's youthful genius was displayed, his heritage of the whole military power of the French Republic, the position on which for years he was elevated as sovereign head of an empire surpassing that of Charlemagne, and the dazzling results of his victories, which made and unmade kings, had given him a formidable pre-eminence in the eyes of mankind. Military men spoke with justly rapturous admiration of the brilliancy of his first Italian campaigns, when he broke through the pedantry of traditional tactics, and with a small but promptly wielded force, shattered army after army of the Austrians, conquered provinces and capitals, dictated treaties, and annihilated or created states. The iniquity of his Egyptian expedition was too often forgotten in contemplating the skill and boldness with which he destroyed the Mameluke cavalry at the Pyramids, and the Turkish infantry at Aboukir. None could forget the marvelous passage of the Alps in 1800, or the victory of Marengo, which wrested Italy back from Austria, and destroyed the fruit of twenty victories, which the enemies of France had gained over her in the absence of her favorite chief. Even higher seemed the glories of his German campaigns, the triumphs of Ulm, of Austerlitz, of Jena, of Wagram. Napoleon's disasters in Russia, in 1812, were imputed by his admirers to the elements; his reverses in Germany, in 1813, were attributed by them to treachery: and even those two calamitous years had been signalized by his victories at Borodino, at Lutzen, at Bautzen, at Dresden, and at Hanau. His last campaign, in the early months of 1814, was rightly cited as the, most splendid exhibition of his military genius, when, with a far inferior army, he long checked and frequently defeated the vast hosts that were poured upon France. His followers fondly hoped that the campaign of 1815 would open with another "week of miracles," like that which had seen his victories at Montmirail and Montereau. The laurel of Ligny was even now fresh upon his brows. Blucher had not stood before him; and who was the Adversary that now should bar the Emperor's way?

That Adversary had already overthrown the Emperor's best generals, and the Emperor's best armies; and, like Napoleon himself, had achieved a reputation in more than European wars. Wellington was illustrious as the destroyer of the Mahratta power, as the liberator of Portugal and Spain, and the successful invader of Southern France. In early youth he had held high command in India; and had displayed eminent skill in



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planning and combining movements, and unrivaled celerity and boldness in execution. On his return to Europe several years passed away before any fitting opportunity was accorded for the exercise of his genius. In this important respect, Wellington, as a subject, and Napoleon, as a sovereign, were far differently situated. At length his appointment to the command in the Spanish Peninsula gave him the means of showing Europe that England had a general who could revive the glories of Crecy, of Poitiers, of Agincourt, of Blenheim, and of Ramillies. At the head of forces always numerically far inferior to the armies with which Napoleon deluged the Peninsula; – thwarted by jealous and incompetent allies; – ill-supported by friends, and assailed by factious enemies at home Wellington maintained the war for seven years, unstained by any serious reverse, and marked by victory in thirteen pitched battles, at Vimiera, the Douro, Talavera, Basic, Founts donor, Salamanca., Victoria, the Pyrenees, the Bidassoa, the Nive, the Nivelle, Orthes, and Toulouse. Junot, Victor, Massena, Ney, Marmont, and Jourdain, – marshals whose names were the terrors of continental Europe – had been baffled by his skill, and smitten down by his energy, while he liberated the kingdoms of the Peninsula from them and their Imperial master. In vain did Napoleon at last dispatch Soult, the ablest of his lieutenants, to turn the tide of Wellington's success, and defend France against the English invader. Wellington met Soult's maneuvers with superior skill, and his boldness with superior vigor. When Napoleon's first abdication, in 1814, suspended hostilities, Wellington was master of the fairest districts of Southern France; and had under him a veteran army, with which (to use his own expressive phrase) "he felt he could have gone anywhere and done anything." The fortune of war had hitherto kept separate the orbits in which Napoleon and he had moved. Now, on the ever memorable 18th of June, 1815, they met at last.

It is, indeed, remarkable that Napoleon, during his numerous campaigns in Spain as well as other countries, not only never encountered the Duke of Wellington before the day of Waterloo, but that he was never until then personally engaged with British troops, except at the siege of Toulon, in 1793. which was the very first incident of his military career. Many, however, of the French generals who were with him in 1815, knew well, by sharp experience, what English soldiers were, and what the leader was who now headed them. Ney, Foy, and other officers who had served in the Peninsula. warned Napoleon that he would find the English infantry "very devils in fight." The Emperor, however, persisted in employing the old system of attack, with which the French generals often succeeded against continental troops, but which had always failed against the English in the Peninsula. He adhered to his usual tactics of employing the order of the column; a mode of attack probably favored by him (as Sir Walter Scott remarks) on account of his faith in the extreme valor of the French officers by whom the column was headed. It is a threatening formation, well calculated to shake



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the firmness of ordinary foes; but which, when steadily met, as the English have met it, by heavy volleys of musketry from an extended line, followed up by a resolute bayonet charge, has always resulted in disaster to the assailants.

See especially Sir W. Napier's glorious pictures of the battles of Busaco and Albuera. The theoretical advantages of the attack in column, and its peculiar fitness for a French army, are set forth in the Chevalier Folard's "Traite de la Colonne," prefixed to the first volume of his "Polybius." See also the preface to his sixth volume.

It was approaching noon before the action commenced. Napoleon, in his Memoirs, gives as the reason for this delay, the miry state of the ground through the heavy rain of the preceding night and day, which rendered it impossible for cavalry or artillery to maneuver on it till a few hours of dry weather had given it its natural consistency. It has been supposed, also, that he trusted to the effect which the sight of the imposing array of his own forces was likely to produce on the part of the allied army. The Belgian regiments had been tampered with; and Napoleon had well-founded hopes of seeing them quit the Duke of Wellington in a body, and range themselves under his own eagles. The Duke, however, who knew and did not trust them, had guarded against the risk of this, by breaking up the corps of Belgians, and distributing them in separate regiments among troops on whom he could rely.

At last, at about half-past eleven o'clock, Napoleon began the battle by directing a powerful force from his left wing under his brother, Prince Jerome, to attack Hougoumont. Column after column of the French now descended from the west of the southern heights, and assailed that post with fiery valor, which was encountered with the most determined bravery. The French won the copse round the house, but a party of the British Guards held the house itself throughout the day. The whole of Byng's brigade was required to man this hotly-contested post. Amid shell and shot, and the blazing fragments of part of the buildings, this obstinate contest was continued. But still the English were firm in Hougoumont; though the French occasionally moved forward in such numbers as enabled them to surround and mask it with part of their troops from their left wing, while others pressed onward up the slope, and assailed the British right.

The cannonade, which commenced at first between the British right and the French left, in consequence: of the attack on Hougoumont, soon became general along both lines; and, about one o'clock, Napoleon directed a grand attack to be made under Marshal Ney upon the center and left wing of the allied army. For this purpose four columns of infantry, amounting to about eighteen thousand men, were collected, supported by a strong division of cavalry under the celebrated Kellerman; and seventy-four guns were brought forward ready to be posted on the ridge of a little undulation of the ground in the interval between the two principal chains of heights, so as to bring their fire to bear on the Duke's line at a range of about seven hundred yards.



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By the combined assault of these formidable forces, led on by Ney, "the bravest of the brave," Napoleon hoped to force the left center of the British position, to take La Haye Sainte, and then pressing forward, to occupy also the farm of Mont St. Jean. He then could cut the mass of Wellington's troops off from their line of retreat upon Brussels, and from their own left, and also completely sever them from any Prussian troops that might be approaching.

The columns destined for this great and decisive operation descended majestically from the French line of hills, and gained the ridge of the intervening eminence, on which the batteries that supported them were now ranged. As the columns descended again from this eminence, the seventy-four guns opened over their heads with terrible effect upon the troops of the Allies that were stationed on the heights to the left of the Charleroi road. One of the French columns kept to the east, and attacked the extreme left of the Allies; the other three continued to move rapidly forwards upon the left center of the allied position. The front line of the Allies here was composed of Bylandt's brigade of Dutch and Belgians. As the French columns moved up the south ward slope of the height on which the Dutch and Belgians stood, and the skirmishers in advance began to open their fire, Bylandt's entire brigade turned and fled in disgraceful and disorderly panic; but there were men more worthy of the name behind.

In this part of the second line of the Allies were posted Pack and Kempt's brigades of English infantry, which had suffered severely at Quatre Bras. But Picton was here as general of division, and not even Ney himself surpassed in resolute bravery that stern and fiery spirit. Picton brought his two brigades forward, side by side, in a thin two-deep line. Thus joined together, they were not three thousand strong. With these Picton had to make head against the three victorious French columns, upwards of four times that strength, and who, encouraged by the easy rout of the Dutch and Belgians, now came confidently over the ridge of the hill. The British infantry stood firm; and as the French halted and began to deploy into line, Picton seized the critical moment. He shouted in his stentorian voice to Kempt's brigade: "A volley, and then charge!" at a distance of less than thirty yards that volley was poured upon the devoted first, sections of the nearest column; and then, with a fierce hurrah, the British dashed in with the bayonet. Picton was shot dead as he rushed forward, but his men pushed on with the cold steel. The French reeled back in confusion. Pack's infantry had checked the other two columns, and down came a whirlwind of British horse on the whole mass, sending them staggering from the crest of the hill, and cutting them down by whole battalions. Ponsonby's brigade of heavy cavalry (the Union Brigade, as it was called, from its being made up of the British Royals, the Scots Greys, and the Irish Inniskillings), did this good service. On went the horsemen amid the wrecks of the French columns, capturing two eagles, and two thousand prisoners;



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onwards still they galloped, and sabered the artillerymen of Ney's seventy four advanced guns; then severing the traces, and cutting the throats of the artillery horses, they rendered these guns totally useless to the French throughout the remainder of the day. While thus far advanced beyond the British position and disordered by success, they were charged by a large body of French lancers, and driven back with severe loss, till Vandeleur's light horse came to their aid, and beat off the French lancers in their turn.

Equally unsuccessful with the advance of the French infantry in this grand attack, had been the efforts of the French cavalry who moved forward in support of it, along the east of the Charleroi road. Somerset's cavalry of the English Household Brigade had been launched, on the right of Picton's division, against the French horse, at the same time that the English Union Brigade of heavy horse charged the French infantry columns on the left.

Somerset's brigade was formed of the Life Guards, the Blues, and the Dragoon Guards. The hostile cavalry, which Kellerman led forward, consisted chiefly of Cuirassiers. This steel-clad mass of French horsemen rode down some companies of German infantry, near La Haye Sainte, and flushed with success, they bounded onward to the ridge of the British position. The English Household Brigade, led on by the Earl of Uxbridge in person, spurred forward to the encounter, and in an instant, the two adverse lines of strong swordsmen, on their strong steeds, dashed furiously together. A desperate and sanguinary hand-to-hand fight ensued, in which the physical superiority of the Anglo-Saxon guided by equal skill, and animated with equal valor, was made decisively manifest. Back went the chosen cavalry of France; and after them, in hot pursuit, spurred the English Guards. They went forward as far and as fiercely as their comrades of the Union Brigade; and, like them, the Household cavalry suffered severely before they regained the British position, after their magnificent charge and adventurous pursuit.

Napoleon's grand effort to break the English left center, had thus completely failed; and his right wing was seriously weakened by the heavy loss which it had sustained. Hougoumont was still being assailed, and was still successfully resisting. Troops were now beginning to appear at the edge of the horizon on Napoleon's right, which he too well knew to be Prussian, though he endeavored to persuade his followers that they were Grouchy's men coming to their aid.

Grouchy was in fact now engaged at Wavre with his whole force, against Thielman's single Prussian corps, while the other three corps of the Prussian army were moving without opposition, save from the difficulties of the ground, upon Waterloo. Grouchy believed, on the 17th, and caused Napoleon to believe, that the Prussian army was retreating by lines of march remote from Waterloo upon Namur and Maestricht Napoleon learned early on the 18th, that there were Prussians in Wavre, and felt jealous about



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the security of his own right. He accordingly, before he attacked the English, sent Grouchy orders to engage the Prussians at Wavre without delay, and to approach the main French army, so as to unite his communication with the Emperor's. Grouchy entirely neglected this last part of his instructions; and in attacking the Prussians whom he found at Wavre, he spread his force more and more towards his right, that is to say, in the direction most remote from Napoleon. He thus knew nothing of Blucher's and Bulow's flank march upon Waterloo, till six in the evening of the 18th, when he received a note which Soult by Napoleon's orders had sent off from the field of battle at Waterloo at one o'clock, to inform Grouchy that Bulow was coming over the heights of St. Lambert, on the Emperor's right flank, and directing Grouchy to approach and join the main army instantly and crush Bulow en flagrant delit. It was then too late for Grouchy to obey; but it is remarkable that as early as noon on the 18th, and while Grouchy had not proceeded as far as Wavre, he and his suite heard the sound of heavy cannonading in the direction of Planchenoit and Mont St. Jean. General Gerard, who was with Grouchy, implored him to march towards the cannonade, and join his operations with those of Napoleon, who was evidently engaged with the English. Grouchy refused to do so, or even to detach part, of his force in that direction. He said that his instructions were to fight the Prussians at Wavre. He marched upon Wavre and fought for the rest of the day with Thielman accordingly, while Blucher and Bulow were attacking the Emperor.

[I have heard the remark made that Grouchy twice had in his hands the power of changing the destinies of Europe, and twice wanted nerve to act: first when he flinched from landing the French army at Bantry Bay in 1796 (he was second in command to Hoche whose ship was blown back by a storm). and secondly, when he failed to lend his whole force from Wavre to the scene of decisive conflict at Waterloo. But such were the arrangements of the Prussian General, that even if Grouchy had marched upon Waterloo, he would have been held in check by the nearest Prussian corps, or certainly by the two nearest ones, while the rest proceeded to join Wellington. This, however, would have diminished the Number of Prussians who appeared at Waterloo, and (what is still more important) would have kept them back to a later hour.

There are some very valuable remarks on this subject in the 70th No. of the "Quarterly," in an article on the "Life of Blucher," usually attributed to Sir Francis Head. The Prussian writer, General Clausewitz, is there cited as "expressing a positive opinion, in which every military critic but a Frenchman must concur, that, even had the whole of Grouchy's force been at Napoleon's disposal, the Duke had nothing to fear pending Blucher's arrival.

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"The Duke is often talked of as having exhausted his reserves in the action. This is another gross error, which Clausewitz has thoroughly disposed of. He enumerates the tenth British brigade, the division of Chasse, and the cavalry of Collaert, as having been little or not at all engaged; and he might have also added two brigades of light cavalry.' The fact, also, that Wellington did not at any part of the day order up Prince Frederick's corps from Hal, is a conclusive proof that the Duke was not so distressed as some writers have represented. Hal is not ten miles from the field of Waterloo.]

Napoleon had witnessed with bitter disappointment the rout of his troops, - foot, horse, and artillery, - which attacked the left center of the English, and the obstinate resistance which the garrison of Hougoumont opposed to all the exertions of his left wing. He now caused the batteries along the line of high ground held by him to be strengthened, and for some time an unrelenting and most destructive cannonade raged across the valley, to the partial cessation of other conflict. But the superior fire of the French artillery, though it weakened, could



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not break the British line, and more close and summary measures were requisite.

It was now about half-past three o'clock; and though Wellington's army had suffered severely by the unremitting cannonade, and in the late desperate encounter, no part of the British position had been forced. Napoleon determined therefore to try what effect he could produce on the British center and right by charges of his splendid cavalry, brought on in such force that the Duke's cavalry could not check them. Fresh troops were at the same time sent to assail La Haye Sainte and Hougoumont, the possession of these posts being the Emperor's unceasing object. Squadron after squadron of the French cuirassiers accordingly ascended the slopes on the Duke's right, and rode forward with dauntless courage against the batteries of the British artillery in that part of the field. The artillery-men were driven from their guns, and the cuirassiers cheered loudly at their supposed triumph. But the Duke had formed his infantry in squares, and the cuirassiers charged in vain against; the impenetrable hedges of bayonets, while the fire from the inner ranks of the squares told with terrible effect on their squadrons. Time after time they rode forward with invariably the same result.: and as they receded from each attack the British artillery-men rushed forward from the centers of the squares, where they had taken refuge, and plied their guns on the retiring horsemen.

On came the whirlwind—like the last
But fiercest sweep of tempest-blast-
On came the whirlwind — steel-gleams broke
Like lightning through the rolling smoke;
The war was waked anew,
Three hundred cannon-mouths roar'd loud,
And from their throats, with flash and cloud,
Their showers of iron threw.
Beneath their fire, in full career,
Rush'd on the ponderous cuirassier,
The lancer couch'd his ruthless spear,
And hurrying as to havoc near,
The cohorts' eagles flew
In one dark torrent, broad and strong,
The advancing onset roll'd along,
Forth harbinger'd by fierce acclaim,
That, from the shroud of smoke and flame,
Peal'd wildly the imperial name.
But on the British heart were lost
The terrors of the charging host;
For not an eye the storm that view'd
Changed its proud glance of fortitude,
Nor was one forward footstep staid,
As dropp'd the dying and the dead.
Fast as their ranks the thunders tear,
Fast they renew'd each serried square;
And on the wounded and the slain
Closed their diminish'd files again,
Till from their line scarce spears' lengths three
Emerging from the smoke they see
Helmet, and plume, and panoply,-
Then waked their fire at once!
Each musketeer's revolving knell,



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As fast, as regularly fell,
As when they practice to display
Their discipline on festal day.
Then down went helm and lance,
Down were the eagle banners sent,
Down reeling steeds and riders went,
Corslets were pierced, and pennons rent;
And, to augment the fray,
Wheel'd full against their staggering flanks.
The English horsemen's foaming ranks
Forced their resistless way.
Then to the musket-knell succeeds
The clash of swords—the neigh of steeds—
As plies the smith his clanging trade,
Against the cuirass rang the blade;
And while amid their close array
The well-served cannon rent their way,
And while amid their scatter'd band
Raged the fierce rider's bloody brand,
Recoil'd in common rout and fear,
Lancer and guard and cuirassier,
Horsemen and foot,—a mingled host,
Their leaders fall'n, their standards lost. — Scott.

Nearly the whole of Napoleon's magnificent body of heavy cavalry was destroyed in these fruitless attempts upon the British right. But in another part of the field fortune favored him for a time. Two French columns of infantry from Donzelot's division took La Haye Sainte between six and seven o'clock, and the means were now given for organizing another formidable attack on the center of the Allies.

There was no time to be lost—Blucher and Bulow were beginning to press hard upon the French right. As early as five o'clock, Napoleon had been obliged to detach Lobau's infantry and Domont's horse to check these new enemies. They succeeded in doing so for a time; but as larger numbers of the Prussians came on the field, they turned Lobau's right flank, and sent a strong force to seize the village of Planchenoit, which, it will be remembered, lay in the rear of the French right.

The design of the Allies was not merely to prevent Napoleon from advancing upon Brussels, but to cut off his line of retreat and utterly destroy his army. The defense of Planchenoit therefore became absolutely essential for the safety of the French, and Napoleon was obliged to send his Young Guard to occupy that village, which was accordingly held by them with great gallantry against the reiterated assaults of the Prussian left, under Bulow. Three times did the Prussians fight their way into Planchenoit, and as often did the French drive them out: the contest was maintained with the fiercest desperation on both sides, such being the animosity between the two nations that quarter was seldom given or even asked. Other Prussian forces were now appearing on the field nearer to the English left; whom also Napoleon kept in check, by troops detached for that purpose. Thus a large part of the French army was now thrown back on a line at right angles with the line of that portion which still confronted and assailed the English position. But



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this portion was now numerically inferior to the force under the Duke of Wellington, which Napoleon had been assailing throughout the day, without gaining any other advantage than the capture of La Haye Sainte. It is true that, owing to the gross misconduct of the greater part of the Dutch and Belgian troops, the Duke was obliged to rely exclusively on his English and German soldiers, and the ranks of these had been fearfully thinned; but the survivors stood their ground heroically, and opposed a resolute front to every forward movement of their enemies.

On no point of the British line was the pressure more severe than on Halkett's brigade in the right center, which was composed of battalions of the 30th, the 33rd, the 69th, and the 73rd British regiments. We fortunately can quote from the journal of a brave officer of the 30th, a narrative of what took place in this part of the field. The late Major Macready served at Waterloo in the light company of the 30th. The extent of the peril and the carnage which Halkett's brigade had to encounter, may be judged of by the fact that this light company marched into the field three officers and fifty-one men, and that at the end of the battle they stood one officer and ten men. Major Macready's blunt soldierly account of what he actually saw and felt, gives a far better idea of the terrific scene, than can be gained from the polished generalizations which the conventional style of history requires, or even from the glowing stanzas of the poet. During the earlier part of the day Macready and his light company were thrown forward as skirmishers in front of the brigade; but when the French cavalry commenced their attacks on the British right center, he and his comrades were ordered back. The brave soldier thus himself describes what passed:

"Before the commencement of this attack our company and the Grenadiers of the 73rd were skirmishing briskly in the low ground, covering our guns, and annoying those of the enemy. The line of tirailleurs opposed to us was not stronger than our own, but on a sudden they were reinforced by numerous bodies, and several guns began playing on us with canister. Our poor fellows dropped very fast, and Colonel Vigoureux, Rumley, and Pratt, were carried off badly wounded in about two minutes. I was now commander of our company. We stood under this hurricane of small shot till Halkett sent to order us in, and I brought away about a third of the light bobs; the rest were killed or wounded, and I really wonder how one of them escaped. As our bugler was killed, I shouted and made signals to move by the left, in order to avoid the fire of our guns, and to put as good a face upon the business as possible.

"When I reached Lloyd's abandoned guns, I stood near them for about a minute to contemplate the scene: it was grand beyond description. Hougomont and its wood sent up a broad flame through the dark masses of smoke that overhung the field; beneath this cloud the French were



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indistinctly visible. Here a waving mass of long red feathers could be seen; there, gleams as from a sheet of steel showed that the cuirassiers were moving; 400 cannon were belching forth fire and death on every side; the roaring and shouting were indistinguishably commixed—together they gave me an idea of a laboring volcano. Bodies of infantry and cavalry were pouring down on us, and it was time to leave contemplation, so I moved towards our columns, which were standing up in square. Our regiment and 73rd formed one, and 33rd and 69th another; to our right beyond them were the Guards, and on our left the Hanoverians and German legion of our division. As I entered the rear face of our square I had to step over a body, and, looking down, recognized Harry Beere, an officer of our Grenadiers, who about an hour before shook hands with me, laughing, as I left the columns. I was on the usual terms of military intimacy with poor Harry — that is to say, if either of us had died a natural death, the other would have pitied him as a good fellow, and smiled at his neighbor as he congratulated him on the step; but seeing his Herculean frame and animated countenance thus suddenly stiff and motionless before me (I know not whence the feeling could originate, for I had just seen my dearest friend drop, almost with indifference), the tears started in my eyes as I sighed out, 'Poor Harry!' The tear was not dry on my cheek when poor Harry was no longer thought of. In a few minutes after, the enemy's cavalry galloped up and crowned the crest of our position. Our guns were abandoned, and they formed between the two brigades, about a hundred paces in our front. Their first charge was magnificent. As soon as they quickened their trot into a gallop, the cuirassiers bent their heads, so that the peaks of their helmets looked like visors, and they seemed cased in armor from the plume to the saddle. Not a shot was fired till they were within thirty yards, when the word was given, and our men fired away at them. The effect was magical. Through the smoke we could see helmets falling, cavaliers starting from their seats with convulsive springs as they received our balls, horses plunging and rearing in the agonies of fright and pain, and crowds of the soldiery dismounted, part of the squadron in retreat, but the more daring remainder backing their horses to force them on our bayonets. Our fire soon disposed of these gentlemen. The main body re-formed in our front, and rapidly and gallantly repeated their attacks. In fact, from this time (about four o'clock) till near six, we had a constant repetition of these brave but unavailing charges. There was no difficulty in repulsing them, but our ammunition decreased alarmingly. At length an artillery wagon galloped up, emptied two or three casks of cartridges



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into the square, and we were all comfortable.

"The best cavalry is contemptible to a steady and well supplied infantry regiment; even our men saw this, and began to pity the useless perseverance of their assailants, and, as they advanced, would growl out, 'Here come these fools again!' One of their superior officers tried a ruse de guerre, by advancing and dropping his sword, as though he surrendered; some of us were deceived by him, but Halkett ordered the men to fire, and he coolly retired, saluting us. Their devotion was invincible. One officer whom we had taken prisoner was asked what force Napoleon might have in the field, and replied with a smile of mingled derision and threatening, 'Vous verrez bientôt sa force, messieurs.' A private cuirassier was wounded and dragged into the square; his only cry was, 'Tuez donc, tuez, tuez moi, soldats!' and as one of our men dropped dead close to him, he seized his bayonet, and forced it into his own neck; but this not dispatching him, he raised up his cuirass, and plunging the bayonet into his stomach, kept working it about till he ceased to breathe.

"Though we constantly thrashed our steel-clad opponents, we found more troublesome customers in the round shot and grape, which all this time played on us with terrible effect, and fully avenged the cuirassiers. Often as the volleys created openings in our square would the cavalry dash on, but they were uniformly unsuccessful. A regiment on our right seemed sadly disconcerted, and at one moment was in considerable confusion. Halkett rode out to them, and seizing their color, waved it over his head, and restored them to something like order, though not before his horse was shot under him. at the height of their unsteadiness we got the order to 'right face' to move to their assistance; some of the men mistook it for 'right about face,' and faced accordingly, when old Major M'Laine, 73rd, called out, 'No, my boys, it's "right face;" you'll never hear the right about as long as a French. bayonet is in front of you!' In a few moments he was mortally wounded. A regiment of light Dragoons, by their facings either the 16th or 23rd, came up to our left and charged the cuirassiers. We cheered each other as they passed us; they did all they could, but were obliged to retire after a few minutes at the saber. A body of Belgian cavalry advanced for the same purpose, but, on passing our square, they stopped short. Our noble Halkett rode out to them and offered to charge at their head; it was of no use; the Prince of Orange came up and exhorted them to do their duty, but in vain. They hesitated till a few shots whizzed through them, when they turned about, and galloped like fury, or, rather, like fear. As they passed the right face of our



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square the men, irritated by their rascally conduct, unanimously took up their pieces and fired a volley into them, and many a good fellow was destroyed so cowardly.' "The enemy's cavalry were by this time nearly disposed of, and as they had discovered the inutility of their charges, they commenced annoying us by a spirited and well-directed carbine fire. While we were employed in this manner it was impossible to see farther than the columns on our right and left, but I imagine most of the army was similarly situated: all the British and Germans were doing their duty. About six o'clock I perceived some artillery trotting up our hill, which I knew by their caps to belong to the Imperial Guard. I had hardly mentioned this to a brother officer when two guns unlimbered within seventy paces of us, and, by their first discharge of grape, blew seven men into the center of the square. They immediately reloaded, and kept up a constant and destructive fire. It was noble to see our fellows fill up the gaps after every discharge. I was much distressed at this moment; having ordered up three of my light bobs, they had hardly taken their station when two of them fell horribly lacerated. One of them looked up in my face and uttered a sort of reproachful groan, and I involuntarily exclaimed, 'I couldn't help it.' We would willingly have charged these guns, but, had we deployed, the cavalry that flanked them would have made an example of us.

"The 'vivida vis animi' – the glow which fires one upon entering into action – had ceased; it was now to be seen which side had most bottom, and would stand killing longest. The Duke visited us frequently at this momentous period; he was coolness personified. As he crossed the rear face of our square a shell fell amongst our grenadiers, and he checked his horse to see its effect. Some men were blown to pieces by the explosion, and he merely stirred the rein of his charger, apparently as little concerned at their fate as at his own danger. No leader ever possessed so fully the confidence of his soldiery – wherever he appeared, a murmur of 'silence – stand to your front – here's the Duke,' was heard through the column, and then all was steady as on a parade. His aides-de-camp, Colonels Canning and Gordon, fell near our square, and the former died within it. As he came near us late in the evening, Halkett rode out to him and represented our weak state, begging his Grace to afford us a little support. 'It's impossible, Halkett,' said he. And our general replied, 'If so, sir, you may depend on the brigade to a man!'

All accounts of the battle show that the Duke was ever present at each spot where danger seemed the most pressing; inspiriting his men by a few homely and good humored words; and restraining their impatience to be



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led forward to attack in their turn. – "Hard pounding this, gentlemen: we will try who can pound the longest;" was his remark to a battalion, on which the storm from the French guns was pouring with peculiar fury. Riding up to one of the squares, which had been dreadfully weakened, and against which a fresh attack of French cavalry was coming, he called to them: "Stand firm, my lads; what will they say of this in England?" As he rode along another part of the line where the men had for some time been falling fast beneath the enemy's cannonade, without having any close fighting, a murmur reached his ear of natural eagerness to advance and do something more than stand still to be shot at. The Duke called to them: "Wait a little longer, my lads, and you shall have your wish." The men were instantly satisfied and steady. It was, indeed, indispensable for the Duke to bide his time. The premature movement of a single corps down from the British line of heights, would have endangered the whole position, and have probably made Waterloo a second Hastings.

But the Duke inspired all under him with his own spirit of patient firmness. When other generals besides Halkett sent to him, begging for reinforcements, or for leave to withdraw corps which were reduced to skeletons the answer was the same: "It is impossible; you must hold your ground to the last man, and all will be well." He gave a similar reply to some of his staff, who asked instructions from him, so that, in the event of his falling, his successor might follow out his plan. He answered, "My plan is simply to stand my ground here to the last, man." His personal danger was indeed imminent throughout the day; and though he escaped without injury to himself or horse, one only of his numerous staff was equally fortunate.

"As far as the French accounts would lead us to infer, it appears that the losses among Napoleon's staff were comparatively trifling. On this subject, perhaps the marked contrast afforded by the following anecdotes, which have been related to me on excellent authority, may tend to throw some light. At one period of the battle, when the Duke was surrounded by several of his staff, it was very evident that the group had become the object of the fire of a French battery. The shot fell fast about them, generally striking and turning up the ground on which they stood. Their horses became restive, and 'Copenhagen' himself so fidgety, that the Duke, getting impatient, and having reasons for remaining on the spot, said to those about him, 'Gentlemen, we are rather too close together-better to divide a little.' subsequently. at another point of the line, an officer of artillery came up to the Duke, and stated that he had a distinct view of Napoleon, attended by his staff; that



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he had the guns of his battery well pointed in that direction, and was prepared to fire. His Grace instantly and emphatically exclaimed, 'No! no! I'll not allow it. It is not the business of commanders to be firing upon each other.'" -Siberne, vol. ii. p. 363.

How different is this from Napoleon's conduct at the battle of Dresden, when he personally directed the fire of the battery, which, as he thought, killed the Emperor Alexander, and actually killed Moreau.

Napoleon had stationed himself during the battle on a little hillock near La Belle Alliance, in the center of the French position. Here he was seated, with a large table from the neighboring farm-house before him, on which maps and plans were spread; and thence with his telescope he surveyed the various points of the field. Soult watched his orders close at his left hand, and his staff was grouped on horseback a few paces in the rear. [Ouvrard, who attended Napoleon as chief commissary of the French army on that occasion told me that Napoleon was suffering from a complaint which made it very painful for him to ride.] Here he remained till near the close of the day, preserving the appearance at least of calmness, except some expressions of irritation which escaped him, when Ney's attack on the British left center was defeated. But now that the crisis of the battle was evidently approaching, he mounted a white Persian charger, which he rode in action because the troops easily recognized him by the horse's color. He had still the means of effecting a retreat. His Old Guard had yet taken no part in the action. Under cover of it, he might have withdrawn his shattered forces and retired upon the French frontier. But this would only have given the English and Prussians the opportunity of completing their junction; and he knew that other armies were fast coming up to aid them in a march upon Paris, if he should succeed in avoiding an encounter with them, and retreating upon the capital. A victory at Waterloo was his only alternative from utter ruin, and he determined to employ his Guard in one bold stroke more to make that victory- his own.

Between seven and eight o'clock, the infantry of the Old Guard was formed into two columns, on the declivity near La Belle Alliance. Ney was placed at their head. Napoleon himself rode forward to a spot by which his veterans were to pass; and, as they approached, he raised his arm, and pointed to the position of the Allies, as if to tell them that their path lay there. 'they answered with loud cries of "Vive l'Empereur!" and descended the hill from their own side, into that "valley of the shadow of death," while the batteries thundered with redoubled vigor over their heads upon the British line. The line of march of the columns of the Guard was directed between Hougomont and La Haye Sainte, against the British right center; and at the same time the French under Donzelot, who had possession of La Haye Sainte, commenced a fierce attack upon the British center, a little more to its left. This part of the battle has drawn less attention than the celebrated attack of the Old Guard; but



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it formed the most perilous crisis for the allied army; and if the Young Guard had been there to support Donzelot, instead of being engaged with the Prussians at Planchenoit, the consequences to the Allies in that part of the field must have been most serious. The French tirailleurs, who were posted in clouds in La Haye Sainte, and the sheltered spots near it, picked off the artillerymen of the English batteries near them: and, taking advantage of the disabled state of the English guns, the French brought some field-pieces up to La Haye Sainte, and commenced firing grape from them on the infantry of the Allies, at a distance of not more than a hundred paces. The allied infantry here consisted of some German brigades, who were formed in squares, as it was believed that Donzelot had cavalry ready behind La Haye Sainte to charge them with, if they left that order of formation. In this state the Germans remained for some time with heroic fortitude, though the grapeshot was tearing gaps in their ranks, and the side of one square was literally blown away by one tremendous volley which the French gunners poured into it. The Prince of Orange in vain endeavored to lead some Nassau troops to the aid of the brave Germans. The Nassauers would not or could not face the French; and some battalions of Brunswickers, whom the Duke of Wellington had ordered up as a reinforcement, at first fell back, until the Duke in person rallied them, and led them on. Having thus barred the farther advance of Donzelot, the Duke galloped off to the right to head his men who were exposed to the attack of the Imperial Guard. He had saved one part of his center from being routed; but the French had gained ground and kept it; and the pressure on the Allied line in front of La Haye Sainte, was fearfully severe, until it; was relieved by the decisive success which the British in the right center achieved over the columns of the Guard. The British troops on the crest of that part of the position, which the first column of Napoleon's Guards assailed, were Maitland's brigade of British Guards, having Adam's brigade (which had been brought forward during the action) on their right. Maitland's men were lying down, in order to avoid as far as possible the destructive effect of the French artillery, which kept up an unrelenting fire from the opposite heights, until the first column of the Imperial Guard had advanced so far up the slope towards the British position, that any further firing of the French artillerymen would have endangered their own comrades. Meanwhile the British guns were not idle; but shot and shell ploughed fast through the ranks of the stately array of veterans that still moved imposingly on. Several of the French superior officers were at its head. Ney's horse was shot under him, but he still led the way on foot, sword in hand. The front of the massive column now was on the ridge of the hill. To their surprise they saw no troops before them. All they could discern through the smoke was a small band of mounted officers. One of them was the Duke himself. The French advanced to about fifty yards from where the British Guards were lying down, when the voice of one of the group of British officers was heard



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calling, as if to the ground before him, "Up, Guards, and at them!" It was the Duke who gave the order; and at the words, as if by magic, up started before them a line of the British Guards four deep, and in the most compact and perfect order. They poured an instantaneous volley upon the head of the French column, by which no less than three hundred of those chosen veterans are said to have fallen. The French officers rushed forwards; and, conspicuous in front of their men, attempted to deploy them into a more extended line, so as to enable them to reply with effect to the British fire. But Maitland's brigade kept showering in volley after volley with deadly rapidity. The decimated column grew disordered in its vain efforts to expand itself into a more efficient formation. The right word was given at the right moment to the British for the bayonet-charge, and the brigade sprang forward with a loud cheer against their dismayed antagonists. In an instant the compact mass of the French spread out into a rabble, and they fled back down the hill, pursued by Maitland's men, who, however, returned to their position in time to take part in the repulse of the second column of the Imperial Guard.

This column also advanced with great spirit and firmness under the cannonade which was opened on it; and passing by the eastern wall of Hougoumont, diverged slightly to the right as it moved up the slope towards the British position, so as to approach nearly the same spot where the first column had surmounted the height, and been defeated. This enabled the British regiments of Adam's brigade to form a line parallel to the left flank of the French column; so that while the front of this column of French Guards had to encounter the cannonade of the British batteries, and the musketry of Maitland's Guards, its left flank was assailed with a destructive fire by a four-deep body of British infantry, extending all along it. In such a position all the bravery and skill of the French veterans were vain. The second column, like its predecessor, broke and fled taking at first a lateral direction along the front of the British line towards the rear of La Haye Sainte, and so becoming blended with the divisions of French infantry, which under Donzelot had been assailing the Allies so formidably in that quarter. The sight of the Old Guard broken and in flight checked the ardor which Donzelot's troops had hitherto displayed. They, too, began to waver. Adam's victorious brigade was pressing after the flying Guard, and now cleared away the assailants of the allied center. But the battle was not yet won Napoleon had still some battalions in reserve near La Belle Alliance. He was rapidly rallying the remains of the first column of his Guards, and he had collected into one body the remnants of the various corps of cavalry, which had suffered so severely in the earlier part of the day. The Duke instantly formed the bold resolution of now himself becoming the assailant, and leading his successful though enfeebled army forward, while the disheartening effect of the repulse of the Imperial Guard on the rest of the French army was still strong, and before Napoleon and Ney could rally the beaten



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veterans themselves for another and a fiercer charge. As the close approach of the Prussians now completely protected the Duke's left, he had drawn some reserves of horse from that quarter, and he had a brigade of Hussars under Vivian fresh and ready at hand. Without a moment's hesitation he launched these against the cavalry near La Belie Alliance. The charge was as successful as it was daring: and as there was now no hostile cavalry to check the British infantry in a forward movement, the Duke gave the long-wished-for command for a general advance of the army along the whole line upon the foe. It was now past eight o'clock, and for nearly nine deadly hours had the British and German regiments stood unflinching under the fire of artillery, the charge of cavalry, and every variety of assault, which the compact columns or the scattered tirailleurs of the enemy's infantry could inflict. As they joyously sprang forward against the discomfited masses of the French, the setting sun broke through the clouds which had obscured the sky during the greater part of the day, and glittered on the bayonets of the Allies, while they poured down into the valley and towards the heights that were held by the foe. The Duke himself was among the foremost in the advance, and personally directed the movements against each body of the French that essayed resistance. He rode in front of Adam's brigade, cheering it forward, and even galloped among the most advanced of the British skirmishers, speaking joyously to the men, and receiving their hearty shouts of congratulation. The bullets of both friends and foes were whistling fast round him; and one of the few survivors of his staff remonstrated with him for thus exposing a life of such value. "Never mind," was the Duke's answer; - "Never mind, let them fire away; the battle's won, and my life is of no consequence now." And, indeed, almost the whole of the French host was now in irreparable confusion. The Prussian army was coming more and more rapidly forwards on their right; and the Young Guard, which had held Planchenoit so bravely, was at last compelled to give way. Some regiments of the Old Guard in vain endeavored to form in squares and stem the current. They were swept away, and wrecked among the waves of the flyers. Napoleon had placed himself in one of these squares: Marshal Soult, Generals Bertrand, Drouot, Corbineau, De Flahaut, and Gourgaud, were with him. The Emperor spoke of dying on the field, but Soult seized his bridle and turned his charger round, exclaiming, "Sire, are not the enemy already lucky enough?" [The Colonel states that he heard these details from General Gourgaud himself. The English reader will be reminded of Charles I's retreat from Naseby.] With the greatest difficulty, and only by the utmost exertion of the devoted officers round him, Napoleon cleared the throng of fugitives, and escaped from the scene of the battle and the war, which he and France had lost past all recovery. Meanwhile the Duke of Wellington still rode forward with the van of his victorious troops, until he reined up on the elevated ground near Rossormne. The daylight was now entirely gone; but the young moon had risen, and the light which it cast,



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aided by the glare from the burning houses and other buildings in the line of the flying French and pursuing Prussians, enabled the Duke to assure himself that his victory was complete. He then rode back along the Charleroi road toward Waterloo: and near La Belie Alliance he met Marshal Blucher. Warm were the congratulations that were exchanged between the Allied Chiefs. It was arranged that the Prussians should follow up the pursuit and give the French no chance of rallying. Accordingly the British army, exhausted by its toils and suffering during that dreadful day, did not advance beyond the heights which the enemy had occupied. But the Prussians drove the fugitives before them in merciless chase throughout the night. Cannon, baggage, and all the materiel of the army were abandoned by the French and many thousands of the infantry threw away their arms to facilitate their escape. The ground was strewn for miles with the wrecks of their host. There was no rear-guard; nor was even the semblance of order attempted. An attempt at resistance was made at the bridge and village of Genappe, the first narrow pass through which the bulk of the French retired. The situation was favorable; and a few resolute battalions if ably commanded, might have held their pursuers at bay there for some considerable time. But despair and panic were now universal in the beaten army. At the first sound of the Prussian drums and bugles, Genappe was abandoned; and nothing thought of but headlong flight. The Prussians, under General Gneisenau, still followed and still slew; nor even when the Prussian infantry stopped in sheer exhaustion, was the pursuit given up. Gneisenau still pushed on with the cavalry; and by an ingenious stratagem, made the French believe that his infantry were still close on them, and scared them from every spot where they attempted to pause and rest. He mounted one of his drummers on a horse which had been taken from the captured carriage of Napoleon, and made him ride along with the pursuing cavalry, and beat the drum whenever they came on any large number of the French. The French thus fled, and the Prussians pursued through Quatre Bras, and even over the heights of Frasne; and when at length Gneisenau drew bridle, and halted a little beyond Frasne with the scanty remnant of keen hunters who had kept up the chase with him to the last, the French were scattered through Gosselies, Marchiennes, and Charleroi; and were striving to regain the left bank of the river Sambre, which they had crossed in such pomp and pride not a hundred hours before.

Part of the French left wing endeavored to escape from the field without blending with the main body of the fugitives who thronged the Genappe causeway. A French officer, who was among those who thus retreated across the country westward of the high-road, has vividly described what he witnessed and what he suffered. Colonel Lemonnier Delafosse served in the campaign of 1815 in General Foy's staff; and was consequently in that part of the French army at Waterloo, which acted against Hougoumont and the British right wing. When the column of the Imperial Guard made their great charge at the end of the day, the troops of



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Foy's division advanced in support of them, and Colonel Lemonnier Delafosse describes the confident hopes of victory and promotion with which he marched to that attack, and the fearful carnage and confusion of the assailants, amid which he was helplessly hurried back by his flying comrades. He then narrates the closing scene:

"Near one of the hedges of Hougoumont farm without even a drummer to beat the rappel, we succeeded in rallying under the enemy's fire 300 men: the were nearly all that remained of our splendid division. Thither came together a band of generals. There was Reille, whose horse had been shot under him; there we D'Erlon, Bachelu, Foy, Jamin, and others. All we gloomy and sorrowful, like vanquished men. The words were, – 'Here is all that is left of my corps, my division, of my brigade. I, myself.' We had seen the fall of Duhesme, of Pelet-de-Morvan, of Michel – generals who had found a glorious death. My General Foy, had his shoulder pierced through by a musket-ball and out of his whole staff two officers only were left to him, Cahour Duhay and I. Fate had spared me in the midst of so many dangers, though the first charger I rode had been shot and had fallen on me.

"The enemy's horse were coming down on us, and our little group was obliged to retreat. What had happened to our division of the left wing had taken place all along the line. The movement of the hostile cavalry which inundated the whole plain, had demoralized our soldiers, who seeing all regular retreat of the army cut off, strove each man to effect one for himself. At each instant the road became more encumbered. Infantry, cavalry, and artillery, were pressing along pell-mell jammed together like a solid mass. Figure to yourself 40,000 men struggling and thrusting themselves along a single causeway. We could not take that way without destruction; so the generals who had collected together near the Hougoumont hedge dispersed across the fields. General Foy alone remained with the 300, men whom he had gleaned from the field of battle, and marched at their head. Our anxiety was to withdraw from the scene of action without being confounded with the fugitives. Our general wished to retreat like a true soldier. Seeing three lights in the southern horizon, like beacons, General Foy asked me what I thought of the position of each. I answered 'The first to the left is Genappe, the second is at Bois-de-Bossu, near the farm of Quatre Bras; the third is at Gosselies.' 'Let us march on tire second one, then,' replied Foy, 'and let no obstacle stop us – take the head of the column, and do not lose sight of the guiding light.' Such was his order, and I strove to obey.

"After all the agitation and the incessant din of a long day of battle, how imposing was the stillness of that night! We proceeded on our sad and lonely march. We were a prey to the most cruel reflections, we: were humiliated, we were hopeless; but not a word of complaint was heard. We walked silently as a troop of mourners, and it might have been said that we were attending the funeral of our country's glory. Suddenly that stillness was broken by a challenge, – 'Qui vive?' 'France!'



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'Kellerman!' 'Foy!' 'Is it you, General? come nearer to us.' At that moment we were passing over a little hillock, at the foot of which was a hut, in which Kellerman and some of his officers had halted. They came out to join us. Foy said to me, 'Kellerman knows the country: he has been along here before with his cavalry; we had better follow him.' But we found that the direction which Kellerman chose was towards the first light, towards Genappe. That led to the causeway which our general rightly wished to avoid. I went to the left to reconnoiter, and was soon convinced that such was the case. It was then that I was able to form a full idea of the disorder of a routed army. What a hideous spectacle! The mountain torrent, that uproots and whirls along with it every momentary obstacle, is a feeble image of that heap of men, of horses, of equipages, rushing one upon another; gathering before the least obstacle which dams up their way for a few seconds, only to form a mass which overthrows everything in the path which it forces for itself. Woe to him whose footing failed him in that deluge! He was crushed, trampled to death! I returned and told my general what I had seen, and he instantly abandoned Kellerman, and resumed his original line of march.

"Keeping straight across the country over fields and the rough thickets, we at last arrived at the Bois-de-Bossu, where we halted. My General said to me, 'Go to the farm of Quatre Bras and announce that we are here. The Emperor or Soult must be there. Ask for orders, and recollect that I am waiting here for you. The lives of these men depend on your exactness.' To reach the farm I was obliged to cross the high road: I was on horseback, but nevertheless was borne away by the crowd that fled along the road, and it was long ere I could extricate myself and reach the farmhouse. General Lobau was there with his staff, resting in fancied security. They thought that their troops had halted there; but, though a halt had been attempted, the men had soon fled forwards, like their comrades of the rest of the army. The shots of the approaching Prussians were now heard; and I believe that General Lobau was taken prisoner in that farmhouse. I left him to rejoin my general, which I did with difficulty. I found him alone. His men, as they came near the current of flight, were infected with the general panic, and fled also.

"What was to be done? Follow that crowd of run aways General Foy would not hear of it. There were five of us still with him, all officers. He had been wounded at about five in the afternoon, and the wound had not been dressed. He suffered severely; but his moral courage was unbroken. 'Let us keep,' he said, 'a line parallel to the high road, and work our way hence as we best can.' A foot-track was before us, and we followed it.

"The moon shone out brightly, and revealed the full wretchedness of the tableau which met our eyes. A brigadier and four cavalry soldiers, whom we met with, formed our escort. We marched on; and, as the noise grew more distant, I thought that we were losing the parallel of the high way. Finding that we had the moon more and more on the left, I felt sure of this, and



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mentioned it to the General. Absorbed in thought, he made me no reply. We came in front of a windmill, and endeavored to procure some information; but we could not gain an entrance, or make any one answer, and we continued our nocturnal march. At last we entered a village, but found every door closed against us, and were obliged to use threats in order to gain admission into a single house. The poor woman to whom it belonged, more dead than alive, received us as if we had been enemies. Before asking where we were, 'Food, give us some food!' was our cry. Bread and butter and beer were brought, and soon disappeared before men who had fasted for twenty-four hours. A little revived, we ask, 'Where are we? What is the name of this village?' 'Vieville.'

"On looking at the map, I saw that in coming to that village we had leaned too much to the right, and that we were in the direction of Mons. In order to reach the Sambre at the bridge of Marchiennes, we had four leagues to traverse; and there was scarcely time to march the distance before daybreak. I made a villager act as our guide, and bound him by his arm to my stirrup. He led us through Roux to Marchiennes. The poor fellow ran alongside of my horse the whole way. It was cruel, but necessary to compel him, for we had not an instant to spare. At six in the morning we entered Marchiennes.

"Marshal Ney was there. Our general went to see him, and to ask what orders he had to give. Ney was asleep; and, rather than rob him of the first repose he had had for four days, our General returned to us without seeing him. And, indeed, what orders could Marshal Ney have given? The whole army was crossing the Sambre, each man where and how he chose; some at Charleroi, some at Marchiennes. We were about to do the same thing. When once beyond the Sambre we might safely halt; and both men and horses were in extreme need of rest. We passed through Thuin; and finding a little copse near the road, we gladly sought its shelter. While our horses grazed, we lay down and slept. How sweet was that sleep after the fatigues of the long day of battle, and after the night of retreat more painful still! We rested in the little copse till noon, and sat there watching the wrecks of our army defile along the road before us. It was a soul-harrowing sight! Yet the different arms of the service had resumed a certain degree of order amid their disorder; and our General, feeling his strength revive, resolved to follow a strong column of cavalry which was taking the direction of Beaumont, about four leagues off: We drew near Beaumont, when suddenly a regiment of horse was seen debauching from a wood on our left. The column that we followed shouted out, 'The Prussians! The Prussians!' and galloped off in utter disorder. The troops that thus alarmed them were not a tenth part of their number, and were in reality our own 8th Hussars, who wore green uniforms. But the panic had been brought even thus far from the battle-field, and the disorganized column galloped into Beaumont, which was already crowded with our infantry. We were obliged to follow that debacle. On entering Beaumont we chose a house of superior appearance, and demanded of the mistress of



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it refreshments for the General. 'Alas!' said the lady, 'this is the tenth General who has been to this house since this morning. I have nothing left, Search, if you please, and see. Though unable to find food for the General, I persuaded him to take his coat off and let me examine his wound. The bullet had gone through the twists of the left epaulette, and penetrating the skin had run round the shoulder without injuring the bone. The lady of the house made some lint for me; and without any great degree of surgical skill I succeeded in dressing the wound.

"Being still anxious to procure some food for the General and ourselves, if it were but a loaf of ammunition bread, I left the house and rode out into the town. I saw pillage going on in every direction: open caissons, stripped and half-broken, blocked up the streets. The pavement was covered with plundered and torn baggage. Pillagers and runaways, such were all the comrades I met with. Disgusted at them, I strove, sword in hand, to stop one of the plunderers; but, more active than I, he gave me a bayonet stab in my left arm, in which I fortunately caught his thrust, which had been aimed full at my body. He disappeared among the crowd, through which I could not force my horse. My spirit of discipline had made me forget that in such circumstances the soldier is a mere wild beast. But to be wounded by a fellow-countryman after having passed unharmed through all the perils of Quatre Bras and Waterloo! – this did seem hard, indeed. I was trying to return to General Foy, when another horde of flyers burst into Beaumont, swept me into the current of their flight, and hurried me out of the town with them. Until I received my wound I had preserved my moral courage in full force; but now, worn out with fatigue, covered with blood and suffering severe pain from the wound, I own that I gave way to the general demoralization, and let myself be inertly borne along with the rushing mass. At last I reached Landrecies, though I know not how or when. But I found there our Colonel Hurday, who had been left behind there in consequence of an accidental injury from a carriage. He took me with him to Paris, where I retired amid my family, and got cured of my wound, knowing nothing of the rest of political and military events that were taking place."

No returns ever were made of the amount of the French loss in the battle of Waterloo; but it must have been immense, and may be partially judged of by the amount of killed and wounded in the armies of the conquerors. On this subject both the Prussian and British official evidence is unquestionably full and authentic. The figures are terribly emphatic.

Of the army that fought under the Duke of Wellington nearly 15,000 men were killed and wounded on this single day of battle. Seven thousand Prussians also fell at Waterloo. At such a fearful price was the deliverance of Europe purchased.

By none was the severity of that loss more keenly felt than by our great deliverer himself. As may be seen in Major Macready's narrative, the Duke, while the battle was raging, betrayed no sign of emotion at the most ghastly casualties; but, when all



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was over, the sight of the carnage with which the field was covered, anti still more, the sickening spectacle of the agonies of the wounded men who lay moaning in their misery by thousands and tens of thousands, weighed heavily on the spirit of the victor, as he rode back across the scene of strife. On reaching his head-quarters in the village of Waterloo, the Duke inquired anxiously after the numerous friends who had been round him in the morning, and to whom he was warmly attached. Many he was told were dead; others were lying alive, but mangled and suffering, in the houses round him. It is in our hero's own words alone that his feelings can be adequately told. In a letter written by him almost immediately after his return from the field, he thus expressed himself: – "My heart is broken by the terrible loss I have sustained in my old friends and companions, and my poor soldiers. Believe me, nothing except a battle lost, can be half so melancholy as a battle won, the bravery of my troops has hitherto saved me from the greater evil; but to -win such a battle as this of Waterloo, at the expense of so many gallant friends, could only be termed a heavy misfortune but for the result to the public."

It is not often that a successful General in modern warfare is called on, like the victorious commander of the ancient Greek armies, to award a prize of superior valor to one of his soldiers. Such was to some extent. the case with respect to the battle of Waterloo. In the August of 1818, an English clergyman offered to confer a small annuity on some Waterloo soldier, to be named by the Duke. The Duke requested Sir John Byng to choose a man from the 2nd Brigade of Guards, which had so highly distinguished itself in the defense of Hougoumont. There were many gallant candidates, but the election fell on Sergeant James Graham, of the light company of the Coldstream. This brave man had signalized himself, throughout the day, in the defense of that important post, and especially in the critical struggle that took place at. the period when the French, who had gained the wood, the orchard, and detached garden, succeeded in bursting open a gate of the courtyard of the chateau itself, and rushed in in large masses, confident of carrying all before them. A hand-to-hand fight, of the most desperate character, was kept up between them and the Guards for a few minutes; but at last the British bayonets prevailed, Nearly all the Frenchmen who had forced their way in were killed on the spot; and, as the few survivors ran back, five of the Guards, Colonel Macdonnell, Captain Wyndham, Ensign Gooch, Ensign Hervey, and Sergeant Graham, by sheer strength, closed the gate again, in spite of the efforts of the French from without, and effectually barricaded it against further assaults. Over and through the loopholed wall of the courtyard, the English garrison now kept up a deadly fire of musketry, which was fiercely answered by the French, who swarmed round the curtilage like ravening wolves. Shells, too, from their batteries, were falling fast into the besieged place, one of which set part of the mansion and some of the out-buildings on fire. Graham, who was at this time



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standing near Colonel Macdonnell at the wall, and who had shown the most perfect steadiness and courage, now asked permission of his commanding officer to retire for a moment. Macdonnell replied, "By all means, Graham; but I wonder you should ask leave now." Graham answered, "I would not, sir, only my brother is wounded, and he is in that out-building there, which has just caught fire." Laying down his musket, Graham ran to the blazing spot, lifted up his brother, and laid him in a ditch. Then he was back at his post, and was plying his musket against the French again, before his absence was noticed, except by his colonel.

Many anecdotes of individual prowess have been preserved: but of all the brave men who were in the British army on that eventful day, none deserve more honor for courage and indomitable resolution than Sir Thomas Picton, who, as has been mentioned, fell in repulsing the great attack of the French upon the British left center. It was not until the dead body was examined after the battle, that the full heroism of Picton was discerned. He had been wounded on the 16th, at Quatre Bras, by a musket-ball, which had broken two of his ribs, and caused also severe internal injuries; but he had concealed the circumstance, evidently in expectation that another and greater battle would be fought in a short time, and desirous to avoid being solicited to absent himself from the field. His body was blackened and swollen by the wound, which must have caused severe and incessant pain; and it was marvelous how his spirit had borne him up, and enabled him to take part in the fatigues and duties of the field. The bullet which, on the 18th, killed the renowned leader of "the Fighting Division" of the Peninsula, entered the head near the left temple, and passed through the brain; so that Picton's death must have been instantaneous.

One of the most interesting narratives of personal adventure at Waterloo, is that of Colonel Frederick Ponsonby, of the 12th Light Dragoons, who was severely wounded when Vandeleur's brigade, to which he belonged, attacked the French lancers, in order to bring off the Union Brigade, which was retiring from its memorable charge. The 12th, like those whom they rescued, advanced much further against the French position than prudence warranted. Ponsonby, with many others, was speared by a reserve of Polish lancers, and left for dead on the field. It is well to refer to the description of what he suffered (as he afterwards gave it, when almost miraculously recovered from his numerous wounds), because his fate, or worse, was the fate of thousands more; and because the narrative of the pangs of an individual, with whom we can identify ourselves, always comes more home to us than a general description of the miseries of whole masses. His tale may make us remember what are the horrors of war as well as its glories. It is to be remembered that the operations, which he refers to, took place about three o'clock in the day, and that the fighting went on for at least five hours more. After describing how he and his men charged through the French whom they first encountered, and went against other enemies, he



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states:—

"We had no sooner passed them than we were ourselves attacked, before we could form, by about. 300 Polish lancers, who had hastened to their relief the French artillery pouring in among us a heavy fire of grape, though for one of our men they killed three of their own. "In the melee I was almost instantly disabled in both arms, losing first my sword, and then my reins, and followed by a few men, who were presently cut down, no quarter being allowed, asked, or given, I was carried along by my horse, till, receiving a blow from a saber, I fell senseless on my face to the ground.

"Recovering, I raised myself a little to look round, being at that time, I believe, in a condition to get up and run away; when a lancer passing by, cried out, 'Tu n'est pas mort, coquin!' and struck his lance through my back. My head dropped, the blood gushed into my mouth, a difficulty of breathing came on, and I thought all was over.

"Not long afterwards (it was impossible to measure time, but I must have fallen in less than ten minutes after the onset), a tirailleur stopped to plunder me, threatening my life. I directed him to a small sidepocket, in which he found three dollars, all I had; but he continued to threaten, and I said he might search me: this he did immediately, unloosing my stock and tearing open my waistcoat, and leaving me in a very uneasy posture.

"But he, was no sooner gone, than an officer bringing up some troops, to which probably the tirailleur belonged, and happening to halt where I lay, stooped down and addressed me, saying, he feared I was badly wounded; I said that I was, and expressed a wish to be removed to the rear. He said it was against their orders to remove even their own men; but that if they gained the day (and he understood that the Duke of Wellington was killed, and that some of our battalions had surrendered), every attention in his power would be shown me. I complained of thirst, and he held his brandy bottle to my lips, directing one of the soldiers to lay me straight on my side, and place a knapsack under my head. He then passed on into action — soon, perhaps, to want, though not receive, the same assistance; and I shall never know to whose generosity I was indebted, as I believe, for my life. Of what rank he was, I cannot say: he wore a great coat. By-and-by another tirailleur came up, a fine young man, full of ardor. He knelt down, and fired over me, loading and firing many times, and conversing with me all the while. "The Frenchman with strange coolness, informed Ponsonby of how he was shooting, and what he thought of the progress of the battle. "At last he ran off, exclaiming, 'You will probably not be sorry to hear that we are going to retreat. Good day, my friend.' It was dusk," Ponsonby adds, "when two squadrons of Prussian cavalry, each of them two deep, came across the valley, and passed over me in full trot, lifting me from the ground, and tumbling me about cruelly. The clatter of their approach, and the apprehensions they excited, may be imagined; a gun taking that direction must



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have destroyed me.

"The battle was now at an end, or removed to a distance. The shouts, the imprecations, the outcries of 'Vive l'Empereur!' the discharge of musketry and cannon, were over; and the groans of the wounded all around me, became every moment more and more audible. I thought the night would never end.

Much about this time I found a soldier of the Royals lying across my legs: he had probably crawled thither in his agony; and his weight, his convulsive motions, and the air issuing through a wound in his side, distressed me greatly; the last circumstance most of all, as I had a wound of the same nature myself.

"It was not a dark night, and the Prussians were wandering about to plunder; the scene in Ferdinand Count Fathom came into my mind, though no women appeared. Several stragglers looked at me, as they passed by, one after another, and at last one of them stopped to examine me. I told him as well as I could, for I spoke German very imperfectly, that I was a British officer, and had been plundered already; he did not desist, however, and pulled me about roughly.

"An hour before midnight I saw a man in an English uniform walking towards me. He was, I suspect, on the same errand, and he came and looked in my face. I spoke instantly, telling him who I was, and assuring him of a reward if he would remain by me. He said he belonged to the 40th, and had missed his regiment: he released me from the dying soldier, and being unarmed, took up a sword from the ground, and stood over me, pacing backwards and forwards.

"Day broke; and at six o'clock in the morning some English were seen at a distance, and he ran to them. A messenger being sent off to Hervey, a cart came for me, and I was placed in it, and carried to the village of Waterloo, a mile and a half off, and laid in the bed from which, as I understood afterwards, Gordon had been just carried out. I had received seven wounds: a surgeon slept in my room, and I was saved by excessive bleeding."

Major Macready, in the journal already cited, justly praises the deep devotion to their Emperor which marked the French at Waterloo. Never, indeed, had the national bravery of the French people been more nobly shown. One soldier in the French ranks was seen, when his arm was shattered by a cannon-ball, to wrench it off with the other; and throwing it up in the air, he exclaimed to his comrades, "Vive l'Empereur jusqu'à la mort!" Colonel Lemonnier Delafosse mentions in his Memoirs, that at the beginning of the action, a French soldier who had had both legs carried off by a cannon-ball, was borne past the front of Foy's division, and called out to them, "Ce n'est rien, camarades; Vive l'Empereur! Gloire à la France!" The same officer, at the end of the battle, when all hope was lost, tells us that he saw a French grenadier, blackened with powder, and with his clothes torn and stained, leaning on his musket, and immovable as a statue. The colonel called to him to join his comrades and retreat; but the grenadier showed him his musket and his hands;



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and said "These hands have with this musket used to-day more than twenty packets of cartridges: it was more than my share: I supplied myself with ammunition from the dead. Leave me to die here on the held of battle. It is not courage that fails me, but strength." Then, as Colonel Delafosse left him, the soldier stretched himself on the ground to meet his fate, exclaiming, "Tout est perdu! Pauvre France!" The gallantry of the French officers at least equaled that of their men. Ney, in particular, set the example of the most daring courage. Here, as in every French army in which he ever served or commanded, he was "le brave des braves." Throughout the day he was in the front of the battle; and was one of the very last Frenchmen who quitted the field. His horse was killed under him in the last attack made on the English position; but he was seen on foot, his clothes torn with bullets, his face smirched with powder, striving, sword in hand, first to urge his men forward, and at last to check their flight.

There was another brave general of the French army, whose velour and good conduct on that day of disaster to his nation, should never be unnoticed, when the story of Waterloo is recounted. This was General Pelet, who, about seven in the evening, led the first battalion of the 2nd regiment of the Chasseurs of the Guard to the defense of Planchenoit; and on whom Napoleon personally urged the deep importance of maintaining possession of that village. Pelet and his men took their post in the central part of the village, and occupied the church and churchyard in great strength. There they repelled every assault of the Prussians, who in rapidly increasing numbers rushed forward with infuriated pertinacity. They held their post till the utter rout of the main army of their comrades was apparent, and the victorious allies were thronging around Planchenoit. Then Pelet and his brave chasseurs quitted the churchyard, and retired with steady march, though they suffered fearfully from the moment they left their shelter, and Prussian cavalry as well as infantry dashed fiercely after them. Pelet kept together a little knot of 250 veterans, and had the eagle covered over, and borne along in the midst of them. At one time the inequality of the ground caused his ranks to open a little; and in an instant, the Prussian horsemen were on them, and striving to capture the eagle. Captain Siborne relates the conduct of Pelet with the admiration worthy of one brave soldier for another:—

"Pelet, taking advantage of a spot of ground which afforded them some degree of cover against the fire of grape by which they were constantly assailed, halted the standard-bearer, and called out, "A moi, chasseurs! Sauvons l'aigle ou mourons autour d'elle!" The chasseurs immediately pressed around him, forming what is usually termed the rallying square, and, lowering their bayonets, succeeded in repulsing the charge of cavalry. Some guns were then brought to bear upon them, and subsequently a brisk fire of musketry; but notwithstanding the awful sacrifice which was thus



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offered up in defense of their precious charge, they succeeded in reaching the main line of retreat, favored by the universal confusion, as also by the general obscurity which now prevailed; and thus saved alike the eagle and the honor of the regiment."

French writers do injustice to their own army and general, when they revive malignant calumnies against Wellington, and speak of his having blundered into victory. No blunderer could have successfully encountered such troops as those of Napoleon, and under such a leader. It is superfluous to cite against these cavils the testimony which other continental critics have borne to the high military genius of our illustrious chief. I refer to one only, which is of peculiar value, on account of the quarter whence it comes. It is that of the great German writer, Niebuhr, whose accurate acquaintance with every important scene of modern as well as ancient history was unparalleled: and who was no mere pedant, but a man practically versed in active life, and had been personally acquainted with most of the leading men in the great events of the early part of this century. Niebuhr, in the passage which I allude to, after referring to the military "blunders" of Mithridates, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Pyrrhus, and Hannibal, uses these remarkable words, "The Duke of Wellington is, I believe, the: only general in whose conduct of war we cannot discover any important mistake." Not that it is to be supposed that the Duke's merits were simply of a negative order, or that he was merely a cautious, phlegmatic general, fit only for defensive warfare, as some recent French historians have described him. Or the contrary, he was bold, even to audacity, when boldness was required.

"The intrepid advance and fight at Assaye, the crossing of the Douro, and the movement on Talavera in 1809, the advance to Madrid and Burgos in 1812, the actions before Bayonne in 1813, and the desperate stand made at Waterloo itself, when more tamely-prudent generals would have retreated beyond Brussels, place this beyond a doubt."

The overthrow of the French military power at Waterloo was so complete, that the subsequent events of the brief campaign have little interest. Lamartine truly says: "This defeat left nothing undecided in future events, for victory had given judgment. The war began and ended in a single battle." Napoleon himself recognized instantly and fully the deadly nature of the blow which had been dealt to his empire. In his flight from the battle-field he first halted at Charleroi, but the approach of the pursuing Prussians drove him thence before he had rested there an hour. With difficulty getting clear of the wrecks of his own army, he reached Philippeville, where he remained a few hours, and sent orders to the French generals in the various extremities of France, to converge with their troops upon Paris. He ordered Soult to collect the fugitives of his own force, and lead them to Laon. He then hurried forward to Paris, and reached



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his capital before the news of his own defeat. But the stern truth soon transpired. At the demand of the Chambers of Peers and Representatives he abandoned the throne by a second and final abdication on the 22nd of June. On the 29th of June he left the neighborhood of Paris, and proceeded to Rochefort in the hope of escaping to America. But the coast was strictly watched, and on the 15th of July the ex-emperor surrendered himself on board of the English man-of-war the Bellerophon.

Meanwhile the allied armies had advanced steadily upon Paris driving before them Grouchy's corps, and the scanty force which Soult had succeeded in rallying at Laon. Cambray, Peronne and other fortresses were speedily captured; and by the 29th of June the invaders were taking their positions in front of Paris. The Provisional Government, which acted in the French capital after the emperor's abdication, opened negotiations with the allied chiefs. Blucher, in his quenchless hatred of the French, was eager to reject all proposals for a suspension of hostilities, and to assault and storm the city. But the sager and calmer spirit of Wellington prevailed over his colleague; the entreated armistice was granted; and on the 3rd of July the capitulation of Paris terminated the War of the Battle of Waterloo.

In closing our observations on this the last of the Decisive Battles of the World, it is pleasing to contrast the year which it signalized with the year that is now [written in June 1851.] passing over our heads. We have not (and long may we be without) the stern excitement of martial strife, and we see no captive standards of our European neighbors brought in triumph to our shrines. But we behold an infinitely prouder spectacle. We see the banners of every civilized nation waving over the arena of our competition with each other, in the arts that minister to our race's support and happiness, and destruction. not to its suffering and

"Peace hath her Victories
No less renowned than War;"

and no battle-field ever witnessed a victory more noble, than that, which England, under her Sovereign Lady and her Royal Prince, is now teaching the peoples of the earth to achieve over selfish prejudices and international feuds, in the great cause of the general promotion of the industry and welfare of mankind.



"A victory described in detail is indistinguishable
from a defeat."

— Jean-Paul Sartre



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 6 M 1815 / Our morning meeting was large & I



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thought favor'd - Hannah Dennis appeared rather larger than usual for her & quite as sweet then D Buffum added by way of supplant - In the Afternoon we were silent & to my feelings a solid & in a very good degree a devotional opportunity. I believe some minds were refreshed, & many who were not in membership wore countenances that bespoke reverence. - We took tea at Father Rodmans with Wm S Burling - & while we were there we heard that Wm Wright & his wife son of Isaac Wright of N York had arrived & knowing them to be acquainted to Uncle & Aunt Stanton We went with Wm Burling to their lodgings & found them pleasant & agreeable friends. We invited them to tea with us tomorrow if I did not sail for NYork which I expect to do - I do a little regret the prospect of so soon leaving town on their account -

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June 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 6th M / Wm Wright & wife came ?? as we expected - tomorrow perhaps may bring it ?? / I have been ready all day that when called upon by the packet master but there has been but little wind which was pre ahead - Our fr Jemima Shotwell & company returned this Afternoon from [Providence](#) & we shall probably be fellow passengers to NYork [this entry is in a very different hand, very small, and as tho' he wrote with his left hand?]

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June 20, Tuesday: Pursuant to the decision of the Congress of Vienna, a Polish kingdom, in personal union with Russia, was proclaimed in Warsaw.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 6 M 1815 / At 1 / 2 past 9 OClock this mornig went on board the B D Jones Capt Cahoon for NYork intending a visit to my Uncle & Aunt Stanton of that place. - At 11 OC we reached the light house - Dined at 10 Oc while off Point Judith & find our company very agreeable, some of their names follow Wm S Burling Thos Rotch Jr Caleb Mackeel Benj Smith, Jemima Shotwell, Ann Yarnall, Sarah Sutton & several other members who do not seem to mingle much with us. Tea at 7 OC & at sunset not quite up to Watch Hill. J Shotwell & Sarah Sutton very sea Sick, & I find myself a little threatened with it, the deck agrees better with my head than the Cabin & I keep mostly upon it. This has been a day of new experiences to me, tho' the surrounding scenes delight the eye & the company on board are very agreeable conversattion runing on subjects various & mostly inteesting, yet my dear Hannah & our little son have occupied much of my thoughts. - late in the eveng retired to my Birth -

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June 21, Wednesday: The loser [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) arrived in Paris. The Chambers detached themselves from the Emperor and called for his abdication.

News of the outcome of the battle at Waterloo reached London.

Quedlinburg was reintegrated into Prussia. The Counties of Stolberg-Rossla and Stolberg-Wernigerode were annexed by Prussia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 6 M 1815 / Rose this morning at 3 OClock & went on deck & saw several Lights yet Burning This is the first night I have ever spent on the Water & considering all circumstances it was much more comfortable than I expected - The Capt says we have gained but about 20 Miles all night, the wind still light & the current against us. A little After sun rise & found ourselves at the west end of Plumb Island those who were sick Yesterday seem very cheerful this morning - At 8 OC Breakfast - At 10 OC off the horse & Lyon which they say is half way to NYork- At One OC we dined & while sitting at the table the wind left us & what little we have had thro' the day has been against us our progress consequently very slow, but our vessel outsails all we meet

After dinner finding my head complaining took a refreshing nap - rose & found the wind breesing up - enter'd into pleasant conversation with several of the passengers in the Cabin - Was called on deck to see a large school of Porpoises playing round the vessel. This sight amused us for some time & to the women was quite a novelty. They appearing to take an interest in the scene Sarah Sutton particularly -

The whole of the afternoon has been spent in pleasant conversation, mostly of an interesting nature but I am afraid some of us have indulged in lightness rather further than is best - I feel the Satisfaction of having kept a weight in the scale against it - nothing however has occurd which leaves much uneasiness, only a little apprehensiion of what might or maybe - The evening also was spent pleasantly, & several on board exercised their poetic talents -- At 9 OC of Huntington Light, at 10 OC retired to rest -5th day 22 of 6 M 1815 / At Sunrise off Hempstead Harbor on L I - Rose this mong under a sense of favor which I experienced most of yesterday. how pleasant to feel the heart tender & an evidence that Divine goodness is still near.

At 10 OC of Lands Light - of this place Benj Smith made an handsome sketch with his pencil which pleased our women Passengers, he took also sketches of several other places & gave them as mementos of our Passage - Settled with the Capt & paid him \$9 for my Passage - At 10 OC of White stone ferry on L Island we was in so near as to see a carriage land from the boat with a number of Friends; there appeared to be an old friendly[?] man



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& several plain women, who when the carriage was tackled [harnessed to the horses] jumped in very sprightly & rode up the road a quick pace through a very pleasant tract of country

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While I view the rich & costly houses & pleasant situations around my mind is forcibly impressed with a sense that "Here is not the place of our rest" tho' we may be permitted to partake a little of the Pleasant things of this life as we pass along through it yet those which are unfading should be held & ever remembered as the Primary pursuit of our lives -- At 12 OC we passed Hurl Gate, [Hell Gate] about this place & up to NYork nature & art combined, have rendered the scenery picturesque & beautiful -- were I to attempt it my discriptive powers would fall far short of justice, several places of which I have heard much spoken, were pointed out, particularly the late Doctor Baker about a mile beyond the Gate we looked & saw a small sloop get nearly upset in or near the pot, this discomposed our nerves for a few minutes, but when we saw her lower her sails & danger somewhat cease - our sensibility soon left us in great measure & turned our attention to surrounding scenes which with the thoughts of soon being in NYork, already coming in sight, awakened new feelings, quite new feelings --At 1/2 past 10C we touched at the Wharf where I parted with my fellow Passengers, in a considerable degree of tender feeling - Wm B[?] conducted me directly to Uncle Stantons, where I found them just dining & Jonas Minturn at the table with them -- On going in & finding myself actually in their company, which I have felt, even till the very moment of my going into the house almost as a Dream which I could scarcely believe that I should ever realise -- my feelings were so overcome that it was with some difficulty that I could support the Man, [he could scarcely stand] & Answer the few questions which occur'd for the moment, -- but after a little cooling drink, & some dinner, I found that big thing in my throat, which seemed to Large to swallow & bring up, gradually to settle away, & soon became easy cheerful -- Uncle & Aunt received me with great cordiality & heartfelt affection which I believe they must have been so [?] since from my situation at meeting them was reciprocal on my part

After dinner & when I began to realize that I was in the City & with my dear relatives, I finished a letter which I had begun in board the Packet to my dear H & carried it down & put it on board Capt Bliss -- in this walk Uncle took me on board the New Haven steam Boat which is indeed the great curiosity of the boat Kind I was ever on board of -- for power & complication of machinery is only exceeded by the Steam Frigate Fulton the first which we sailed by as we came up the River & had a view of as she lay at the Wharf Any attempt to describe This boat, or hardly any thing besides that I have seen in the City, would only expose the weakness of my descriptive facultys -- I have heard much tell of this place, but of the bustle & noise & the ponderous piles of buildings which I have seen only this Afternoon I had but remote Idea of, & I can say with a Queen formerly "The half has



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not been told" In this rout [route] we called on Saml Wood, found in his shop - he seemed very cordial & asked me to call again, which I promised him I would after delivering him a letter which I was the bearer of - we left him & went up to Chamber Street & visited Niobe a little while who was very Affectionate & Kind & I was very glad to see her. - returned with Uncle Stanton to tea where I set the remainder of the evening - Wm S Burling called in wishing me to go with him & set a little while with Jemima Shotwell, but the evening being far spent, & I much fatigued with the labors of the day - gave up going with him tho' my inclination was much in favor of it &c -

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June 23, Friday: The new French government sent emissaries to the allies asking for an immediate armistice. They also asked that the Bourbon family not be returned to the throne and that [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)'s son Napoléon-François-Charles-Joseph Bonaparte be recognized as the new monarch (this would be refused).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 6 M 1815 / After a comfortable nights rest, rose early this morning, & brought up my journal which falls far short of recording all I have seen or felt. - After breakfast walked with Uncle round the Battery & some other parts of the City, saw Wanton Engs Stopped at Isaac Wrights Store - went thro' Foly[?] Market & in it was introduced to Francis Thompson - & spoke with Benj Minturn - The fame of Foley market had reached [Newport](#) long ago but nearly it exceeds my expectations, every thing almost that can be named, the produce of our own land is sold in it, & lays in the Greatest profusion on their Stalls & benches. In The stores on the left side going down may be bought all Kinds of West India produce & the people are so thick that it is with some difficulty one can crowd thro' the multitude stoped at Demilts Watchmakers shop & took a look at his goods - went to the Post Office & returned home but how I went or how I came I know not, for every scene was new & the bustle of City confusing, to a mind used to no other than [Newport](#) - As I passed along the street the Story which D Buffum tells of an old friend in his country who had a mind to go to a new light meeting held in the neighborhood, often crossed my thoughts - as he returned from the meeting riding along nursing on what had passed, a person behind him heard him exclaim "It does not signify it is confusion upon confusion" & surely I believe, was this old man loving & to walk the streets of NYork, when he saw the ponderous piles of buildings, the runing & rattling of the drays & the hurry of the people he would again exclaim "Confusion upon Confusion." however as yet I have been pretty collected - Between 11 & 12 OC took a walk into several streets with Aunt Patty called at several Stores & to see Penelope Minturn While Aunt Patty had gone to look up the family I had a pretty good opportunity to reflect & endeavored to attend to my own feelings being alone in the room some time - when she came in my



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sensations were about what I had anticipated - She seemed glad to see me & inquired after some of her old friends in [Newport](#) - returned to Dinner

After dinner retired to my chamber to rest a little but was soon called down to see Wm Burling - in going down my feet slipped on a cross stair & I went down my whole force more than half the distance on my back & elbow which was so hard a shock that after getting up & going into the room, I sat down & fainted quite away I soon came too & in about an hour recovered, so as to walk out into some parts of the City where I had never been - After tea went to the Steam boat & crossed in her to Brooklin & went up to the other ferry & returned in the horse boat which made a pleasing variety The Steam Boat in this ferry is inferior to the ones which run to N Haven & in the North River, as the river is narrow the accommodations discovered in the others, are not here needed -

The Horse boat goes by the Power of 9 Horses & get changed [illegible] a day - the ferrage at such place is 4 cents for a single passage & they told me they made upon average, 65 trips in a day, & often have 2 / 6 passengers at a time - they cross in 7 Minutes & often in 5; the boatman ways he had taken \$300 Dollars in a day. - I had no conception of number of People that are continually passing from the City to L Island by these ferrys, nor indeed I had not of scarcely any thing I see the horses go round as in a bake mill & form a ring standing as close to each other as then can - they appear to work hard tho' they look fat & hardy - Brooklin is a pleasant village, & I should suppose was as quiet as it is a ready retreat from the City - We set the evening with neighbor Hurst & while there, the City was under an Alarm of fire, which was soon over. -

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June 24, Saturday: A dead child was removed from the womb of 17-year-old [Angiolina Cavanna](#). It is said that "medical evidence" indicated that [Nicolò Paganini](#) had not fathered this child (I personally have no idea what that "medical evidence," in this year 1815, might have amounted to, since this was a long, long lifetime prior to the discovery of blood typing by Karl Landsteiner).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 6 M 1815 / Considering the jar of yesterday I feel remarkably well this mornng with the exception of my elbow which was scraped considerably & felt little or nothing of the excrcise while Walking which I took immediately -?- it produced a profusion of perspiration & I believe carried off the other bad effects - Our again after breakfast, walked thro' many streets stoped at Isaac Wrights store. At Wanton Engs & bought 26 Dollars worth of Coffee for D Buffum - went through Foly Market again & called at Caleb Coggeshalls Store. Caleb I believe was very glad to see me, asked many questions about his friend at R I & urged my taking tea with him - Called at many other stores & took a turn down Courtland Street & went on board



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Albany Steam boat viewed the machinery & the Cabins at each end - which for elegance exceed any Parlour I have seen in this place Visited & inspected the Patens Bakery where the fire is kept in the oven the whole time & yet the buiscuit are baking as fast as they can be out in at one end & brown out at the other, This walk was rather extensive, the heat & the distance overcame me & in Courtland street I felt faint, expressed a Wish to return which we did & after a little refreshing drink, returned to my chamber, rested & am now writing - I omitted to insert that this mornng [illegible] visited in neighboring Chocolate Mill, which is a curious operation carried by two horses, the Coacoa is first broken then the shells sifted out, then ground fine put into pans - the horses move a great wheel at least 15 feet in diameter, this wheel communicates force to Smaller ones by which at one time the Coacoa is sifted & ground After dinner took leave of Wm S Burling who dined with us, he intending for Albany this Afternoon in the Steam Boat - Then walked our towards the Bowery & all round that part of the Town -Made an agreeable call on Ann Freeborn who lives in Elizabeth Street This part of the City looks more like [Newport](#) than any I have seen - visited at Thos Collins but saw only the child - he was at the store. - While in this part of the City we went to the new [Roman Catholic Church](#) this building is a curiosity it is of Gothic structure & the Arched Walls is supported[?] must be in the plan of the whispering Gallery in London the least sound of the voice echos, & re echos astonishingly - & to stamp on the floor sounds like Throngs [?] The painting on the Walls & arches have a beautiful appearance - After tea Uncle took me to the Museum where I saw many curiosities natural & artificial among which was the [last three lines illegible] [?] several kinds of Deer, Monkeys Snakes * numerous species of Birds - all look very natural the [?] of industry is a curiosity all kinds of Work & play are going on at once by means of machinery In the upper story we saw various Wax figures, some [-?] are exceedingly natural - the representation of Samuel, Saul & the Withch of Endor is not [-?] Indian Chiefs are said to be striking likeness but alal that struck me the most forcilby & as the best worh seeing, was the wman sitting in a bower with twins [?] one on each Knee, beautifully sufused with every aimiable countenances To appearance about 6 months, on the right of her was wamon reposing in sleep in bed with the most speaking little countenance sitting up by her side that I ever saw It [illegible] it seemed as if the little [- -?] ready leap from its unconscious Mothers arms to those who stood by -there was also a representation of numerous Daniel Lamberts, the Goddess of Liberty &c &c From the Museum we went to Benj Marshalls where Aunt Patty had previously gone to set the evening & about 1 {?} OC returned home - & I must not omit to mention that when arrived I found a letter had been left for me from my dear H which was much like a brook by the Way notwithstanding [-] the great variety I have seem thro' [—] I have often hear say there was an indescribable pleasure in receigving letters when abroad from



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friends at home but I never before so fully realized it



June 25, Sunday: Augusta returned to Six Mile Bottom.

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Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 6 M 1815 / Attended Liberty Street Meeting In the forenoon Stephen Grellett bor an excellent testimony his opening was "The whole need not a Physician but the Sick" his communication was edifying instructive & Powerful, very encouraging to see as [illegible] themselves under sickness & discouragement of mind, to apply to the Physician who heals all malady's of the mind, binds up the broken hearted &c – In the Afternoon he was again concerned "Watch & pray continually" from which he took occasion to recommend the necessity of keeping our spirits under subjection so that while we were engaged in our outward concerns [three lines illegible]

This testimony seemed to me to be as – ???it being a subject I have ruminated much on since I have been here – The people seem in such an hurry of spirits passing the streets about their business on week days that I can scarcely believe they can in stopping out of their business into meeting, enjoy that abstraction of mind which is desirable & to which they must attain to perform comfortable worship [very faint and scarcely legible] Just before the close Mary Hinsdale wife of Henry delivered a short but pretty savory testimony – Ann Swinbine & Eliza the young woman who lives with her dined with us also Thos Casey. Thos is at present a steady & hopeful young man.



June 26, Monday: For two days royalists, goaded on by the Catholic Church, had been running wild in the streets of Marseille, killing 200 Bonapartists and Protestants.

Baden joined the German Confederation.

Johann Nepomuk Hummel provided the 2d of a couple of very well received performances at the Deutsches Theater of Pest.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 6 M 1815 / A Rainy Day – After breakfast called on Saml Wood who treated me with much cordial attention He just took me to the Lancastrian friend school for children of colour where 300 of them may be accommodated but the school this morning was small owing to the weather – The Master exhibited specimens of their performance in writing Arithmetic o& drawing both of Maps & Landscape in colours wherein some traits of rare genius for children of their colour & opportunity were displayed The



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cyphering Book, a specimen of writing & a map of the world by one of the boys which appeared to be about 14 Years of age quite astonished me - I examined his countenance which I thought was heavy & I could not discern in it traits of that lively imagination which were displayed in his performances - He also gave me an account of the Class of Merit, who though under him are a body by themselves, composed of those who have made the greatest proficiency - The Class chooses President, Judge & under officers, who are appointed to watch the conduct of the others, & when any misbehavior is observed, they are complained of to the proper Officer who presents him to the Courts, where he is tried & if he makes satisfaction, is acquitted, but if not the Judge pronounces sentence of dismissal from the Class An instance the Master told me took place a few days ago & one of them being according to order presented to the Courts what ruined him with great solemnity - The Judge after hearing witnesses in the case found him guilty reported him for his [???] exhorted him to atonement [?] illegible had the desired effect, he looked as the Judge addressed him like a little criminal at the Bar & at length burst into tears & very penitently asked forgiveness of the Class, promised amendment & was acquitted on good behaviour. - This Class keep a record of all their proceedings, a part of which I read & thought the method & states of the minutes would have done credit to some of our Monthly Meeting Clerks. - From this we went to the Lancastrian School for white boys where 500 may be accommodated the room is 137 feet by 44 - Being Rainy all the scholars were not present, but the scene was very interesting - I thought however the boys had not made as great improvement nor in so good order as in the school for boys of colour - The Master whose name was Wm Smith presented me with an acct of the School & a report of the Trustees for the present Year

We then went into a room below in the same building where a School for Girls is kept at the expense of a female Association in the City - upwards of 300 usually attend but not all present this morning - The mistress was absent & one of the head Scholars presented their proceedings, all which did them great Credit There were many good looking children present & their deportment bespoke the attention of a careful & prudent Mistress. - From these Schools we went to the Manhattan Water Works which were not in operation, the reservoirs being full. - The works tho' not in motion, for extent & strength were admirable & well worth looking at - from these works we went & took a look at a neighbouring foundry we saw them making Moulds for various Iron machines, but the furnace was not in blast which they regretted, as I have long wanted to see their mode of casting in these extensive Foundries - From there we went to the New York Hospital, of which Samuel Woods son Isaac is one of the attending Surgeons - in Isaacs room we sat & rested a while & entered into some pleasant & interesting conversation took a drink of Beer & he then conducted us to the Theatre where the Surgical operations



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are performed - this is an half round room with a table in the Middle, on which the patients are placed for operation it turns round on a pivot - around the table are circular seats, rising above each other like the high seats in our meeting houses - on these seats three or four rows of students & strangers sit as spectators while the performances are going on in what may be called the Pit - from this room of horror he took us into the Cupola where I had a view of this great & vastly extended City, The scene was much obstructed in consequence of the Weather - we then visited the rooms of the diseased patients where we saw some sad spectacles, but all of them were clean & appeared to be well attended - the Kitchen is a neat room with a marble floor - We then went into the Library, in this room the Governors meet - here we saw a vast number of Books - Isaac shewed us some beautiful work on Ornithology by Willson, which contains the most striking likenesses of Birds &c that I ever saw short of real life - in this room he presented me with an acct of the Hospital which contains a handsome view of the Building, in this room Sam Wood introduced me to the celebrated Doctor Mitchell who shook me by the hand very cordially, & after a little familiar conversation, observed that he would offer some attention, but at the present moment he was much occupied in preparing a work for the press, & as I was in the best of hands there was no need of it - Saml & his Son being all sufficient - From the Hospital Isaac conducted us to the Assylum for deranged people but it was not the hours for admission of company & we were deprived of any more than a range of the great oratory [oratory?] where we saw some of the Patients in various stages of delirium - Returned to dinner - After dinner called on Wm Thurston & his wife, set 2 hours with them her sister in company This [illegible, three lines too faint and blurred] with my fr Saml Wood & his amiable family here I met Edmond Prior who took tea with us - if the friend & his misfortune s I have heard [?] much spoken he was once {--} of much note in society & great in [--] profession [?] but by imprudent kindness in lending he lost both his property & his standing as an Elder - he seemed very tender & humble of his situation claims my sympathy & I believe notwithstanding what has happened to him Life remains in him & I hope that his gray hair may not [--] hopeless to the grave -- In Saml Shop I saw Sarah Sutton & took leave of her they intending to set out for home tomorrow - she mentioned that Jemima Shotwell regretted not seeing me before she left the City & I dare say she does not regret it more than I do. -

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June 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day [sic] 27 of 6 M 1815 / This mornng after Breakfast my [] - & very affectionate Uncle took me in a Chaise through [three or four lines illegible] seats pleasant situations & rode by the great Military Arsenal of the United States - returned



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thro' [Greenwich](#) & visited the States Prison - It created a variety of feelings in passing thro' this great block of buildings [-line illegible] It was affecting to pass thro' this great concourse of men & women & [-----] countenances with "the brand of in- [illegible to the end of the page, three lines.]

View of Strangers - I look'd in every face we passed & in the weavers room particularly the countenances of the prisoners were depraved with scarcely a single exception - but in some of the other rooms where the men were younger their faces were more prepossessing the number however was small - In the Womens apartment I was peculiarly struck they were the worst looking set of beings I ever beheld all looked wicked all looked depraved. -But in passing thro' this great place I could but feel glad yea thankful that so noble an institution was formed to prevent the many executions that would otherwise take place in the course of the year This place affords an opportunity for reflection, repentance & amendment of life, & it was pleasant to me to reflect that the convicts have in some instance after their imprisonment has expired, become good & useful citizens - IN going thro' the prison & ascending & descending the high flights of stairs my head became so affected with dizziness & with that & previous fatigue in the hot sun, I could not take the satisfaction in the visit which I desired - We went from the Prison to Noah Browns Ship Yard where I saw a Monstrous house in which Ships of 900 tons burden are built - one of that dimension was launched out of it the day I arrived here this house is 50 feet wide & 190 feet long & 40 feet [?] it is all in one room & I believe is the largest house I have ever seen, but not the most costly - from this place we rode home much fatigued & dined on Quahogs friend in Butter which relished well -After resting a little took a walk into Wall Street & visited Ruth Winteringham [-] her a letter from J Sherman - Then went down Courtland Street where the Steam Boat lay looked round a while & returned thro' Broad way & visited that surprising pearl of Painting & machinery called the Panorama - then returned & [-] took tea at Isaac Wrights -- 4th day 6th M 28th 1815 / Kept at home all [three or four lines too faded} In the Preparatory Meeting their Queries were Answer'd. I thought pertinently Thos Harcourt made a few well adapted remarks which evinced to my understanding that he was a concerned [-] member of the Body There were two requests for membership & some other business - Wager Hull [-] clerk & I thought the three small [-] if right [two line illegible] - This was the first Preparative Meeting I have ever attended excepting the one to which I belong - We had the company of Ann Siverbone & only -- to dine with us Took tea at Benj Marshalls in company with Penelope Minturn & her daughter Niobe Henry & Mary Post Fanny Hunt Uncle & Aunt Stanton & a Capt Taylor This was the most stylish tea drink that I ever undertook, but considering all things I got along much to my satisfaction & Niobe made the way very easy - She feels very near & I love her much -Polly Port also was brought well on my



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book this opportunity seem'd like a renewal of an old acquaintance which commenced in childhood & has existed from that period much by Proxy tho' reality as we have seldom seen each other for 25 Years past. –

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June 29, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 6 M 1815 / Set the mornng the cool -unwilling to fatigue myself before Meeting – Went to Liberty Street -Mary Slocum appeared in a short but good testimony Then Sarah Collins something more lengthy & much to the purpose then S Grellett expressed the sweetness of feeling the cords of heavenly love to draw the heart one towards another & dwelt on the good effects of it – he encouraged all to labor to dwell under its sweetening influence – In the last (Preparative) the Quaeries were Answered – Saml Hopkins made a few pertinent & seasonable remarks on the subject of planess – Dined at Benj Marshalls [–last three lines illegible] came up & took me over to Hoboken (pronounced Hobuck) on the Jersey side – this is a pleasant Country village where an abundance of people resort from the City for a clead air during the hot season, after taking a dish of poor tea at a Dutch Tavern & rambeling round a little we came home – the boat we sailed in was propelled by the force of 20 Horses, that is 10 pair, walking round as in a bark Mill – I counted 60 Passengers on board – In walking from B Marshalls to the borse boat we stoped & viewed the great floating Bath – this is the greatest accompl??? ???I ever saw for Swimming – Men or Women may bathe as privately as they can wish.

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June 30, Friday: On this day and on July 3d, a treaty of peace was entered into by the United States of America and Algeria.

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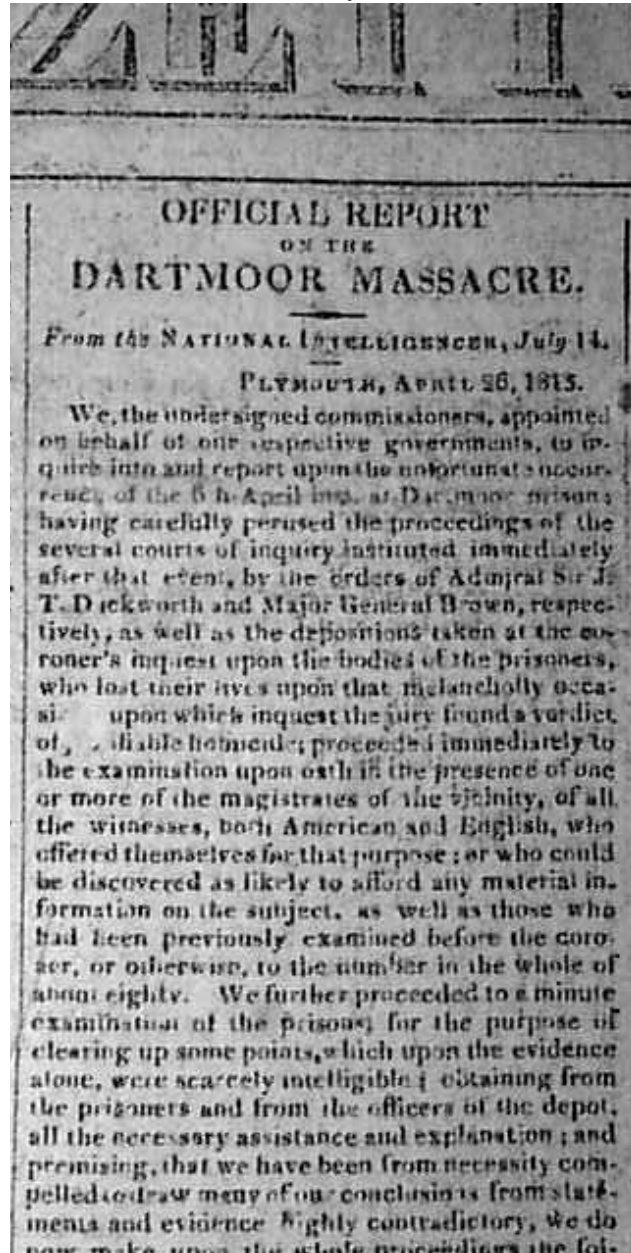
The *Peacock*, in the Straits of Funda, captured an armed British vessel. The next day the vessel was given up. The number of British vessels captured on the sea and the lakes by privateers and national vessels was said to be 1750. The official account of American vessels captured or destroyed by the royal navy was 42 national vessels, 233 privateers, and 1437 merchant ships, making a total of 1683. The British privateers did not make many captures.

CRIMPING

The British had been greatly embarrassed by the incident of April 6th, in which guards had suddenly and indiscriminately opened fire, down from the perimeter wall, at captive American sailors as they exercised. Their response was to attempt to close out this sad history, and by this point only some 900 prisoners remained, about half of whom were black. America's black sailors were, it appears, proving reluctant to board any ship bound for a Southern port, out of a very sensible fear that when they reached their destination they would

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suddenly find themselves seized and sold into slavery.



[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 30 of 6 M 1815 / After breakfast this mornng went to Demilt Shop & purchased a few more ?? in my line, but found the weather so very hot that it was improper for me to walk much about After dinneer set at home till 4 OC then to Demilts again -After tea wallked to Stephen Grellets with S Wood - here I saw ?? Collins & Penelope Hull Stephen seemed glad of the call which tho' short



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was pleasing to me – when ————?

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July 1, Saturday: The new French government resolved to surrender to the allies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st [sic] day 1st of 7 M 1815 / I find that NYork begins to look natural this forenoon too a walk our alone thro' Broad way & called at many stores & asked for many things which I did not want nor expect the had for a pretext to view their Stores, & see a little of their manner of doing buisness returne'd down Wall Street thro' Wm Street home & found I had walked as much in the sun as I could bear – Aftebr resting a little went to Saml Woods Store looked round among his Books &c Just before dinner Sally Howland & Thos R Williams called I let me know they were to Sail for home at 1 / 2 past 2 OC I regretted not being in readiness to go with them – as at 1 / 2 an hours warning I could not pack up my things & make a few calls which I should deem necessary – In the Afternoon went to Crane Wharf & engaged a passage in Sloop Alonzo Capt Westcoat – returned & after resting a little went up & took a more thorough view of the City Hall – We went into the room where the Governors & Council meet when in NYokr, here we saw some elegant paintings aamong them was the likeness of the present Govr Tompkins & of Dweit Clinton – In the room where the Mayor & Council sit we saw the likeness of John Jay which from the great esteem I bear for his Character was more interesting than any likeness I saw among them all – The Mayor & Councils Room is said exceeds in elegance an room that is occupied by the Crowned heads of Europe – Called to see Benj & Niobe & returned to tea – Called on Wm Thurston & set the eveng with him & his wife very agreeably – on my way to Williams met Stephen Grellett in the Street who seemd very loving & sent his love to my Dear H

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July 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 7 M 1815 / When I returned home last evening found Aunt Patty quite poorly with her old complaint the Cholic, but got a little releaved & I retired to rest but find that she had a poor night, is however bettebr this morning – Attended Liberty Street Meeting, in the mornng there was an appearance by one Sam Mott, as Stark Naught as any thing I ever heard – S Grellett near the close, spoke in an awakening manner, in the necessity of a preparation for Death; for the shadows of the eveng were stretching over some who were not far advanced in life – he said he did not wish to stamp his testimony, as if some sudden Death would occurhe wished to excite the inquiry "Is it I Is it I" in



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every mind - it would hurt more to make a critical examination of their state & condition &c. - Between Meetings J Bower Lewis Rous ma nier ? & Capt Wood called to see us. R Island folks company was pleasant & the more so as they brought letters from home which mentioned the wellfare of all I left - The leeter from my H enclosed one from our little John which she had guided his little hand & mind to write, I recd on also from Br David - they were no small releaf to my mind as I was getting veebry anxious to be at home -

In the Afternoon Willet Hicks preached well, after meeting closed at the door I met Wm Wright who had returned to NYork as he did in [Newport](#) went with him to his fathers & took tea, & set the latter part of the eveng with Daniel Minturn -

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July 3, Monday: On June 30 and on this day, a Treaty of Peace with the Bey of Algiers.

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The Bey agreed to cease exacting tribute, and to release all prisoners of war.

Also, our commissioners at Ghent made a commercial convention with Great Britain, to last four years, and stipulation, for absolute reciprocity by abolishing, in direct trade, all discriminations.

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[Napoléon Bonaparte](#) arrived at the Atlantic port of Rochefort north of Bordeaux, hoping to escape to the United States of America. Meanwhile the French government prepared 18 articles known as the Convention of Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3rd 7M 1815 / Buisy all the forenoon preparing for a passage home, but in the Afternoon found to my disappointment that the Capt had defer'd Sailing till tomorrow - My mind is now quite anxious to be getting home - & tho' I receive every attention & much more than I deserve, & my frs still desirous of a protracted stay, yet time begins to hang heavy - The purpose for which I came is answerd, & even more than answerd - I feel thankful for this opportunity of being with my friends, & above all for the newe'd evidence of the continuance of divine regard which has been mercifully vouchsafed - My heart has been fraught with gratitude, tenderness & love to my friends here, & greatly indeed has my love been excited for my dear H & our dear little boy at home - they now begin to claim my thoughts & occasion some anxiety --Toward night called a little while on Ruth Winteringham - In the evening went up with Aunt to set a little while with Benj & Wife & found they had set out to see us -- we returned & found them setting in the front Room -- I must not close the account of this day without inserting, that After tea



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I walked up to Collumbia [sic] College -which is most beautifully situated at the foot of Park Place, before it is a fine green plat & a flowring grove of Trees - two of them which are Button Wood are the largest I have ever seen. Park Place was formerly called Robinson Street & is one of the Widest, most airy & fine built that I have observed in the City. -

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Our national birthday, Tuesday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne's](#), or [Hathorne's](#), 11th birthday.

The cornerstone for [Baltimore's](#) Washington Monument was set.

Richard Bland Lee read the [Declaration of Independence](#) in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the Capitol.

In New-York, officers from the French frigate *Hermione* sat in the reviewing stands in front of City Hall as American troops paraded before them. Although "patriotic tars" attempted to "haul down the British colors," the group was dispersed by the police. In the harbor a "steam vessel of war," complete with cannon, was being tested — and was passing its tests.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



French Minister of War Louis Davout carried the Convention of Paris to the allies at the Neuilly bridge, where it was signed by all parties.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 7 M 1815 / This morning took a Walk round fly Market from thence to Washington Market which I think the handsomest I have seen in the City - To a Newporter the Provisions exhibited & sold at these public Stands are almost incredible - At Washington I bought some dry'd Peaches & Cherrys, the latter I hope will keep till I get home, being desirous to treat my H & our little boy with some of them - While walking round great stir begun to take place in the City in commemoration of Independence - The noise & Bustle became unpleasant - I hastened home & in the course of the forenoon called on Saml Wood & took leave of him - employed my time till Dinner time in making a few Memorandums, & writing a short address to Uncle & Aunt wherein I more freely express my feeling at parting with them than I could at the Moment by word of Mouth -

Dined at 1 / 2 OClock & parted with my dear & affectionate relatives which proved quite as much as my Manhood could encounter, & as it was articulation became difficult - when we



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got to the Wharf the Packet had hauled some distance in the River but at five minutes before 2 O'clock we were on board her & at 1 / 2 past 5 OC we passed safely thro' Hurl Gate we saw a schooner on shore that went thro' just before us - At 1 / 2 past 8 O'clock off Sands Point Light - a little before which we took tea - The Capt Says we are under fine way & a good Prospect before us - We have on board Jacob Bunting a young fr from Philads - who seems to be quite companionable - There is also with us a Presbyterian Minister from Portland whose name is Elijah Kellog he appears to be remarkably liberal in his conversation, & is well acquainted with most of our friends of that Place & speaks well of them - at tea table he took the Liberty to make a Prayer which I did not savor so well as his conversation - There are many other Passengers, & many of them I have not yet ascertained their names - those of [Newport](#) are Jonathon Bowen, Robt Robinson, & Robt Stevens Jr - At the table we found the want of a Woman to do the honors of the table -

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July 5, Wednesday: [John Thoreau, Jr.](#)'s 1st birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 7 M 1815 / On Board the Alonzo Capt Westcot Rose this Mornng just as the sun was rising in a clear horizon from the Water - I have several times rose early & gone on the Hill to see this sight but never before had the opportunity, it was truly beautiful - We find ourselves off Crane Neck on L Island & only about 60 Miles from NYork - a poor run last night, which I hope will be compensated by a good breeze & favorable tide today tho the prospect before us is Dull - I slept comfortably & had to sympathize with several who lay on the Cabin floor -

At 11 OC of Oldmans harbor on L Island in a flat Calm At 2 OC while at dinner the Wind Breezed up finely - I find we have on board Doctor John Waterhouse of Philadelphia son of Benj Waterhouse - & Ray Clarke of [Greenwich](#) who is one of my old school fellows -a renewal of acquaintance with him is very pleasant - At Sunsett of Oyster Pond with a good breese - At 1 / 2 past 9 OC a little past Gull light with a good breese - The Air is very clear & we have the very singular sight of five Light Houses all in view at once Vizt Gull, Saybrook, Montaugue, New London & Watch Hill

In the course of the eveng I have discovered that there was a man on board by the name of Saml G Adams of Richmond Virginia, by whom I enquired after & sent my love to Thos Ladd - at several times engaged in agreeable conversation with Parson Kellog. -

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July 6: The [Duke of Wellington](#) and Marshall Blücher entered Paris at the head of their allied army. Blücher made a demand of the city leaders, for 100,000,000 francs plus new uniforms for all of his 110,000 troops. British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh reached Paris to negotiate a 2d Peace of Paris.

[John Wedderburn Halkett](#) remarried, with Lady Katherine Douglas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6th of 7th 1815 / Found ourselves this mornng under Block Island & not far from Point Judith in a flat Calm & came to Anchor where we lay till near 11 OC when the Wind & tide favoring we made some headway - Amused ourselves with the Spy Glass in looking at Block Island & scenes around in Charleston - which with a little conversation with the Passengers & the prospect of being home tonight made the time not very tedious - In the course of this day made some acquaintance with Saml Dana of Cambridge & Echabod Goodwin of Berwick - At 2 OC Dined & at 1 / 4 before 3 OC turned Point Judith - At 3 OC by the Assistance of the Glass Saw the Steeples of [Newport](#) which soon became in full view - at the sight of which my heart **LEAPS** - At 1 / 2 Past 4 OC Turned Beaver tail light at 6 OC Arrived Banisters Wharf & in a few minutes to my home where I found my beloved H & our little John both well & very glad to see me. - This with my safe return to them is cause of gratitude - In taking a retrospect of my visit this evening, it all looks pleasant & I feel thankful, that I have been - it may prove beneficial to me many ways - I have had but few advantages in seeing the World, this little jant may tend & I think has already tended to enlarge my view of men & things - There is an increasing body of Friends in NYork, & some considerable number of well concerned Members -but alas for the spirit of the World - which appears to me, must be very prevalent among them -*

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July 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 7 M / It takes sometime to get settled after a voyage my head still feels the motion of the vessel & my mind the many scenes of NYork - Sister Ruth & Mary set the evening with us to whom I endeavor'd to relate some of the occurences of my visit

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July 8, Saturday: King Louis XVIII returned to the Tuilleries from Ghent to reestablish a government for the Kingdom of France.

The name of the Académie Impériale de Musique (Paris Opéra) was changed to the Académie Royale de Musique.

In the port of Rochefort, [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) boarded the French ship *La Saale* to be transported to the United States of America (the vessel would be unable to proceed because of the presence of *HMS Bellerophon*).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 7 M / Resumed the usual rounds of Trade &c, a number of my friends have called to see me wo seem pleased with my return

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July 9, Sunday: Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévent replaced Joseph, comte Fouché, duc d'Otrante as Prime Minister of France.

After nine years, Frankfurt-am-Main was reconstituted as a free city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 7 M / Our Meetings (I believe) were seasons of heaviness to most present – In the mornng a few words spoken

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July 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 7 M / A tea table Sister Ruth mentioned the decease Henry Russel of [Providence](#) – This was the first I have heard that tho' he has been Sick some weeks & dead some days –My mind was forcibly impressed with the Language "Be ye also ready, for in the day & hour & ye Know not" – I put up at his house when at the Quarterly Meeting in the Winter of 1814 was kindly entertained, & he & his wife felt much as a Bother & Sister. – I also heard this Afternoon of the decease of my friend James Denson Ladd of Virginia & his wife who Arrived but a Short time after him –James was here in the Summer of 1809 for his health when I became acquainted with him, & since have recd one letter from him & written him two – Thus our friends are passing away –& soon very soon must we follow them – Oh the vast necessity of apreparation for the change – this I forcibly feel as I write it –4th day 12th of 7 M 1815 / Richard Mott & his companion John Clapp arrived in town last eveng – I called at his lodging this morning & spent a little time with him very agreeably, & he agreed to dine with us tomorrow

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July 13, Thursday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) handed his sword to a British officer. Sez he:

I come like Themistocles to throw myself upon the hospitality of the British people.



The British discovered a nude statue of Napoleon in the basement of the Louvre and carried it off: it would grace the home of [Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#).¹⁶⁸ From this point forward it would cost the British people over £400,000 per year to guard their “Themistocles,” but the man was history. When he died they would mutilate his corpse, and his penis, tagged “Little Piece of Human Flesh,” happens to be still in circulation in England, being passed from hand to hand at various classy big-city auctions.

(The wars of the 1800-1815 period had cost France alone about 1/60th of its male population, or about 500,000 young men. But Britain also had lost little pieces of human flesh here and there.)

With the defeat of [Napoleon Bonaparte](#), [Mme. Jeanne-Françoise-Julie-Adélaïde “Juliette” Récamier](#) ([Madame Récamier](#)) was able to return to Paris and restart her famous *salon*, at which she received guests frequently while semi-reclining upon a piece of furniture, a backless daybed or couch, which would become known as a *récamier* in her honor:

“And Amy, what is she going to do?” asked Mrs. March, well pleased at Laurie’s decision and the energy with which he spoke.

“After doing the civil all round, and airing our best bonnet, we shall astonish you by the elegant hospitalities of our mansion, the brilliant society we shall draw about us, and the beneficial influence we shall exert over the world at large. That’s about it, isn’t it, ‘Madame Récamier’?” asked Laurie with a quizzical look at Amy.

“Time will show. Come away, Impertinence, and don’t shock my family by calling me names before their faces,” answered Amy, resolving that there should be a home with a good wife in it before she set up a *salon* as a queen of society.

168. This statue stands all of fifteen feet tall, exclusive of its pedestal. Well, but it must weigh a bit more than the Little General did even at the most corpulent stage of his old age, as well.



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At her salon, which for a long period of time was held in her separate rented suite in an old Paris convent at the Abbaye-aux-Bois, one of the featured guests was her associate [François-Auguste-René, vicomte de Chateaubriand](#). A painting by Jacques-Louis David hanging in the Louvre depicts Mme. Récamier semi-reclining on her récamier as a younger woman,¹⁶⁹ as of 1800 before she had been exiled from Paris by

169. I've checked it out, and M. Chateaubriand does **not** appear in his own portrait eating one of the double-thick center cut of beef tenderloin, stuffed and braised, the dish named in his honor. Nor is he reclining on a récamier (the illustrated piece of furniture, named in her honor), or upon Mme. Récamier herself for that matter — he's just relaxing in a comfortable pair of pants with mussy hair:



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Napoleon for her quasi-Royalist sentiments.



With the defeat of [Bonaparte](#), a portion of the reform in [Switzerland](#) was cancelled, and patricians regained decisive positions in [Lucerne](#)'s politics.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 7 M / Rich Mott this mornng appointed a Meeting for the inhabitants of the Town this Afternoon at 5 OC – He attended our Meeting in the course & delivered a short but Sound pertinent & very lively testimony – at the close his afternoon meeting was mentioned by D Buffum & general informations requested – He with his companion dined with us, their company was pleasant & gratifying – At the hour appointed a large number of people



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collected, several of the most respectable of inhabitants attended - among who were Wm Ellery Snr Wm Ellery Junr, Doct Mann. Christopher G Camplin, Benj Hazard, Doct Hazard Wm Hunter & Nath Hazard -

Richard was much favored in his testimony his opening was "The Kingdom of God consisteth not in Meats or Drinks, but in Righteousness, peace & Joy in the Holy Ghost - this subject he handled well & his communication was attended with a remarkable degree of Life & Power, which drew the attention of people who sat very solidly & it appeared to me that Truth Reigned & the savor thereof spread over most minds present - he concluded in A very solemn & reverend supplication - All this was cause of rejoicing to many minds present. & it appears the Audience were well satisfied. -

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July 14, Friday: The USS *Epervier*, an 18-gun sloop of war with approximately 128 men on board, was somehow lost at sea sometime after this date. No trace has ever been found.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 14 of 7 M / The people speak much in favor of our Meeting Yesterday, & from the feeling manner in which some who may be denominated the World people speak of it - I am ready [to] hope it was a season wherein Truth was Triumphant & that some lasting benefit may result to some minds, which however may not be seen in many Days

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
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 July 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16 of 7 M / Excepting a few words spoken in the Afternoon
our Meetings were both silent – both dull seasons to me
Set up last night with Thos Hornsby who was exceedingly ill from
the effects of an over dose of Camphor –*


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 July 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 7th M / Silent Meeting – In the last
(Preparative) Wm Mitchell Preposed publishing his intentions of
Marriage with Mary Wilcox –
Charles Smith & his wife of Philadelphia were at Meeting & in
the Afternoon I met him in Br D Rs Shop & invited him to give
us a call, he accordingly came up & set about an hour with us &
was agreeable in conversation. They take tea at father Rodmans.
–*

*Sister Rebecca & Betsy Peckham set the Afternoon Br John Joined
us at tea – 6th day 21 of 7 M / Cousin Thos Gould arrivd in town
last eveng from Albany & gave us a call this forenoon – We took
tea with our old neighbors Sam Vernon & his Wife – – the old man
in his place at table returned thanks for his interview with his
friends, & craved that it might be render'd a season of
instruction to us. – & I dont know but his desire was answered
for among all the visits we hade made them I do not recollect
one quite so agreeable – In mentioning this to my H as we
returned I found her sentiment was the same. –*

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 July 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 22 of 7 M 1815 / This Afternoon took my H & John & went
to Connanicut to Cousin Molly Howland. The object of this visit
was to see Cousin Abigail Casey, the old Lady seem'd very glad
to see us as was cousin Howland & told us many little accounts
in conversing on some old Buckthorn trees Which stood near the
house. They told us that they were the same trees which our old
Great Great Grandfather Moury planted & must now be much over
100 Years old – on all the land on which she lived & owned she
planted Buckthorn & Flagroot, being a doctress she made great
use of these Articles – The house in which cousin Howland lives
stands on the same spot on which my great Grandfather Saml Clarke
did & some of the vestages of his beautiful garden still remain,
it is a beautiful spot & calculated to afford every comfort &
pleasure which can ebe enjoyed this side of the grave – in
walking round my mind an Idea visited the ancient residents who
I hope are now in a better Mansion – In going over the wind blew
hard & being but myself & one more man on board I was not a
little affraid of the consequences – we returned & got home*



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*little after sunset & had a very pleasant Visit as was the
excursions in general — This is the first time John was [last
two lines nearly illegible]*

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July 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23 of 7 M 1815 / In the forenoon [first six line nearly
illegible]*

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July 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 30th of 7 M / In the forenoon Father Rodman appeard much
to my satisfaction - Also Cousin Anne Greene - In the Afternoon
Father again in a few words - After tea took a walk round the
Hill with Br D Rodman - Returned & found J Sherman & Sister Eiza
sitting with my H*

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August 1: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, second of four children of Richard Henry Dana, Sr. and Ruth Charlotte Smith Dana. The other children of this marriage:

- Ruth Charlotte Dana (1814-1901)
- Edmund "Ned" Trowbridge Dana (1818-1869)
- Susan Dana (1820-1822)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 1st of 8th M 1815 / This morning recd information from
NYork Caty Wickham that Niobe had been sick two days & an half
when she left their & her situation considered dangerous - this
information has affected my mind with much seriousness having
felt forebodings while I was there that when she came to be sick
her case would be hard, & the increased nearness which is felt
toward her at that time creates no small anxiety on her acct.*

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 3 of 8th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly
Meeting & in order to give Hannah & John (who went with me) a
longer ride we took a new rout over the Beach to Purgatory &
went thro' the roads tha way & came into the Main road our by
Peleg Sandfords This made a pleasing variety, besides which we
went away from home at the early hour of 6 OClock which made it
very cool & pleasant riding - we got to Uncle Thurstons at 8
OClock & there took breakfast where we met with Wm Rotch Jr Thos
Arnold & several other interesting friends - At meeting the
first in testimony was James Greene, more lengthy than I ever
heard him -sound & pertinent & according to my sense attended*



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with a good degree of Gospel Power next Father Rodman & then my old friend & former Correspondent Thomas Anthony & next Obadiah Davis, lengthy & sound, clear & powerful & Divine favor seem'd evidently extended thro' the whole sitting – In the last buisness went on with remarkable unanimity O Davis & others made frequent [?] remarks as did R Greene & others which I thought {last three lines too faded } [top of next page] dined at Uncle Thurstons where I met Sarah Greene had a little intersting conversation with her on the subject of her intended journey as companion to Betsy Purinton on a religious visit to Some meetings in & on the way to Baltimore Yearly Meeting – I found Sarahs ideas & mine corresponded well & she felt nearer to me than she ever did before – tho' I have known her a long time yet I never had much intimate acquaintance with her

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August 5, Saturday: The new 44-gun frigate USS *Java* (so named after a British vessel defeated by the Americans) got underway from the shipyard of Flannigan & Parsons at [Baltimore, Maryland](#). Captain [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) would pick up spare rigging at Hampton Roads and New York before sailing the new vessel to [Newport, Rhode Island](#) to recruit its crew. The frigate would stand out from Newport in the face of a bitter gale on January 22, 1816 on the way to the Mediterranean but a mast would snap with 10 men aloft, killing 5. During April the vessel would be off Algiers as Captain Perry attempted under flag of truce to persuade the Dey of Algiers to honor a treaty he had signed. It would sail to Tripoli with the USS *Constellation*, the USS *Ontario*, and the USS *Erie* in a display of the new strength of the United States of America. After visiting the ports of Syracuse, Messina, Palermo, Tunis, Gibraltar, and Naples, the frigate would return to Newport early in 1817 and be taken in for restoration at the naval yards of Boston.

Austria demanded the return of all art works taken by [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) from its lands (including from northern Italy).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5th of 8 M 1815 / The Audit met at father Rodmans to settle inventory [?] of the Meeting at the past year – Benj Mott was with him [two illegible lines] to [Portsmouth](#) with I accordingly [--] stepped into his Chaise & rode with him to Cousin Zacheus Chases where I found them as comfortable as old folks [the last half of this page too faint to read]

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August 8, Tuesday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) became a prisoner headed for the island of St. Helena.

Of course, the defeat at Waterloo, and the events that had followed, had brought an end to the [Italian](#) judicial career of [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 8 M 1815 / This afternoon I witnessed a solemn scene – I called in the latter part of the Afternoon to see Matthew



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Barker who has been a long time very low & in great distress & apparantly Dieing for several Days, about 20 Minutes after I went into the room the scene closed, his distress continuing till near the close — When he breathed his last my sensations exceeded any thing I ever felt on seeing any person depart from time, my whole frame was shaken — every day brings us all nearer to the like Awful period & every scene like this is a solemn warning to us. to have our minds prepared for the event. — for some time he has not been entirely rational — & when I saw him this mornng & at the final close he was past sensing much for any thing but his distress — I staid & assisted in laying him out

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August 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 9 of 8 M / We had a pleasant call from Mary Morton Attended the funeral of Matthew Barker a few words deliverd by a friend at the house — Sarah Earl & Dorcas Wharton set the Afternoon & Jacob Clarke took tea with us —

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August 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 8 M / My mind for some time has been on desolate places & our Morng meeting a silent barran time to me but in the Afternoon life spring up much to my consolation & comfort -there was [—] was sweet & precious [—] Eunice Earl Set the evening & took tea with us

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August 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 8th M 1815 / I was thankful under a sense of favor in meeting today it seemed to be generally a good time — but I have been humbly to acknowledge, in the language I heard Joseph Martin this morning, in speaking of himself he said "I am a poor needy creature in spiritual things." This is just my case, & tho' there was a sense of favor in meeting this forenoon & generally thro' the course of the day yet while in meeting I could not keep the ballance the whole time, unprofitable thoughts sometimes Krept in, but it was not so hard to get rid of them as I have sometimes found it. — Near the close of the meeting by a Friend his sentence was expressed "Abel offered a Sacrifice which was not acceptable, because it was not offered in sincerity of heart & purity of intention [—] Martha



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& Hannah Gould set the Afternoon & took tea with us –

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August 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 8 M / Took John before breakfast over to the Point & went into the Water with him. The dear little fellow seemed very reluctant at being soused under Water but he has seemed very smart & lively all day after it – In the mornng meeting father Rodman deliver'd a short testimony – In the Afternoon Mary Morton in a [?] of encouragement also Hannah Dennis - The afternoon was a season of some favor to me for which I desire to be thankful -After tea took a pleasant walk on the point with my dear H & Polly Macclish - John & Caleb [?] company, the little fellows seemd highly pleased –

[Newport](#) 8th M 20th 1815

Stephen Gould [surrounded with a flourish]

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August 24, Thursday: Two numbers for a farce called Der traversirte Aeneas by Carl Maria von Weber, Mein Weib ist capores J.183 and Frau Lieserl, juhe! J.184, were performed for the initial time, in Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 8th M 1815 / At meeting my mind was brought to look back & commemorate the mercys & tender dealings of my heavenly Father from early time to the present day - Several of my early associates were brought fresh to my mind who begun well & went on so for a season, but finally lost sight of the days of their espousals & alass, at last, their right in society - My mind was humbled & tendered in a remarkable degree under their considerations, & in reflecting that notwithstanding all my sins & transgressions & short comings in many respects, I am still kept alive still at seasons favor'd with the evidence that divine love is Yet extended, gratitude was raised in my heart to the Author of all mercies in a degree which I seldom experience, & desires raised that the present time might prove as a renewal of covenant – while I was thus ruminating - a short testimony was deliver'd by a friend & succeeded by other short ones by Mary Morton & Hannah Dennis, -the two last were Sweet as marrow to my feelings, it Seemed as if they both had been diped into my feelings in a manner which was remarkable, & may be memorable to me & some others present –


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 August 25, Friday: Franz Schubert applied for the position of director of the elementary school attached to the monastery of the Scottish Order in Vienna (this would not happen).

It being the birthday of King Louis XVIII, Choeur et couplets pour la St. Louis and Vive le roi! for solo voice and piano to words of Desaugiers by Luigi Cherubini were performed for the initial time, in Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 8 M 1815 / This Afternoon Our dear Sister Ruth returned from her visit to None Partners where she hath been with Uncle Wmm Mitchell and passed some weeks very agreeably. Uncle Wm has reurned to consumate his intended marriage with Mary Willcox. -

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 August 26, Saturday: In München, Clarinet Quintet J.182 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 26 of 8 m / Have been much occupied today in removing Lydia Tucker to board with Avis Knowles - She has now passed 85 Years & has become so infirm as to be unable to take care of herself -
Sister Ruth Set part of the Afternoon & took tea with us & gave a very intersting account of her late Journey. -*

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 August 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27th of 8 M / Our mornng meeting was silent except a few words toward the close of it by father R - In the Afternoon towards the close D Buffum expressed his humble gratitude for the present favor, considering it to have been a season wherein divine good had been extended, he exhorted us to "ask & if we rightly asked we should receive" to our consolation & Ruth Weaver then expressed the text "Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven &c & the meeting closed - In the evening with my H called at the Widow Eastons to See William Thurston & his wife who arrived last eveng from N York. This call was agreeable. Wm & his wife were very open & friendly when I saw them at their home & I feel a disposition to do as well by them at mine, as they did by me at theirs.
The sorrowful tidings reached town this Afternoon that John Gardiner a young man of this town was drown'd last evening coming from N York - he went into the boat in the Stern of the Packet which slid over & turned him into the Water, every possible effort was made to save him but in vain, he was son of John*



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Gardiner formerly of this town a late Vendue Master –

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August 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 7th M 1815 / My H set the Afternoon at her fathers, I went up & took tea with her

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August 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 8 M / My Mother, wife & son after tea went over to Thos Robinsons & set till nearly dusk, their visit they said was very agreeable. –

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August 30, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) would be visiting Augusta, at Six Mile Bottom, until September 4th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 30th of 8th M / Set the Afternoon & took tea at Br J Rodmans
It is a season of great dullness in buisness, my trade affords but little pecuniary Assistance, yet I am far from feelings as discouraged as I have sometimes when things of an outward nature have been low, for which I do feel thankful. –Our visit at Br Johns was very pleasant & while setting with them I could but say in my mind, "Behold how good & how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in love" –*

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August 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th 31 of 8 M / A Stormy morning pretty high wind & rain - I feel much dicouraged with the prospect of [Portsmouth](#) Notwithstanding it looked like a difficult undertaking to go to [Portsmouth](#), yet as several who usualy go were like to be detained at home, my H & I took Chaise & went - The wind blew a violent gale at N E & it rained hard & I got wet, thro' on my arms - but by means of a camblet Cloak Hannah got wet not at all, & neither of us was very little incommoded by the undertaking -In the first meeting Anne Almy appeard in a Sweet & fervant Supplication - then Hannah Dennis in testimony, the Mary Morton in fervant supplication again, & to me it was a good Meeting as I have no



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doubt it was to many others present whose hearts rejoiced in a fresh evidence of renew'd life in themselves & felt it extended to others - In the last meeting we had but little buisness - Wm Mitchell was permitted to marry Mary Willcox next 2nd day [Monday] in the Afternoon - A subscription was enter'd into for the purpose of raising \$200 & a part of the money was subscribed in Meeting - We dined at R Mitchells. - Ths storm has been considered to be greater by the Aged people today than any that has happened since the Church Steeple was blown down many years ago - many people went to the Beach in the course of the day & evening to See the breakers which run astonishingly high A vessel was said to be cast away in the Afternoon near Beaver tail light house -

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September 1, Friday: A council was held at Detroit, and the hatchet buried by the tribes represented. These were the Seneca, Delaware, Shawnee, Wyandot, Pottawatomie of Lake Michigan, Ottawa, and Chippeway, with the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago), and Sauk. Other treaties were made with the Pottawatomies of the Illinois, the Piankeshaw, Osago, Iowa, Kansa, Fox, Kickapoo, and bands of the Dakota (Sioux). The posts of Prairie du Chien (at the conflux of the Wisconsin River with the Mississippi River) and Michilimackinac (at the Michigan Strait in the Great Lakes) were reoccupied.

Württemberg joined the [German](#) Confederation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 9 M 1815 / My H & John spent the Afternoon at D Buffum Junrs. Sister Rith & I joined them at tea & spent the evening with them - this is the first visit I have ever paid David & Susan since they were house keepers

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September 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 9th M / I have had the teeth Ach & the head ach all Day & this Afternoon, I find the difficulty increased - Anne & Nancy Almy gave us a short call this forenoon which was pleasant. - I see by the Newspaper of this day that John Benson son of the late Martin Benson, has within a week or two been drowned at Sea, he was a distant relation of mine on the Wanton side, - he was a steady young man, & remarkably afable in his deportment & having known him intimately from his boyhood felt an attachment to him -


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 September 3, Sunday: The [Reverend Timothy Flint](#) and [Mrs. Abigail Hubbard Flint](#) were dismissed from the membership of the Congregational Church in the Lunenburg portion of Fitchburg, to the First Church in Salem, Massachusetts.¹⁷⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 9th M 1815 / I have staid at home all Day with the Tooth Ach & Ague in my face - My H & John attended Meeting & said in the forenoon Father Rodman & Mary Morton preached & in the Afternoon Father, D Buffum & Ruth Weaver.—

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 September 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 9th M / My Ague & Tooth Ach hangs on very hard I had little or no sound sleep last night & it has not been sufficiently easy thro' the day to admit of my taking a nap - This circumstance prevents my attending the Meeting Appointed this Afternoon for Uncle Wm Mitchell & Mary Willcox to Solemnize their marriage - My H, John & Polly Mclish went & say there was no preaching, but that the Meeting was large & well conducted - & that the old couple performed their cerimony with propriety -

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 September 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 9 M / The Ague in my face was somewhat better this morn'g tho' more swollen than Yesterday. this Afternoon it seems to be very painful again, but got easy just before I went to bed. -

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 September 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 9 M / Soon After I got into bed last night my face began to ach & as fast as I got easy in one position my head & neck would be so tired that it proved an inducement to try another. So it went on for a long time & I thought I could sympathise with some I have seen on a Sick bed who could find no comfortable place to lay their "Aching head & weary limbs" - however I caught short naps thro' the night & feel if any thing rather better than yesterday morning - Tho' appearances were favorable in the morning, yet I have had much hard pain thro' the Day, also In the eveng I suffered considerable but on the

¹⁷⁰. There doesn't seem to be any evidence that this was anything more than a polite fiction. There's no record to show, for instance, that any of the members of this immediate family (as opposed to the extended group of Flint relatives) actually resided in Salem or ever became involved with that First Church in Salem.



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*Average I think I have been better than yesterday -
Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us - Cousin Hannah Gardiner
& my Mother set the eveng - Uncle Earl Job Sherman & B & D Dorman
called a little while -*

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September 7, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived back in Prague intent on ending his relationship with the Estates Theater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7th of 9 M 1815 / Last eveing Elisha Thornton came
[teacher and educator] to Town & was at our Meeting today & one
appointed by him at 5 OC for the inhabitants of the Town - In
the forenoon My H told me he had much to communicate both in
Testimony & Supplication & again in Testimony & supplication
this Afternoon - I am so unwell that I thought best not to go
out - tho' I did this mornng, while the sun shone warm, go as far
as father R's to carry John to school - The Ague in my face is
not quite as tedious as yesterday but I have more fever upon me.
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September 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 8th of 9th M / Elisha Thornton has an appointed meeting
at [Portsmouth](#) this forenoon. - I have been better on the whole
but far from well May H, John & I took tea this Afternoon with
Cousin Borden & Mary Tillinghast*

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September 9, Saturday: John Singleton Copley died in London at the age of 77.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 9th of 9 M / Last night took a portion of Jalap & Calomel
which I think must be beneficial from the effect produced but
my face continues to Ach considerably yet -
Rather a hard time with my face this eveng, tho' it has been
pretty comfortable some parts of the Day --
Elishas Thornton, in town toaday & expects to be at Meeting
tomorrow*

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September 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 9th M / Though my face was not in very good condition I attended Meetings - Elisha in the forenoon was large & much favor'd in testimony - In the Afternoon he again was much favor'd in testimony tho' life was several times low in the course of it yet it rose again & I believe his services was greatly owned - in Supplication he was great indeed - Some thought they never heard any thing equal to it - Hannah & I with John, took tea with him at father Rodmans, & we were gratified with an opportunity in his company.-

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September 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 9th M 1815 / Elisha Thornton left Town this Mornng for home. - I am now pretty much restored to my usual health - a little fever however hangs about me & my face is a little swollen - I feel thankful for the favor - pain of body, is heard [hard] to bear, but a little now & then may teach us how to apprise health when we have it

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September 12 Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 9 M / Wm Thurston & his Wife of N York & Sally Easton Set the Afternoon & eveng with us - & Sister Ruth joined us at tea. - Their visit was very pleasant.-

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September 13, Wednesday: Newspapers were announcing the successful “conclusion” of a treaty with the Dey of Algiers:

TREATY WITH ALGIERS.
WASHINGTON CITY, SEPT. 5.
We understand that despatches have been received from Com. Decatur, announcing the pleasing intelligence of his having, on the part of the United States, concluded a treaty of peace with the Dey of Algiers. With the conditions of the treaty of course we are unacquainted; but we learn generally that they are such as Com. Decatur thought proper to dictate.

Copy of a letter from Com. Decatur to the Secretary of the Navy, dated
U. S. ship *Guerriere*, off Cape Palos,
June 20, 1815.

SIR—I have the honour to inform you, that on the 19th inst. off Cape Palos, the squadron under my command captured an Algerine brig of twenty-two guns and one hundred and eighty men. After a chase of three hours, she ran into shoal water, where I did not think it advisable to follow with our large ships, but despatched the *Epervier*, *Spark* and *Spitfire*, to whom she surrendered after a short resistance. Twenty-three men were found dead on board. We received from her eighty prisoners, the residue of her crew having left her in boats. Many of them must have been killed by the fire of our vessels, and one of the boats was sunk. None of our vessels, sustained any damage, nor was there a

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 9 M / This morn'g between 9 & 10 OC My dear & very affectionate Mother Sail'd in the Sloop Express Capt Bliss for N York with a fine fresh wind a little to the eastward of North. —She expects to be gone some weeks & tho I do not live in the house with her Yet seeing her every day shall miss her much —

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 September 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 9 M / Our Meeting was mostly silent - there were
divers present whose faces seem'd to bespeak devotion, & for a
Season It Seem'd as if my mind was favor'd, but dicoragement
prevailed Subjects that were unprofitable intruded on the mind
& the savor of the early part of the meeting was hreatly impaired
Tho' I trust not wholly lost*

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 September 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 15 of 9 M / Took tea with my H at Thos Peckhams - In the
eveng took a walk with Sister Mary to the lower end of the town
& stoped a while at the Widow Avis Carpenters*

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 September 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 16 of 9 M / Heard today of a dirty case on [Nantucket](#),
which is a warning to all, to look well to their standing. The
tempter is allways at work & I believe few, very few if any have
attained to that State which renders them secure from his
attacks. - I have humbly to confess that at no time in my
life have I felt a greater necessity to crave the blessing of
preservation than of late, & especially within a few Days -*

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 September 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 9 M 1815 / Our meetings were both Silent excepting
in the Afternoon a short but very sweet & encoraging testimony
from Mary Morton - In the eveng went over to her fathers & set
a while in their interesting company*

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 September 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 9 M / Our meeting was a comfortable season -Daniel
Clapp from Pomfret expressed a few words signifying that he felt
that among us which united in perfect brotherhood -Sister Eliza
set the Afternoon, & Sally Brown joined us in the evening. -*

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 September 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

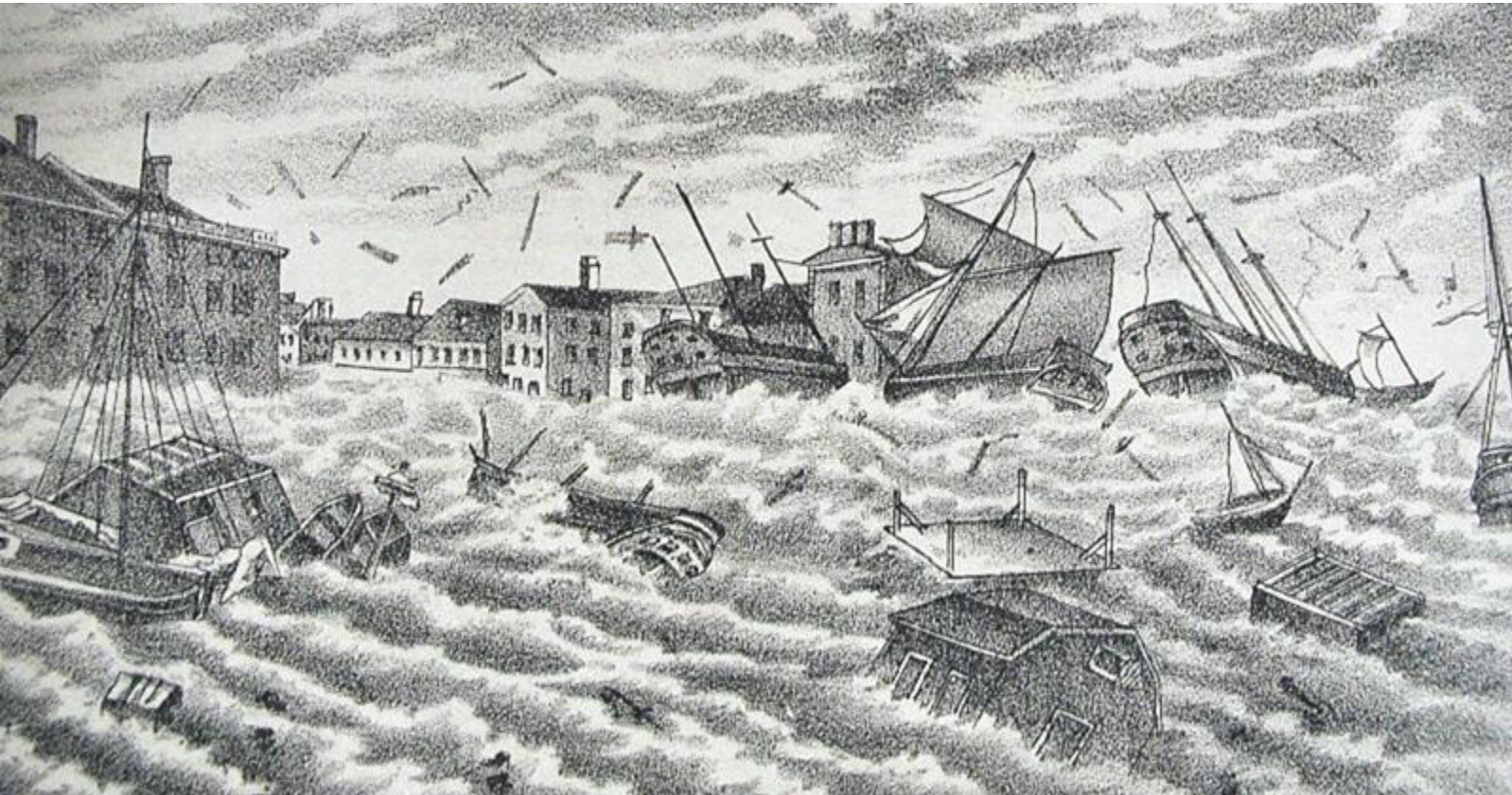
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6th day 22 of 9 M / We took tea with Aunt A Carpenter – A wet & rather dreary day within & without. –

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September 23, Saturday: Unable to persuade his king Louis XVIII to appeal to the allies to rescind or modify their ultimatum, Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévent resigned as Prime Minister of France.

During the 18th Century there had been some 15 violent storms sweeping across New England, but none of them approached the fury of the hurricane that hit the southern New England coastline at 9AM on this day, known as the “Great September Gale of 1815.” The eye of the hurricane came ashore at Old Lyme in Connecticut and the greatest destruction was done along the path of the storm’s “eastern quarter,” such as in [Providence](#).



1815. The glad tidings of Peace were announced here February 12, and our streets were thronged with delighted men and women, and resounded with acclamations of joy. The town was brilliantly illuminated in the evening, and although it was intensely cold, the streets were thronged to a late hour by persons of both sexes and of all ages, and the sound of mirth resounded from almost every dwelling. Many, however, who had been carried along by this tide of rejoicing, had cause to mourn when the excitement



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had subsided, and the "sober second thought" of reflection had returned. They had speculated largely, when prices were high, and vast amounts were invested in merchandise, the value of which, on restoration of peace, "fell, like Lucifer, never to rise again." Many failures were the consequence; but to people at large, peace came as a blessing.

This year was signalized by the Great Storm and high tide. The storm commenced Sept. 22, and the wind was violent, and increasing through the night and the succeeding morning, many houses were unroofed, and other blown down. The tide on the 23d, rose to an extraordinary height, the gale from the South-East was of unparalleled severity, both combined, they drove the principal part of the shipping in the harbor from its moorings up the river against Weybosset bridge, which in short time gave way, and the whole was driven up and landed on the northern shore of the cove. A large sloop was left a considerable distance North of Great Point, now the site of the State Prison, and between that point and the upper part of the Canal basin, were upwards of thirty sail, of a burthen from 500 tons downwards. The water entirely filled the lower stories of the buildings in Market-street, west of the bridge, and a portion of the brick wall of the Washington Insurance building, in the third story, was broken in by the bowsprit of the ship Ganges, as she was driven rapidly by in the foaming current. A sloop of some 50 or 60 tons was driven across Weybosset-street, into Pleasant-street, where she grounded. The Baptist meeting-house, built for Rev. Mr. Cornell, near Muddy Dock, now Dorrance-street, was entirely destroyed. Many houses, stores and barns were swept from the wharves in South Water, Weybosset and some other streets, into the cove, where many of them were crushed to pieces. The water at the junction of Westminster and Orange-streets was at least six feet in depth. Two human beings only here lost their lives in this storm, which was matter of great wonder, when so many were perilled. No measures were taken to ascertain the damage done by the storm, but it was estimated at about a million of dollars.



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A large trunk of the public papers of former [Rhode Island](#) governor [Stephen Hopkins](#) were swept out of the house in which they were stored, and lost (Hopkins's house, which now stands adjacent to Benefit Street, at that time stood adjacent to what is now Main Street, within reach of the waters). By noon the storm had passed up into the wildernesses of the north and was breaking up, but the high winds had stalled the ebbing of the high tide, and then over these high waters came rushing the additional waters driven by the storm, pushing up Narragansett Bay and concentrating at the docks of Providence. First there had been the fury of the wind and then came the fury of the water:

Wind:

The vessels there were driven from their moorings in the stream and fastenings at the wharves, with terrible impetuosity, toward the great bridge that connected the two parts of the town. The gigantic structure was swept away without giving a moment's check to the vessel's progress, and they passed to the head of the basin, not halting until they were high up on the bank....

Water:

Stores, dwelling houses, were seen to reel and totter for a few moments, and then plunge into the deluge. A moment later their fragments were blended with the wrecks of vessels, some of which were on their sides, that passed with great rapidity and irresistible impetuosity on the current to the head of the cove, to join the wrecks already on the land.



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Some 500 buildings were destroyed in this city. The Indiaman *Ganges* was forced all the way up Westminster Street to Eddy Street, where its bowsprit pierced the 3rd story of the city's Market House.¹⁷¹



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Moses Brown](#) would be making a detailed tabulation of the various trees that had toppled in his yard. The salt spray was carried from the ocean 40 or 50 miles inland. Apples and other fruit were blown off the trees, the corn was injured, and fences and trees were prostrated. In particular the

171. Some 4-foot-long metal tubes jammed into the marshy soil and sediment layers at Succotash Marsh in East Matunuck, [Rhode Island](#) (at the west side of the ocean entrance of the [Narragansett Bay](#)) by Tom Webb of the Geological Sciences Department of [Brown University](#), have revealed that there has been a series of overwash fans created by storm tidal surges, indicating that seven category-three hurricanes have struck Narragansett lowlands in about the past millennium. The 1st such overwash fan that has been revealed dated to the period 1295-1407CE, the 2nd to the period of roughly the first half of the 15th Century, the 3rd to approximately 1520CE (give or take a few decades), and the 4th to the historic storm of the 14th and 15th of August, 1635. The 5th such overwash fan obviously dates specifically to this historic storm of September 23, 1815.



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original apple tree near Woburn MA of the Loammi Baldwin apple got knocked over:



At the time Captain [Paul Cuffe](#)'s ship was fortunately out of harm's way in New-York and Philadelphia.

In [Newport](#), [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) recorded in his journal that:

7th day 23 of 9 M / This forenoon we had the most severe Gale that Newport ever experienced - it commenced before day break to Rain Thunder & lighten, continued to increase gradually till a little before 9 OC when it suddenly increased & the tide rose with surprising velocity such as was never seen before - The wind & tide making such devastation of Vessels houses Stores & even lives as appalled all Skill to save. The destruction of houses was chiefly on the Long Wharf & on the Point - Andrew Allens wife, three children & a girl that lived with them were all in the house when it went off into the cove & they were all drowned - Over the Beach John Irish in attempting to save his boat was drowned - & two men who lived with Godfrey Hazard in trying to save their Sheep were also drowned. - Shocking was the Scene I have no powers to describe it, tho' at a more lesure



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*Moment I intend to attempt a more full description Our cellar
was full of Water, but we lost nothing of consequence. - We were
humbly thankful it was no worse*




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Many boats were destroyed at [Boston](#) wharves:



I recollect being engaged near my father's saw-mill handling lumber with my brothers [[Adin Ballou](#) was 12 years old 

The tempest, which began about 7 o'clock in the morning, reached its height at noon, when it was little else than a hurricane. Multitudes of people were filled with terror and consternation. I confess that I was, and hastening to my chamber, obtained what relief and composure I could from the unseen world by earnest supplication. I gained something of trust and calmness, but hardly enough to overcome all my fearful apprehensions, for there seemed to be no place of refuge from impending danger and my faith was not of the surest type.

When the storm subsided, the inhabitants of southern New England looked with amazement on the devastations it had caused. Inland the noblest timber lots were covered with prostrate trees and upturned earth, the finest orchards were laid waste, rail-fences, wood, and lumber were scattered far and wide, roads were rendered impassable by accumulated debris, and incalculable damage had been done to buildings on every hand, many of the lighter ones being wholly destroyed. In seaport towns and along the shore, still greater havoc, if possible had been wrought. The ocean rolled in upon the coast its mountainous waves, which, in thickly settled localities, inundated the wharves, streets, and exposed places of business, filled the cellars and lower stories of dwellings and warehouses near the water line, causing the occupants to flee for their lives, and destroying immense amounts of property that chanced to be within reach. The wind drove before it all sorts of sea-craft, even the largest vessels, sinking some, wrecking others, and landing many high on the beach, far away from tide-water. The remains of sloops and schooners, gradually dismantled and abandoned, appeared on the sand banks and along the coast for years, victims of the Storm-King's insatiate power. Such was the "great gale" of 1815, the like whereof has never been seen by New Englanders since the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock.



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Many of the trees on the Boston Common were blown down.

When, in [A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MERRIMACK RIVERS](#), Henry David Thoreau would argue for the liberty to travel unnecessarily on the Sabbath, he was arguing against one of the pet projects of the very most prominent citizen of his town, Squire Samuel Hoar. For a story had it that when the great hurricane of 1815 had devastated the woodlands around [Concord](#), one old farmer exclaimed:

I wish the wind'd come on Sunday! -Sam Hoar would've stopped it.

[A WEEK](#): History has remembered thee; especially that meek and humble petition of thy old planters, like the wailing of the Lord's own people, "To the gentlemen, the selectmen" of Concord, praying to be erected into a separate parish. We can hardly credit that so plaintive a psalm resounded but little more than a century ago along these Babylonish waters. "In the extreme difficult seasons of heat and cold," said they, "we were ready to say of the Sabbath, Behold what a weariness is it." – "Gentlemen, if our seeking to draw off proceed from any disaffection to our present Reverend Pastor, or the Christian Society with whom we have taken such sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company, then hear us not this day, but we greatly desire, if God please, to be eased of our burden on the Sabbath, the travel and fatigue thereof, that the word of God may be nigh to us, near to our houses and in our hearts, that we and our little ones may serve the Lord. We hope that God, who stirred up the spirit of Cyrus to set forward temple work, has stirred us up to ask, and will stir you up to grant, the prayer of our petition; so shall your humble petitioners ever pray, as in duty bound –" And so the temple work went forward here to a happy conclusion. Yonder in Carlisle the building of the temple was many wearisome years delayed, not that there was wanting of Shittim wood, or the gold of Ophir, but a site therefor convenient to all the worshippers; whether on "Buttrick's Plain," or rather on "Poplar Hill."



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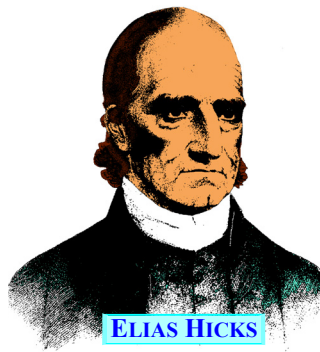
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Many of the local historians of [Concord](#), and many Thoreauvian scholars, have made this sort of connection. It is the sort of connection in which they deal, between one prominent citizen of Concord MA with prominent attitudes and another prominent citizen of Concord MA with prominent attitudes. It is, I might say, an easy association. But how many such historians and scholars know that when Thoreau would grow up in Concord in the following generation, and would take such attitudes, he was seconding the attitudes of the great Quaker preacher, [Elias Hicks](#)? For Hicks had pronounced in opposition to the so-called Blue Laws, laws which for instance entitled the Quakers of Philadelphia to stretch chains across the public street during their First Day silent worship in order to prevent the noise of the passage of carriages. For Hicks, First Day was just another day, of no greater or lesser holiness than any other weekday. He would come in from the fields, change his clothing, put on his gloves, and go off to Meeting for Worship on First Day just as he would come in from the fields, change his clothing, put on his gloves, and go off to Meeting for Worship on Fourth Day (Wednesday). But this was not merely a matter of preference for Friend Elias, any more than it was a matter of preference for Squire Hoar: it was a principle. Blue laws were laws, and laws were enacted by governments, and therefore such laws were infringements upon religion, sponsored by the state apparatus which should be allowed have no connection whatever with religion. In this direction lay a great danger, sponsored by the Squires of this world who would like nothing better than to be able to legislate the religious convictions of other people. Thus, when the Governor of New York issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation, Friend Elias was greatly alarmed, that he

*“has
by recommending a religious act
united the civil and ecclesiastical authorities,
and broken the line of partition between them,
so wisely established
by our enlightened Constitution,
which in the most positive terms
forbids
any alliance between church and state,
and is the only barrier
for the support of our liberty and independence.*

*For if that is broken down
all is lost
and we become the vassals of priestcraft,
and designing men,
who are reaching after power
by subtle contrivance
to domineer over the consciences
of their fellow citizens.”*



ELIAS HICKS

The terminology and the cadence was not Thoreauvian, but Thoreau's attitudes as proclaimed in [A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MERRIMACK RIVERS](#) would be identical with this.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE



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Subsequent to this historic gale, and in consequence of it, [John Farrar](#), Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at [Harvard College](#), who had since 1807 been maintaining and analyzing weather records in Cambridge, would be able to elaborate upon the insights of [Benjamin Franklin](#) into the nature of the “nor’easter” weather phenomenon by conceptualizing such hurricanes as “a moving vortex and not the rushing forward of a great body of the atmosphere” (he had noted not only the lagging times of arrival of the winds at Boston versus New-York and the wind’s opposite directionality, as had Franklin, but had also been able to analyze mathematically the veering of the wind as a fluid phenomenon).



September 24, Sunday: Armand Emmanuel du Plessis, Duc de Richelieu replaced Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord, prince de Bénévvent as prime minister of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 9 M 1815 / Was this forenoon called out as a member of Engine Company N 5 to clear the Streets so that in case of fire the Engine might pass - we worked hard and effected our purpose, & it was shocking to behold the poor sufferers looking round among the ruins to look for the few things which remained of theirs - many of them had their all blown away - In the Afternoon, I went to Meeting & after tea we saw the funeral of poor Allens wife & three Children which was as long, & I believe the longest, I ever saw. The young woman who lived with them was buried from the Point - on the edge of the evening My H Sister R & Polly Macklish took a walk on the point to view the Ruins - a sad & sorrowful Sight

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September 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2 day 25 of 9 M / Went this Afternoon to carry a bequest of some old cloaths from Uncle Stanton to old Jonathon Walker who told me he was born in April 1728 - his sister Sarah is totally blind & they live together - I dont know as I eversaw (on every count) two more wretched looking beings - Our Alms house is cleaner, their beds look as if they were worn out, & what remains of them exceeding dirty - It was affecting to see them, & it afforded some little releaf to think I had the means of helping them a little


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 September 28, Thursday: [Nicolò Paganini](#)'s lawyer submitted abundant testimony and evidence as to the low moral character of [Angiolina Cavanna](#) to a Genoa court, in support of his claim that he had been the victim of an extortion plot by her father Ferdinando Cavanna, a poor tailor. The father would reduce his accusation of "abusing the innocence" of 17-year-old Angiolina to "breach of promise."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 9 M / In the first meeting Hannah Dennis Prayed & Father Rodman preached – in the last (Monthly) buisness went on pretty well considering– J Dennis served as clerk in the absense of D Williams – I thought life was low – At dinner we had Sarah Fowler, Elizabeth Lawton & wife & Geo Dennis

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 October 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 1st of 10 M 1815 / Our meeting this forenoon was a comfortable season to many present – D Buffum was (for him) large in testimony. Then John Weaver read the London Epistle for last year – then Mary Morton appeard in a Sweet testimony – In the Afternoon we were Silent but I believe it was a season of favor –

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 October 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 10 M / Our Meeting was Silent – Life low in my mind, tho' I trust others were refreshed by the incomes of it

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 October 6, Friday: Great Britain annexed Ascension Island in the South Atlantic.

The *Genesee Packet* arrived at [Fort Niagara](#), New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 10 M ? / This forenoon went over to Avis Knowles to carry Lydia Tucker a few things sent by Aunt A Carptner for her comfort – found Lydia low & wearing out fast. – as I was returning in Washington street I met with Our old neighbor Saml Vinson who asked me to walk with him further up as he had a mind to view the ravages of the late Storm & visit the place where he served his time which is now The Goddards shop, in walking round it, he related many Anecdotes of his youth with his usual pleasantry – we then took a turn as far up as the North Battery & home thro' the street that lead by the Alms house & parted on the parade. Some of his conversation was edifying. he spoke particularly as we passed our Meeting house of his feelings in it when he was a lad & once of latter years on hearing John Casey



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preach - he said when he reflected now far John had deviated from morality in his Youth & how firmly established & fervent he was now in the Cause of Truth, the consideration was humbling & affecting to his mind

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October 7, Saturday: Joachim Murat, brother-in-law of [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), landed at Pizzo with a force of 250 from Corsica, in an attempt to win back the throne of Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 10 M / My H, & Sister R Set the evening at Thos Robinsons. I joined them the latter part of it very agreeably, as my visits there always prove - Mary Morton expects to leave them in a few days & most probable the Old folks will fell doubly striped when she has left them - They appear to bear their late privation of property by the Storm with firmness, christian firmness. -

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October 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 10 M 1815 / Our forenoon meeting was very small owing to the rain. M Morton was concerned in a short but very lively testimony - In the Afternoon the meeting was larger & silent -

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October 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 10 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended. Anne Greene was concerned in a lively & engaging testimony addressed to the Youth - Then D Buffum in a lively & pertinent communication recommended & enforced the "necessity of Self examination." The meeting I thought a favor'd one - Rebecca Waterhouse & Abigail Grelea, also Sister Mary took tea with us & Set the evening -

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October 15, Sunday: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) reached St. Helena and his final exile. Who?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 10 M / Yesterday & today I have been quite Sick with a great Cold which has prevented my attending Meeting My H went this Afternoon & said Anne Greene & Hannah Hosier bore testimony to the Truth - In the course of the day I have read most of James Goughs Journal, many parts of it has proved




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edifying to my mind

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 October 18, Wednesday: Two numbers for a play celebrating the Battle of Leipzig by Carl Maria von Weber, Wer stets hinter'n ofen kroch J.186 and Wie wir voll Glut J.187, were performed for the initial time, in Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 10 M / My Cold is getting better today My H & John are taken with it & both seem to be pretty strongly affected

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 October 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 10 M / A Silent meeting & to me a pretty good one -My H & John are still quite poorly with the influenza-

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 October 22, Sunday: [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 3d birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 10 M 1815 / In the forenoon meeting our friend D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony. - In the Afternoon our frd Joseph Taber & Stephen Carpenter from Vermont were at meeting & Joseph proved himself to be a deep Baptizing Minister tho' apparantly a young man - they came upon us quite unexpectedly -we heard nothing of their being in this country till it was mentioned at the close of the morning meeting, but their coming was somewhat like the coming of Titus to the brethren formerly -it had Seemed like a low time among us for some times, & I trust the preaching of Joseph was a comfort to many present - his supplication was living & powerful.-

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 October 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 10 M / Rode with B Hadwen to [Portsmouth](#) to sttend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - My H having a hoarse & severe cold which rendered her unable to go & attend to the Services of the day as Clerk - We stoped a few minutes at Saml Thurstons before meeting - The first meeting was Silent & the last heavy & so much of a certain disposition prevaling that as respects myself -, I doubt whether I gained much benefit by it. when money is to be raised the wheels are always cloged, & while there are individuals who do not do their proportion of the expence of Society - there must always be trials which without great care & christian forbearance, will create disunity - We dined at



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Cousin Zacheus Chases, found the old man comfortable to what I expected, & the family whom I have long loved, enjoying themselves in good degree as in former times but I think Cousin Chase & his wife are verging fast to the final close tho' they may yet live to see many go before them who are much younger –

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October 29, Sunday: Dan Emmett was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 10th M 1815 / Our Morning meeting was silent. In the Afternoon our Frd D Buffum was very lively in a short Testimony "If thou does well shall it not be well with thee, but if thou doest not well Sin layeth at the Door - he observed that before the law, under the law & now in the Christian dispensation, peace was & is the result of doing well & illustrated the subject with much life, which I doubt not reached many minds present as well as my own - In the evening I called a little while at D Williams on buisness, & passed a little while in pleasant conversation - & set the residue at Home

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October 30, Monday: [Andrew Jackson Downing](#) was born in Newburgh, New York. His parents Samuel Downing and Susanna Brown Downing were natives of Lexington, Massachusetts who had removed to upstate New York upon their marriage.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 10 M / This morning my mind was favor'd with the arisings of life & tenderness & has continued most of the Day in a degree beyond what is usual. I desire to be thankful for the favor. a little relief from the dry destitute & barran condition which I have suffered for several days is refreshing.

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October 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

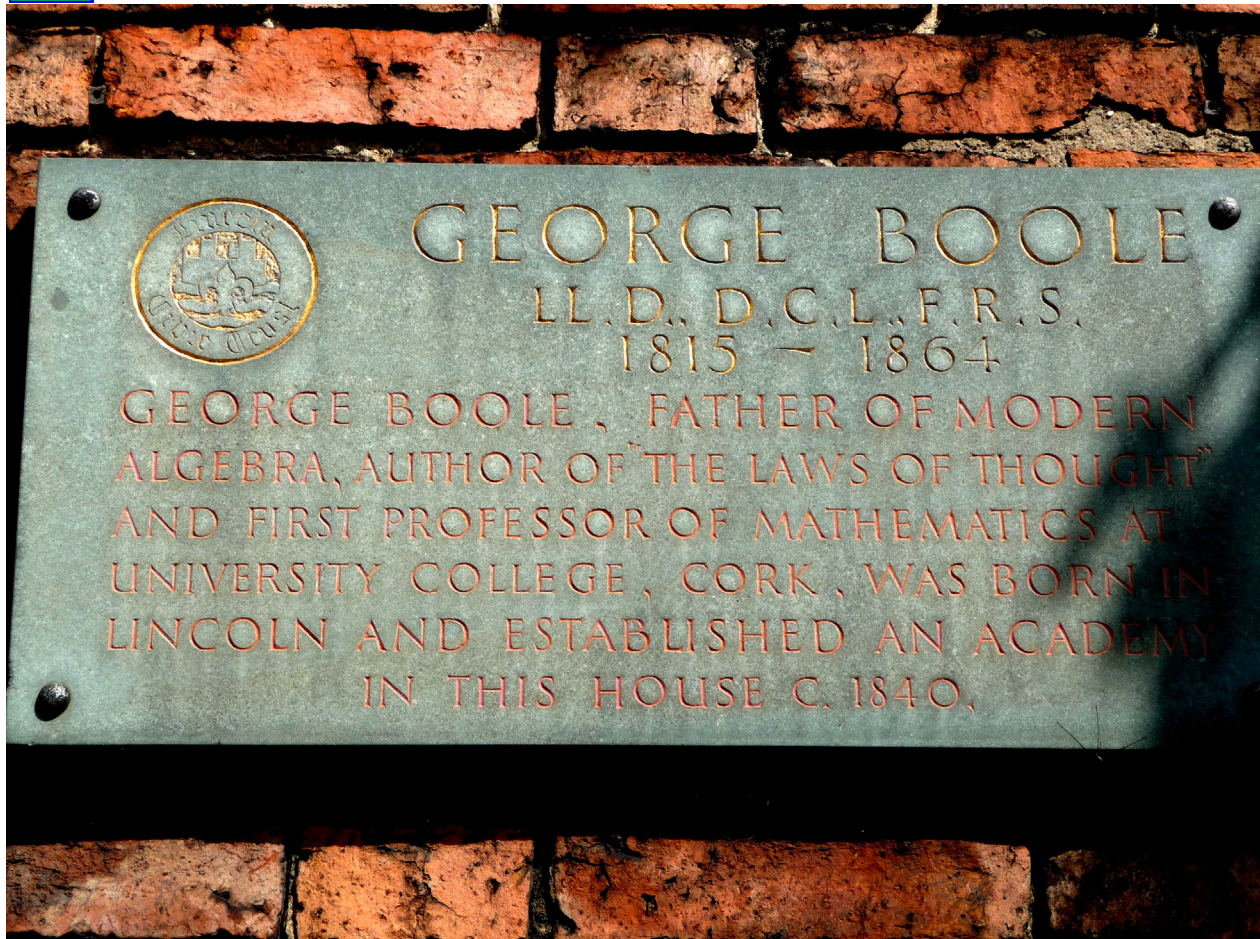
3rd day 31 of 10 M / Neighbor Eddy was in the Shop this Morning & in conversation an anecdote of an Indian preacher I thought instructing - he said that an Indian preaching remarked that he compared a white man to an Onion there were many skins to take off before we come to the heart - When the Power of God took hold of a whiteman there were many things to obstruct its progress to the heart - but when the Power of God took hold of the poor Indian he had nothing but his Blanket to be striped of & without it he is naked & bare. -whether the remark is correct with respect to the Indian I leave but certain I think the

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*comparison is instructive as respects the white man
Aunt Patty Gould & Sister Mary Set the Afternoon with us & the
latter the evening - John has staid from school today being quite
sick with a Cold attended with a hard cough & some considerable
fever*

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November 2, Thursday: George Boole, who would create Boolean logic, was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 2nd of 11th M 1815 / A considerable number of friends
being absent at the Quarterly Meeting now sitting at Swansea -
Our meeting was quite small, but I trust there were minds present
who were favor'd with devotion*

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November 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 4 of 11 M / Friends who have returned from the Quarterly Meeting give a favorable account - they say Christopher Healy Benjamin Taber & Mary Allen were there & concerned very largely in Public testimony - The first meeting held nearly three hours - & it was late before the last meeting ended - It proved a season of favor, to many minds - I was glad to hear that friends were comforted together & should have been glad to have assembled with them but it did not seem best to leave home at the time for various reasons

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November 5, Sunday: Great Britain declared a protectorate over the Ionian Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 11 M / In the morning our frd D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony, he said that while he had been sitting the saying of an Ancient Minister whom he had heard in early life had reviewed with considerable force & interest in his mind the saying was "Honesty is the best Policy" this he said he frequently repeated in his public communications & David considered it very important & set forth the necessity of being honest to men, honest to ourselves & honest to God, on the subjects he enlarged to the quickening of some minds present In a manner which I hope will not be forgotten - Hannah Dennis then deliverd a short but lively testimony encouraging us to work in the vineyards of our own hearts for the life was low &c - In the Afternoon father Rodman delivered a short testimony, the first time he has appeard in six weeks -After meeting Attended the funeral of George Hall Aged 83 years -Set the eveng at home

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November 9, Thursday: A missionary needs a wife. The Reverend [William Ellis](#) got married with Mary Mercy Moor. The couple would be posted by the London Missionary Society to the South Sea Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 11th M 1815 / Our Meeting was small silent & short, & I believe generally a dull season. -

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November 12, Sunday: Elizabeth Cady was born in Johnstown, New York [NEW YORK](#).

[ELIZABETH CADY STANTON](#)

With Friend Lucretia Mott she would organize in 1848 the first US women's rights convention, and from 1852 she and Susan B. Anthony would lead the women's movement. She would be the editor of Revolution, a militant women's rights magazine, from 1868 to 1870, and would be president of the National Woman Suffrage Association from 1869 to 1890.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 11 M / Our mornng Meeting was silent & I thought solid. - In the Afternoon Anne Greene appear'd in testimony & warned us of the dangers of the "broad road" pointed out the happy consequences of waling in that which is straight & narrow & reminded us that "short running makes long friends" - Father Rodman appear'd in a short communication "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts consider your ways" & improved upon the passage with propriety & I thought his testimony was savory - At this Meeting General Jacob Brown attended, he has made a considerable conspicuous figure on the Military Theatre during the last War -he was formerly a member of our Society & is said to have kept a school in N York, but first departed from us by marrying out, & then became a Military character - he sat in meeting as if he was no stranger to Friends Meetings yet I thought his countenance looked as if he soared above the Witness for Truth in his mind.-

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November 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th[sic] of 11th M / Our meeting was small & Silent but I believe was a solid favor'd opportunity - to me it was peculiarly so, untill bodily infirmity prevailed so as to render the mind incapable to enjoy it - And this Afternoon I feel my



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*mind cover'd with the covering that is sweet & precious - but
alass my Frailtys how they predominate & hinder my progress -*

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November 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 11th M 1815 / The day was rainy & both meetings
were small & silent. three women only in the Afternoon namely
Hannah Dennis Ruth Rodman & Aunt Wait Lawton who was in town on
a visit. - Set the eveng at home & my H & I read alternately*

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November 21, Tuesday: Milos Obrenovic I became Prince of Serbia.

“Col. Stephen Pearl, one of the most striking characters among the early settlers of Burlington [Vermont] died, at his home, where for many years distinguished strangers ‘from within or without the state’ and the poor and friendless alike had been received with generous hospitality. Col. Pearl was a captain at Bunker Hill, a colonel of the Rutland county militia and present at the ‘Rutland Shay’s Rebellion,’ also town clerk of Burlington and sheriff of the county.”¹⁷²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 21 of 11 M / This morning between 8 & 9 OClock Mother &
Uncle Stanton arroved in the Packett Express from N York. Mother
has been gone.... Weeks & her return is a very pleasant
circumstance.*

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November 28, Tuesday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) petitioned the Imperial and Royal Landrechte of Lower Austria (court for the nobility and clergy of Lower Austria) to take full guardianship of his 9-year-old nephew Karl van Beethoven.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 28th of 11th M 1815 / This morning John Weaver & his
family sailed for Troy in N York State where they expect to
settle, thus poor [Rhode Island](#) is striped of its active & useful
members, & where we shall get or to what state we shall be
reduced to is hard to be foreseen, tho' at present I can hardly
think the Monthly Meeting is weak, yet I think our streangth is
weakening & with the removal or demise of a few more of the
Standards, the weighty part will be gone & there does not appear
to be any that will be likely to Succeed them with equal
usefulness - Sister Mary Spent the day & evening with us. -*

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 November 30, Thursday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer), his brother, and a servant departed from Paris for a trip to London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 11th M / Our Monthly Meeting this day held in Town was well attended, a short testimony in the first meeting by father Rodman – In the last our discussions were of no great moment, & there was evidently but little life among us – Uncle Saml Thurston & J Lawton & Job Weedon dined with us – Eunice Earl & Sister Elizabeth set the evening & took tea with us. –

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 December 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 12 M 1815 / Rode This morning to [Portsmouth](#) with Brother Isaac to attend the funeral of Phebe Chase wife of my cousin Isaac Chase who departed this life quietly about 6 OClock in the evening last 3rd day. We got to the house about 1 / 2 an hour after the funeral had moved & the air being very cool & we suffering with the cold concluded to go in & set a little while in Silent Sympathy with cousin Isaac & his family & found him & one of his Sons So much unwell as to be unable to leave the room – the funeral was At 10 OClock Am & at 12 at the meeting house. The latter circumstance we were not acquainted with or as cold as it was we should have rode on & endeavored to have overtaken the funeral. –


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 December 3, Sunday: Meyer Beer ([Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)) crossed the English Channel from Calais to Dover. This required 8 hours.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 12th M 1815 / In the morning the meeting was pretty well attended, quiet & solid. A Greene preached towards the close – In the Afternoon silent & solid but discouragement greatly my lot – In the evening set a little while at D Williams –

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 December 7, Thursday: [Elizabeth Hussey Whittier](#) was born. (It is necessary to disambiguate between two persons of this name, one having been the sister of John Greenleaf Whittier and the other his niece, called “Lizzie.” This is the sister.)

Marshal Michel Ney was executed by firing squad in a Paris street (he would be the only one of [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)’s marshals to be put to death).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 7th of 12 M / Our meeting was Small on the womens side of the house in consequence of the Rain - I thought it a season of favor, tho' "Jacob was very small" Yet a current of life appear'd to flow. - Hannah Dennis was very lively her opening was "Is there no balm in Gilead & is there not a Physician there." In the forepart of the meeting Jonathon Dennis requested that we set more compact which was repeated by father Rodman - Friends have heretofore been in the habit of Sitting scattering, Some near the door, whose age and standing would render a forward seat more appropriate. -
Last eveng about 10 OClock Died at [Portsmouth](#) Ruth Bringhurst widow of James Bringhurst late of Philadelphia -

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December 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [sic] 9 of 12 M / After dinner walked out to John Weedens & with him rode to W Shermans to visit his son Jacob in the capacity of overseers. we staid there some time & labor'd with him in the ability afforded, which was as much to my own satisfaction as I could expect but whether we left any favorable impression on him is uncertain. John carried me round by Richard Mitchells where we stoped & warmed - I then walked to cousin Chases & staid all night, found the Old man recruiting a little after a Severe attack of the influenzy which with his other complaints proves almost to much for his constitution - 1st day forenoon being cold & unpleasant I staid with cousin Chase till after dinner then walked home in Season to attend Our Afternoon Meeting Afternoon Henry Sherburns wife was buried - Also Francis Amie Alias Friend, the poor man was in [sic]

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December 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 12 M 1815 / Attended meeting & tho' my mind has been pretty closely occupied in worldly concerns for the present Week, the opportunity was such as made me glad to be present -

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December 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 17 of 12 M / Meetings both Silent - In the Afternoon my feelings were excited towards a young woman a member of Society & relation of mine who has lately married out of the good & correct order of Society (M E) whether the concern will amount to sufficient to pay her a visit I cannot Yet tell, - but the predominating desire of my mind is that she may not forsake the religion of her fathers & tho' she may be disowned I hope it may rouse her to a Sense of the value of her birth right & be the means of coming into society with usefulness, to



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us & benefit to herself-

Between meetings Benjamin Stanton Son of Benjamin Stanton of St Johns called to see us. he is second cousin to me & a branch of relationship which my father set much by - he came in for harbor for his Vessel Bound for N York & goes away again this Afternoon

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December 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 12 M 1815 / I desire not to complain but do what I can in my day & generation, but certainly considering my outward circumstances my time is more occupied in the concerns of Society than I can afford - by ten OC this forenoon I was at the meeting house to fix the stove pipe - In the first meeting which was silent & well attended & the last which was preparative I set, then directly met with a committee to consider the State of the poor -we did not get thro' till almost 4 OC in the Afternoon, this consumed about 6 hours of my time today & put me behind hand in my work -

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December 22, Friday: In Prague, a cantata that Carl Maria von Weber had composed after the Battle of Waterloo, "Kampf und Sieg," was performed for the initial time. Although due to a storm and due to the [Christmas](#) season, the audience was a small one, applause was vigorous.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 12 M 1815 / On 4th day last the 20th inst Died after an illness of a few minutes in Little Compton that Aged friend & Patriarch Jeremiah Austin Senr Aged about 83 years - There are few men who have gone from works to reward that have left a Savor of christian Deportment so Sweet behind them "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no Guile" I never had much acquaintance with him, as he came but seldom to Town & I went but seldom where he was, but I have sought all possible, or at least convenient opportunities to be in his company & have never failed to be much interested, either by his looks, which were Sweet & innocent, or by his conversation - he had lived long & was a very Active member in Society, faithful to the testimony in every respect, & a good example in plainness - his anecdotes of the trials he passed thro' when he was a member of one of the Meeting at or near the Long Plains - in the time of the Recoluntary War, when a number of friends fell off & Advocated War, was very teaching to a young mind. he sat one day some Years ago in my shop & related much of those days to me - his services in the Church for many years were great & certainly I believe no Star in the brightest constellation of heaven shone brighter in its orb, than did this heavenly minded man in his. -

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December 24, Sunday: The initial concert of the Boston Handel and Haydn Society took place at King's Chapel, Boston. Excerpts from the works of the two namesakes were performed by about 100 men and women singers, with organ and 12 other instruments.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 12 M / The Mornng Meeting was a season of favor for which I desire to be thankful - In the Afternoon a groveling time -both meetings were silent - the morning was small in the womens side of the house in consequence of a little Rain & bad walking -Better attended in the Afternoon - This Afternoon Henry Sherburns wife was buried - Also Francis Amie Alias Friend. The poor man was in my shop in the Morning of the 20th inst. went home & after a little while went upstairs & lay down & when they went to call him to dinner, behold he was no More. - Tho' this poor man had been long unwell Yet the Sudden & unexpected call from time to Eternity is a solemn warning to Survivors.

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December 25, Monday: Meeresstille und glückliche Fahrt, a cantata by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), was performed for the initial time, in the großen Redoutensaal, Vienna along with the premiere of his overture Namensfeier.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 12 M 1815 / This has been a very pleasant day for the Time called [Christmas](#). The forepart of it was a clear sky & fine wholesome Air - The Afternoon was some cloudy as was the evening & the Air more raw - it is a great favor to the Poor of the Town that Winter thus keeps off - we have had no snow yet, & wood is plenty tho' at the great price of \$8 P Cord -- My H set the Afternoon at Br Davids - Rebecca Sessions set the evening with us -

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December 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12 M / Rode with Sister Ruth to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting - found ourselves very cold by the time we got to Uncle S Thurstons where we stoped & warmed, then rode to meeting. - In the first H Dennis prayed - In the last we had but little buisness, but life was apparently so low that it took us a considerable time to transact it -After meeting we dined at Uncle Thurstons & rode home - Mt H had concluded to go to [Portsmouth](#) last night, but her own & Johns indisposition prevented this morning -

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December 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 30 of 12 M 1815 / This day completed the 34th Year of my Age - to have lived 34 years & to be no better is real cause for Alarm - The Year rolls round but I feel Sensibly that it has gone, forever gone from me, & the reflection naturally arises that I am one Year nearer the Grave
John has been better to day for which I feel a degree of thankfulness -*

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December 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 31 of 12 M 1815 / Our meetings were very small owing to the very sloppy walking but few women attended - In the morning father Rodman delivered a short testimony - My own condition was truly poor, tho' I labor'd to get my mind fixed on serious subjects yet turn which way I would unprofitable & unsuitable matter for the occasion would work in - Thus I was renewedly confirmed that times & seasons are not at our command.
-
John has not been quite so well as yesterday, I believe Worms are his greatest difficulty.*

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January 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 1st M 1816 / Behold another Year has come & I have nearly finished another Day of it & am now about to retire to rest for the night - Nothing very remarkable has taken place -the day has passed rather pleasantly & this eveng Br David called & set a little while with us, & I read to him Job Scotts poetical letter to M Leadbeater & her reply. - John has been apparently a little better today —¹⁷³



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January 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 1 M / Our old neighbor Mary Donally Departed this life about Noon - she was a truly christian character in whose company both my wife & I have passed a considerable time much to our instruction. She was a Presbyterian, but modes of faith amounts to but little

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173. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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January 3, Wednesday: The Recorder appeared in Boston, Massachusetts. This was the second religious newspaper published. From the different claims which have been made for its establishment, it appears that Nathaniel Willis 1st conceived the idea of such a paper, and printed the Recorder, of which Sidney Edwards Morse was the 1st editor.

Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) arrived back in Paris from London.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 1st M 1816 / In the morning of Yesterday John seem'd more comfortable but drooped toward night & had a very feverish night & this morning Dr Hazard thinks he has a Settled fever - He has been very poorly thro' the day, his fever exceedingly high & his throat very sore, it is with diffiucly that he swallows Drinks - he however ate a mouthful or two of buckwheat Cake & drank Some tea & was quite bright for an hour afterward, but drooped again before he went to bed - his feet were put in warm Water & rye poultices apply'd to them. -

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January 4, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 1st M / John slept well last night & is surprisingly better today. - Soon after I took my seat in meeting my mind became quickened & I had for the first Meeting in this Year a very good one, which I hope may prove an Omen for the Succeeding part of it - David Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, that a Stalled ox & hatred therewith" This Afternoon attended the funeral of Our much esteemed old neighbor Mary Donally - her remains were carried to the Presbyterian Meeting house where I heard a Sermon delivered on the occasion by Hitchcock, the present Minister. - While we lived on the Hill she was our next door neighbor & we contracted an intimacy which has subsisted ever since. She was a pleasant companion, cheerful & innocent in conversation & tho' our religious opinions were different it was no bar to social intercourse - The last time I called to see her, she seemed very glad to see me & told several anecdotes of her Youth that were interesting & entertaining In short but few that I have been acquainted with of any denomination posessed a more Christian disposition - She was 83 Years of Age -

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January 5, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 1st M 1816 / Sister Mary Spent the day with us & the Afternoon & evening being stormy she staid all night - John continues better, his situation a few days past gave us great anxiety, - it now appears as if he may be continued longer to us & I desire it may prove a blessing - he now seems to be a



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promising child & remarkably forward for his Age - Nothing can give me more pleasure (short of reality) to anticipater him a religious & useful member of Society -

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Nathan Bond died at the age of 64. His remains would at his request be interred at the side of his mother in [Concord](#).

NATHAN BOND [of [Concord](#)], son of Abijah Bond, was born March 31, 1752, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1772. He was a merchant in [Boston](#), and died there January 5, 1816, aged 64. His remains were interred, at his request, by the side of his mother in [Concord](#).¹⁷⁴



January 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 1st M 1816 / In our morning meeting Anne Greene declared the Truth, in the simplicity of the Truth, & with a good degree of power - In the Afternoon we were silent & to me both were good Meetings - Yesterday John seemed to be pretty smart but today has more fever & is quite drooping we have put his feet in warm water & put burdocks to his feet which with his medecine I hope will procure for the poor little fellow a comfortable night - Sister mary spent the time with us from sixth day morning till this evening, which has been very agreeable to us. - Br Isaac's little Susan Ann I think quite ill this evening with complaint Similar to Johns. -

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174. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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January 9, Tuesday: [Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote to Charles Thomson that

*I am a **real Christian**, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrine of Jesus, very different from the Platonists, who call **me** infidel and **themselves** Christians and preachers of the Gospel, while they draw all their characteristic dogmas from what its author never said nor saw. They have compounded from the heathen mysteries a system beyond the comprehension of man, of which the great reformer of the vicious ethics and deism of the Jews, were he to return to earth, would not recognize one feature.*



Sir Humphrey Davy's safety lamp for miners was successfully tested.

Wilhelm replaced Friedrich Wilhelm as Prince and co-ruler of Nassau.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) won custody of his nephew Karl van Beethoven, in opposition to the lad's mother.

At some point in early January, the head and torso of the statue known then as "younger Memnon" was removed from the complex of ruins in ancient [Thebes](#) known as the "Memnonium" (it would appear from the condition of the piece that someone had once attempted to detach the head and torso from the base of the statue by the use of explosives).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 1st N 1816 / John has been very smart today & yesterday.

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January 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 1 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended - Father Rodman in a short testimony - to me a season of favor - Sister Ruth set the eveng with us - John seems better but his health not yet established - he is feeble & critical

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January 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 1 M / John seems now to be pretty well excepting that his throat is a little sore & he Some weak & tender

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January 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 14 of 1 M / Our meetings both Silent & both rather Small
to me seasons of but little life - Sister Eliza spent the day
with us*

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January 16, Tuesday: Lady Byron arrived at Krikby Mallory. She took with her not only Ada but also a clutch of stories of incest and sodomy that Lord Byron had told to her, that she would tell her parents — that her parents would tell to everyone in Britain.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 16 of 1 M 1816 / My Mother set the Afternoon & took tea
with us - Having the Ague in my teeth this eveng & sat at home
& wrote to my fr Hannah Pope in Answer to hers of 10 M last. -*

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January 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 18th of 1st M / Our meeting was silent - In the last
which was Preparative the usual queries were Answered - the
committee appointed at last Meeting reported that they had been
unable to get any friend to Serve as Clerk, the present one
declining another appintment - This seems like a discouraging
prospect as indeed it really is, but I am in hopes by another
Month some friend will be willing to submit to the service.*

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January 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 1st M / In our forenoon Meeting D Buffum was
concern'd in one of the best testimonys I ever heard from him.
"The christians life is a continual warfare" from which he
enlarged & pointed out the necessity of guarding against the
subtilty of the serpent, the unwiried Adversary of mans
happiness &c &c in the Afternoon we were Silent & to me a season
of but little benefit my mind being much unsettled most of the
meeting - My H has gone this evening to watch with Br Davids
little daughter Abby who is very ill -*


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 January 22, Monday: Captain [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) took his new 44-gun frigate USS *Java* out from the harbor of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) on its way to the Mediterranean in the face of a bitter gale (a mast would snap with 10 men aloft, killing 5).

Nathaniel Glover Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


2nd day 22nd of 1st M 1816 / This Afternoon in company with the womens committee as volunteer I visited Mary Goddard (late Gould) in consequence of her having lately Married out of the order of society. Our minds were accompanied with much poverty but we endeavor'd to discharge what Seemed to be our duty, which she seemed to take kind - My mind has for sometimes been drawn toward her & I feel a little legacy of love due as a friend & relation which I now feel glad I Submitted to pay. - It has been my practice ever since the decease of My late Dear Father, to commemorate The Day he left time, by reading a letter which I wrote on the occasion to Uncle & Aunt Stanton giving an extract of my journal at the time - Yesterday was the day, four Years ago that he was taken (I trust) to a better World, & it entirely escaped my mind till this evening- Somedays previous the subject was before me when I read the letter alluded to, & recorded his Death in Mothers Bible. - My H watched last night with Br Davids little Abby who is very ill but better today -

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 January 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 1st M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town -In the first, one small offering, of the merit of which I do not judge - to me it was a good Meeting - In the last we had but little buisness. The case of poor D Chase was again before us which was exercising & after Some observations was finally refer'd at the request of a friend - A Anthony dined with us.-

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 January 26, Friday: Pedro Cevallos Guerra replaced Juan Esteban Lozano de Torres as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 1 M / My beloved Aunt Patty Gould spent the day with us - She committed to John a copper Coin of Portugal of AD 1732 which she has long worn as a pocket peace in token of remembrance of her fr Anne Davis. This peace when I was a child



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she often gave me to play with as a favor & I hope John will keep it in remembrance of her – this inclusion may seem weak, but I feel an interest in it –

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January 28, Sunday: In Vienna, the Septet op.74 for piano, flute, oboe, horn, viola, cello and bass by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 1st M 1816 / Our Meeting this forenoon was pretty well attended & there was a small offering – in the Afternoon Silent & both to me were Seasons as void of life as any I have been in for some time, but not as painfully depressing as some – In the eveng made several calls the one of the most length was on cousin Anne Greene –

Not allowing for the difference of Old Still it is now just about 100 Years – the 26th of this M since our old predicesor DANIEL GOULD departed this life & doubtless went to Heaven, he was a man zealous for the Truth in his day & a seed of his spirit has remained in the family & in society even since his day – but it is remarkable that none of his decendants ever equaled him in religious eminence & but one of them that I have learned ever became a preacher of the Godpel & She in the female line Vizt Anne Greene who I have visited this evening -- who will, & whether any body will commemorate the nest 100 Years of his death, no one knows I however know that it will not be me, & perhaps it is no matter whether it is or not it is not probable his zeal in the cause of Truth in that time will be forgotten being mentioned in Several historys extant. –

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January 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29th of 1st M / Just had a little conversation with a Young man an acquaintance of mine JS who seems to be just entering on matrimony – I offered him a few observations, grounded in experience in the choice &c which coroborated with his views. I also expressed my Ideas in Several respects which resulted in a pleasant interchange of Sentiment on subjects relative to a christians life & on the whole I considered it a proffitable opportunity

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January 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31st of 1st M / Sister Eliza set the evening with us,



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our conversation turned on Several interesting subjects which I believe were discussed to some proffit - My mind has been much with friends who are at [Providence](#) Attending the Quarterly Meeting there - Should be glad to be with them but thought best not to leave home -

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February 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 2nd M 1816 / A small silent but comfortable Meeting - Several who usually attend were absent at the Quarterly Meeting - & some others staid behind in consequence of the Walking which was very wet Thoughts run much on Quarterly Meeting. I hope they may have a comfortable & profitable Season - Night before last I dreamed of seeing my friend Micajah Collins & last night of seeing Rowland Green it is probable that had I been at [Providence](#) today that the vision might have been realized. -

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February 2, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was informed by a letter from Sir Ralph Milbanke that Lady Byron sought to be separated from him.

Karl van Beethoven was officially under the guardianship of his uncle [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), who knew what was best. Taken from his mother, he was entered in the private boarding school of Cajeten Giannatasio del Rio.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2 of 2 M / Our friends have returned from Quarterly Meeting bringing with them a good report - Micajah & several of our Lynn frs were there - Aslo Tristram Russel a Punlic Fr from York State -

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February 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 2 M / Our friends A Greene & A Robinson were concerned in testimony in the forenoon Meeting with life, & matter suiting the States (I have no doubt) of many present. In the Afternoon Silent, to me a good meeting - after it attended the funeral of Eloeza Sisson a girl who lived with Capt Luther & a dilligent attender of our first day Meetings tho not a member --. Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening - I called alittle [sic] while at Br D R -- This seems to be the account of the occurrences of the day - & I may add that It has been a day of favor to me for which I desire to be thankful - I have taken a pleasant retrospective view of many things which have passed & felt a desire to press forward after holiness, but Alass my steps are halting -I however esteem it a favor & evidence of the continued extension of divine regard that I am Kept alive so as



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to Know at Seasons from whence good comes. –

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February 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 2 M 1816 / Attended the funeral of Elizabeth Allen at 10 OC In the forenoon, - her remains were carried to Middletown & there interd in the family burying ground She was a respectable friend - The setting at the house was short but solid & D Buffum had a few words to communicate which I thought was weighty & left a good savor over the gathering. - Last night about 12 OClock a fire broke out in Allens Bake House which for a time was very Alarming, but was soon got under -The inside of the Bake H. was much burned, & fire poured from the top of the chimney - Wind was very light & about N & E which was favorable. –

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February 7, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s "The Siege of Corinth" and "Parsinia" were published together.

The Congress of New Granada invested [Simón Bolívar](#) with political and military control of the invasion of Venezuela from Haiti.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 2 M / This forenoon the remains of Elisha Brown were carried to [Tiverton](#) to be buried, he died yesterday in a fit on Sherburns Wharf – A solemn warning to survivors - My mind has been this day in a serious mood I hop profitably so. –

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February 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 2 M / Silent meeting, & I thought a good degree of Solemnity covered the gathering - My mind not very Rich – The last day of the last Year I began the Bible & with the exception of one or two, have read a portion every evening since & this evening I have finished the first book of Samuel - The Account given of Sauls forsaken & forlorn condition when he was reduced to the sad alternative of consulting the witch of Endor, was alarming & instructing - Such was his disobedience that he had no open vision from the Lord being forsakewn of him, & his recourse to measures which in better days he had known were evil, served but still deeper to afflict him, as Saml confirmed to him that the Kingdom was rent from him & given to another for his disobedience -& finally, his tragical end on Gilboa, all instructs & humbles the heart or ought to humble the heart of



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February 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 10th of 2nd M 1816 / Another day spent with the
financing Committee, to but little purpose - B Freeborn,
B Mott & P Lawton dined with us. –*

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February 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 2 M / Meetings were Silent except a short but
savory communication in the Afternoon by C R – to me both were
Seasons of exercise, the exercise was of a nature unprofitable-
In the Afternoon a Spaniard was at meeting whose contenance was
more interesting than any I ever saw of his Nation
Set the evening with My H at Uncle Earls while Sister Mary kept
house for us she is spending a few days with us (on our part
very agreeably) while she is undergoing The operation of the
Kine Pock which she is having finely*

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February 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 14th of 2 M / One Year ago early this morning it was,
that our hearts were revived & gladned [sic] with the news of
PEACE with England - it was a Happy Day to poor [Newport](#) Such
enthusiastic Joy was never before witnessed & I hope there never
will be the occasion for such again – Since that time there has
been many changes, many who Hailed to News of Peace have since
paid Natures Debt, & some of them I have no doubt have enter'd
that state of existence where "Peace flows like a River" beyond
the reach of all sublinary things - We Who yet remain have much
to encounter both spiritually & temporally - As respects my
temporal concerns they are no better than a year ago but not
quite so dubious a prospect in view - And as to my spiritual
concerns, I know that I go halting on, but my heart is often
humbled under a Sense of the extendings of divine favor still
continued & tho' since the present Year has commenced, leanness
& Poverty thro' disobedience has often been my lot, yet with in
the same space of time, I have seldom in my life witnessed more
of Divine good to flow in my Heart –*

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February 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 2nd M 1816 / The day very cold & but few women attended Meeting. however & believe it was a season of favor to some Minds -- C R appear'd in a short but lively testimony

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February 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 2 M / The mind serious thoughtful on subjects of importance, & my heart raised in Mortal supplication for help. -

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February 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 2nd M / Both Meetings silent & in consequence of Rain & wet walking were Small only seven Women ventured out in the Afternoon & on my own part I was satisfied with that number -I am satisfied that in very stormy weather it is excusable & that none should risk their health who are not sound in that respect.

It seemed as if good was near but there was something between me & it which obstructed the free circulation. -

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February 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 2 M / My H spent the Afternoon at her Fathers & the evening at Br Johns - This evening Sister Mary went home, having spent twelve Days with us (I believe) Mutually Agreeably

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February 22, Thursday: [Adam Ferguson](#) died at St. Andrews.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1816 / Last evening my dear H inform'd me that one of her breasts was Swollen & painful - This concern has like Aarons sepent swallowed all the rest what it will prove to be remains for time to prove, at any rate it has greatly distressed my feelings this Day

At Meeting all silent. - In the Preparative The Overseers reported Jacob Sherman who has married out of the order of Society.—

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February 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 2 M / My mind almost constantly depressed with fearful forebodings of my dear Wifes Situation with respect to her breast She says it has been but very little painful today – It would greatly releive me if she could say she had none & that there appeard to be no swelling about it. –

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February 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th if 2 M / This Afternoon in company with Br overseers R M & J W had an opportunity with a Young man a member of society who is in the habit of Drinking to excess with a young growing family– This is a painful case, his family respectable & himself plenty of property, & with all an excellent natural disposition, & withall this, a great prospect of his being lost to society & the community at large without a sudden change in his habits Oh deplorable Oh Lamentable – we labor'd with all out ability for his help & he promised to try to amend but I fear his resolutions will prove weak, & Brandy prove his utter ruin.–

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February 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 2 M / Our forenoon meeting was Silent -Afternoon Anne Greene appear'd in a short but lively & sweet testimony – Took Tea with D Buffum who has been sometime confin'd with the Rheumatism – his conversation was interesting, on the State of society he said that notwithstanding the present low state of the Church in many places that he believed Our society would rise & is rising in the Agregate, & will finally go before all others in the World – The expression from a man of his Age & experience was comfortable to my feeling especially at this time, it having been my prospect that we were losing ground & a fear possessed my mind that we should finally be outstriped in Spiritually by those who now seem feeding upon husks. – He related a story when speaking of our friend Comfort Collins who was formerly Comfort Hoag & has lately left time at the very advanced Age of 105 Years & 3 M he said many years ago she was at lower [Smithfield](#) Meeting & that a man came to the meeting who was a stranger to friends, who remarked that when she first stood up, he thought her the most Ordinary woman he ever saw, but before she had half done he thought her the handsomest he ever saw – Comfort was very ordinary in appearance, but a very great preacher – a great orator, & with all & over all & on atop" (as G Fox said) her ministry was attended with uncommon life & power.



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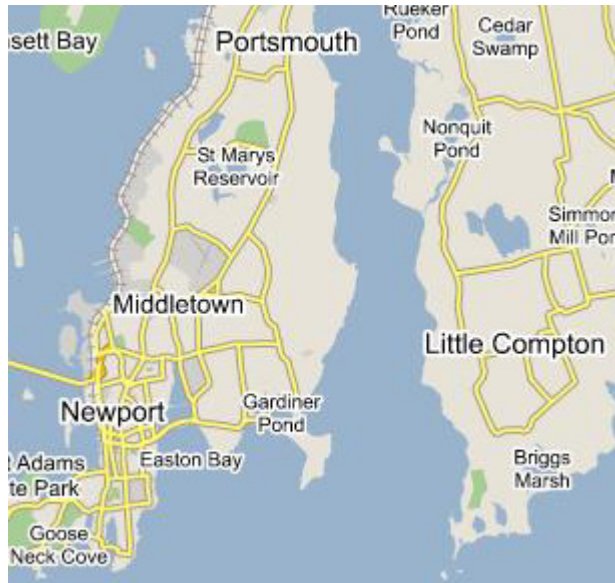
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February 29, Thursday: Friend [Elias Hicks](#) the traveling [Quaker](#) minister appeared at the meetinghouse in Little Compton, [Rhode Island](#):



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 2nd M 1816 / Rode this Morning with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to Attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting stoped at Uncle Thurstons & left John who we took along with us – from thence to the meeting house where we found the gathering larger than usual a large number expecting to meet Elias Hicks but were disappointed he being today at L Compton – May Hicks appeared in supplication & H Dennis in testimony very lively & pertinent. – In the last meeting we had considerable buisness - the case of poor D C again refere'd Daniel Cobb of Gorham (Mane) & Ruth Almy Daughter of the late Peleg Almy published their intentions of marriage & the meeting was adjourned to the 19th of Next M for them to receive their answer – We dined & Uncle Thurstons & in consequence of the very hevvy travelling -left Hannah & John there & roder home alone–

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March 1, Friday: The US Congress passed an act limiting importation by foreign vessels to the produce of their respective countries. Its provisions were to apply to only such nations as had placed a similar obstruction upon commerce. The coasting trade was also limited to American built vessels owned by Americans. All coasting and fishing vessels were required, under penalties, to have 3/4ths of their crews Americans.

The US Congress repealed all such parts of existing laws imposing duties as were inconsistent with the provisions of a treaty prepared by a convention held in London, England, on the third of the previous July. At this convention it was agreed to equalize the duties on tonnage and imports. The treaty was reciprocal with regard to the British territories in Europe and the East Indies, but did not secure for the United States equal privileges in British possessions in America (this treaty would be renewed on October 20, 1818 for ten years, and on August 6, 1827 indefinitely).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

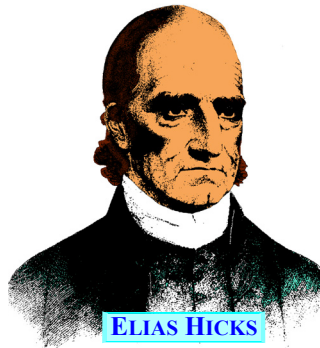
6th day 1st of 3rd M 1816 / Without my H & John I have been pretty lonely thro' the Day but have made out quite as well as could be expected. -

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March 2, Saturday: The King of Kandy (Sri Lanka) was deposed.

Friend [Elias Hicks](#) the traveling [Quaker](#) minister arrived in [Newport, Rhode Island](#). Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was lonesome for his wife and child, who were visiting in nearby [Portsmouth](#):



ELIAS HICKS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 2nd of 3rd M / Elias Hicks & his companion Isaac Hicks arrived in Town the Afternoon. -
What a poor lonely creature man is ? without a Wife ! Tho' I get along comfortably & Sister Ruth came down & swept out the rooms &c for me this afternoon, yet I begin very much to miss my dear H & little John - should have gone to Portsmouth after them this*



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Afternoon had it not been very Rainy



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March 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 3rd M / Rather to much earnestness in conversation before meeting - which hurt my condition when there. - A few words in testimony was offered by a man friend -

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March 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 3rd M / Our Morning Meeting was Silent - In the Afternoon A Greene was concerned in Supplication, for those who were poor & low in spirit, hide in secret corners from the view of the World - then in testimony - recommended all to the School of Christ, & particularly a state which she apprehended was called dedication in the Lords Cause - My H & I after tea walked out to D Buffums & set the evening very agreeably - we found Jos Wilbour there & soon after we got there David Jr & Susan came down & Joined us. -

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March 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 3rd M 1816 / Attended the funeral of Catherine Trevett formerly Easton. Job Chaloner was there & (very unexpectedly) Amos Peasly & Olney Thompson his companion also came - Amos was concerned in a short testimony to the usefulness of quiet at such opportunities to give time for Serious reflection, & said he had craved that we might experience the Prophets language when he exclaimed "Oh that my people were wise that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end" &c

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March 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 3rd M / This day we had the company of AMOS PEASLEE at Meeting he was engaged in testimony with much simplicity & power of Truth. And I believe all who heard him was satisfied with him as a true Gospel minister – Owing to the very wet walking the gathering was not so large as could have been wished

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March 16, Saturday: Augusta left Piccadilly Terrace after four months, and moved into rooms at St. James Palace.

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 3rd M / Sister Ruth & Mary spent the Afternoon, also ten children Johns school Mates & cousins – they spent the Afternoon very pleasantly in childrens play – It brought to my mind very forceably the days of my childhood. – This Afternoon Arrived in town from [Portsmouth](#) Our friend Rachael Barnard & her companion Eliza Pennock attended by Caleb Swayne of Jersey on a religious visit to friends in these parts

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March 17, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) accepted the principle of a mutual separation from his spouse.

[Lieutenant Francis Hall](#) arrived at the Canadian border.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 3rd M / Our friends Rachael Barnard & Elizabeth Pennock attended both meetings, & in both Rachael was very sweetly engaged in testimony, much to the satisfaction of Friends & I believe all who heard her – Rachael & Elizabeth appear to be women rather short of middle Age – tall & thin in stature Caleb is tall & not a full habit I should say about 60 Years if Age & has a good countenance. –

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March 19, Tuesday: [Lieutenant Francis Hall](#) arrived at Montréal, Canada (from there he would head toward the falls of Montmorenci).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 3rd M / Our Monthly Meeting was adjourned to the 10th hour this forenoon in order to give D Cobb & R Almy their Answer in order to marriage, but it was so exceeding Stormy in the forenoon that I hardly believe the Meeting met at the hour



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Appointed, or that Elizabeth Freeborn was buried whose funeral was to have been at 11 OC AM

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March 21, Thursday: The Principality of Isenburg-Birstein was annexed by Hesse-Darmstadt.

In the Jerusalemkirche of Berlin, four children of Abraham and Lea Mendelssohn –Fanny, Felix, Rebecka, and Paul– were secretly baptized into the Lutheran faith. Felix was given the added names Jakob Ludwig. Fanny was baptized as Cäcilie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 3rd M 1816 / Understood this morning that the adjournment of the M Meeting on third day was attended by a number sufficient to answer the purposes of the meeting & that Elizabeth Freeborn was buried at the time appointed & that Yesterday Daniel Cobb & Ruth Almy was married at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House. –

Meeting pretty well attended considering the sloppy Walking in the first a short testimony In the last (Preparative) Daniel Gould was reported for having married out of the order of Society – & David Buffum Jr was appointed Clerk in the place of Br D Rodman having resigned - In the Womens Meeting Mary Williams Jr was appointed Clerk in place of Sister Ruth resigned, having found her new appointment in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting a sufficient charge.

This Afternoon rec'd a letter from Aunt M Stanton. –

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March 22, Friday: [Edward Jesse](#) was promoted from 5th-ranking commissioner of hackney coaches at Windsor Palace, to 4th.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 22 of 3rd M / Rote to Uncle Stanton – In the evening My
H paid a visit to Nancy Sessions. –*

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March 24, Sunday: Upon the death of Friedrich August, Duke of Nassau, the co-rulership of Nassau was unified in Wilhelm (who would be styled Duke of Nassau).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24th of 3rd M / Our forenoon meeting was pretty well
attended Our friend D Buffum was present After a confinement of
several weeks with the Rheumatism & was very lively in Testimony
"Mind your calling brethren", he endeavor'd from those words to*



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excite us to particular attention to the various testimonys which we have as a society to bear to the world, which he believed had been of Singular use in the World by breaking in upon many practices repugnant to the Truth & difusing Light - which has in divers instances been the means of great good - he was Singularly impressive on this subject endeavoring to incourage his brethren to a faithful discharge of Duty - Hannah Dennis was also well engaged to the same import - In the Afternoon the Meeting was Silent -Called in at Aunt Martha Gould found her quite unwell, in the evening carried her some medicine - Eunice Earl set the evening with us -

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March 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25th of 3rd M / Father & Mother Rodman took tea with us

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March 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26th of 3rd M 1816 / Attended the funeral of Catherine Weaver Wife of Perry Weaver, the setting a Solid one, but I thought rather to short - At the Grave after a short but solid pause as we were lowering down the Corpse down a distressing & mortifying accident hapened - those who had hold of the rope at the head lowered before the stick was removed from the feet & the Coffin sliped from off the ropes head foremost which made a noise & distressed some of the relations exceedingly, fortunately the coffins was whole except a little peace on the side of the lid -being one of the bearers myself I feel sensibly oppressed & distressed in consequence of occurrence.

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March 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27th of 3rd M / Br John & Sister Rebecca took tea with us Tho' I have not mentioned for some time the situation of My H being disposed to wait & see what would be disclosed by time, I may now add that her breast is still painful at times, & what it is, or will come to, remains to be uncertain. -

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March 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 28th of 3rd M / Our first meeting was silent excepting a few words of solemn import - & to me a Solid season - In the last which was Monthly Meeting -Daniel Chase was disowned for not settling a debt with Mary Tillinghast - & Jacob Sherman for marrying out of the order of Society - In transacting the affairs of society towards to last of the meeting we got to critcising on words, which created some that I believe was unproffitable, & I feel as if I had done some hurt, by one or two unadvised expressions

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March 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 3rd M / Our Meetings were both Silent & considering that it was pretty good walking & not much rain falling - both were very small gatherings - to me they were seasons of much worth - In the evening John Weaver who has returned from Troy N Y on buisness called to see us & gave a good account of that country - Nancy Gould & Job Sherman also came in which made the evening pass pleasantly to us. -

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April 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 4th M 1816 / Finished a letter which I began some days ago to John Heald of Fairfax Columbianna County Ohio, & put the same in the Post Office. -

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April 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 4th M / I have lately been reading the "Pictures of Philadelphia" by James Mease published in 1811 & have this day finished the perusal - It gives an account of many things in that great City both of Nature & Art - Untill I visited NYork last summer I could form no Idea of so large a place - to see men, who are insignificant in height, to the many proud structures which are reared of masive Stone & Marble moving round among them & performing wonders by their Art, must arrest the attention of reflecting minds & introduce the thought - how contemptable is Man & all his Works when compared with his Supreme Author & the Maker of the World - how light are all the Structures of man, before his Almighty power, who by the earthquake, the Wind & storms drive them whither he pleaseth - we often see the work of Ages in a short time mar'd, reduced, & brought to nothing - how important then it is for man to make the glory of God his chief Aim in all he does, for without his blessing we are nothing, & can do nothing in this life, that will redound to his honor, or that will stand as an anchor to




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the soul when things here shall pass Away. -

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 April 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4th of 4th M / Our meeting was pretty well attended,
Silent & to me a dry time. -*

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 April 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 5th of 4th M / Aunt Patty Gould called in to see us a
little while, every time I see her, I can but impressively feel
that the time of separation draws near, she has been a Dear Aunt
to me & I love her much -*

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 April 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*7th day 6th of 4th M / With my H & John took tea with Br J Rodman-
This was a pleasant Visit- "How good & how pleasant for brethren
to Dwell together in Unity" -*

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 April 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 4th M 1816 / Our meetings were remarkably striped
of high seat folks, no men set in the upper seat all day, there
was however a pretty large gathering both morning & Afternoon &
I thought seasons of some favor. -
Toward night Br D Rodman & I walked down to see Isaac Mitchell
& his wife who have lately moved to town*

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 April 8, Monday: There was a reception at Lady Jersey's. Among the guests were [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), Augusta, Miss Mercer Elphinstone, the Comte de Flahault, Benjamin Constant, Mrs. George Lamb, Lord Brougham, et. al.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 8 of 4 M / Rec'd a letter from Aunt Stanton - This Mornng
Br Isaac saild in the Packet Express for N York -*

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April 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 4th M / Attended Meeting which was rather small & silent. In the Afternoon met at the meeting House with the overseers to make out the general Answers for the Year - & was comforted to find that certain difficulties had been settled & the Answers respecting Love & unity could go pretty clear

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April 14, Easter Sunday: Augusta paid a farewell visit to [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 4 M / Our Morning Meeting was pretty well attended & Our fr D Buffum was very lively in Testimony on the subject of a speedy preparation for a future state - he took occasion to mention the Solemn warning of King Hezekiah "Set thine house in order for thou shalt Die & not live. he also enforced the necessity for belief in the fundamental doctrines of religion & hinted a little at what they were, & how the spirit of Truth operates in the heart converting the Soul &c In the Afternoon Meeting was small - this was a meeting to be remembered by me - tho' a labor was witnessed to gain a settled state of mind, yet I could not attain to what I desired & When meeting was nearly done I perceived it would fall to my lot with another friend (J D) who sat near me to conclude the sitting - this brought serious reflections. The time of separation drew nigh & a consciousness of falling short pressed upon me, & brought me to reflect on the Awfulness of the separation of body & soul, unprepared. This reflection made me tremble, & on my part meeting broke in much fear - My old mistress Mary Williams came home with us, took tea & set the evening -

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April 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 4th M 1816 / Our Meeting silent & I trust in a good degree favor'd - to individuals at least - as respects my own particular an engagement was witnessed but so much overcoming was not attained & I desirest - In the Preparative meeting our new Clerk D Buffum Jr performed well - The Answers to the queries got along pretty well -- The Womens meeting had a new Clerk Mary Williams Jr who they say also performed well-- We took tea at father R's where my feelings were not a little afflicted on hearing that a young woman formerly a member of the MOY Meeting now removed to [Smithfield](#) had there forsaken our meetings & attends with the Methodists, & dresses gay. This young woman has some years ago, made considerable profession



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*among us & at one time conceived it to be her duty to dress
Singularly plain -thus to depart is afflicting - Unstable as
Water thou shall never excell -*

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April 21, Sunday: Charlotte Brontë was born in Thornton, Yorkshire. Her father, an Irish-born Anglican clergyman, would move with his wife and six children to become the rector of a curacy in Haworth in 1820 and change his name from Brontë to its more common form, Brunty. Soon Charlotte's mother and two older sisters would die and the surviving children would be raised with the help of Elizabeth Branswell, an aunt.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) signed the deed of separation from Lady Byron.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 4th M / Our Meetings were both silent - Seasons
of weakness to me, but a good degree of life witnessed towards
the close in the Afternoon, So that I thought "The End Crowned
All" for this little quickening I desire to be thankful. -
This morning Br Isaac arrived from N York in health himself &
brot the grattifying news of the health & prosperity of our
friends & kinsfolk there. -*

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April 23, Tuesday: Cut by London society over the separation scandal, and with financial difficulties worsening, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left England forever, going to Dover and a channel crossing with Hobhouse and Scrope Davies.

In [Concord](#), Massachusetts, [Daniel Shattuck](#) got married with Sarah Edwards of nearby Ashby.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 23rd of 4 M / This Afternoon I pulled out my front tooth
next my Eye tooth, on the left side - this Tooth has been long
troublesome. The gum located above it has been as many as 12
Years decaying round it & about 5 or 6 Years ago I had a gum
boil on it which never healed. Since which the tooth has been
gradually growing loose & all that I could apply would neither
heal the gum or fasten the tooth which grew looser & looser till
it worked quite half way out of the socket - This in addition
to grey hairs which are already increasing fast - will
frequently remind me that Old age is creeping on & my days fast*



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spending. –

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April 24, Wednesday: Le nozze di Teti, e di Peleo, a cantata by Gioachino Rossini to words of Ricci, was performed for the initial time, in Naples for the wedding of Carolina Ferdinanda Luigia, daughter of the Hereditary Prince of the Two Sicilies, and Charles-Ferdinand, Duc de Berry, 2d son of future King Charles X of France. The work was performed in the Teatro del Fondo because a couple months earlier the Teatro San Carlo had burned down.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 4th M / These are dull & hard times in every sense of the Word. In looking at the prospect of things this evening I feel almost discouraged –

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April 25, Thursday: The [Reverend Abiel Holmes](#)'s NOTE ON AN ANCIENT MANUSCRIPT: ASCERTAINED TO BE A PART OF GOVERNOUR WINTHROP'S JOURNAL, COMMUNICATED TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 25 APRIL, 1816 (analysis of a part of Governor John Winthrop's JOURNAL).



JOHN WINTHROP JOURNAL

The US Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 annually to the increase of the Navy.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) saw the white cliffs of the English shore for the final time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 4th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Ruth to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting – first meeting silent – the last we had considerable buisness which was transacted in harmony – We dined at Sam Thurstons – & rode home before sunset – My H & son passed the day at father Rodmans in my absence –

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 April 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 4 M / Our forenoon meeting was well attended both by Members & those who are common attenders D Buffum was very lively in testimony - "No man can redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for his soul." - In the Afternoon Silent & I believe a dull time to most present - In the evening called a little while at Br Davids. -


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 April 29, Monday: Inno alla primavera, a cantata for four solo voices and orchestra by Luigi Cherubini to words of Vestri, was performed for the initial time, in London. This was the last of Vestri's commissions from the Royal Philharmonic Society and had been intended for previous year while the composer had still been in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29th of 4 M / We are all nearly sick with colds - John was very restless last night, cough & high fever but seems better today tho' evidently under the influence of a very heavy cold. -


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 May 1, Wednesday: The Duchy of Salzburg was returned to Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 5 M 1816 / This morning about 3 OC departed this life in the 94th Year of her Age Widow Lydia Dennis

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 May 2, Thursday: At Carlton House, [Princess Charlotte Augusta Hanover of Wales](#), daughter of [Prince Regent George](#) of Great Britain and [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), heir presumptive to the throne of Great Britain, got married with Prince Leopold George Christian Frederick of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, afterwards King of the Belgians. They would reside at Claremont, a wedding gift from the nation (their wedded bliss would be temporary).

Persuaded by [Clare Clairmont](#) that [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) would be delighted to have their company, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), and Claire went toward Dover to leave England to visit Byron in [Geneva](#) (they would arrive in mid-May and would remain near him till August 29th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 5 M Meeting rather small - A short testimony from C R. - My Mother, Cousins Patty & Mary Ann Gardiner & Josiah Lawton & Wife set the Afternoon with us.

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May 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 3rd of 5 M / Friends returned from the Quarterly Meeting at [Greenwich](#), had a blustering time down & most of their women Sick they Say it was a pretty a pretty cleaver time divers friends appear'd in the ministry, among whom Our Aged By J Casey very sweet & lively
In the Afternoon attended the funeral of the Widow Lydia Dennis In the 94th Year of her Age – the funeral was large & the setting a solid opportunity – D Buffum & H Dennis appeard in short testimonys. –
My H & John attended, this was the first funeral he was ever at*

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May 9, Thursday: [Jacob Baker](#) got married with Lavina Minott of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 5 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended, silent & a season of wrestling to me & a degree of favor witnessed. –

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May 12, Sunday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave a 2d performance in Leipzig (both this and the performance of five days earlier were extraordinarily successful).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 5 M / Our morning meeting was small & silent, the weather being tolerably pleasant in the afternoon the gathering was larger than usual for the after part of the Day. a Short testimony borne
Sister Ruth gave us her pleasant company at tea & the evening. –*

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May 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26 of 5 M / In both Meetings we had a short testimony from father Rodman which seemed to me lively & well adapted – In the forenoon it was to me a favor'd Season – in the Afternoon rather more dull, –
Towards night took a pleasant Walk with my H & Polly Maclish – John went with us. –
Sister Eliza set the evening, she returned this afternoon from [Portsmouth](#) where she has been about a week on a visit. –*

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May 27, Monday: The British forced a humiliating treaty on the Raja of Nagpur.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 5 M / Sister Eliza lent us a letter this morning, that she had rec'd from Saml Phillbrick dated Lynn 16th Inst - The perusal of which was pleasant & excited precious feelings in my mind, he seems to be travelling the very path which I have in religious experience & I hope by the way may advance & become a Strong Man in Christ which by patience & dedication, under & to the turnings of the Lords hand, I have no doubt he may. -

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May 28, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 28th of 5 M / This morning Aunt Martha Stanton arrived from N York after a Passage of six days of Rainy & blustering weather. -

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May 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 5 M / Our first meeting was nearly Silent, to me a good favor'd season - the last (Monthly) was a pretty good meeting, the buisness conducted in tolerable order & harmony - Our Fr Wm Rotch Junr & John Elam nephew of the late Sam'l were present Williams solid countenance & pertinent remarks I believe were of use to the Meeting Richd Mitchell & wife Benj Mott & Geo Dennis dined with us. -

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June 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 6 M 1816 / Our forenoon meeting was large & solid Our Fr D Buffum was concern'd in testimony - his opening on this wise - "Once I was Young & now I am Old I have lived what may be considered a long life & I suppose my friends will acknowledge an active life both in civil & religious Society & have this morning had to take a retrospective view of my pilgrimage from early life to the present day, & I have endeavor'd to be very impartial in the review as I wish not to be deceived in my own State & condition expecting ere long to render an account of the deeds done in the body & I have to acknowledge for your information, that no part of my conduct in life has afforded any satisfaction, any solid satisfaction, except that which has been under the influence of divine Grace." he here endeavor'd to stimulate us to persue the things which made for our everlasting peace, with a warmth of expression which is peculiar to him &



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spoke of the View which he had also had of the Apostles State when near the close of life when he declared that he "had fought the good fight of faith & that there was led up for him a crown of Glory" &c. -

In the Afternoon a short testimony & pretty good meeting. - Set the evening at home. -

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June 5, Wednesday: Giovanni Paisiello died at his home in Naples of hepatitis and meterorism (which is gaseous distention of the stomach or intestine), at the age of 76.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 6th M 1816 / Took tea this Afternoon with Phebe Carpenter with My H - Mother Aunt Stanton & Henry Bulls wife - this was a visit on the score of relationship & I must confess I felt a little of the family blood to circulate while sitting with them. -

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June 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 6 M / Our Meeting pretty well attended. Silent - This Afternoon arrived in York Packet Gerrard T Hopkins & wife from Baltimore in company with Several others, to attend the Y meeting They expect to go to [Providence](#) between now & that time.

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June 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 6th M 1816 / This mornng Jos Mitchell & wife came to Town, also Anthony Lawton & His sister Mariah, children of Uncle David Lawton of Nine Partners. - Our first meeting was large & silent - In the Afternoon well attended & a few words in Testimony by a friend Towards eveng took a walk round the hill to observe the Moon rise eclipsed but the horizon being hazy - total Darkness came on before she rose sufficiently high to be Seen at 9 OClock it begun to go off & resembled at first the Moon soon after the change & continued to grow brighter by degree till the eclipse went entirely off

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June 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 6th M / This Mornng arrived Saml Wood of NYork & his Daughter Sarah in company with Hugh Judge & took quarters



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at Aunt Nancy several others came with them in the Packet who went to Dorcas Earl's their names I have not yet learned. –

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June 14, Friday/15, Saturday: Having been stuck inside for several days due to stormy weather, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and his guests passed the time by reading ghost stories to each other. At one point Byron challenged everyone to write their own story. Clare and Percy both lost interest fairly soon and apparently wrote nothing. Byron outlined a vampyre story that he would never finish. "Poor Polidori," in the words of Mary, "had a terrible idea about a skull headed lady." [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) dreamt the idea that would become Frankenstein.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 6 M / Friends have begun to come in pretty fast to the Yearly Meeting - Our lodgers tonight are only Isaac Stevens from Falmouth Calvin Straight took tea with us. –

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June 16, Sunday: Celebrations took place in Vienna honoring the 50th anniversary of Antonio Salieri's arrival in the city. He received a gold medal from the Lord Chamberlain in the name of the Emperor. During a celebration of the High Mass Salieri conducted his own music. In the evening, a concert by his pupils took place in his Vienna home, wherein Beitrag zur fünfzigjährigen Jubelfeier des Herrn Salieri D.441 for solo voices and piano by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time.

That night [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and his 18-year-old bride [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) were holed up at the Villa Diodati near [Geneva](#), with Dr. John Polidori and [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), because during this particularly violent storm of that strangely rainy summer, they simply would not have been able to make their way back comfortably to where they had been staying at Chapuis. Evidently due to the bad weather the group was unable to get a good cable connection for their TV (or something), and so they decided to amuse themselves by reading aloud a collection of German ghost stories, THE FANTASMAGORIANA, in one of which a group of travelers were trying to amuse one another with their respective supernatural experiences. Byron proposed the agenda that they were each to invent a story such as found in this volume, for one another's entertainment. Shelley wrote a piece which was entirely forgettable, Byron dashed off a fragment, and Polidori began what would become the "The Vampyre," the first modern vampire tale, the main character of which, Lord Ruthven, could well have been based upon Byron (for some time it would be presumed that Byron



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himself had invented the story). Mary herself did not at this point put anything on paper.



In every month during this year there was a severe frost. January and February were comparatively mild, though there were a few cold days. The greater part of March was as might be expected, cold and boisterous. April opened warm, again, as might be expected, but then grew colder, ending in snow and ice and wintry cold. In May ice formed half an inch thick. Opening buds and flowers were killed and the corn froze. Frost, ice, and snow occurred throughout June. On Inauguration Day, in June, there was four inches of snow on the level ground in Warner, New Hampshire, while across the border in Maine there was ten inches. Almost every green thing was killed. There would be no fruit this year. Then there was frost and ice even in July. On July 5th, ice covered the ponds of New England and New York state like window glass. In August this ice thickened to half an inch. The wind was from the north, and cold, nearly all summer. About all that could be done with the corn this year was cut it and dry it for fodder. Farmers would be obliged to pay \$4 and even \$5 a bushel for corn from the 1815 harvest, in order to get seed for the next spring's planting. Then the first two weeks of September were mild but the remainder of the month was cold, with frost, and ice again formed, a quarter of an inch thick. October was more than usually cold, with frost and ice. November was cold and blustering, with snow enough



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for good sleighing, but then December proved to be quite mild and comfortable.

Cold weather was persisting through the summer in much of the world's temperate zones. Crops were being killed by frost and snow would be occurring in June and July in the United States. The weather this summer was so dreadful for farming, that during the following traveling season, the summer of 1817, a number of families would pack up and leave for points west. (This population migration phenomenon caused by the cold summer of 1816 would come to be known as "Ohio fever.")

Why was this summer of 1816 in the Northern Hemisphere exhibiting such strange weather? Well, it wasn't just the sunspots, which were extraordinarily prominent and which people were observing through smoked glass during that May and June, and also, it wasn't just the "ice king" Frederic Tudor of Boston who was cooling off the hot spots of this planet! For in fact dust, circling the earth from the explosion of Mount Tambora in Indonesia in 1815, in this season was reaching the northern latitudes.¹⁷⁵ Crop-damaging summer frosts caused some of the hard-won farmlands of New England to be abandoned — fields upon which cultivation has not since been attempted. Indiana experienced an unprecedented surge of some 42,000 settlers in this year, many of them fleeing the cold weather back in New England. The drop in mean temperature was amounting to some 7 degrees in New England¹⁷⁶ and the price of hay was rocketing from like \$30.⁰⁰ per ton to like \$180.⁰⁰ per ton. People were praying "God, please do not inflict on us another year without a summer." Of course, in [Switzerland](#) that summer, Mary was huddling indoors to stay out of the cold and damp, and her story FRANKENSTEIN; OR, THE MODERN PROMETHEUS, if you go back and look into it, or the last half of it, is a story with what would have appeared to be a wholly gratuitous amount of guess what, **snow and ice and coldness**.

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175. Soufrière on St. Vincent had blown in 1812, Mayon in the Philippines had blown in 1814, but these became almost as pop-tarts popping up in a toaster when Tambora in Indonesia blew, as this was by far the most powerful volcanic blast of the past 10,000 years. All but 26 of the 12,000 Sumbawa islanders had lost their lives. We would have a mild taste of this volcano weather, in our own lives, in the series of cool summers after 1991 when Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines blew its top.

176. What happened in New England, what happened for instance to the denizens of Thoreau's "Easterbrooks Country," of course doesn't compare at all with what was happening on the islands immediately around this Indonesian volcano, for some 80,000 people were starving to death in huts staring out at the barren, buried fields that had been their entire livelihood. (That's them and we're us, I suppose.)



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Because of this explosion of which they were unaware, Americans would come to refer to their year 1816 as “eighteen-hundred-and-froze-to-death.”

Samuel Griswold Goodrich, the children’s author, would write the best-known contemporary account of this strange year. The season appears to have been a repeat of the growing season of the year 1454 in the Northern Hemisphere, when the [Chinese](#) wheat crop was destroyed by frosts after a winter in which the Yellow Sea had frozen, along the coast, to as much as a dozen miles out from the shoreline.

To bring this home to [Concord](#), Massachusetts, please note that per John Hanson Mitchell:

Departures are not necessarily well documented, but there is good evidence that 1816 might have broken the back of Estabrook [Thoreau’s “Easterbrooks Country”]. In 1815 the great volcano Tambora in Indonesia blew its top, and ... here in New England the effects were especially troublesome, since the soils were wearing out and the hardscrabble hilltop farms and marginal areas such as Estabrook were already hard-pressed.... The Estabrooks, the Kibbes, the Clarks, the Browns, and other “outlivers,” as they were called, who inhabited the poor farms in the tract that would come to be known as Estabrook Woods, were not immune to this pattern of settlement, and one by one, for varying reasons, the families pulled up stakes and went west ... and by Thoreau’s time Estabrook was a haunted land, the farms deserted, the families departed, and only a wind blowing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day / Our afternoon meeting was not quite as large as usual but proved a quiet favor’d opportunity - James Greene opened the meeting in a rather short testimony which savor’d well to me Then Gerrard F Hopkins in a large & excellent testimony, wherein the power of Truth was remarkably conspicuous - Margaret Judge concluded in a living prayer

In the Afternoon James Greene again, & as usual when present opened the Service then David Harkness, then Calvin Straight, then Christopher Healy & then Calvin Straight a second time - all the appearances, I thought were in the life - & The meeting as quiet as so large & mixed a gathering could be - in addition to our lodgers, we have tonight Isaac Thorne & wife of Nine Partners & Robert Pary & wife of Pennsylvania -

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June 17, Monday night: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) and Dr. John Polidori continued their evening activities at the Villa Diodadi and Lord Byron wrote “A Fragment of a Novel (1816).” At midnight he recited [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)’s “[Christabel](#)” and, becoming overwrought and declaring Mary to be the villainess of this poem, Percy Bysshe ran from the room. Apparently his behavior got the group rather worried — especially Mary. What the hell was going on in the mind of this high-strung hubby?

**READ “CHRISTABEL”**

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / Our meeting this morning opened under solemn covering - Jas Green opened then Hugh Judge, then C Rodman, then Isaac Thorn in solemn Supplication - at the instance of D Buffum seconded by E Thornton the meeting proceeded to business. The usual Service of this forenoon was persued, & some lively sensations excited by Several Epistles particularly the London & Virginia, pertinent remarks made several times by Hugh Judge.

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In the Afternoon we entered into the State of Societys, Some deficiencies appeared, but I thought on the whole thngs were as comfortable as at any time. (that is) in the general - Many remarks were with much feeling, weight & life. Hugh Judge tho' deaf, sought out the cause which he knew not speaking very pertinently to divers cases while the Answers were under consideration tho' he could not hear a single voice - Isaac Thorn



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Christopher Healy, James Hallack, G F Hopkins, D Harness, C Straight labord abundantly for our good, & many remarks were added by several of our own members -. The meeting concluded under a remarkably solom covering & adjourned to the 3rd hour tomorrow Afternoon - In the eveng we had a large company of pleasant & interesting friends. -

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June 18, Tuesday: Charles de France ou Amour et Gloire, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu and Louis Joseph Ferdinand Hérold to words of Théaulon de Lambert, d'Artois de Bournonville and de Rancé, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Many friends called to see us in the course of the forenoon & at dinner our house was filled almost - In the Afternoon the meeting met as adjourned - divers lively testimonies were delivered in the course of it & the precious life spread & continued thro' the setting - The Minutes of the Meeting for Suffering & a few other matters of minor importance was all that occupied the Attention of the meeting - & adjourned to 9 OClock tomorrow morning -
In the evening about 30 men & women collected in the room & we had a percious opportunity we had - Anne Thorn soon broke silence in the language of encouragement - Then Micajah Collins, long & very lively - then Sally Parry. & then Anne Thorn in Supplication -Then Isaac Thorn felt his mind bound to acknowledge that by the present Opportunity he had been encouraged & strengthened & proposed under the present feelings that we should close, on which several who had other lodgings left the room, but The Quiet in good measure remaining & Micajah feeling his mind drawn further towards some of the interesting young women, addressed them to considerable length. it proved a Season of great tenderness, divers states being very sweetly Spoken too, & on my own part I felt thankful on the occasion -

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June 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day This morning Several of the Epistles were read but as there was no probability of the meetings closing at this Sitting, it adjourned to 1 / 2 past 3 OC in the Afternoon - All the Epistles were finished & excellent ones they were. many testimonies were delivered greatly in the life & on the whole it is acknowledged that a greater season of favor has rarely if ever been witnessed

Hugh Judge bid us affectionately farewell & after an excellent



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& pertinent minute was read, the meeting closed under a very solemn covering. –

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June 20, Thursday: An Aria per mezzosoprano by Giacomo Meyerbeer was performed for the initial time, in Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Last evening & this morning some of our lodgers left us for their homes I trust with the language in their hearts "It has been good for me that I have been here" – At meeting Isaac Thorn first preached very excellently. Then Gerrard T Hopkins in a very popular & expansive testimony to a numerous & interesting audience, & thus the whole closed with many of us feeling our hearts fraught with humble gratitude for the renewed extending of heavenly regard extended to us as in days past, in the days of the ancients of our society – After tea our friend Isaac & Anne Thor, Robert & Sally Parry being about to leave us we were gathered into silence for a parting opportunity – Isaac Thorn appeared in a Testimony which may not soon be forgotten by us, by me in particular as I was the principal subject of his address – then Sally Parry in a few more general remarks – then Hugh Judge in a lively & sweet testimony to those present who were yoked to the Gospel, encouraging them to faithfulness, "tho weeping cometh in the nights yet Joy cometh in the Morning" &c & lastly addressed Martha Aleman a young woman who was assisting in our family during the Y Meeting time –

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June 21, Friday: Les dieux rivaux, ou Les fêtes de Cythère, an opéra-ballet by Gaspare Spontini to words of Dieulafoy and Brifaut, was performed for the initial time, at the Paris Opéra.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

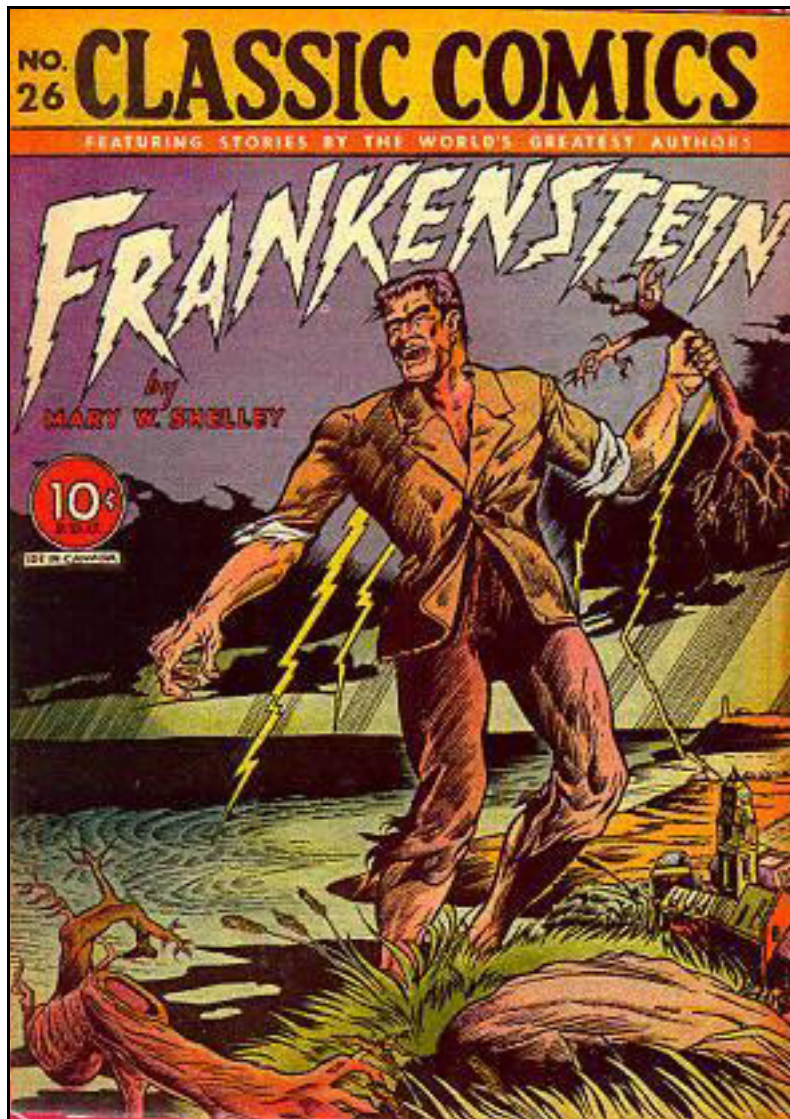
6th day Our friend Hugh Judge took tea with us as did Uncle Wm Mitchell & wife, while we were in quite round the table Robert Parry & his wife came in, having returned from the Meeting appointed on Connaicut this Day – Sally does not feel clear of [Newport](#) & proposes a meeting on the Fort with the Soldiers tomorrow which friends are going to make way for if they can – James Halleck & several others set the evening with us & Robert & Sally Parry lodged with us. –

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June 22, Saturday: Britain ended its 13-year occupation of St. Pierre and Miquelon as these islands reverted to being a colony of France.

That night, [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) having plans for a boat trip around Lake [Geneva](#) on the next day, they abandoned their efforts to compete in the story contest, but [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), after her late start, was persisting. The friends discussed a subject from Madame de Staël's DE L'ALLEMAGNE: "whether the principle of life could be discovered and whether scientists could galvanize a corpse of manufactured humanoid."¹⁷⁷



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Early this morning Several friends went to fort Walcot & procured liberty to meet with the Soldiers at 11 O'clock, they went in the Custom House boat kindly accomodated by John



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Stevens. The company from abroad were James Halleck, John Hull - - - -Robert Parry, Sally Parry, Dorothy Holding, Alice Abbot of our own towns folks was father Rodman, Jonathon Dennis, John Slocum, Benja Hadwen Hannah Dennis, Ruth & Eliza Rodman. They first went to Fort Walcot where they had good service & truth was maintained, then to fort Adams where Truth also bore the Palm, & the good cause preserved -This meeting was of great weight on my Spirits & since I find it succeeded well, I feel rejoiced with those who went having travailed with them as deeply as my capacity would admit. - I was fully persuaded it was best for me not to go, but to stay & promote the meeting appointed for people of colour at 5 OC this afternoon -While our aforementioned friends were on the fort Hugh Judge, Gerrard T Hopkins & company were called to go on Board the Packet for NYork 0- which rendered my presence necessary to pay their passages as one of the committee for that purpose Robert & Sally Parry & Sister Ruth dined with us. - The black meeting this Afternoon was not largely attended, but succeeded pretty well John Hallock, Dorothy Golding twice, James Halleck twice were concerned in testimony - Robert & Sally lodged at Jonathon Dennis's to night & expect to be at [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow from thence to [Providence](#) homeward bound. -

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177. The term “scientist” in this translation is of course an anachronism, as this term would not begin to be used until 1830. In regard to the scientific currency of Mary Shelley’s galvanic mechanism for bringing life to Dr. Victor Frankenstein’s monster: In 1809 in ELEMENTS OF PHYSIOPHILOSOPHY, no less a credited figure than [Lorenz Oken](#) had declared that “Galvanism is the principle of life. There is no other vital force than the galvanic polarity.”





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June 23, Sunday morning: [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) had had a “waking” nightmare:

I saw the pale student of unhallowed arts kneeling beside the thing he had put together. I saw the hideous phantasm of a man stretched out, then, on the working of some powerful engine, show signs of life ... His success would terrify the artist; he would rush away ... hope that ... this thing ... would subside into dead matter ... he opens his eyes; behold the horrid thing stands at his bedside, opening his curtains ...





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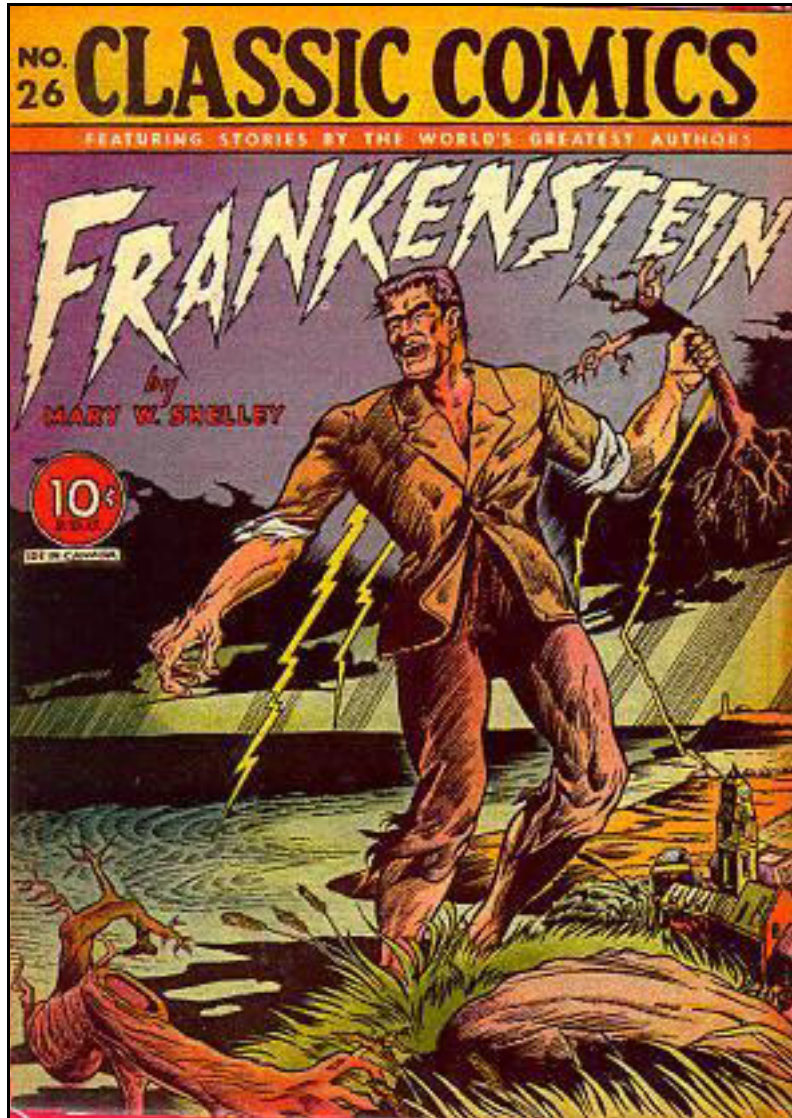
She scribbled a promising 1st draft of some lines:

It was on a dreary night of November that I beheld the accomplishment of my toils. With an anxiety that almost amounted to agony, I collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet. It was already one in the morning; the rain pattered dismally against the panes, and my candle was nearly burnt out, when, by the glimmer of the half-extinguished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a convulsive motion agitated its limbs. How can I describe my emotions at this catastrophe, or how delineate the wretch whom with such infinite pains and care I had endeavoured to form? His limbs were in proportion, and I had selected his features as beautiful. Beautiful! Great God! His yellow skin scarcely covered the work of muscles and arteries beneath; his hair was of a lustrous black, and flowing; his teeth of a pearly whiteness; but these luxuriances only formed a more horrid contrast with his watery eyes, that seemed almost of the same colour as the dun-white sockets in which they were set, his shrivelled complexion and straight black lips. The different accidents of life are not so changeable as the feelings of human nature. I had worked hard for nearly two years, for the sole purpose of infusing life into an inanimate body. For this I had deprived myself of rest and health. I had desired it with an ardour that far exceeded moderation; but now that I had finished, the beauty of the dream vanished, and breathless horror and disgust filled my heart. Unable to endure the aspect of the being I had created, I rushed out of the room....

She would originate a story about a monster created out of dead bodies and Dr. Erasmus Darwin's life fluid of electricity, by a fictitious Dr. Victor Frankenstein. The lines scribbled this morning would become what now

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opens Chapter IV of FRANKENSTEIN; OR, THE MODERN PROMETHEUS.¹⁷⁸



[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) began a boat tour of the lake.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal

*1st day 23rd of 6th M 1816 / In our forenoon meeting James
Halleck was largely & pertinently concerned in testimony -
Dorothy Golding was short & pretty clever. - In the Afternoon*

178. Laura Dassow Walls has inquired rhetorically, “Is it necessary to remark that Mary Shelly’s FRANKENSTEIN is still the paradigmatic myth of romantic science, right down to ‘Dr. Strangelove,’ Michael Crichton’s JURASSIC PARK, and the dystopias of cyberpunk?” — but as we shall see, this misappreciates our 20th-Century horror movies to have been accurate renditions of the Shelley romance, something which they simply are not. Shelley’s tale was not at all similar to the popular “Jurassic Park” with its focus upon **hubristic science and the wrongfulness of others**, but to the contrary was very similar to the unpopular “Elephant Man” with its focus upon **our personal, instinctual, and very very wrong revulsion** at the sight of human deformity.



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*John Halleck was long & I thought his testimony was pretty sound
& attended with a degree of life – I believe him to be an honest
friend. –*

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(In this year Erasmus Darwin's grandson [Charles Robert Darwin](#) had reached at the age of seven years —
and his portrait was painted.)



June 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd 24 of 6th M / My wife's cousins Anthony & Mariah Lawton from
None Partners dined with us. – This Afternoon D Buffum called
in & set in the House with us an hour & an half, his conversation
was very interesting & his visit as pleasing as from any friend
I have seen this Yearly Meeting time – And after all my own
friends at home are nearer my heart than Strangers & I am
thankful that I love them – it is comfortable to see friends
from abroad & feel that they are concerned to support the law
of testimony & coming up in faithfulness in their day &
generation, but this must have an end for the expence occasioned
at such times could not be long supported. – My Mother Aunt
Stanton & Br Isaac & Sally set the Afternoon at Aunt Carpenters*



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& we took tea with them. —

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June 27, Thursday: [Christopher Albert Greene](#) was born at [East Greenwich, Rhode Island](#). His father was the sea captain Nathaniel Green (1789-1841), and his mother was Abby Sophia Casey (1794-1838).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 6th M 1816 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is this days held at [Portsmouth](#) & I dont know as I feel much amiss in not going there is one subject that impresses my mind a little, but I dont see that it does with sufficient weight to move in it, was I there —

The situtation of friends on the Island of Connanicut, & indeed of the inhabitants generally has a place in my feelings, but what is to be done for them I do not see at present, there is something very unpleasant, in a whole Town's being without any meeting for Public Worship, which now the case, they have a convenient meeting house & might have a meeting occasionally & pretty Steady. There are two Men members & four Women One of which is a minister & one an Elder but being somewhat Advanced in life are unable to get out constantly, the other two women one is feeble & the other a young Woman with children - If any thing could be done to encourage these to keep a meeting on acct of the inhabitance generally it seems to me that I should be willing to unite in it occasionally — There are Some there who seem very friendly & pretty steadily go to meeting on first Day These considerations have occupied my feelings for some time, but the state of things is so low among us, that, as respects myself I feel but little resolution to move the subject — Those of our friends who went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting hove returned, they Say the first meeting was nearly silent - & in the last the buisness went on pretty well —

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June 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29th of 6th M / Early this morning departed this life at [Portsmouth Preserved Fish](#) about 68 Years, he was a respectable friend - & his funeral we understand is to be on 2nd day [Monday] next.

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June 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 6th M / Both our meetings today were silent & to me very good ones Cousin Alice Almy dined with us & Eunice Earl took tea —


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 July 1, Monday: In [Portsmouth](#), Rhode Island, the body of [Preserved Fish](#) was buried.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 7th M 1816 / My Mother Aunt Patty Stanton & my Wife & I took tea at Thos Robinsons - a very pleasant Afternoon to us indeed -

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 July 2, Tuesday: The frigate *La Méduse*, flagship of a convoy which was taking 400 French soldiers and settlers to Senegal, was wrecked off the coast of Mauritania. There were not enough lifeboats for everyone, so the Captain and the higher ranks commandeered seats aboard them and had the lower orders abandon ship to a 65x28-foot raft. There were 250 aboard the lifeboats and 150 aboard the raft. The lifeboats were unable to tow the raft, or unwilling to tow the raft, and made for shore.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 7th M / Our Cousins Benjamin Stanton & his two sones are here from St JOhns. George & James Gould are their names - James was called after my father for the respect which Cousin Benjamin had for him - They seem to be kind relations & attached to their relations here, & they are very Rich - but Alass what is Riches without innocence - they have been deeply concerned in privateering the last War & appear to justify their conduct I have Said in my heart what a blessing to have our Eyes anointed with the Eye Salve of the Gospel, & to have them opened to see the beauty of it, & above all to feel its power & to obey its calls

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 July 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 7th M 1816 / With My H & Sister Ruth took a very pleasant walk this evening to the Beach & across it to the Creek This walk I may remember if I should live for many Years, it afforded pensive reflections on the past present and to come

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 July 10, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 7th M 1816 / The weather is remarkably cold for the Season, & the earth is dry - Vegetation is extremely backward. Indian Corn & grass promises very small crops, we have however to acknowledge & be grateful for the prospect of pretty good crops of Barley Rye & Potatoes - There is Something very remarkable in the weather, there has not been a day or at least but very few days in Six Months past, in which the sun has not



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been obscured some part of it - and the air cool as Autumn Morning & evenings, & when the sun shines it is not clear, but most of the time hazy & today & yesterday looks white as it does in cold days in the Winter. -of late it has frequently looked red as it is common in very warm & dry weather - Whether to attribute the present extraordinary state of the weather to the Spote which have been observed on the sun for several weeks past or what to say about it puzzles philosophers & Divines - The News Papers of the Day contains frequent remarks on the subject, but all fall far short of Satisfactory explanation - At any rate this I believe - we are in the hands of the Almighty & that we are bound to acknowledge him the governor of the Universe & that with him are hid the treasure of wisdom & knowledge.

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July 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 7th M / Our meeting was pretty well attended particularly on the Womens side. Father Rodman was concerned in testimony, he adverted to the present prospect of calamity as respects the season & pointed to the Source from whence all favor is experienced, exhorting to a firm relyance on God in every trying dispensation &c The forepart of the meeting was a Season of favor to me but the life grew low towards the Close I suppose the occasion of it was weakness of body which I labor under. This Afternoon went to Middletown & met J Dennis at Cousin Daniel Goulds & had an opportunity with him in consequence of his case being referd at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting on Jonathons account - We were favor'd to discharge our feeling towards him to our own satisfaction & were favor'd with a large degree of tenderness & I trust feelings were excited in him, which will not soon be forgotten - as respects my self, I was much humbled under a sense of Divine favor in the little I had to communicate, & after tea as we were coming away, a few words which I felt towards Daniels Wife I hope left no bad savor on her mind - We walked out to the old cellar where the house stood in which The Goulds of this Island had their origin, & in which Daniel Gould Died a little over one 100 Years ago - on That spot he doubtless often breathed in Prayer to God for Mankind, that the knowledge of him might spread far & wide. There he knew many an heart felt exercise & passed many a sleepless night as well as many days of comfort & satisfaction resulting from time spent in his Blessed masters cause, in which he was much engaged having traveled seven times into Virginia as appears from a manuscript Journal of his now in my Possession, besides much fervant labor in the Church here away as appears by his name being frequently mentioned on our Monthly Meeting Records - & from several friends Journals of his Suffering in Boston - In visiting the space on which he lived these reflections occur'd to my mind - Some might say there was a little Idolatry in it but I say not,



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as respects myself. I feel nothing sacred in the ground, no very far from it, & yet I like to know the spot where good folks once lived & hope more may be raised up on the Same.

Towards night took a pleasant walk home & on the way stoped a little while at Elijah Anthonys where I found several of my cousins who I love

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July 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 7th M 1816 / In our morning Meeting - C R was first concerned in Testimony & then D Buffum - In the Afternoon Meeting first C R then Anne Greene - which made four sermons today - to me they were pretty good Meetings - Rode home with David Buffum & took tea with him & wife - while there Wm Peckham & wife came to lodge there. - On my Way home stoped at Williams & set a while, & at H Goulds & saw his kilm Burning

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July 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 7 M 1816 / This evening I heard Wm Langley relate the following Anecdote of his life Vizt / When he was quite a lad, his father was quite reduced in his temporal circumstances & so straightened they were, that they hardly knew where each Succeeding Meal was to come from. one day while they were in this Situation a poor Woman called at the door to ask charity & stated her case as very hard, having neither meal nor candle, & a sick daughter to take care of - this mother reply'd that they were nearly in the same situation, their meal was almost out & they had but a candle or two in the houses - Wm said he heard the story with some emotion & recollected a nine pence somebody had given him some time before - he reflected that their case was not quite so bad as the poor womans & perhaps he could assist his father in work & get some more - upon which he ran & got his money, & unbeknown to his parents went to the gate & handed the poor woman in question, & felt quite satisfied with the Act from a strong faith that in the end he should be no loss - The next day as he was walking one of the streets he found a quarter of a Dollar - he then began to consider that his benevolence had proved a blessing to him & determined to give that to the Poor, - accordingly in a few days he met with a poor object on whom he bestowed his quarter of a Dollar - "Well" he adds "it did not end there, for in a few days more he found a half a Dollar" he did not remember of giving that away, but he said the recollection of the circumstance had often proved a Stimulus to impart more freely than he otherwise should have done, on many occasions thro' life. - This story brought to my recollection another which I believe I have somewhere before inserted in my journal. When I was a boy



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I used on Seventh days to work in my fathers garden which was just above the Seventh day [Baptist](#) Meeting house, one seventh day as I was going to the garden I stoped at the door to hear Old Parson Bliss preach, while I was there he related the following annecdote probably to excite his hearers to a liberal disposition - he Said there was once a poor Sailor landed at some place I think he said London, with no prospect of bed or board, & his cloaths in a worn condition & with but half a Crown in his pocket - he had not gone far before a poor forlorn looking old woman met him & asked charity, he told her his Situation & if I remember correctly he said the Sailor passed on, reflecting in this manner, that, he was Young & able to work, the poor old woman was unable to obtain any thing by manual labor & perhaps his case was better than hers - on this he steps back & hands her his half Crown, & goes on again reflecting on his destitute situation, but he had not proceeded far before he picked up a Dollar -

I think these storys are worth preserving, & it is probable no one now living recollects the story of Parson Bliss, but me. circumstances of that kind when heard young, before the mind becomes crowdod with cares, takes deep hold & remains with us longer circumstances quite as interesting, related in more advanced life

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July 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 7th M 1816 / Went to meeting with a tender mind & set about half an hour enjoying a pretty good condition, but was called out by a lad sent by my bro. Isaac to inform me that his father Hanmet had breathed his last & that they wanted me to assist in putting on his grave cloathes - I repaired to the house & found him gone, performed with the assistance of others the trying task, but unpleasant as such offices are they must be performed & we know not how soon Some kind friend must do the Same for us.-

I regretted to loose the remainder of the meeting particularly as it was preparative meeting & I felt my mind engaged to attend to Some buisness before it, the answers to the queries &c -

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July 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 7th M 1816 / Attended the funeral of Nathan Hammet & with my H, & Aunt Stanton walked round the common burying ground & saw the graves of many with whom we were acquainted, which solemnly reminded us of the time when we Shall be numbered with them, & suggested the great necessity of a



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*preparation for the great event. –
We took tea with Mother – Aunt Patty Gould was there also – Isaac
& Sally at the house of mourning –*

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July 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 20th of 7th M / My H & John spend the day at Jonathon
Dennis's with Sister Joanna – it being inconvenient for Br David
& me to out there – I took dinner with him –
I often feel thankful, but today & several days of late my heart
has been fraught with gratitude, for continued evidences of
divine regard, often, as I am sitting alone & as often when I
am in the midst of company my heart is tendered with the touches
of heavenly good – this I consider a favor for which I know not
how to be sufficiently thankful –*

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July 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 7 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was well attended
& divers were present whose countenances looked interesting –
An Appearance In the ministry & in Supplication, judgement of
which I leave. --
In the Afternoon we were Silent – After tea, took John & walked
to the Beach. –*

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July 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 22nd of 7 M / Ewd W Lawton & Wife & Sister Mary took tea
with us, very agreeable & interesting visitors*

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July 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 23rd of 7 M / After tea with Polly Mclish & Sister Ruth
took a pleasant walk to D Buffum Jr to see his wife a little
while being confined with a slow fever. My H not being very well
could not go with us. –*

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July 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 28th of 7 M / In consequence of Rain our Meetings were not quite as large as usual - Anne Greene in the forenoon was concerned in a lively testimony in the Afternoon Silent - Towards night I went down on the Wharf to see a Baptising by Neighbor Eddy, twelve were plunged, & while Standing a silent spectator, my heart I trust was divested of all prejudice & I was led to examine the practice, & not withstanding it was a practice of Some of the primitive christians, I could but feel inward admiration that any should consider it concience to be thus led into the Water & diped under on a religious account. I thought, but to see it was sufficient to teach all the inefficacy of it as a clenser of the soul from sins, & for what other purpose should be the bent of our actions in life, but to reedeem our souls, & if it is admitted (which I think it must be) that there is nothing in it which affects, this inward purification, of what use can it be? I know many urge it as a Sign of dedication in joining the Church -Christ himself said that it was the wicked & adulterous who seeks for a sign, & it is time in this our day that all outward Signs & ordenances be put away & the Solid Substance, the living truth as it is Jesus Christ, be embraced & abode under in full purpose of heart, by & thro' the inward baptising of his spirit, by being crusified with him & partaking of his flesh & blood we become clensed from our sins & made [?] fit subjects for his rest in the world to come -

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August 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 8th M 1816 / Rode with my H & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting - Stopped before meeting & visited my old & long loved friend Zacheus Chase & found him very feeble but so as to be about house - At meeting the first that broke Silence was James Greene, then Anne Thorn in a long & excellent testimony chiefly addressed to the Youth. Then James Hallack, short & very pertinent in a few words of encouragement to Several classes present the meeting concluded in a supplication by Hannah Dennis & a few short words supplimentary by J Hallack & a favor'd one it was. - In the last meeting we had but little buisness - a few lively & pertinent remarks were made on the subject of sleeping in meetings by Wm Almy Several excellent communications by J Hallack, in one of which he attempted to encourage us to Keep to Sound doctrine as inculcated by our Ancient friends & the Scriptures & said any thing different from this was not to be believed tho' it might come from the Angel Gabriel. - We dined at Uncle Peter Lawtons, & on our way stopped at Anne Anthony's. -

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August 15, Thursday: PRAY FOR THE JEWS! A SERMON PREACHED AT THE THURSDAY LECTURE IN BOSTON, AUGUST 15, 1816 BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS](#) (Boston: John Eliot, 1816).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 8th M / Our meeting was comfortably attended, I believe there were but few of our members who are in a situation to attend who were absent - my feelings were on the low key & so continue thro' the Afternoon - Father R was concerned in a short restimony. -

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August 17, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse toured the Alps, until the 29th of the month. Lord Byron began writing MANFRED.

Publication of the Septet op.74 for piano, flute, oboe, horn, viola, cello and bass by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the Wiener Zeitung.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 17 of 8 M / Rose early this morning & with John went up to Dyres shore & took a sea bathing but in the course of the forenoon found myself much unwell with an oppression at my breast & my head disorderd, inclining to a fever - took a dose of salts & find myself more comfortable this evening -

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August 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 8 M / Our Meeting was well attended & to me a good time, tho' my mind experienced a little of an unsettled state at times - We Sat in Silence - In the Afternoon Silent again. -- J F [?] Mitchell & wife took tea with us & set the evening -

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August 19, Monday: The British authorities in Batavia (Djakarta) handed the Dutch East Indies back to the Netherlands.

Carl Maria von Weber accepted the terms of Count Heinrich Vitzthum von Eckstädt and would be appointed Kapellmeister in Dresden. His primary duties would be to direct the German opera but would also include church music at court, and the Italian opera.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 8 M / Hannah & John took a ride this forenoon with Joseph Mitchell & wife over to Sacawest Beech & thro' by the way of Greenend home, this is the first time Hannah has seen



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 August 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 8th M 1816 / John Gould of N York took tea with us. - Had a short call from D Buffum who gave us some account of his late visit to Lynn & Salem & of his visit to Noah Worcester The Author of "Friend of Peace" & to a man who has lately borne testimony to friends principles by refusing to take or tender the Oath. -

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 August 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 22nd of 8th / Tho' my feelings were favorable before I went to meeting, yet when I got there I was very destitute & fell into leanness which I could not or did not recover - a short testimony by a man friend - no buisness in the Preparative meeting. In the Afternoon took a walk with Joseph Mitchell & wife to the Library - My H went with us - on our way back we went into the Church & looked round that awhile. -

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 August 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 23rd of 8th M / Aunt Patty Gould has been for some days quite unwell, her stomach rejects food & I think Her Strength is failing & without she gets better soon She will soon be taken to rest. -
Res'd a letter from Uncle Wm Mitchell*

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 August 27, Tuesday: Ten Royal Navy and Dutch ships battled the shore defenses of Algiers for eight hours. One British ship was damaged but the shore batteries were silenced and more than 5,000 Algerians killed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 8th M 1816 / This morning Cousin Joseph Mitchell & his wife left Aunt Nancy Carpenters about a quarter before eight OClock on their way home to DeRuyter in N York State. They expected to reach [Providence](#) today. -


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 August 28, Wednesday: Despondent over the death of a child and unable to work, Samuel Wesley wrote to his brother and sister pleading for a loan secured against his inheritance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 8 M / My H spent the Afternoon & evening at Dorcas Whartons & Sister Mary Kept house for her in her Absence


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 August 29, Thursday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#), and [Clare Clairmont](#) left [Geneva](#) to return to England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 8th M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Mary & John in the Chaise & attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, - stoped on the way thither at Uncle Thurstons - At Meeting D Buffum preached very lively - & a pretty good meeting to me - In the last we had considerable buisness some of which labor'd & occasioned some pretty smart remarks, particularly a communication from So Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting respecting a matter between R Hazard & T R Williams -- Daniel Gould was restored to membership & I hope he may prove more useful to society than he has hither to been We dined at Anne Anthonys after which we rode to the new Cotton factory in Motts Gulley after taking a View of it we return'd to tea & then rode home by a little after sun set -

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 August 30, Friday: [Frances Jane Hallett Prichard](#) was born, daughter of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 8 M / Had conversation with Silas Gardiner, who seems to be a religious young man & if he keeps to the Faith as Secretly manifested to him bids fair to receive further light - as he related some of his experiences to me I could but exclaim with the Apostle "Ye need not that any man teach you" &c - he appears to have been fully convinced of the impropriety of War without the aid of any book but the Scripture & suffered for his testimony against it in Savannah Georgia & also from the secret impulses of his own mind has reounced some of the forms which are much set by among some professing christians - I felt my mind disposed to tell him that that which discover'd those things to him was the Spirit by which the Scriptures were written & as he took heed to it he would experience greater dicoveries of Light -

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September 1, Sunday: Faust, an opera by Louis Spohr to words of Bernhard, was performed for the initial time, in Prague, conducted by Carl Maria von Weber.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 9th M 1816 / In writing this date I feel that the year has got to its further half, the summer is past & the winter approaches, to many as did the last, it may prove a final change of the Season, & if I be one of that number Oh may I be prepared to meet it –

Our forenoon meeting was pretty large & silent - in the Afternoon we had the acceptable company of our frd Wm Almy who preached sweetly & to my edification, may I not say comfort, as well also a number of others present –

Sister Ruth dined with us – Sister Eliza at tea & set the evening –

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September 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 9 M / Spent the Afternoon with Silas Gardiner at David Buffums - where we met with Wm Almy whose conversation with D.B on religious subjects were very interesting to Silas, tho it did not turn on points which seemed to be the object of the visit - After tea we walked home

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September 5, Thursday: Urged on by his liberal advisors, King Louis XVIII of France dissolved the conservative Chamber of Deputies and called new elections.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 9 M / To me a favor'd meeting tho' some part of it was a little trying on some accounts – After sitting a little while I felt the quickening spirit run thro' me in a remarkable lively manner which raised a thankfulness to the great giver of all good things & drew the silent tears from mine eyes – This little rejoicing is quite in humility for such is the discouraged State of my mind with respect to myself & Society, that I hardly know at seasons what to do or Say – Mary Tillinghast & cousin Borden & My Mother & sister Sally spent the Afternoon

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September 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 6th of 9th / Ruth Freeborn a cousin of my H spent the Afternoon with us.

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September 7, Saturday: Franz Schubert learned that his application to be music master in Laibach (Ljubljana) had been rejected.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 9th M 1816 / In consequence of some buisness - rode this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle S Thurston & lodged there -next morning (1st day [Sunday]) on my way to meeting stoped at the Widow Almys - At meeting soon after I took my seat, my mind was brought into a sweet state of feeling in which I believe I was enabled to perform Worship - Anne Almy was engaged in testimmny & Supplication by which I thought Truth evidently rose into dominion, & to me (& I have no doubt many others) it was a very good Meeting. - I may say that I felt a degree of rejoicing to find the Gospel power to flow so sweetly thro' her & hope she may ever continue on the humble ground she now seems to occupy. - After Meeting Dined with cousin John Chase & after dinner went with him to vist his Mother & sisters whom I found as comfortable as could be expected in their striped and lonely situtation, the removal of cousin Zacheus Chase from his family makes a casm in it, which cannnot be filled again - with them I took tea, & cousin Shadrack brought me about 2 1/2 Miles on my way home the rest of the distance I walked & found my H & son well. - While walking from Cousin John Chases House with him to the Mansion of his late dear Father he pointed out the spot to me where he took his flight to heaven, it was on some of the highest land on his farm, & a most beautiful situation for prospect, overlooking an extensive range of land, the River & Islands adjacent, near a large Rock I have played upon & around many times when I was a boy, there it was his spirit took its flight & left his lifeless body in the Chaise & I have no doubt he is now in heaven. - While standing & viewing the spot I had some feeling which I hope to retain & some Ideas which I know not how to express. - I trust the spot will be memorable to me as long as I live -

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September 26, Thursday: Gioachino Rossini's dramma La gazzetta to words of Palomba after Goldoni was performed for the initial time, in Teatro dei Fiorentini, Naples. It bombed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 9 M / This forenoon a little after 11 OClock My Dear Mother & Br Isaac sailed in Sloop Express for Newyork with



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*the Wind a little to the eastward of North & a prospect of a fine expeditious passage
Parting with my dear mother excites Serious sensations, considering her advanced age, her infirmity of body & the prospect of her protracted stay till spring, excites a fear that I may never see her more, but the event must be left & we have this consolation that should she be removed or sick in N York Ample care will be extended for her comfort every way – I parted with her in the street as we were going to Meeting to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held this day. – In the first Meeting Anne Greene was concerned in lively testimony & Hannah Dennis in a few words
In the last we had a long exercising time Hannah Dennis proposed visiting [Nantucket](#) Meetings & some of the families on that Island which was fully united with – A proposition was made by S Thurston to appoint a committe to visit [Tiverton](#) Meeting & some of the families there this was an exercising case & was referred –Overseer appointed &c &c*

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September 29, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber conducts his final opera performance in Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th [sic] of 9 M 1816 / Silent Meeting in the forenoon, in the Afternoon a short testimony by father Rodman. – Sarah Earl & sister Eliza set the evening with us. –

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October 3, Thursday: Perchè muni tiranni, a rondo for soprano, chorus, and orchestra by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) was performed for the initial time, in Genoa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th M 3rd 1816 / Our meeting was small & silent – Just before I left home I rec'd a letter from John Heald, & had time enough to read it before I went to meeting, & I really believe I had a better meeting for it
My H spent the Afternoon & evening at Her father*

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October 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 10th M / In our mornng Meeting (which was pretty large) Our frd D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony on the sunject of Johns Baptism which he handled judiciously & pointed out the true baptism which is effectual & exhorted to faithfulness to the manifestation of light - father R was also



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*concerned to the efficacy of light & I thought it a favor'd meeting –
In the Afternoon my mind experienced a labor to keep close & was enabled in good measure to keep out unprofitable intrusions on the mind – Father R appeared in a few words
I never saw an instance of a young child's being brot to a meeting in this town before, a woman from Dartmouth came this Afternoon & brot a suckling child which was a novelty here, it made a little noise but the little innocent creature did not disturb the meeting near as much as I should have thought. –*

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October 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 10 M / Our meeting was about as large as usual, to me it was a Season of favor, in that I was enabled to labor for help & did experience the strong man to be weakened in me so that life & tenderness & even supplication arose in my spirit –Father Rodman appeared in a short but I thought lively testimony

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October 13, Sunday: Carl Maria von Weber and Caroline Brandt arrived in Berlin from Prague.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 10 M / In both our Meetings we had Short testimonys, as respects the state of the meetings I was hardly in a state to judge in my own particular was concious of roving of mind but a degree of favor

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15th day of 10th month; October 15, Tuesday: Friend Michael Wainer, a Newstockbridge nephew of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#), wrote to his uncle about the failure of his crop due to the unusual weather, and of his desire in consequence to pull up stakes and try again as a farmer in the region of the [Ohio](#) River. Help, such as a loan of \$200, would be appreciated.

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Der uncle I take this oppotunity to in form you that we are all ingoying good helth at this present time and hoping that those few lines will find you and your famaley well.
and I wish you would assist in Selling and Curlecing of my property for I want to by me a farm in Ohio next Sumer the Land thair is from 2 to 4 Dollers per Acer the Land is good heare but thay ask from \$10 to 15 per Acer and it is vary frostey heare So that great meney of the people is Seling out and going on to the Ohio.
the frost here has Cut of all our Corn and thaire is bin frost here every month this year but not to hav aney affect untill a



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bout 4 weeks ago then it killed all the Corn peretatoes Beens
+c gradeel of the Corn was yust in the milk. and on to the
Ohio thaire is graite Cropes of Corn it is a bout 300 miles from
here but Whaire I want to go is 400 miles I want to get sum
money this winter to be redy after wheat harvest to Start for
Ohio If Joseph Auker Dont Cum up I Shall Cum Down this winter
and if he is Cuming I wish you would lend me 200 Dollers for I
Can git Land of ther Staite by paying 1/8 this is the Way
that the people general Does is to pay 1/8 Don and take a Bond
for a Deed and then thay will hav a plase to go to when thay
move thaire famalaye

I wish you Would write to me what my Land will fetch and what
you think is best for me I Lik farming and I think I Could Do
well if I had a farm of my owne and if you will be So kind
as to write to me whether Joseph Auker is a Cumin or knot I would
be Glad etc from Yoar well wishing Coasin

Michael Wainer

If the pleases to write to me in Newstockbridge Madison
County Peterborough post office



October 17, Thursday: [Manlius Stimson Clarke](#) was born in Norton, Massachusetts to Mary Jones Stimson Clarke (March 24, 1785-May 1, 1866) and the Reverend Pitt Clarke (January 15, 1763-February 13, 1835) of the 1st Congregational Church there. He would be educated initially at the Bristol Academy in Taunton of which his father was a member of the Board of Trustees. (The father not only farmed and ministered to this church in Norton, but also "it was his habit for many years ... to fit young men for college, and to instruct and discipline those who were suspended from Harvard University, for misdemeanors, or for neglect of study.")

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17 of 10 M 1816 / Meeting small but I believe favord to
divers prewent - I am Thankful in experiencing in my own
particular a fresh visitation of tenderness & love to flow in
my heart -Father Rodman was concerned in short Testimony "Watch
& be Sober"*

This After noon rec'd a letter from my Mother now in NYork

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October 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 19th of 10 M / A low discouraged state seems at present
to be mine*

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October 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 10th M / Being quite indisposed this morning I
staid from home & had a vein opened which has in measure relieved
my head of the distress which I have suffered in it for some*



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time past. –

In the Afternoon Attended Meeting Father Rodman short in testimony. – Obadiah Brown & Wife from Providence were down & at Meetings today

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October 24, Thursday: Adolphus Frederick, Duke of Cambridge, the youngest son of King George III, became governor-general and viceroy of Hanover.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 10 M / Silent Meeting & remarkable dry time to me. I know not when I have experienced less favor when I have strove so hard to obtain it – The preparative Meeting was like namely —

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October 27, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 10 M / In meeting this forenoon Our fr D Buffum was very lively in testimony he was concerned to retell an occurrence of his youth. He said when he was quite a Youth he lived in a neighborhood where there were meetings frequently held by people not in persuasion with us which he often attended & once one was appointed which he went to but the person that was to hold forth as preacher came not, & they all went away without sitting down solidly together. – This put him on serious reflection on the subject to discover what they went for & led him to believe that there was great danger of their worshipping the preacher more than their creator, he took occasion to illustrate the subject of true worship & pointed our minds to the source from which it arises & to whom it is due &c – A few words by father R in the Afternoon – In the evening made several calls, one at the widow Birds, found the old Lady quite feeble I think coming to a conclusion very fast – a little while at Aunt Polly Goulds –

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October 30, Wednesday: King Friedrich I of Württemberg died and was succeeded by his son, Wilhelm I.

José García de León y Pizarro replaced Pedro Cevallos Guerra as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 10 M 1816 / A day of weakness & discouragement my mind frequently turned towards Portsmouth tomorrow but it seems as if I shall be hardly likely to get there

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October 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st 10 M / It is a rainy morning & I at home, a convenient opportunity offered to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting but Having previously relinquished the prospect & feeling as if I should be of no use there, I did not embrace it. It may not be wholly justifiable, but so it is, & I must abide the consequences I trust I have been careful to attend meetings, as often as almost any member, with a good degree of concern for myself & others & frequently experienced the benefit of the small dedication & hope the concern may continue.

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November 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th M 2nd 1816 / Rec'd a letter dated 26 ult from Hannah Pope of Baltimore containing intersting interesting information This Afternoon attended the funeral of Benj Hammond who died very suddenly last first day -- he went to his field after breakfast in the morning to repair a break made by the cattel between his neighbour & himself. when his neighbour arrived at the spot, he found him laying on his face & on examination he proved to be No More -- his family were not satisfied that he was dead & have kept him six days & such was his situation yesterday & today as removed all doubt. -- The case was very singular for several days his limbs were pliable & his flesh soft tho' cold, but at length evident marks of decay took place both in appearance & smell & this day his remains were committed to their mother earth.

I consider the precaution of keeping him till signs of decay had taken place a very prudent one both on his acct & that of his family - there has been doubtless cases of peoples being buried alive who have apparently died suddenly, & I hope all such cases will always be fully prved. -

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November 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 11th M 1816 / Our Meetings were both large, - short communications in both of them. -- To me they were seasons of favor, for which I desire to be thankful. --

This evening Henry Ridgeway Jr a young man lately from Ireland came & set with us -- I have had some previous acquaintance with him having called several times at the Shop & once of an evening before - he appears to be a very intelligent & considerably interesting young man, a member of society & from what I can



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discover in good standing at home

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November 10, Sunday: Piano Sonata J.199 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in a private home in Berlin, by the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 [sic] of 11 M / No preaching, except a few words in the Afternoon Sarah Earl set the evening with us. -

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November 16, Thursday: La journée aux aventures, an opéra comique by Etienne-Nicholas Méhul to words of Chapelle and Mézières-Miot, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

11th M 16 5th day 1816 / A Silent meeting, & to me a rather dry time - Have this eveng been brought into deep seriousness - My heart heavy with a load of discouraging prospects from within & without

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November 17, Sunday: [William White Cooper](#) was born in Holt, Wiltshire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 M 17 1816 / In the forenoon Meeting Hannah Dennis was concerned in a lively Testimony - In the Afternoon father Rodman a few words. -

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November 21, Thursday: The head and torso of the statue known then as “younger Memnon” was loaded on a flat-bottomed [Nile](#) barge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 11 M / Silent Meeting but pretty well attended In the preparative Meeting I was again proposed to serve as one of the overseers of the Poor in which capacity I have been five years lacking about one Month - this is a task which involves much care & responsibility, & is peculiarly arduous when we have not money to defray expenses & relieve necessities which are pressing, This is frequently the case & so at the present time

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November 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 11 M / The forenoon meeting was Silent in the Afternoon a few words by Father Rodman. – Yesterday Morning Elizabeth Gould departed this life after a very suffering illness of many Months, of a Cancer - which she bore with great fortitude & Christian patience. – Last Night the Widow Hannah Bird Left time In the 86th Year of her Age. I called in with my H & Polly Mclish who watched with her & looked on her while she lay near the conclusion It was an instructing lesson to me, & brought many things to my recollection. I recollected that she was with my Grandmother Wanton in her last Illness, & now many years Afterwards, I am called to witness her conclusion thus we go one generation after another, & soon it will be my turn

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November 25, Monday (another source says November 29th): A bank of savings was formed in New-York at a public meeting held by the Society for the Prevention of Pauperism. (Boston would during the following month establish the 1st one in the US. This New York savings bank would incorporate during March 1819.)

Having divorced himself from the London Philharmonic Society, Muzio Clementi departed London for Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25th of 11 M 1816 / Attended the funeral of cousin Elizabeth Gould - She was carried to Middletown & inter'd in the family burying Ground - Rode with My H & after the Corpse was inter'd we went to George Goulds & took tea -

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November 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 11 M / Attended the funeral of the Widow Bird. The Aged must die, & the Young may die, those who are young if they live long enough to be aged will see many Afflictions & even youth are not exempt from them, so that in what ever state or condition we are the safest resolution is that of good old Joshua as for me & my House we will serve The Lord. – The widow Bird both in youth & advanced life partook of large drafts mingled with Wormwood & Gall & tho' She did not experience religion as Some do, Yet I have no doubt of her having gone to rest, she was a firm believer in the truths of Christianity & I believe a practical & in some degree an experimental Christian. –

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November 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 28th of 11 M / Monthly Meeting - the first was silent & well attended. The last was long & closely exercising, the subject of appointing a committee to visit [Tiverton](#) Meeting & friends there, was brought up & finally referred another Month - Isaac Chase Jr & Ruth Dennis daughter of Robt Dennis published their intentions of Marriage.

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December 1, Sunday: [Charles Davies](#) resigned from the US Army in order to accept a position teaching mathematics at the West Point Military Academy. In addition to mathematics he would teach Natural and Experimental Philosophy. (Over the course of his long academic career the professor would author a total of 49 different treatises.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1st of 12 M 1816 / Our meeting this forenoon was to me a season of favor D Buffum Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis was concerned in Public Testimony & particularly D Buffum was very precious to my feelings - Silent & comfortable to me in the Afternoon
Sister Ruth set the evening with us. - I do feel rejoiced in this Days favor. Oh! that I may Watch & pray that I be not left without religious life & hope. -*

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December 5, Thursday: The Reverend Robert Finley, an activist in the American Colonization Society, wrote to Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) about how unhappy the free Negroes of America were going to remain, "as long as they continue among the whites." This white man somehow knew that these black man were going to be unhappy. So how could they be made happy, he asked? -Well, he suggested, we could "place them perhaps in Africa."¹⁷⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5th of 12 M 1816 / Meeting was attended as well as usual.
silent & to me rather a barren season. -*

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December 8, Sunday: The Kingdom of Naples and the Kingdom of Sicily formally united as, guess what, the "Kingdom of the Two Sicilies" (don't ask, because I don't know).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 8th of 12 M / Two testimoniys in the forenoon (C R & H D) both attended with life to my feelings. - In the Afternoon
Silent & to me a season of some favor -*

179. So explain this relative unhappiness to me, please, as there seem to be three possibilities: is the black man **somewhat unhappier** than the white man, that the black man is in America? -Or are the white man and the black man **approximately equally unhappy**, that the black man is in America? -Or is the black man **slightly less unhappy** than the white man, that the black man is in America? Inquiring minds want to know. Is it the **black** man who is going to be happier, when the black man is back in Africa where he belongs, or is it the **white** man who is going to be happier, when the black man is back in Africa where he belongs, or, perchance, are they both going to be **equally happy** once the white man is alone in America and the black man alone in Africa?



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In the evening with my H & Sister R - visited my cousins Anne & Mary Gould who we found comfortable (as could be expected after their recent affliction, as well as our Aged Cousin Bathseba

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December 12, Thursday: At a General Meeting of the London Philharmonic Society, a replacement was named for Muzio Clementi as treasurer. It was decided to allow his name to remain on the list of directors.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 12 M / Our meeting was silent tho' pretty well attended

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December 13, Friday: The Provident Institution for Savings, a company being chartered in [Boston](#) for the benefit of the “frugal poor,” would prosper “beyond the expectations of its founders” because it would prove unexpectedly popular as a haven for the surplus funds of an entirely different class of our society. Within the next five years its deposits would reach \$600,000 and its surplus would reach \$6,200 while the rate of interest it paid on deposits would reach 1% quarterly due to the availability of surplus funds in the ranks of the salaried middle class — the class which would be purchasing “life [insurance](#) policies” as soon as that new form of investment would become socially acceptable. Another such savings bank would open in [Baltimore](#) in the next year, and three would open in the year after that in Boston, in New-York, and in Portland (a savings bank would be opened in [Concord](#), Massachusetts in 1835).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 12 M / We have discovered that Aunt Molly Wanton is in a more critical situation as to health than she has been for some time past - She has been exceedingly lame for some months in consequence of a fall, which in addition to her distracted state of mind has rendered her exceedingly troublesome - but now her feet & legs are much swollen which indicates Dropsy. -

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December 15, Sunday: The head and torso of the statue known then as “younger Memnon” arrived in [Cairo](#).

On the eve of his 46th birthday [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) suffered the death of one of his most important patrons, Prince Franz Joseph Lobkowitz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15 of 12 M / Our forenoon meeting was pretty well attended
In the Afternoon a few words from father. -
Jeremiah took tea & set part of the evening with us*

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December 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 12 M / My H rec'd a letter from Aunt Stanton which mentioned that mother was in health – Sister Mary took tea & set the evening with us. –

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December 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 12 M / Oh that I may labor, & labor hard to subject my evil propensities. I have felt a renew'd concern this morning to effect a thorough overcoming. I am often tried & have of late been more guarded than at time heretofore. –

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December 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 12 M / Our meeting was as large as usual & to me a season of some favor for which I desire to be thankful in this season of almost spiritual famine. – Father Rodman was concerned in testimony, much to my comfort – a word in season Preparative meeting short & no business. –

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December 22, Sunday: [William Cooper Nell](#) was born at 64 Kendall Street on Beacon Hill in Boston.

On this day and the following one, a Treaty of Peace and Amity was being signed between the United States of America and Algeria.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 12th M 1816 / Our Meetings were both well attended, in the Afternoon I thought it was larger than common – both were silent – rather lifeless seasons to me, tho' I trust to some others were more favored. – Joseph Wilbour took tea & set the evening with us.

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December 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 12 M / Took My H & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. This side of Slate Hill the through Brace broke & by the help of friends we so fixed it that Br David



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& I rode in it to meeting, Hannah got in with Ruth & Isaac Mitchell took John. -At meeting Cynthia Coggeshall appeared in a few words & was followed by Hannah Dennis & D Buffum, all which testimonys were pleasant to me, & I trust in some measure was beneficial. -The subject of appointing a committee to visit Tiverton meeting was revived, & after a long time of exercise it was concluded to appoint a committee to visit such parts of the Monthly Meeting as way should open. Saml Thurston, Richd Mitchell & Benjn Freeborn were nominated & appointed. - After Meeting we Dined at Jethro T Mitchells & rode home without further accident

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December 29, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 M 29th 1816 / Our meetings were both well attended, father Rodman was concerned in testimony in both. Sarah Fowler took tea with us.

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December 30, Monday: Some three weeks after [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s abandoned wife's drowned body had been discovered in the Serpentine, he as the absconding father of two legitimate orphaned children and his mistress [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#) felt constrained to wed — presumably to enhance Percy's chances at his pending hearing to obtain custody of his children by [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#), [Janthe Shelley](#) (age 3½) and [Charles Shelley](#) (age 2).



WILLIAM GODWIN'S LIFE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 12 M / I feel this day that another space in the wheel of Time has sunk beneath the pinion - Alas with me another Year has gone I am this evening 35 Years of Age - When I awoke this morning my mind was forceably impressed with my deficiencies in every respect & a labor has been witnessed thro' the day for a revival of religious Sensibility but as an aged



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man has remarked of himself in my presence this evening, "I can feel how I want to feel, but do not feel as I ought to feel" Yet thro' divine mercy I have experienced some evidence of the continuance of Divine favor. –

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December 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 12 M / This day ends the Year. – Oh! that when my final year comes I may be prepared – I acknowledge my short comings & my disposition to rebel against the light & have only hopes in Jesus Christ – I am every day reminded that the religion of Jesus is the only true Religion – My H Spent that Afternoon & took tea at her fathers. John & I also there –

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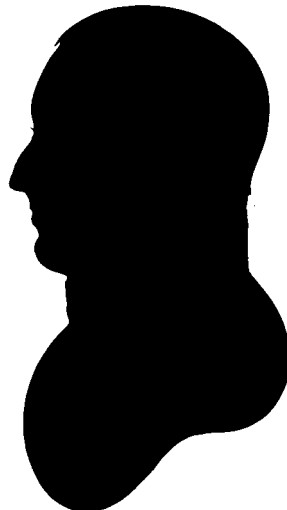


January 1, Wednesday: The Reverend [John White](#) of Dedham got married with Delia Jane Holcomb Dwight, daughter of Seth Dwight of Utica, New York.

The lawyer brothers Harry and Robert Sedgwick, recent immigrants to New-York from Massachusetts, spent New Year's Day making social calls. Harry would describe his round of social calls in a letter to his fiancée Jane Minot in Boston, dated January 1, 3, and 4, 1817, that is now in the Sedgwick Family V Papers at the Massachusetts Historical Society:

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 1st M D 1817 / The day has been very fine & pleasant, & nothing in any respect has occurred to obstruct a considerable degree of enjoyment, saving a want of life, but of that, a degree has been vouchsafed, tho' unmerited. I have many things to be thankful, among which I have procured some provision today, sufficient to last sometime & tho my means are small, yet thy [they] are not such as to render my circumstances difficult -& I have abundant cause to TRUST in the Lord who hath thus far evidently cared for me & many time opened ways where there hath none appeared & may these favors be acknowledged by increased dedication & faithful obedience. - Sally Easton spent the evening with us¹⁸⁰



After church which is out at half past twelve and before dinner at three, you are expected to call on all your friends and everywhere to get a glass of wine and a cookie (small cake). You cannot stay at any one place more than three minutes. It is as

180. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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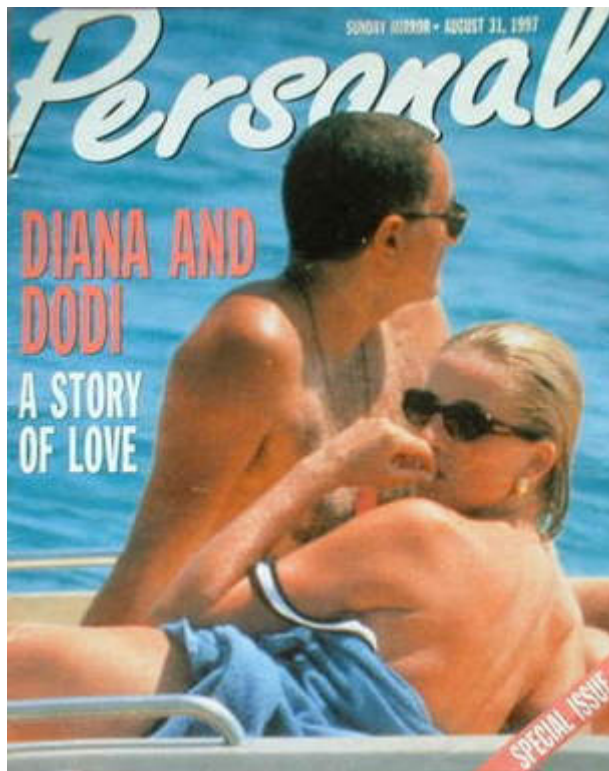
if all the town gave wedding parties.... The custom I think is a very excellent and delightful one, though somewhat fatiguing. Everybody is delighted to see you, and kind feelings are everywhere promoted. We finished our rounds or rather exhausted our time at a quarter past three having made more than thirty visits in every part of the city. There were still several omissions which [Robert] very much regretted.

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January 2, Thursday: The initial issue of the Vienna *Allgemeine Musik Zeitung*.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote amusingly to John Murray describing the sexual morals of the Mediterranean clime — if a woman limits herself to her husband plus one lover, she is considered virtuous; if she takes two, three, or more lovers, she might be considered a little wild; only when she becomes indiscriminately profuse, or forms “a low connexion, such as the [Princess of Wales](#) with her courier,” will she be considered to have overstepping the modesty of marriage.



Maintaining the Princess-of-Wales Tradition

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 1 M / Meeting pretty well attended, -a short offering - leanness was my companion. -

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January 3, Friday: Publication of the Adagio, Variations and Rondo on “The Pretty Polly” op.75 for piano by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 3 of 1 M / Some days ago Sister Ruth turned her Ankle & hurt it exceedingly. Dr Sweet has this day examined it & pronounced one bone broken & one cracked - The poor thing suffered exceedingly in the operation of setting, but it now appears to be streight & by a few days confinement in bed, I am in hopes she will be more comfortable but she has a long suffering time of lameness to look forward to - She has my sympathy & pitty to the very heart -
This Afternoon David Buffum Rec'd a letter from Wm Rotch Jr Which mentioned the Decease of our friend Ed ELISHA THORNTON in [New Bedford](#) last 3rd day*

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January 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 1st M / Our Morning meeting was well attended & father Rodman, D Buffum & H Dennis were engaged in lively testimonys. - father again appeared in the Afternoon. - Set the evening at home. - It has been but a poor Day with me. leaness my companion.
Wrote to my Mother. -*

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January 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 1st M 1817 / Owing to an engagement I was under I was not at Meeting today. - My H has a severe Cough upon her & was also absent. - John has also had a hard Cough & Cold, which he had had upon him for about two weeks he is better today than Yesterda but his case give me some uneasiness. -

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➡ January 12, Sunday: [Allegra](#), Claire Clairmont's illegitimate daughter by [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), was born at Bath (at first her mother called her "Alba").



In [Naples](#) the [Real Teatro di San Carlo](#) was reopened 11 months after having burned to the ground. The inaugural work was the premiere of Simon Mayr's melodramma allegorico *Il sogno di Partenope* to words of Lampredi, composed for the birthday of King Ferdinando I.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 1 M / A few words spoken in the Life at meeting in the forenoon - Silent in the Afternoon & to me a Season of a little favor - Attended the funeral of two men the Capt & Mate of a vessel who were brought in from sea Dead - They were four days ago Killed by lightnening - none of the other hands hurt - a very remarkable circumstance, while I stood by the graves & saw them deposited I thought while their friends at home were in anguish at their sudden privation it must yeald them Some consolation that they were decently committed to the earth & not consigned to a Watery grave. The consideration of their very sudden removal in full strength & vigor of life affected me almost to weeping. -
Cousin Henry Gould & wife set the evening with us. -*

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➡ January 14, Tuesday: The head and torso of the statue known then as "younger Memnon" was unloaded in [Alexandria](#) port.

Pierre-Alexandre Monsigny died in Paris at the age of 87.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 1st M / Sister Ruth has this day had the Bandage removed from her foot & a plaster put on it appears to be doing



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*well & I am in hopes she will in the course of a few weeks be able to resume her school. -
Rec'd letters this eveng from Mother & Aunt Stanton which gave an Acct. of their welfare. This was a pleasing circumstance as there has lately been a fire near them & they narrowly escaped being burned out. -*

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January 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 1st M 1817 / Our morning meeting was not very large but a solid & to some present a favor'd season David Buffum & Father Rodman were very lively in communication - In the Afternoon H Dennis & father were concerned, & to me it was a day of favor.
John & my H have not sufficiently recovered from their Colds & were not out at meeting. -*

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January 20, Monday: [Boston](#) chimney-sweep Daniel D. Britton was put in jail for having stolen chickens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 20 of 1st M / Rec'd letters this evening from Mother & Aunt Stanton which gave me account of their usual health -
Sister Eliza spent the day & evening with us -*

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January 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 1st M / Our meeting pretty well attended a few words deliverd in the first - In the last (Preparative) Seth Kelley of Mendon preposed his intention of Marriage with Eunice Earl & Stephen Chase of Swansey proposed his intentions of Marriage with Mary Bowen. -

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January 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 1 M / Our meetings were both rather small, the weather being a little unfavorable. A short testimony in the morning - silent in the Afternoon. - Hannah & John both out, the first time in several weeks


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
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 January 30, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber opened the [German](#) Opera in Dresden with Etienne-Nicholas Méhul's Joseph. This was a great success, particularly with the king.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30 of 1st M / Our friend David Harkness from Peru Vermont attended Meeting & was largely poerfully & very acceptably in testimony, & supplication. – In the last (Monthly) Seth Kelley & Eunice Earl, & Stephen Chase & Mary Bowen published their intentions of Marriage – At the close of the meeting David Harkness was again very powerfully engaged in testimony & particularly addressed the Youth. –
E Dennis B Pearce & P Hale dined with us. –*

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 February 2, Sunday: Heinrich Alois, Count Reigersberg replaced Maximilian Joseph, Count Montgelas as President of the Council of Ministers of Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 2 M / In the forenoon Meeting father Rodman was largely concerned in Testimony & D Williams read the London Epistle for the past Year-- Silent in the Afternoon -- James Rogers formerly of Pembroke Massachusetts now of Peru Vermont took tea with us, also Eunice Earl – This evening wrote a letter to my fr D Smith of Bolton to go by Ja Rogers who expects to return bome by the way of Bolton. –

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 February 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6th of 2nd M 1817 / Our Meeting was small & silent I know not when I have had a more completely lifeless meeting – the Tiller was gone & my mind drove to & fro as the natural inclination was drawn – I labor'd a little to overcome but was not able to get on the spot I wished. –
Those who are abesent at the Quarterly Meeting have a fine time. – the weather is Cold but is Clear & wholesome–*

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 February 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 2 M / In the mornng a few words at meeting – In the Afternoon Silent – To me seasons of but little proffit. –
The day was stormy – Set the evening at home. –*

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 February 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 16th of 2 M / Mornng Meeting silent - In the Afternoon a few words to me season of reflection, serious reflection & I trust proffitable. - eveng at home. -

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February 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 2 M 1817 / Meeting rather small, but pretty well considering the Walking. -

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February 23, Sunday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#), William Shelley, and Claire Clairmont traveled to Marlow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 2 M / Meetings both small - walking very bad - a few words in the Afternoon - Set the eveng at home employed in writing to my Beloved Micajah Collins

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February 12, Wednesday: While on their way from Rome to Milan, Gioachino Rossini and his friend Marchese Francesco Sampieri stopped off in Spoleto and caught a performance of L'Italiana in Algeri. They sat in the orchestra, Sampieri playing harpsichord and Rossini bass.

A South American army under José de San Martín defeated Spanish and loyalist forces at Chacabuco north of Santiago, Chile.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 2 M / This evening met with a considerable number of men at the Church School House & form'd ourselves into a Society for the Relief of the Poor & entitled ourselves the Relief Society we chose Edw Brinley President, Thos H Mumford Secretary & appointed a committee of eight, of which number I was one, to superintend the affairs of society for the present Year & hope thro' the Benevolence of the Public to be enabled to do some good among the poor. a considerable number of very respectable inhabitants seem to be well engaged in the subject & some of them of the wealthy class. -

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February 13, Thursday: As the revolutionary army arrived in Santiago, the royal government of Chile was boarding ship at Valparaiso.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 2 M / Our Meeting in course today was silent but



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to me a season of some favor - after it was the adjournment of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, at which Seth Kelley & Eunice Earl & Stephen Chase & Mary Bowen received their answer & a meeting appointed at 3 OC This Afternoon for them to accomplish their marriage - The Meeting this afternoon was very large & Our fr D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony, then the couples were married & both performed well

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February 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 2 M / This Afternoon rode with cousin Shadrack Chase to [Portsmouth](#) & spent the Afternoon & evening with his Mother & Sisters - found them comfortable but alas - never did I so fully realise the meaning of the word miss - tho' I have lost near & dear friends yet it seemed to me that I never missed one so much as I did from his place, as my late much loved Cousin Z Chase - I missed him from his seat at The Corner of the fireplace, when the door opened, his smiling countenance did not appear with it, & in the evening his conversation was lacking to make the visit, as my visits have been to that house my whole life long. - he has gone & I doubt not is in a better world, & it remains for us who survive to prepare for the Great change which he has passed thro'. - Next Morning cousin Shadrack & wife took me to meeting in the Sleigh it was a severe Snow Storm & we suffered considerably before we got to the Meeting house, but there was a considerable of a gathering - the first sitting was silent - in the last we had but little buisness - Rode home with Richard Mitchell & dined. Then walked home. The walking was sliper, which with a cold Rain falling, made it quite tedious. -

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March 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 3 M / At Both Meetings we had the company of Jesse Hains & his Companion Nathan Sharpless from Pennsylvania,. They had been from home near a Year, have visited Canada & the eastern Quarters of the Yearly Meeting - They came very unexpectedly to all we had not heard of their being in this neighborhood till we found them at meeting. Jesse is apparantly one of the true Ministers of the day. sound deep & clear, very searching, & with all attended with that power in an eminent degree which shook the minds of the opposers & luke warm, thro' the preaching of George Fox & some of his cotemporaries [sic] - Meetings were as well attended as could be expected considering the Walking which was very slipery & wet. - Set the evening at home & employed it in writing to my friend Hannah Pope of Baltimore

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March 3, Monday: The eastern part of the Mississippi Territory was split off to form the Alabama Territory, with its capital at St. Stephens near Mobile, Alabama.

Congress appointed John Quincy Adams as commissioner to examine and report on the subject of Weights and measures in the United States, and also as to the desirableness of adopting the French system, or some similar one. During the years 1819 and 1820, Adams had the standards employed in the various custom-houses examined, and, in a table accompanying his report, presented in 1821, showed the discrepancies that existed in the different states. He reported unfavorably to the French system, and recommended a more exact conformity with the English system.

President [James Madison](#) vetoed a permanent fund for roads and [canals](#).

POEMS was [John Keats](#)'s initial publication.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 3 M 1817 / This Afternoon finished & put in the Office a letter which I begun several weeks ago to my frd Hannah Pope - & rec'd one from My dear Mother & Aunt Stanton dated 25 ult.-

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March 6, Thursday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), William Ward of Groton and Rebecca Barrett of Concord got married before the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 3 M / Last evening news came of the decease of Mary L Almy daughter of Chrsto & Lydia Almy. She was at Gloucester on a visit to her relations there was taken sick & died in a short time he afflicted parents have returned to town. - The particulars of her conclusion I have not understood. - At meeting a few words were spoken, tho' my mind was tossed about a degree of favor experienced. -

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March 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7 of 3 M / My mind has for a number of days been remarkably shut out from good - tho' I have both when I first awoke in the morning & at our pause at meals as well as many other times endeavored to raise a sigh in prayer for help, yet all was hard & good was not at my command, however having often experienced such seasons, & sometimes found them the precursor of better times, even so in measure it proves now - This morning I have felt a revival, my heart tendered, & enabled to ask for help
This eveng visited the house of mourning Christo & Lydia Almy have buried their daughter Mary, she was absent at Gloucester*



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where she was taken ill with the Thypus fever & died They got to her about 17 hours before she left time - they found her in the use of her reason with which she was favor'd to the last - Their acct was interesting & deeply instructing to my mind. -

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March 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 3rd M 1817 / This Afternoon Our frd Philip Dunham & Warren Gifford, accompanied by Henry Knowles from Narragansett came to our house took tea & set the evening & staid all night with the exception of Henry who went to J Mitchells -

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March 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [Quarterly Meeting?] / At meeting in the morning Philip was concerned in testimony & felt out the condition of divers present - They all dined with us. - In the Afternoon Warren was twice on his feet, was powerful & searching. - their testimonies were comforting to me & I can truly say I was thankful for the visit - They took tea with father Rodman & Went to Richd Mitchells to lodge expecting to go home tomorrow. - I have been long acquainted with Philip & as long has been a brother beloved. -

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March 13, Thursday: When Henry Phillips, who had murdered Gaspard Denegri near Roebuck Tavern, was [hanged](#) on [Boston Neck](#), he was allowed to hold a handkerchief with the agreement that he would drop it when he was ready for the trap to be sprung.

After the cap was drawn over his eyes, he sang a song of three verses, dropped the handkerchief, and was launched into eternity.¹⁸¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 3 M / Very unexpectedly at meeting today we had the Company of Obadiah Davis & Ruth his wife - Ruth first appeared in a long & solemn testimony to parents & Youth & related the circumstances of the death of a young woman in their neighborhood who left time a few days ago in a sweet frame of mind, who expressed that many times when her parents restrained her from the ways of the World, she thought them hard. but she was then fully sensible they were right & that it was their Duty so to do - Obadiah followed her in very impressive terms to a

181. Edward H. Savage's POLICE RECORDS AND RECOLLECTIONS OR BOSTON BY DAYLIGHT AND GASLIGHT FOR TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY YEARS, issued in 1873.



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considerable length - Ruth then appeared in solemn supplication & Obadiah wound up in a few words, excellently - It was a close searching time & I have no hesitation in saying that the Lords mighty power was felt among us & some minds were shaken by it. -My state was remarkably spoken & I have no doubt many others were 6th day 14th of 3rd M 1817 / This day John is five years old -he is a smart little fellow & I devoutly hope he may make a GOOD Man - I have no greater desire for him, even tho' he should be blessed with great riches without RELIGION, they are nothing.- This Afternoon Sister Ruth came down to see us & will stay all night. The first time she has been out since she broke her leg - I can but feel a degree of thanksgiving that she has thus comfortably got along. - My Spirit has been (particularly this Afternoon) feelingly touched & prayers begotten that I may increase in dedication

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March 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 3 M / Geo Engs & Wife & Edw W Lawton & wife took tea & set the evening with us

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March 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 3 M / Our Morning meeting was a precious season to me, soon after I took my seat my mind became solemnized & secret aspirations arose for help which was vouchsafed - a few words were expressed by father R - I felt again a revival in the Afternoon, but not as fresh as in the morning. father again concerned in a few Words. - We took tea at Aunt Nancys & my H & Sister R set the evening there. I walked out & called at C Almays & D Williams & there set most of the evening -

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March 17, Monday: After five days during which mourners filed by the casket to pay their respects, "a vast multitude" followed the remains of John Cashman to the cemetery of Stepney Churchyard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 3 M / This morning Sister Ruth went home having past 3 night & 2 day [Monday]'s very acceptably with us, & we are thankful she is so far restored as to be able to get about again

4th day 19th of 3rd M / My mind has of late been favord to witness the solemnizing influence of the spirit of Life flow thro' it, & desires raised that the clensing opperation may be thoroughly



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preformed. -

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March 20, Thursday: Johann Simon Mayr was elected to the Ateneo of Bergamo.

Eliza Ann Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin. In 1844 she would get married with William W. Gage. She would relocate from Concord to Woburn MA. In about 1849 her sister Maria Melvin would come to Woburn to visit and find work, and would meet there and get married with

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

George Kimball.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 3rd M / Our meeting was silent & if my feelings were correct there was a remarkable solemn covering over us - to me it was a good time tho' it might have been better - This evening my mind has been raised & this language has prevailed
"Evermore give me this bread"
Rec'd a letter from Jos Mitchell. -*

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March 21, Friday: Charles Henry Shattuck was born in [Concord](#), Massachusetts, 1st child of [Daniel Shattuck](#) and Betsey Miles Shattuck.

Rochesterville, New York was incorporated (including the village of Frankfort, which it annexed, its population was 700 — eventually this would all become Rochester). Francis Brown was elected the 1st mayor. A mill was being built on Water Street. This spring, floods would damage the business section. In this year Elisha Johnson and Orson Seymour would lay out a subdivision on the east bank of the Genesee River. [Austin Steward](#), a freed black man, was opening a meat market on West Main Street (local white competitors would deface his business signs with black paint, but eventually this would cease).



Edward Scrantom, a white abolitionist who had helped the freed Austin Steward with his belated education, would later comment upon this incident:

...the outrage and indignity offered you in Rochester, by white competitors on no other ground than that of color.¹⁸² I saw your bitter tears, and recollect assuring you — what afterwards proved true — that justice would overtake the offenders, and that you would live to see these enemies bite the dust!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd M 21 1817 6th day / I have been favor'd with the precious incomes of love & life this morning, much to my consolation. — How precious it is to feel the Streams to flow after a season of dearth in the mind, it excites gratitude, & oh that it may continue. —

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182. The indignity spoken of was this: Mr. Steward had established a grocery and provision store on Buffalo Street, in a part of Abner Wakelee's building, opposite the Eagle Hotel. He put up his sign, a very plain and proper one, and at night, some competitors, whom he knew, as well as he could know anything which he could not prove, smeared his sign with black paint, utterly destroying it! But the misguided men who stooped to such an act — the victims of sensuality and excess — have years ago ended their journey, and passed to the bar of a higher adjudication.



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March 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 M 23rd / In our forenoon Our frd D Buffum was concerned in a lively & excellent testimony, beginning with the Steward & pointed out his duty particularly impressed the necessity of the improvement of the talents whether 5.2 or one after dwelling in a lively & instructive manner on the subject he made a general application to the whole Audience – Father had a short testimony & the meeting ended – In the Afternoon our friend Valentine Meader & his companion Jos Battey were with us having taken [Portsmouth](#) Meeting in the morning – Valentine was favord in testimony which seemed to me like a simple pure brooke by the way. – Our meetings today were both the best I have witnessed in some months. Soon after taking my seat in the morning I felt the pure life & solemnity to rise & spread over the meeting. – In the Afternoon I experienced rather more of a labor but was enabled to get near to good at Last – for all this I desire to be thankful. – Set the evening at home.–

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March 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 [sic] of 3 M / My Aged friend D Buffum called to see me this forenoon (as he frequently does) The conversation turned on religious subjects & was to me an interesting opportunity. I believe that both of us felt divine good to be near. –

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March 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 3 M / My condition was sometimes past indeed on the Barran mountains & desolate hills, but of late I have had a renew'd visitation of heavenly regard & been enabled to lift up my head a little – I have this day At Several times & particularly this evening been favor'd with Sweet feelings & oh that they may continue with me. –

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March 27, Thursday: Chancery Court denied to [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) custody of his children by [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#), [Ianthe Shelley](#) (age 3^{1/2}) and [Charles Shelley](#) (age 2).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 3 M / Monthly Meeting in Town. – In the first meeting we had two testimonys Viz D B & C R – it was a Season of labor to me –In the last we had no buisness of much importance



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- No one came home to Dine with us tho' I asked an unusual number, all previously engaged

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March 30, Sunday: [Lieutenant Francis Hall](#) sighted the welcome hills of his own country.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 3 M 1817 / Silent meetings both of them hard times to me & I believe some others - I called in the eveng at Br D Rodmans & set a little while with Sister E who is keeping House for Joanna, she being out of Town on a visit - also called at father Rs where I met Jonathon Swain from [Nantucket](#) - he has been about town several days & seems like a clearer friend

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April 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 4th M 1817 / For some days past I have had a severe conflict with the enemy - during which the expressions of Jesus Christ to Peter was forcibly revived in my remembrance to my consolation & help - "Satan hath desired to have thee to sift thee as Wheat - but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not"- The importance of a mediator with God was never more fully in my view & the recollection tendered my heart. -

*5th day 3 of 4 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended & I have no doubt was a comfortable season to some present - The forepart of it was to me, but dwindled before the close
One communication which I thought sound -*

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April 6, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 4th M / Meetings were pretty well attended - in the morning a short testimony by father Rodman - in the Afternoon Silent

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April 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10 of 4th M / Before meeting I had an interesting visit from my frd D Buffum who related some of the exercises of his Youth - while he was here Cousin Ann Greene came in from Connanicut who has come over to attend Meeting, being seven Months since she was over & feelingly regretts being unable to get to meetings - I hope that way will open for friends to hold a meeting on that Island the ensuing summer. -
At meeting father Rodman appeared in a short but impressive*



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*testimony & to me it was a good Meeting tho' not all the time
as much abstracted from the World as I could wish
Rec'd this morning a letter from mother which mentions that her
health is about as usual -*

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April 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 11th of 4 M 1817 / Called this forenoon to see the Widow
Dorcas Potter as I have done Several times of late. found her
very weak & feeble but sitting up an end on the bed conversed
with a strong voice & wished me to point to her the passage of
Scripture where Christ healed the sick woman who had been bowed
down for 18 Years with infermity, & also a passage which she
said Doctor Wales used often to repeat - where it was said "Simon
Simon Satan hath desired to have you to sift you as wheat - but
I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not, neither of which
passages I could readily turn to tho I had read them both within
a week or two - I expressed the comfort I had felt on a late
reading of the latter passage that Christ had prayed for us that
our faith fail not - after conversing a little while with her I
came away with an evidence of sweetness attending my mind. -*

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April 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 4 M / This morning about half after 8 OClock the
nurse sent for me to come up to the Widow Potters & when I got
there found she had left time about a quarter of an hour before
I got there, which surprised me much. - She had rested as well
as usual last night but was more unwell this morning & left time
quietly & without much apparent struggle. - As executor to her
will I have been very buisy in preparing for the
funreal[funeral] &c.*

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April 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 4 M / Our meetings were both Silent & very well
attended. - Aftermeeting [sic] In the Afternoon with D Rodman &
J Weeded went down to J Dennis & after tea we made out Answers
for the next Moy [Monthly] Meeting -*

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April 14, Monday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s "Remorse" was again staged.

At the Hoftheater of Dresden, Incidental music to Müllner's play König Yngard by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 14th of 4th M 1817 / With my H attended the funeral of Dorcas Potter, when I went into the room & found no friend there & a considerable many of other societies among whom were Wm Patten & a number of his society, I felt no small degree of weight to fall upon me, for I believed it right to give them an example of Silence - for sometime after taking my seat I felt some emotion but was favor'd to get quiet & experience a degree of favor, & the gathering was very quiet which I concluded to a good degree of Satisfaction as respected myself - -after the corpse was inter'd in the common burying ground I returned to the house & took tea after which father Rodman came in & read the Will of the deceased. -
While we were absent at the funeral Henry Ridgeway of Waterford (Ireland) called to see us & left his name with Dr Hazard. on inquiry This evening, I found he left town immediately for [Providence](#) which I regret - having had some acquaintance with him last fall & felt an esteem for him*

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April 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 4 M / At meeting Anne Greene appeared in a Living Prayer - In the forepart of the meeting my mind was exceedingly incumbered with things of the world & while sitting & perceiving that the World was "on top" & that I was unable of my self to effect a change of mind tho' I labord for it - I felt a lamentation over my condition. The concerns of the Widow Potters Estate had so occupied my attention for several days past that they here stuck fast to me. - but tho' [through] Divine help when cousin Anne knelt in Supplication I experienced my mind raised above those cumbering things & life rose to my comfort & was favor'd with an uncommonly degree of solidity in the preparative meeting. - The queries were answered & a lamentable case of intemperate use of spirituous liquor was adverted to but in which labor has been bestowed. -

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April 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 4 M 1817 / At Meeting this forenoon Our fr D Buffum was concern'd in a lively sound & pertinent testimony & I have no doubt that Some were lead to reflect on the importance of christianity, who at some time in their lives were not in the



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habit of it. – In the Afternoon we were Silent. –

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April 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 4 M 1817 / Exceedingly occupied in disposing of the household furniture of Dorca Potter at Vendue

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April 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 4 M / Both our meetings silent & pretty well attended – John Williams son of Obadiah arrived in Town Several are very Sick at [Portsmouth](#), the throat Distemper is prevalent. Isaac Chases Daughter Mary is very low with it – Isaac Almy son of Holder is also very low with a fever. –

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April 29, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) began to travel toward Rome (he would arrive on May 26th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 4 M / At half past 11 OClock this mornng took passage with the friends to [Greenwich](#) Quarterly Meeting we were six hours & three quarters on the Water but the time passed pleasantly when we got to our old friends John Caseys we found him very glad to see us & we lodged there – 4th day mornng I took Chaise & went to the fulling mill factory with Sister Mary & Susan Proud which was a pleasant little excursion for Mary as she was never from home so far before. – Called at Cousin Wanton Caseys – Dined at John Caseys. – took tea at Wanton Caseys & Mary with me where I lodged 2nd day [Monday] after breakfast called to J Casey where I saw several old friends – then at James Greenes after taking a dish of tea with him – we went to meeting – James & Peter Hoxie were several times on foot. no other preachers – In the last meeting After the Queries were Answer'd – Peter Hoxies concern was considered to visit some parts of New York Yearly Meeting – which after much weighty deliberation was refer'd to next Quarterly Meeting. – Thomas Anthony was Brought forward as a minister from [Greenwich](#) Monthly Meeting the case united with & forwarded to the Yearly Meeting, which was the chief buisness that concerned us. Dined at John Caseys – took tea with father Rodman & lodged at Wanton Caseys. –

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May 2, Friday: At the Scuola Musicale of Bergamo, Arianna e Bacco, a cantata for solo voices, chorus and orchestra by Johann Simon Mayr, was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day This morning after taking leave of my Aged cousin Abigail Casey, cousin Wanton & his wife & amiable children - we went to John Caseys where we pretty much all collected that were going to [Newport](#) & at half past 8 OC were all on Packet Board & had a pleasant passage (tho' a head Wind) of 4 hours & an half - I found our friends well - my H & John were glad of our return & had a comfortable dinner provided of which Abby Anthony & Benjamin Mott partook. -

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May 3, Saturday: Greatly depressed and highly agitated, Samuel Wesley went to stay with his mother. He so worried his sister Sarah that she hired a person to watch him.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 5 M 1817 / We learn this morning that Isaac Almy son of the late Holder Almy departed this life at [Portsmouth](#) about 7 OC last evening. -

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May 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 5 M / About 1 OClock this morning my dear & much loved Cousin ALICE CHASE departed this life at her residence in [Portsmouth](#) her disorder was the Throat Distemper or Canker Rash, which terminated very quick. She was taken while I was absent at Quarterly Meeting. - with the removal of her dear father the chain of happiness as respects myself was broken in that family & now another link is gone, Alass! we shall all soon be gone - I have loved her from childhood & I believe our love was reciprocal - & on my part will be remembered while I live Our morning meeting was silent & rather small Several gone to [Portsmouth](#) to attend I Almays funeral & some to Connannicut on the committee to open the Meeting.

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May 6, Tuesday: Deluding himself into supposing that he was being chased by creditors sent by his ex-wife, Samuel Wesley seriously injured himself by leaping from an upper window of his mother's house.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 5 M 1817 / Sylvester Weeks & Benjamin Mott dined with us, they with Benja Freeborn are waiting in town as arbitrators in a difficulty between Rowland Hazard & Thos R Williams. - the evidence got over about Dinner time & they are setting on the case at the Meeting House this Afternoon. -

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May 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 5 M / Our meeting was small & silent & our quietude somewhat disturbed in consequence of the noise of Drums &c about town - Yesterday was Election Day but the Governor was not declared till this morning a circumstance which has not occurred before in many years.

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May 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 5 M / The Arbitrators in the case of R H & T R W this morning produced their award, the T should pay R \$300 dollars in six months - which I hope will terminate controversy between them.

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May 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11 of 5 M / The remains of Hannah Brayton aged 95 Years widow of Francis Brayton & Mother of Robert Brayton were carried to our forenoon Meeting & after meeting were inter'd in the Upper Burying ground in the Meadow field - She was not a member of our Society, but was carried to meeting by request of her son who with his mother were friendly people & attenders of meetings - Father Rodman & David Buffum both preached
In the Afternoon we were Silent - Mother Rodman is quite Sick with the throat Distemper.*

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May 12, Monday: [William John Broderip](#) joined the bar at Lincoln's Inn. His practice would be on the western circuit. Soon he and Peregrine Bingham would begin reporting in the court of common pleas. (These reports would appear in three volumes from 1820 to 1822.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 5 M / Mother Rodman is Better today her disorder assumes a favorable appearance & we hope her confinement will not be very long. - Went this evening with my H to see her. - her throat has been considerable sore & some fever hanging about her system. -


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 May 15, Thursday: The 1st private mental hospital in the United States, the Asylum for the Relief of Persons Deprived of the Use of Their Reason, began to admit patients in Philadelphia. During this initial year 19 persons would be admitted. Isaac Bonsall was the hospital's 1st superintendent. The facility's name has since become "Friends Hospital."¹⁸³

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 5 M 1817 / A few words were spoken at Meeting wich I thought rather smaller than usual. There is considerable sickness about which prevents some. – Mother Rodman is better but Sister Eliza & Mary are confind with the throat Distemper – Several Sent for the Doctor from Middletown this Morning. –Br. Isaac daughter Susan is very ill of a fever & her case doubtful.

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 May 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 5 M / D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony in the forenoon meeting in the Afternoon silent. –

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 May 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


2nd day 19 of 5 M / Our friends David Buffum & Jonathon Dennis sailed this morning for New York to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting. –

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 May 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 5 M / Our meeting was well attended & I believe a comfortable time. – my mind was tossd about but an evidence of good felt. – No buisness on importance in the Preparative except to reappoint David Buffum Jr as Clerk for the Year ensuing –

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 May 23, Friday: Having been stabilized after his delusional leap, Samuel Wesley was taken from his mother's house to a temporary abode in Chapel Street, London to continue his therapy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 23 of 5 M / My dear & Affectionate mother arrived this Morning about 10 OClock from New York after an absence from home of Seven Months & 23 day [Tuesday]s - & Aunt Stanton came with her. -

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May 25, Sunday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 14th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25 of 5 M / At 8 OClock this morning went to the ferry with Richard Mitchell to go to Connannicut to attend the Meeting there before we set off we discovered a rope in the rigging was Stranded which occasioned some detention to splice it which was a favorable circumstance as before we got ready to set off Abigail Robinson came down to go over not knowing of our going - At Meeting Anne Greene & Abigail were concerned in lively testimonies, returned & Dined at Greenes, & came over the ferry again in good Season to attend our Afternoon Meeting which was silent
Sister Eliza took tea with us & set the evening. -*

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May 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 5 M 1817 / Rode with Dr. Hazard to Cousin Chases this forenoon, got there as they were eating dinner, found cousin Elizabeth quite poorly & her mother feeble but about the house & pretty comfortable, Henry Chase & Lydia Cory rather poorly with the remains of the throat distemper - Allass how lonesome & changed did all things there appear to me. Since I was last there Cousin Alice removed to her long home, who was then in good health & bid fair for long life & almost the only prop to her aged mother. - I spent a little while in sympathy with these beloved cousins & then with the Doctor returned home & on our way called to see Rhoda Anthony who is quite poorly & probably in a declining state of health.

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May 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 5 M / Our first meeting was silent the buisness



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of the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) was pretty well conducted, a trying occurrence was expected but was averted - the overseers of [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting were again proposed & reappointed by the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - Uncle Saml Thurston & wife. Eliza Freeborn Ann[?] Anthony Aunt Sarah Almy & Go Dennis Dined with us. -

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June 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 6 M 1817 / Our morning meeting was Silent & pretty well attended. In the Afternoon Betsy Purinton & her companion were at meeting having attended [Portsmouth](#) in the morning, Rebecca appeared in a few words - Betsy in testimony & supplication. - They went to father Rodmans to tea & to lodge & in the evening called with my H & John to set a little while with them -

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June 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4 of 6th M / This afternoon we took tea with our neighbour & friend Thos Hornsbey, in company with our old neighbours Saml Towle & his wife - This was a pleasant interview & one which I suppose will be long remembered. -

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June 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 6th M 1817 / When I went out to open my shop this morning I saw our friend David Buffum coming up town having just landed from the Packet from New York - I was glad to see him & told him that as soon as I awoke & pretty much all the times I was dressing I was thinking of him. J Dennis had gone along before him to send in his Chaises for him & he came in & gave me a little account of the Yearly Meeting & of friends in the City of NewYork.

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June 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 6 M / Went this morning to Connannicut with Jethro Mitchell to attend the Meeting there, he & myself being added to the committee for that purpose at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The gathering was small, & I thought the promise was experienced by us there "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of you".- to me it was a comfortable



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season - After meeting we came immediately across the ferry & I got home just as my H was rising from the dinner table & found she had Kindly Saved a piece of Mackerell for me. - Our Afternoon meeting at home, was silent & to me a good one. Aunt Stanton took tea with us & Mother Rodman added to the company in the evening

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June 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 6 M / Benjamin Anthony an aged man & cripple was at meeting & preached a little - he is here from Cornwall state of N York on a visit to his relation he walks with 2 Crotches & is so lame that a chair was set in the Alley for him, his limbs are much drawn with The rheumatism - when he preached he Spoke sitting, & such was his helpless appearance as a man & Such the love & tenderness of expression that he excited sympathy by his appearance & raised life in my mind by his communication - it was to me a good meeting throughout. -

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June 13, Friday: Timothy Leonard, the [hermit](#) of Hermit Pond in New Marlborough, Massachusetts, died alone in about his 70th year (New Marlborough is about 20 miles from Lenox).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th 13th of 6th M 1817 / This may be considered the beginning of Yearly Meeting. - A number of Friends have come - this Afternoon Jesse Kersey & several others came with a letter from OBrown to me requesting my attention to them - by previous arrangement I conducted Jessey & his companion to David Buffums & a young man from Philada to D Williams. - We have heard much tell of Jessey Kersey as a great preacher & good man. & I ma acknowledge that his looks are prepossessing -

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June 14, Saturday: [John Foster Williams Lane](#), who would be one of [David Henry Thoreau](#)'s classmates at [Harvard College](#), was born in Boston, the son of Frederick and Eliza (Bonner) Lane (the parents named their infant in honor of Revolutionary hero Captain John Foster Williams of Boston).

[Cécile-Jules-Basile Gérard](#) was born at Pignans, inland from the Mediterranean coast between Nice and Marseilles. The Hotel de Ville (town hall) there, dating to 1682, was the residence of the family, and their child would become the inspiration for the Alphonse Daudet character "Tartarin de Tarascon."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 6th M / Friends have come in but rather thinly our only lodgers to night are Luke & David Aldrich

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June 15, Sunday: President James Monroe would be outraged during his visit to the West Point Military Academy over the following several days, when he would discover through interviews with its faculty that its acting superintendent, [Captain Alden Partridge](#) of the Corps of Engineers, had been arbitrarily graduating the cadets without any examinations and without reference either to academic standing or to military ability. The President would replace the acting superintendent with Sylvanus Thayer and arrange a court martial, after which Captain Partridge would be resigning his commission.¹⁸⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our Meeting this forenoon owing to the very hevy rain that was falling & high wind blowing was not as large as common Jas Green delivered a sound zealous testimony & Jesse Kersey a very sound & very uncommonly highly finished testimony on the efficacy of divine light on the mind. - We forget from time to time but I believe I must pronounce it as the one of the most clear communications I ever heard Mary Nafftal concluded in supplication In the Afternoon Hannah Evans a woman from Philadelphia appeared in testimony then Jas Greene Jesse again on the subject of educating children &c. Our meetings were good ones. the Afternoon a little more unsettled than the morning. -

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June 16, Monday: [Edward Jesse](#) was promoted from 3d-ranking commissioner of hackney coaches at Windsor Palace, to 2d.¹⁸⁵

MANFRED by [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was published in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day In the forenoon the usual buisness was enterd upon. Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings were rec'd & read & in the Acct from Falmouth Quarter was observed a proposal to remove the Yearly Meeting - & a very good testimony from Westport Moy [Monthly] Meeting was read concerning our aged & truly honorable friend Jeremiah Austin - Many testimonies were delivered by our foreign brethren, particularly S Grellet I Thornm Jr Jesse Kersey &c &c In the Afternoon The answers to the Queries were attended to, under a solemn covering, which with the other subjects drew many observations from several friends from other Yearly Meetings. - The state of the African race & a right education of children were the principal subjects tho many of minor importance were touched upon & I was gratified to observe the life which rose & shone in our Aged brother [Moses Brown](#) as well Wm Rotch Jr Wm Almy Obadiah Davis & others of this Yearly Meeting. -

184. Partridge would never get over this. He would author, among other diatribes, pseudonomously in 1830 in Washington DC, a 28-page pamphlet entitled THE MILITARY ACADEMY, AT WEST POINT, UNMASKED: OR, CORRUPTION AND MILITARY DESPOTISM EXPOSED. BY AMERICANUS.

185. This office had been created in 1694 and would be abolished on January 5, 1832.



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We have had much company today & have been favor'd to get along with rather more satisfaction at the close of the Day than common. –

Isaac Thorn & Ruben House are our lodgers with several others in addition to last night. –

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June 17, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day But one sitting today & that this Afternoon A testimony concerning Elisha Thornton rec'd was read from [Smithfield](#) Mo Meeting. The subject of education & the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were brought up & engaged the attention of the Meeting. – Many excellent testimonies were excited & divine good felt to be near. – The subject of removing The Yearly Meeting being called up a committee was appointed to consider of the subject & report to a future sitting. – a committee was also appointed to promote Subscriptions for the School. – We had about 25 at tea - & Mary Allen & Lydia Hadwin came in & had an opportunity of silence in which she preached sweetly

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June 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Many communications were made this morning by our foreign friends, but the meeting was chiefly occupied on the subject of a proposition from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to appoint delegates from all the Yearly Meetings to report a uniform discipline. This was more a subject of debate than any that has occur'd in the course of the Meeting & my opinion, the debate was not unprofitable. – The subject of the removal of the Yearly Meeting was reverted & the committee appointed was continued & others added to report their judgement next Yearly Meeting. –

In The Afternoon Epistles were presented to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond & passed without much amendment – & the committee to raise Money for the Yearly Meeting reported that they had rec'd subscriptions for 3700 Dollars which with 3500 Dollars that was conditionally subscribed by two friends made 7200 Dollars the sum proposed to be raised by the meeting for Sufferings. – after the concluding minute was read – at the request of Mary Nafftal the shutters were raised & She had a solid testimony to bear. – Jesse Kersey Prayed & Mary took her leave of us. –

At tea we had Hannah Fisher & her children Wm Wharton & wife – Isaac Thorn & others to the number of about 30. – In the evening we had a setting Micajah Collins & Thomas Anthony – Isaac Thorn prayed fervantly for us all. –

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June 19, Thursday: In Bergamo, Concertino in G for english horn and orchestra by Gaetano Donizetti was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Our Meeting today was large, attended by many of the great folks of the town, Mary Nafftal & Hannah Evans preached & Jesse Kersey was favor'd in testimony, much to the satisfaction of many if not all present - The gathering was very large. -Mary Evans concluded in supplication - Mary Nafftal, Mary Lewis & Stephen Grellet, with Isaac Thorn & Ruben House Set the latter part of the Afternoon & took tea with us - M Nafftal seems to be a goodly old Woman, & Stephen a deeply concerned friend & related many interesting Anecdotes of his own travels in France Hayti, & Canada, with several of other peoples exercises which rendered this little visit useful to us as well as very gratifying to have their company. - After dinner & in the course of the forenoon all our family left us except Isaac & Ruben, we have had the company of interesting company - some in one way & some in another, & to me Luke Aldridge & his sister Sarah were not a little so. they both came in by convincement. -

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June 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Isaac Thorn & R. House left us for [Tiverton](#) where they expect to be at meeting this day -I went down to the Packet at Banisters Wharf with Jesse Kersey & Ritchard Hartshorn where they found the Packet about going off, they took passage & saild about 9 OClock. - In concluding this little (for it is but a little) account of the occurences of the Yearly Meeting - I feel thankful in acknowledging, that not withstanding we have had much company & our appartments small to accomadate them in, yet my mind has in the midst of all been refreshed with fresh manifestations that good was near-. no grateing occurence has taken place & we moved on in our family with order, my dear H being well quallified to take the lead. & our Help viz. Mary Macomber & Martha Aleman were also of the best Kind, capable of getting the Meals in season & in the best manner this was a favor to my H as She was not confind so as to make her late at meeting or obliged to work so as to be fatigued when there. My Mother Aunt Stanton & Cousin Martha Hazard set the Afternoon & took tea with us. -

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June 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 21st [sic] of 6th M 1817 / Hannah Evans & Hannah Shinn
were at Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today. -

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June 23, Monday: In Brazil João Paulo Bezerra replaced António de Araújo de Azevedo, conde da Barca as Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day of 6 M / The above mentioned friends are at Connanicut Meeting today & expect tomorrow to be at S Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -

Our meeting in town was large & D Buffum was favor'd in a short but appropriate testimony - Afternoon Silent & pretty well attended

After tea took a walk with John up to David Williamss

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June 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 6th M 1817 / Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) - my mind was exercised in the morning about going & seem'd to turn on going tho' much doubt remaining, yet made arrangements to go, but on going up stairs to put on some cloaths - My H mentioned that she was quite unwell, which determined me not to go - seldom has my feelings been more between the two drifts of going & not going - I knew that ELder Griffin was to be there & Hannah G Fields -yet I could find no particular concern that was to come before the meeting that clamed[sic] my Thought particularly - & as that was the case & feeling in no small matter to leave home when my buisness was behind hand, & pay \$1.50 cents for chaise hire when I was in posssession of so little money, were circumstances that weighed heavily against it. - Yet to leave a meeting meerly under such circumstances was trying. After my H said she was unwell the point turned & I felt easy to stay at home, for I remembered the Moy [Monthly] Meeting of the 8th M 1810 when I went & when I returned found our son Caleb had died in my Absence - perhaps this & some other circumstances when I have left home & I returned & not found thigs as I felt them operated rather too much - but I have not felt any uneasiness at giving up the inclination I felt to go. -

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June 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 6th M / The President of the United States was expected in Town this day & the people have experienced much disappointment - having made much parade without answering their end. -



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Sister Mary spent the day with us. –

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June 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal that he had sighted President James Monroe:

7th day 28th of 6th M 1817 / The approach of the President was announced at about 25 Minutes before 12 OClock by the ringing of Bells & beating of Drums & as much running of Men women & children as on any Public Day - At 3 OC he landed & after going to his lodgings - was soon out again to visit the forts as he walked up to go to Fort Green I had a tolerable good view of him. – Toward night he went out to Tammany Hill & to Marlbones Garden - was introduced to David Buffum who walked in the Garden with him – The President is a pretty good looking Man & I hoped is as good as he looks. –

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June 29, Sunday: New President James Monroe, on a northern tour during the summer, was the lion of the day at [Newport, Rhode Island](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 6th M / The President went to the Episcopal Church in the forenoon & to Pattens meeting in the Afternoon. – Our forenoon meeting was Silent but I thought solid & comfortable. – Sister Eliza took tea & set the evening.


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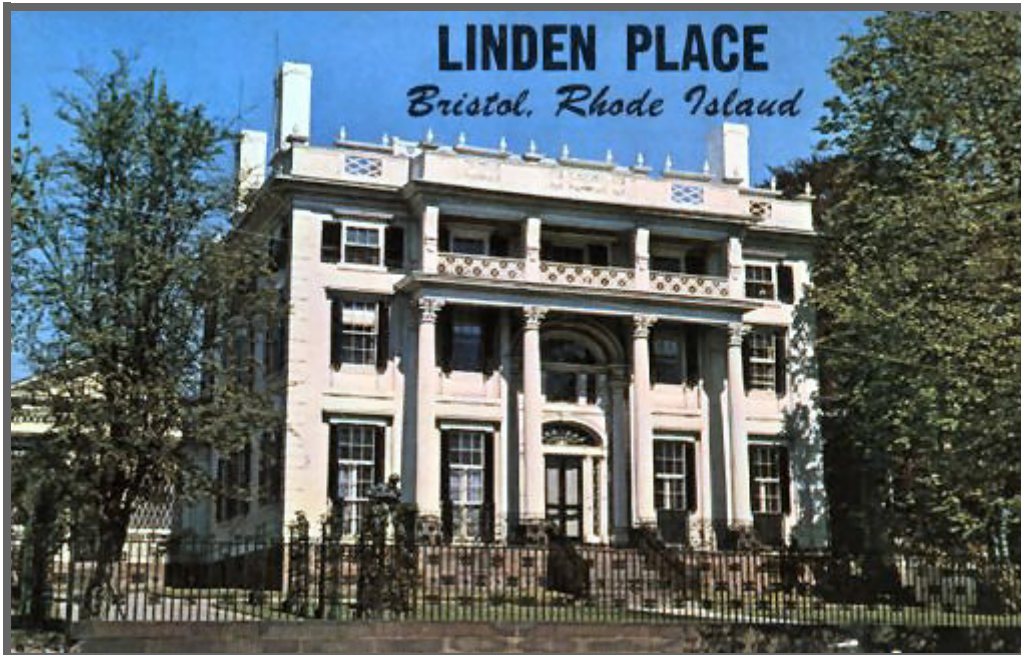


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 June 30, Monday: New President James Monroe, on a northern tour during the summer celebrating the “Era of Good-feeling,” went from [Newport](#) to Fall River. From there he would take a revenue cutter to [Bristol, Rhode Island](#), to be entertained in a manner befitting his position at the magnificent homestead “Linden Place” of General [George DeWolf](#).



The President would depart for [Providence](#) aboard the [Narragansett Bay Firefly](#), an ugly little thing that needed a huge square sail to supplement its engine — but the initial steamboat to enter Bristol’s harbor. At Providence,

His arrival had been anticipated, and the citizens had appointed a Committee to receive and welcome him, which Committee consisted of the Town Council and ten other gentlemen. He was received amidst the ringing of bells, the discharge of cannon, and other demonstrations of joy, and was escorted from his place of landing from the steam-boat, by a civic and military procession, to the Golden Ball Inn (now Mansion House) where the Committee made him a very respectful address, to which he made a suitable response. On the following day he passed through the principal streets, on horseback, and at 11 o’clock left the town, under escort of the Light Dragoons.

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

[Ebenezer Wiley](#) was born to [Keturah Green Wiley](#) and [Benjamin Brown Wiley](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 6M / This morning Went with Rowland Hazard to visit the President - We were introduced by OH Perry - He received us very civilly. - my inducement for going was to shew a Simple testimony of respect & from a thought that it might be of use



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in some future day to be known to the president. we know not in what situation Our society may be placed, & a little knowledge of some of us may have some useful tendency in some way that we cannot now foresee. – While at the House I was also introduced to the Governor of the State (N R Knight) & to General Swift On turning to come away I forcibly felt the expression to arise "Better O Lord is an hour in thy Presence than a thousand elsewhere." –

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July 2, Wednesday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#) stood for three hours with other members of the graduating class of the Boston Public Latin School on the Boston Common, dressed in white breeches and blue coats with red-and-blue artificial roses in their left lapels, waiting for the new President of the United States of America – “J. Munroe” in a letter Emerson wrote at that time– to arrive from [Rhode Island](#), bow, and receive Massachusetts’s 18-gun salute.

BOSTON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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4th day 2nd of 7th M 1817 / My Mother & Aunt Stanton spent this Afternoon at the Widow Champlins - went with my H & joined them in the evening - found her still very affable tho' very thick of hearing. – This Afternoon attended the funeral of Widow Sarah Easton -She was interred in the family burying place near the beach, & being one of the bearers felt much fatigued after the Walk.



July 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 7 M / Our meeting rather Small & silent but to me a comfortable time excepting at the close as overseer had to stop with a poor brother who has been delinquent in paying his debts. this occasioned some close remarks which I conceived was my duty to make. This evening my old friend & neighbour WILLIAM LANGLEY departed this life - he has now passed thro' what he has lived in dread off [sic] for tho' he was a good moral man & in the latter part of his life was religiously disposed. yet he often spoke of the fear of death. - he was taken in a fit about two weeks ago & has most of that time lain in a Stupor, he has however had - a few lucid intervals in which he manifested a sense of his situation & a calmness of mind that was hopeful & comfortable

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Our national birthday, Friday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 13th birthday.

The state of New York began to compete with the Cumberland Road by starting work at Rome NY upon a massive engineering project, a canal toward Lake Erie. It was on this day full of national symbolism that Governor DeWitt Clinton removed the first symbolic shovelful of dirt, at Rome, from the ditch that was to connect the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean by a route through the rivers of the United States, to be termed "the [Erie Canal](#)." Benjamin Wright would be chief engineer of the Middle Section. This project to dig a long canal 40 feet wide and 4 feet deep was projected to cost the nation M\$5, would actually cost the nation M\$7 (in money that would now be the equivalent of M\$700), and would be for a great stretch of our national existence our nation's single largest project — until, that is, we outdid ourselves by embarking on a scheme to construct an "[atomic](#)" bomb.¹⁸⁶

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

CANALS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4 of 7 M / This day has been, ever since my remembrance a noisy one & of great anxiety to parents & those who have the care of children. I feel it more & more so, tho' we have but one to care for, yet with his advance in life we feel care to increase on his account - It has passed away without accident for which I desire to thankful. -

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July 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 7th M 1817 / Our Meetings were both silent. -At the close of the Afternoon Meeting was the funeral of WILLIAM LANGLEY which I attended tho' it had begun to move before our meeting closed - There was an abundance of people attended it, the procession was nearly from the parade to Liberty Tree. many was anxous to testify their respect for so worthy & useful man in the Town - In addition to his own family it is probable there are many poor widows & helpless familys that will feel the Loss of him the ensuing Winter. - Thus we have repeated demonstration of the change that all things here are subject to. The Ancient standards are often removed, & soon very soon those who are rising in Life will follow after them on seeing my Aged friend placed in his grave this afternoon, the reflections solely arises that I myself am hastening to the Same condition, as are the numerous by standers of every age, & How great indeed is the necessity for a preparation

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July 9, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

186. The [Erie Canal](#) was a very good bargain despite its cost, and would already have returned its investment, by fees obtained while being only partially open, even before its official completion. The project can be said to be coextensive with Thoreau's life, in that it started in 1817 and came to its far end in 1862.



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4th day 9th of 7 M / The day has now closed & it is nearly time to retire to bed. - I feel my Mind drawn seriously to reflect on the swift & Silent wing with which time is Passing. - every day brings me nearer the solemn close - & I know not how soon it may come. Oh that I may be prepared to render my account

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July 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 7 M / Rowland Greene & Anne Almy are visiting family at [Portsmouth](#). They came to town & were at meeting with us today - Anne preached sweetly - After meeting had a conference with Uncle Wm Mitchell on the subject of his letters to me, not to satisfaction, this is matter of deep regret to my feelings - D Buffum & R Mitchell were present & I have the satisfaction of their Approbation. -

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July 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 7th M 1817 / In our forenoon Meeting (which I thought rather more thinly attended than usual) D Buffum was concerned in a very lively & pertinent testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness - In the Afternoon we were Silent - An unpleasant subject exercised my mind in both Meetings. - After tea took a pleasant walk with John round the Hill to Clifton Burying ground - & stoped at severl places on my way home. -

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July 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 7 M / We had quite a sicial agreeable company to set the Afternoon & take tea with us Vizt Aunt Martha Gould Cousin Abigail Casey, My Mother Aunt Stanton, Father & Mother Rodman & Br Isaac & wife. - This opportunity was interesting on acct of the Ages of some of them. Aunt Martha is over 80 Years & cousin Casey wants but a few weeks of 80 -. & it is probably the last time she will ever be in [Newport](#) - She is own cousin to my Mother & great love subsists in the family.

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July 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th 7 m / Cousin Casey, My Mother & Aunt Stanton, Hannah & myself took tea this Afternoon at father Rodmans.

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July 17, Thursday: Negotiations for a French Constitution.

[James Duncan Graham](#) graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was promoted to 3d Lieutenant in the Corps of Artillery.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 7 M / Our meeting was rather small – A Short testimony from father R. – a season of some instruction to me.

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July 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 7 M / In the forenoon D Buffum was concer'd in a lively testimony & a pretty good meeting – In the Afternoon father Rodman delivered a short but savory testimony to my feelings. – In the evening called so see my old friend Mary Tillinghast –

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July 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 7 M / Walked this Afternoon to Middletown to attend the funeral Mary Weeden Gould daughter of my cousin Gorge Gould – I was glad I was there for the sitting the silent proved to me a Season of favor. Life & Love being sweetly renewed in my mind. I was carried back to reflect on many sweet seasons I had experienced in the room where we sat when several were tenants of it, whose spirits have now doubtless found a more permanent & happy abode in heaven with the Spirits of the just, & desires were raised that we who remain a little longer in this mutable state may so employ the remnant of our time, as in the end to furnish survivors with a hope similar to that which we now have of those who have gone years before us. – Things in this life is certainly very changeable & our minds are more or less involuntarily affected by outward things – mine was peculiarly so the Afternoon, on looking round the house of my cousin & observing, the decay & removal of several things – particularly an ancient mulberry tree that is now nearly lifeless, but in my childhood was flourishing, & afforded a delicious repast to my palate, after a warm but not unpleasant walk to visit my cousins. – recollection, "busy medling memory" will often retrace these scenes, but it is quite beyond my powers of description to write or in any way convey what I now feel, & I am thankful, that I still retain a disposition & a qualification to enjoy not only the recollection, but the passing events of life. – as yet I have had but few bitter cups to what many have & I earnestly hope that what ever may be my lot all may result for my good & the Glory of my Father who Seeth in Secret – I drank tea with my cousin Elijah Anthony – Walking home picked some Elderflowers, & fell in with Caty Weaver & her Sister who



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had also walked out to the funeral & bore them company home - 5th day 24th of 7 M 1817 / Our meeting was small & silent it was a season of labor to me & experienced some difficulty to get settled but was in good degree favored. - In the Preparative The Clerk forgot to bring the queries & there was no Answers made out. I had to set to the table to make essays of Answers & were dependant on The Women for a book of discipline. - [Was Stephen Recording Clerk?]

My mother & Aunt Stanton took tea with Aunt Nancy Carpenter & Hannah & I with them - After tea I took a ride to Middletown with Doctr. Hazard to see Rhode Anthony. She was so low that I did not get into her room. -

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July 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 7 M / Took tea this Afternoon at Cousin Nancy Goulds with My H., my Mother Aunt Stanton, & Br Isaac & Sr Sally. - While sitting with them I said in my Heart "How good & How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Love" & I should have expressed it had it not have been for certain circumstances that have passed & gone. -

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July 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 7 M / In the forenoon Meeting our fr D Buffum was engaged in a lively wise & well adapted Testimony on the subject of Brotherly love on which subjects he labored much & I hope to good effects. - father R also had a few words to communicate. - In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Mary Perry - at the head of the town D Rodman & I took a Chaise & proceeded to [Portsmouth](#) as bearers where the corpse was interred on the farm late the Property of Aaron Chase Dscs. after the funeral David & I returned home by the way of Sesauwest Beach which made a pleasant Ride.

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July 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 7 M 1817 / Our first Meeting was to me a season of but little life in my own mind but I have no doubt but others were favor'd - Hannah Dennis, Anne Greene & D Buffum were all engaged in lively testimonies & David particularly was very fresh on the subject of love. In the last we had but little buisness & what we had not very important. A certificate in favor of Humphrey Willcox was rec'd from Dartmouth Moy [Monthly] Meeting, which as we have not been in the habit of adding much to our numbers of late, was a pleasant circumstance & will be rendered much more so should he



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prove a useful member. – Uncle Peter Pawton & G Anthony Dined with us. – 6thday 1st of 8 M 1817 / This day about 1 / 2 past 12 O'clock at noon Our much valued friend Sarah Robinson departed this life in The 85th Year of her Age – It may be Said in Truth that this day has fallen "A great Woman & a princess" few that has been raised in this town or indeed any other that has left a brighter character few possessed so great an assemblage of useful qualifications. – in Society she has spent a long life of activity for the promotion of its various concerns & has always been remarkable for her Wisdom & discession in every department of life.

This Afternoon about sunset Aunt Stanton Sailed for New York in Sloop Express. –

This Afternoon A long interview with Uncle Wm Mitchell & things seem to be settled in a tolerably good footing & I hope well continue so. –

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August 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 8 M 1817 / Our forenoon Meeting was silent & the Afternoon nearly so, & to me both pretty good times

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August 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 8 M / Attended the funeral of my relation & beloved friend SARAH ROBINSON. it was large, many of the people of rank in Town were present. the gathering was quiet & solemn. David Buffum was concerned in a lively & pertinent testimony which I doubt was not as extensive as it might have been had the meeting been held at the meeting house, but as it was I believe it will not be extravagant to say the Lords power & presence was felt to cover the minds of many present. The lower part of the house was so crowded that I went into the Chamber. The solemnity I believe filled the houses for admitting the countenances of the people to be an index of their minds all appeared to be under the impression of the solemnity of the occasion "That this day had fallen a princes[s] & a great woman in Israel" When the funeral was put in motions I went down & looked at The corpse with which I was much struck for tho' it had been kept beyond the common time at this season of the Year, it retained its natural appearance in a remarkable manner, was very pleasant & the countenance expressive & looked axactly as I have often observed her when gathering up her mind to speak in conversation on some interesting subject. The solemnity continued in the procession to the grave, most of us walking without breaking silence. – when arrived at the grave, the coffin was placed over it while her aged husband & afflicted daughter Abigail got out of the carriage & walked up to it whre we continued the solemn



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stillness something short of a quarter of an hour, when the precious remains was decently committed to the dust from whence they were taken, & the grave closed during the whole time her husband whose Aged 87 Years, whose tottering limbs is but just able to support him on ordinary occasions, Stood supported by christian philosophy & saw the whole. - She has been a woman who had long been an ornament in our Society & tho' her gifts were not in the Ministry, Yet they were such as render'd her truly conspicuous in the church as an active disciplinarian, & in all the social walks of life, but few have possessed the general influence in the World which she has, for wherever her name was known, it shone with brightness - but she has gone, & we have none left equal to her. -

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August 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 8 M 1817 / This Afternoon Benj, Doyen a young man about 25 years of age came to my shop & stated himself to be from Temple in the District of Mane 7 a member of our society, on his way to Philadelphia, now in distressed circumstances having left home with sufficient money in his porcket to bear his expenses, but was taken sick in Boston where his money was expended. after examining him as cloely as I was capapble of I refer'd him to David Buffum where he went & friend Obadiah Brown who lent him five Dollars & David gave him one [?] - This with what little else he will get will help him along - he states himself to have belonged to society but about three Months, that he was formerly freewill [Baptist](#), but became convinced of friends principles about three years ago, & tho' he has no certificate mentions a number of friends whom we know, & has pretty good marks of being a true man. - [S G has drawn a pointing finger: This man since preoves a gross imposter]

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August 7, Thursday: The Lyceum, or English Opera House, for the 1st time illuminated its stage by gas light.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 8th M 1817 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my H & John to attend the Quarterly Meeting - stoped at Saml Thurstons. At meeting Thos Antony opened the service in a livey & Very impressive testimony & from the near love I have long borne for my dear friend & brother Thos I felt a degree of humble rejoicing on his account - Isaac Thorn was then concerned in a lively long & pertinent testimony after which the meeting ended. In the last considerable time was occupied in the various concerns that were before us. - Peter Hoxie was liberated to pay a religious visit to friends in some parts of N York State. - S Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting recommend Henry Knowles as a minister which was refered to next Quarterly Meeting. - We dined at Anne



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Anthony's. & rode home. –

This morning John Gould Lawton son of Isaac Lawton departed this life at Portsmouth in the 16th Year of his Age –

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August 8, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 8 of 8 M / Isaac Thorn came to town this morning – After dinner, I went to Portsmouth with him to attend the funeral of my cousin John Gould Lawton, son of Isaac Lawton, where Isaac had much to communicate to the people in a very lively & satisfactory manner. – after the funeral was over, we rode to David Buffums & took tea, left the horses, walked home & found Sister Ruth & Mary. – Job Sherman came in, we soon fell into silence & Isaac addressed Job in a feeling & discerning manner, which proved an affecting Season to Job & some others present. – Isaac Lodged with us, & we felt glad to have his company

3rd day 8 M 19 1817 [garbled date of posting of letter?] / This afternoon rec'd a letter from Ann Yarnell of Philadelphia respecting Benjn Doyen by which I entertain some suspicions of his being a true man, it appears that he has given her a different account from that which he gave us – but a little time [? must] elapse before a correct judgement can be formed.

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August 9, Saturday: Leopold IV replaced Leopold III as Duke of Anhalt-Dessau.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 8th M / Isaac Thorn went to Connannicut & had a Meeting there, father Rodman went with him. he took tea with father, set the eveng & lodged with us. –

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August 10, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 8th M / At meeting this forenoon I Thorn was largely concerned in testimony to good satisfaction. – he dined with aunt Nancy & had a setting in the family Father Rodman Sister Ruth with Hannah & myself were present. The opportunity will doubtless be memoreble to Several of us who he has particularly addressed –After which he set out for Warren accompanied by Benjm Hadwen on his way to Bolton Quarterly Meeting. – Our Afternoon Meeting was nearly silent.

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August 12, Tuesday, 13, Wednesday, and 14, Thursday: Solomon Allen III observed, about 150 yards away, “a strange marine animal, that I believe to be a serpent, in the harbor in ... Gloucester. I should judge him to be between eighty and ninety feet in length, and about the size of a half barrel.... His head formed something like the head of a rattlesnake, but nearly as large as the head of a horse. When he moved on the surface of the water, his motion was slow, at times playing about in circles, and sometimes moving nearly straight forward. When he disappeared, he sunk apparently down.”

SEA SERPENT SIGHTINGS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 8 M / Silent Meeting, to me a hard time & if all faired as I did there was indeed neither dew rain or fields of offering. – I labor'd but was unable to get to the Source from whence much help is to be derived –But After I came out, life revived, & I was not without hope that tho' barraness was my portion, Yet the labor that I experienced was not without its use. –

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August 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 15th of 8 M / Thos Casey lodged with us last night & took breakfast with us this morning. –
Thos left town this Afternoon with his sister Vioza*

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8mth 16, Saturday: From [Westport, Paul Cuffe](#) wrote of failing health to his “Estem'd friend Stephen Gould”:

I am in a low State of health, as thou Proposed of a physician from theare I think now to except of thy offer If thee can make it Conveanant to Come with him thy Company would be very agreable. For further information inquire of Captain Philipps. I am thy ashured friend. Paul Cuffe.

The letter would be sent by way of one of his coastwise vessels to the Gould watch-repair shop near Long Wharf in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) and presumably would be delivered by a member of the all-black crew. Captain Phillips was Cuffe's son-in-law. When this letter would arrive, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would make a record that:

The foregoing rec'd from my friend Paul Cuffe was probably the last time he ever set pen to Paper. I went to Westport to see him and carried Doctor Hazard with me, but medical aids was in vain. He died in about two Weeks Afterwards.

Stephen, 36 years of age, would hasten to Westport, a day's journey by horseback away, taking with him a Dr. Hazard of Newport, and would spend a night there in Westport while these two [Quakers](#), white and non-white, had comforting discussions. The sick man would die two weeks later at the age of 59.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th 8m 1817 / This Afternoon took Chaise & with My H &



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John rode to [Portsmouth](#), lodged with my aged Cousin Elizabeth Chase whom I love & feel a tender concern for – FIRST DAY morning are breakfast these & before meeting stoped at Uncle Peter Lawtons – At Meeting David Buffum preached in a very lively manner. He is on his way to Salem Quarterly Meeting We dined at Uncle Peters & spent the Afternoon & Set out to come home but it began to rain & thunder before we got far, which induced us to turn back so we lodged there, & early this Morning (2nd Day) we rode home. – This has been a pleasant visit to us all. – my mind has however been much affected with divers considerations – particularly with the necessity of our living in love & becomeing wean'd from the World, & the love & cares of it, as we advance in life. Some instances that I am acquainted with has much affected my mind of those who are, as with one foot in the grave & the other on its Brink, being too too much fastened to earth & its perplexing cares, where there is no necessity for it. This excites in my mind a lively concern, yea an anxious desire that as I grow older, I may be more & more concern'd to live in the life of Religion. –

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August 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19th of 8th M 1818 / This Afternoon took Chaise & with Aunt Stanton Rode out the Green End Rode to [Portsmouth](#), viewed several places which she has some idea of purchasing & stoped at Isaac Chases – after resting a little while rode on & went to visit our old cousin Elizabeth Chase & took tea then returned home, while at cousin Chases my mind was forceably struck with the loss of cousin Alice in particular, whom I loved much & recollected some very plreasnt times that I have spent with her but "the places which have known us shall know us no more" & soon this will be the case with us all & Oh that we may be prepared for the final change –

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August 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 8 M / Our Meeting was silent but to me a pretty good one. – In the last which was preparative, we had no buisness but to appoint representatives. – John Casey son of Wanton & his little Brother Edwin, came down from [Greenwich](#) by the way of Connanicut & called to see us before the meeting, they dined at Br Isaacs & returned to Connanicut – This Afternoon Cousin Charles Gould son of Thos called with his Uncle Henry to see us I was particularly pleased to see him as I am all my relations in general. – it is good to foster a loving disposition towards all, for I am disposed to believe that Love in the true sense of it is Divine, & the more we witness or experience of Divine things certainly I think the nearer we must



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August 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 8 M / My mind has been under pressure much of this day from various causes & I desire every dispensation may prove useful to me –

Father Rodman has been absent at [Greenwich](#) for several days as a witness at Court there - he returned this Afternoon & gives a good account of the welfare of the brethren there –

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August 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 M 21 / Our meeting was silent but I doubt whether it ought to have been – Things are very low among us & our numbers few, & tho' there may a querie arise "By whom shall Jacob arise for he is small" yet I believe there are those among us who if they are faithful to the Word nigh in the heart, will, in time, find that it will be put into their mouth, & they will be brought forward to the honor of the Church & the Glory of the Lords name, this however is all on the ground of obedience. –

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8th 23, Saturday: William Kingston met for 5 hours with his friend Samuel Wesley at Blacklands House, the lunatic asylum in Blacklands Terrace, Chelsea. Wesley indicated that he did not consider that his delusional leap of earlier this year warranted his being treated as a lunatic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), 36 years of age, had hastened from [Newport, Rhode Island](#) to [Westport, Massachusetts](#), a day's journey by horseback, taking with him a Dr. Hazard, and would spend the night there while the two [Quakers](#), Stephen and Paul, white and non-white, would have comforting discussions. The sick man would die two weeks later at the age of 59.

7th day 23rd of 8 M / In consequence of a letter which I rec'd from my friend [Paul Cuffee](#) dated 16th inst - I set out early this morning with Doctor Hazard for Westport. we stoped at Thos Barkers to see Stephen Huntington who is very weak & low, after eating some breakfast with them we persued our journey & stoped at the four corners to sate our horse, then went on & reached Pauls house about 3 OClock where we found him very low & so much weakened by his complaint that articulation had become difficult - when I went into the room, I told him I had come to see him, & by his request brought Dr Hazard with me he replied "It is too late" but after a little conversation he agreed to take some medicine which appeared to set well on his stomach - Dr Handy the attending Physician soon came & after they had consulted together a course of medicine was agreed on. The family gave us



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some dinner & some tea & being Full of lodgers we went to a neighbors of theirs (Daniel Tripp) to sleep where we found comfortable accommodations - we rose early in the Morning & went to Pauls to breakfast & found him no worse & on the whole some favorable symptoms I found in the course of the forenoon that he was a little revived in streangth & could communicate a little more freely but much speaking in his situation was improper I therefore requested him to spare conversation on my account but told him if there was any special buisness that he wanted me to do for him that I would write to any of his friends respecting it - he told me there was & gave me to understand what it was of which I made a minute to communicate to Wm Rotch Jr -He told me he had made a Will to his mind & that those had agree'd to execute it in whom he had confidence. - While sitting by him I observed to him that We both knew that consolation was not to be derived from many words, but if favor'd with a degree of that feeling which has no fellow it was sufficient & that I trusted while sitting by his bed side I had been thus favor'd & was thankful in the evidence that things were well with him, let the event of the present illness turn as it Might, either to live or die. I observed that I had seldom set by any one in Similar circumstances, where there seemed to be more peace, but on account of his low condition of body I had not expressed it before, & that I was particularly comforted in observing the very affectionate attention of his family & solicitude to do everything that could be done for his comfort, & to prolong his days, particularly his neice & two daughters who were very affectionate & assiduous in their attentions - he replied "It is very sweet."- before I left him I told him that if nothing happened to me & he continued in his present state I thought I should come to see him again before long - he replied "How glad I shall be to see thee if I am living" After dinner we took an affectionate leave of him & his family & set off for home we stoped at Thos Barkers again & ate some supper & the Dr went into the room to Stephen who is very low & apparantly near the final change - we then Set out for home & reached it about 10 OClock in the evening. our journey was protracted in consequence of the horse's being nearly worn down. - I should have been glad to have gone to Westport Meeting, but could not, as we were anxous to get home. - I am glad I went & have no doubt the visit will be memorable as long as I live, as well as to Paul & his family - if nothing more it has been a fresh evidence to my mind that the colour of the skin does not effect a man in the kingdom of heaven

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August 27, Wednesday: In [Westport](#), [Paul Cuffe](#) was so obviously failing, that his family and friends were summoned for a group farewell.

Early in 1817, Cuffe's health began to fail. By July, it became obvious to himself and to his family that he was dying. Late in



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August, Cuffe called his family and "shaking hands with all, showing fellowship and friendship, bid us farewell." Paul Cuffe died at the age of 58 in the early morning hours of September 7, 1817,¹⁸⁷ "sensible to the last moments," saying to his nurse: "let me pass quietly away."



August 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8 M 28 1817 / It is 5th day & our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) My mind is humbled this morning under the consideration that I am not going - My H is quite unwell & hardly fit to leave alone And besides I have been So much absent from my buisness of late that it seems hardly prudent on that account - Feel thankful this morning under a fresh evidence of divine regard - from a renewal of life in my heart & breathings of spirit raised for help - The same was extended Yesterday Afternoon, when I had to take a view of my own condition & that of Society alass for the low state of both - I say again "by whom shall Jacob arise for he is small."

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August 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 M 31st 1817 / Being unwell & under the operation of Physic I was unable to attend meeting this forenoon & occupied the time in Answering a letter from my frd John Heald of Ohio - In the Afternoon went to meeting & had a pretty good time tho' life was low - Father Rodman concerned in a short testimony

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September 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 M 1817 / Took tea this Afternoon with my H & John, at the house of my cousins Anne & Mary Gould - This was a pleasant visit, a revival of old times when I used so frequently to visit them at their Mansion in Middletown - - found Cousin Bathsheba much as she always has been, except older, she has now attained the age of 80 Years, seems very loving & affectionate & yet loves to speak of our Aged & Honorable Grand father Danl Gould from whom we all originated, & relates anecdotes of him which are interesting to her & me In giving her an invitation to come & see us I told her that I might for once to have it in my Power to insert in my journal that she had been to see us once, but from her age she thought she could not give me my incouragement.

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187. Some sources say he died on August 27th, some on September 7th, some on September 9th, and some on September 17th. —But then, my paper edition of the Britannica isn't even aware he existed.



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September 3, Wednesday: In Westborough, Massachusetts, Lowell Mason got married with Abigail Gregory, daughter of an innkeeper.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 9 M / This morning at breakfast table experienced the arisings of life sweetly to refresh my mind.

5th day 4th of 9 M / A favord meeting & indeed a favord Day to me. –

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September 6, Saturday: The Drury Lane Theater in London opened, with its stage illuminated by gas light.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 9 M / Uncle David Lawton of Nine Partners & Uncle Stephen Lawton from Hudson took tea & set the evening with us - Uncle David is a man I love & esteem for his noble disposition Called this Afternoon to see Benjn Barker who has been confined some weeks & is apparantly drawing to a close – found him very tender, he expressed his entire resignation to what ever might be the issue of his Illness & observed he had many precious meetings since he had been Sick

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September 7, Sunday: In [Westport](#), [Paul Cuffe](#) died.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7 of 9th M 1817 / Our Meeting this forenoon was large & to me a good one - Our frd David Buffum was very lively in testimony on the subject of FAITH & father Rodman was short to the same effect
Silent in the Afternoon & to me a Season of favor
Sister Ruth took tea with us –*

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September 8, Monday: The Covent Garden Theater in London opened, with its stage illuminated by gas light.

At the [Westport](#) meetinghouse of the Religious Society of Friends, a silent worship funeral service was held for [Paul Cuffe](#) after the manner of Friends. (His and his wife's graves at the meetinghouse he had helped to construct are a hundred feet from the graves of the white Quakers of the Friends Cemetery, near the gray stone wall that borders the corner of the churchyard, entirely isolated. Later on, Friends' histories would prevaricate. Does any of this surprise you?)¹⁸⁸

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 8 of 9 M / Heard this morning of the Decease of PAUL CUFFEE he left time Yesterday Morning & is to be interr'd this afternoon, to meet at 2 OC at Westport Meeting house this news has affected my mind, for tho' his complexion was darker than mine, I can emphatically say "I loved him" & his loss is great to our Society & the community at large – had time permitted I should have tryed to have got to his funeral, but it was rather to short for me to get there with convenience & I regret it, as in the event of his decease, I have, for several weeks felt an inclination to be at the performance of the last solemn duties, but alass, it is otherwise & disappointments is the lot of Mortals & to which we must submit. –



September 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9 of 9 M / I have yesterday & today spent considerable time in reading Rhode Island Monthly Meetings Records from 1707/ 8 to 1739¹⁸⁹ – in which my mind has been led to reflect much on the Ancient Standard bearers, to behold their Godly care & jealousy in the honor of Truth & the promotion of its cause in this part of the VineYard has affected my mind at Several different times almost to tears – & deeply humbling it was to see the departure of some, with whom they had to bestow "labor reiterated labor" – & now & then to find an ancient Standard in the church leaving time & bequeathing a few Pounds in their Wills to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting as a testimony of their love for friends Truth. – Alass but few in This day are concerned in that Way. –



September 10, Wednesday: [Paul Cuffe](#)'s brother John Cuffe wrote to his sister Freelove Cuffe in New-York:

Here is some accounts of the dueings of our dear and much beloved brother Captain Paul Cuffe the 27th of the 8th month of 1817. Between the hours of 8 and 9 in the morning then he took a fond leave of his family wife and children grandchildren Brothers and sisters and others, shaking hands with all in fellowship and friendship bid all farewell. It was as broken a time as was not even known amongst us and he seamed to long to go with angels and with the souls of just men and women in the heavens above to receive the reward of the Righteous [A friend came and evidently asked him about Heaven. Paul replied saying] that my works are gone to judgement afore hand that I due know when he said [the friend] not many days hence you shall see the glory

188. I don't presently know of any case anywhere in America, in which a Friends meeting actually had accepted into membership any person who had the slightest taint of non-white ancestry — even if as in this case the petitioner were an adult male. Such requests seem to have been **always everywhere** stonewalled. The best we were capable of was this sort of "just-as-if-they-were-like-us" treatment. (This sheds an interesting light upon the limitations of a descriptor such as "not racist.") Five years later, for instance, when another New Bedford man of color, Nathan Johnson, would apply for membership in this very [Quaker](#) monthly meeting, he also would be stonewalled. This raises the interesting question of whether even a **well-to-do** person of color will **ever** be more than merely tolerated by the "real," that is, the white, American Quakers.

189. Records for 1676-1707 in Box 10 at Cornell Library Special Collections: [Quaker](#) meeting records from [Rhode Island](#), copied by Stephen Wanton Gould from old meeting records.



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of god. 6 oclock in the evening he said feed my lambs. He said much more but being week and spoke so low I could not understand so as to take the tru meaning and he also asked us all not to hang on unto him but to give up and let him go. I [John Cuffe] had layen very close with many prayers to go and his christ that he might be brought to health again [They all pray together with Paul] the will of the lord be done. He still kept failing from day to day some days took no nourishment at al in nor medesian Escept cold water until first morning at 2 oclock in the morning the 7 day of this 9th month 1817 then Brother Cuffe departed this life. This is news that will not soon be forgotten with Soarrow not from the teeth outward but from the heart. I may say that I wept much. He died in the 59th year of his age after three months of sickness. He bore his illness with patience and through the whole and was awake to the last moments. [...] and as he close drew near and said to the nuse that he was But little more than a dade man Let me go Quietly away ofering his hand to his atendance that would have to tend him. So he fell asleep in death and is gone home to glory. He was a loving husband and a tender father and a cind neighbor and a faithful friend. The time appointed and all met together under a great on the second say of the week the second hour in the afternoon and after waiting in great silence testimonies then being born by friends he was borne to the grave and decently buried. A large crowd of people of all societyes. I do not remember as I have been before at so large a gathering of people at anny funeral before. He was buried at friends burying ground at the fourth meeting house where we meet together. At his death he was 57 and months and 21 days old.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 9 M 1817 / Set an hour this evening at Thos Robinsons the old man is feeble & takes but little part in conversation. - the visit however was very interesting being favor'd with precious feelings in conversations with Abigail, & Mary Morton, on various subjects which all of us seemed alive to. I went over to wait on Sister Ruth home, who had set the evening with them. - The little time I passed with them was so pleasant that I regretd that I did not go over early. -

The historian Rosalind Cobb Wiggins struggled with the fact that, once the body of his friend [Paul Cuffe](#) had been interred (near, but not in, the local burial ground for white Quakers), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) seemed to fall away from his previous concern for the welfare of American people of color, and the fact that this personal failure on the part of Friend Stephen has been typical of a falling away by white American [Quakers](#) in general. She asked Quakers now, to act to forever cleanse “this stain of evasion” from their otherwise splendid human rights record:



Following Cuffe's death Stephen seems to only have occasionally spoken out in Meeting about slavery or the slave trade. Only two or three times did he cordially greet black men and women who had known of Paul and his vision. His concerns gradually changed



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as his responsibilities within his Meeting and the Yearly Meeting expanded.... Ten years before his own death it was suggested that he and Hannah become Assistant Caretakers, or house parents, at the Yearly Meeting Boarding School (now known as [Moses Brown School](#)) in [Providence](#). They accepted and lived in an apartment in the school building for the next six years before returning to Newport to take charge of family property. The years in Providence involved him even more in Yearly Meeting affairs, and of course with the students at the school, which he enjoyed. Yet, it is surprising that his focus uncoupled so abruptly from the plight of men and women such as Paul Cuffe and turned to the spiritual health of the Society of Friends. An excerpt from the 1830s illustrates his growing conservatism: "3rd day 8th of 6th M, 1830: Today Stephen Wilson & Hannah his wife from Goose Creek in Virginia called at the Institution [the school] – they are Hixites [[Hicksites](#)] & Hannah as a Preacher has come here to impose [her views] on Friends. She was formerly ... an old acquaintance of ours.... We treated her civilly but cool & felt grieved that one who had once been esteemed & no doubt in good measure religious should be attached to wrong principles." Three months later he wrote: "In the Street [in Providence] I met Wm Rotch & noded to him, & he to me – but he did not look nor feel to me as Wm Rotch once looked & felt – I deplore his departure from Society but nothing can be done – he must remain as he is." William Rotch Jr. had been a faithful Nantucket Quaker and staunch supporter of Paul Cuffe's.... What made him stand back from those very few Friends who were publicly protesting Slavery, such as Elias Hicks and later the Grimké sisters [Friend [Sarah Moore Grimké](#) and [Angelina Emily Grimké](#)]? There were many Quakers like him who were distraught by slavery and its trade yet they weren't heard in the public arena. ...after Cuffe's death Stephen scarcely mentioned slavery or the Trade, although it was covertly growing. He did note that he approved a letter protesting slavery to Congress by the Providence Abolition Society. Yet in 1838 he also approved a motion by the Yearly Meeting barring abolition societys' use of Friends Meeting houses for their gatherings.... Stephen's was a confined life and once Paul's strong, supportive presence was gone there was little to keep the fires of outrage alive. His life was well insulated even from such occurrences as the Snowtown and Hardscrabble race riots in Providence that erupted in 1826 and 1830 not far from the School. In January 1838 he went to Salem for a Quarterly Meeting and noted with dismay the anti-slavery discussions: "Their heated zeal injuring a good and right cause ... reminded me of the Spirit which I saw among the Hixites [followers of Friend Elias Hicks] in New York in 1827." His social and business contacts were confined to the area within "the walls of Zion," the all-white Quaker Close.... To answer the first question: Why didn't the unusual friendship and Paul's project have more lasting effect among Friends? It seems that Cuffe's untimely death cut off Stephen's emotional support and the visible presence that he needed in order to speak



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out. The ongoing rigid class differentiation that the two had ignored together closed in on Stephen following Paul's death. He became increasingly preoccupied with Quaker affairs. Concerns for African Americans are scarcely mentioned after Cuffe's death. The reason Cuffe's works have been so little known until now, even among Friends, is that his papers were not kept in the New England Yearly Meeting Archives. However, there were a number of biographers who had found them in the archives of the New Bedford Free Public Library and the Dartmouth Whaling Museum Library. The authors were not Quakers. Those books were published beginning in the 1970s but even these were not included in the Library of the New England Yearly Meeting Archives. His papers were not fully transcribed and published until 1996; these reveal to Friends who are so familiar with Quaker concepts how Paul led his life in accordance with the precepts of non-violence and seeking "that of God" in all those with whom he came in contact, even in the world of successful merchantmen. Now that the papers are available it is hoped Paul will become known as "a pattern and an example." In this country Friends Meetings remain almost entirely white perhaps because of the lack of historical understanding of the works of such men as Cuffe and because of class divisions that have been bonded to race as though with superglue. Is the only solution in individual self revelation, in individual efforts to reach into all communities, black and white? There is a crying need to remove this stain of evasion from Quakers' splendid human rights record.



September 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th 9 M / To me a precious silent meeting. -

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September 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 9th M / In the forenoon meeting which was large & solid Father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony by way of encouragement to the mourners of Zion - Then Mary Morton in a lively sweet testimony endeavoured to encourage those that were still favord with renew'd visitations from on high to close in with them while they lasted, & observed if some were faithful who were present & past the meridian of life, they might yet experience their sun to go down with brightness & as rejoicing on the banks of deliverance. — at this an aged man (not a member) who sat by my side was much affected. -- In the Afternoon Father Rodman was concerned with in a Short testimony which I believe was attended with life. - I know it was to my feelings. - Went out & set the evening with our frd D Buffum who is in poor



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health & been confin'd at home for a week - his company was as it always is, very interesting

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September 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 9th M / We took tea with brother J Rodman & wife - Br David & wife was also there which made an agreeable & "social" circle - Ah - tis very pleasant for brethren to dwell together in Unity. -

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September 18, Thursday: In the Dresden Hoftheater, Incidental music by Carl Maria von Weber for Die Ahnfrau, a play by Grillparzer, was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 9th M 1817 / Our meeting was small particularly on the womens side of the House, - to me it was a favor'd season tho' not quite as much abstracted from the World as sometimes Father Rodman delivered a short & to my feelings sweet testimony In the last (Preparative) the overseers had the painful duty to report David Bowen as in the practice of drinking Spiritous Liquor, to his own hurt & the reproach of society - which information was forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting -

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September 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 9 M / Our meeting this forenoon was large - tho' the high seat was thin no one being on the upper one but David Buffum - Mary Morton delivered a sweet & very precious testimony - to me it was a very favor'd Meeting - I was occupied with the subject of the Multitude's being fed with a few Barley loaves & a few Fishes - & it weightily ocured that there was no necessity for that outward miracle to be performed in this day to Substantiate the reality of christianity, but that every one might experience it within themselves, by faithful obedience to the manifestations of truth when in times of poverty & even distress, our minds may be quickened by a small appearance of light & life & in keeping to it will increase in ourselves & flow Sweetly from vessel to vessel untill all may acknowledge they are filled & satisfied - This I feel thankful in being made in good measure in experimental witness of this day - In the Afternoon Silent. The upper high Seat vacant & nobody but James Fay on the lower, who with myself broke the meeting-this occasioned no small exercise in my mind - however it was a good



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*meeting to me - between meeting rec'd a letter from Aunt Stanton
- In the evening with my H & Sister Mary walked out to David
Buffums -*

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September 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th of 9th M 1817 / Our meeting was pretty well attended
this first was silent - In the last Monthly we had considerable
buisnesss to me it was a low depressed Season & tho' I was a
little active, there was not much Spirit in me -Uncle P Lawton
& Uncle B Freeborn & daughter dined with us*

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September 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 26th 9 M / My H & John spent the day at Jonathon Dennis's
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September 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28 of 9 M / Our meetings were both silent & both to me
rather dull seasons, excepting a little while in the forenoon
meeting life rose in my mind - David Buffum & father Rodman both
unwell & absent which makes our high seats thin & wanting in
weight to what they would be were they there. - Ellenor Lawton
& sister Eliza took tea & set the evening with us -*

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September 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 31 of 9 M / This forenoon dear Mary Morton called to see
us - after a little free & friendly conversation we dropped for
a moment into Silence when she observed that soon after she took
her seat in the room, the case of Obedidam [Obed-Edom in whose
house David deposited the Ark after the death of Uzzah, where
it stayed for three months, bringing a blessing by its presence]
occured to her mind & she believed it safest for her to express
it, that the Ark of the testimony was deposited in his house &
that he believed we were called to Stand among them in the place
who were to bear the Ark of the testimony & encouraged us to
hold fast & she believed that we like him should be blessed -
This was Somewhat encouraging & did a little revive my drooping
propsect with respect to the low state of things in this Town
& Moy [Monthly] Meeting - many times when I have survey'd the
poverty which awaits us both in purse & spirit, it has seemed
as if I could say with the Queen of Sheba, tho' in a reversed*



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*occasion "There is no more spirit in me", yet hope again revives
& we are encouraged to look for better times –*

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October 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 10th M 1817 / Meeting reather small & to me a
lean time but not quite so hard as at some times - Silence
prevailed –
D Buffum Jr & wife & Sister Mary took tea with us & in the evening
were joined by Sister Ruth. –*

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October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 2nd of 10th M / Have just returned from the Jail where
I went to see Adam Anthony who was committed yesterday for
refusing to pay a Military fine, he is not a Member of our
society but it appears that he is so far convinced of Peace
Principles as to refuse to bear Arms - he told me that he had
no bed to lay on last night, but made no complaint of his
situation. My mind was led into Sympathy with him & desires
raised that he may keep on christian ground while standing &
conversing with him, I remembered with feeling the sufferings &
imprisonments of our Dear Ancient brethren on account of divers
testimonies given them to bear. –*

*Adam Anthony the Young man above mentioned was let out of Jail
in the course of the day by his Brother who came to town & paid
his fine – Adams conduct was such as gave satisfaction & evinced
the consistent man - Tho' a number of us offered to be bound for
his liberty of the house & yard & saw no impropriety in his
having it, yet he declined the offer & seemd desirous of
experiencing the ground fully for himself before he did any
thing about it, & while the subject was deliberating upon - his
Br came in & discharged him-*

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October 5, Sunday: In Charlottesville, President James Monroe laid the cornerstone of the University of Virginia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5 of 10 M / Our forenoon Meeting was large & attended
by a number such as perhaps are called "Gentry" in Ancient
friends journals –David Buffum was large for him on the subject
of the operation of the Spirit - Father Rodman a few words &
Mary Morton set her seal to the whole very sweetly.-
In the Afternoon took Sister Ruth to [Portsmouth](#) in Chaise my H
being almost sick with a old, & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the*



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funeral of our goodly Ancient friend Isaac Sherman, where we found a very great assemblage of People, who conducted in a very solid manner. –

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October 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 10 M 1817 / Being unwell with a pain in my side & shoulder thro' my stomach, I was not at Meeting, but I almost doubt whether this was a sufficient excuse, being better than I was a few days past but I was affraid of taking cold

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October 12, Sunday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) was christened, by his parents [John Thoreau](#) and [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#) in recognition of his paternal uncle [David Orrok](#), son of [Friend David Orrok, Sr.](#) and [Friend Sarah Tillet Orrok](#), who had died in August.¹⁹⁰



October 12: "I was baptized in old M[eeeting] H[ouse] by Dr. [Ezra] Ripley, when I was three months, and did not cry."

190. Professor William E. Cain, in the frontmatter to A HISTORICAL GUIDE TO HENRY DAVID THOREAU (NY, Oxford: Oxford UP, 2000) writes that this uncle David "died in Concord in July." We wonder from whence Professor Cain has derived this information that David had died in Concord, and from whence he has derived this information that David had died in July. He may well be correct. He was asked, by email, whether he has perchance investigated, and discovered the grave of David in what has now become the old section of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, or whether he has perchance managed to obtain a Concord documentary record of this death, but has not yet responded.



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Nobody knows where the family came up with the name “Henry,” but such untraditional naming was quite common among Huguenot transplant families of this period as they gradually assimilated to their new context and removed the “markers” by which they could be discriminated. There are some things to be said about [Huguenots](#) naming conventions from this period, that inform us of why little David Henry was not named Barzillai or Ralph or Stephen or whatever. American descendants of Huguenot refugees tended to favor names which existed in some form in French, such as Henry (*Henri*) and John (*Jean*). They also favored Old Testament names over the names of New Testament saints, whom were to them tainted with Catholicism. Hence “David” after King David of the Old Testament and the same as in French — satisfying both naming conventions at once. The ten most favored names were Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, David, Jacob, Salomon, and Samuel.¹⁹¹

3d Lieutenant of the Corps of Artillery [James Duncan Graham](#), freshly minted, began to serve at the United States Military Academy, West Point as Adjutant.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 10 M / Soon after taking my seat I felt life to arise & circulate among us, & my spirit was comforted with the prospect. — Lydia Almy for the first time in several years appeared in testimony, I thought very sweetly — & Abigail Robinson for a great rarity appeared in a testimony of some length — The meeting was large & attended by a considerable number of other societies, as they have been in the forenoon, for some time — In the Afternoon the meeting was again pretty well attended but silent & to me rather a poor time, but not accompanied by that distressing hardness as at sometimes. —After tea took a little walk round the hill with my H set the evening with my Mother. —

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October 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 10 M / This Morning Dear Mary Morton called to see & take leave of us as she went down to the Packet to leave [Newport](#) for Philadelphia. She took a very affectionate farewell of us & expressed her desire for our well fare & said she felt for us & friends of our standing & situation in this Monthly Meeting, & in this Town particular beyond what she had any powers

191. In the late 16th Century in Rouen, France, for purposes of illustration of these naming traditions, the ten most popular names for Huguenot boys had been, in order of popularity from most popular down, *Jean, Pierre, Jacques, Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, David, Jacob, Salomon*, and *Samuel*, whereas the ten most popular names for Catholic boys had been, in the same order, *Jean, Guillaume, Pierre, Nicolas, Jacques, Robert, François, Charles, Richard*, and *Abraham*. We may note that only the name *Abraham* appears on both lists. The influence of tradition presents itself in the fact that there is a 70% match between the list of names from Rouen and the list of names from the US despite the passage of four full generations. Now, it might be objected that the name “David” was assigned on the basis of an uncle named [David Orrok](#) who lay dying at the time, but there is of course a reason why that uncle was named “David,” and besides, it was at least as conventional among Huguenots to perpetuate or recycle names used in previous generations of the family as it was among other ethnic groups. From the 17th through the middle of the 19th centuries, over 60% of the families in Hingham assigned the name of the Huguenot father to a son (as, John Thoreau the father and little John the first son), and over 70% assigned the name of the Huguenot mother to a daughter (in America the Huguenots if you remember tended to outmarry, so [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#) was, of course, not Huguenot, so the Thoreau daughters became Helen and Sophia rather than, perhaps, little Cynthia and, then, perhaps, Naomi). Thus, and this sums up my comment, the very fact that little David Henry was named David Henry speaks to the fact that their Huguenot heritage was a matter of importance in this family.



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to express. her husband also came up to the door & bid us an hearty farewell, which I have no doubt was deeply felt by them, as it was by us. – John is now about 78 Years of age & tho' he looks as fresh & healthy as he did 10 years ago, his limbs begin to fail & it is very doubtful whether he will ever come here again, so that as respects him I consider it as more than probably it was a final leave. – Sister Joanne & her sister Anne took tea with us & Anne set the evening. –

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October 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 10th M 1817 / Silent meeting but a pretty good one to me. –

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October 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 10 M / Our meetings both silent & both rather dull times to me. – In the evening call to see several friends

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October 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 10 M / Silent Meeting & to me a good one – Our Old decriped [sic] friend Benjamin Anthony from New Cornwall in N York state was at meeting with us – his body & limbs are much drawn with the Rheumatism & he is unable to sit on seats & brings a chair with him & has it placed in the Alley – he frequently preaches & speaks sitting. –

This evening rec'd a very acceptable letter from my friend John Heald dated the 6th inst. (Fairfield Ohio) –

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October 26, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner got married with Emilie von Cerva, daughter of a businessman and city council member, in Pressburg (Bratislava).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 10 M / Our Meetings were both Silent & Small the weather being wet & several friends confind with colds, our high seats were quite thin – The forenoon meeting was to me pretty well favor'd & a measure of it experienced in the Afternoon but a roving time at best –

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October 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 30th of 10 M / My H not being well - took Sister Ruth & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, on the way stoped & warmed ourselves at Uncle Thurstons - At the first meeting it was a poor time to me, tho' I believe others were favord with bread Jonathon Dennis delivered a short testimony which was followed by another from his wife - then David Buffum, not lengthy but very lively & impressive & it appeared to me that the condition of the meeting was betterd after it - In the last meeting was had considerable buisness with which we got along with harmony & I trust love. - Tho' under an humbling sense of my own deficiencis, yet it seemed right to me to engage a little in the concerns that came before us, which has not occasioned uneasiness but rather afforded the reflection of having endeavored to be doing a "little of that my hands find to do, in my day in society. - Dined at Uncle Thurstons & rode home -

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November 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 11th M 1817 / In the forenoon a Silent meeting & to me a good time - In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was concern'd in a short encouraging testimony - both meetings were Small in consequence of Rain & stromy weather.

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November 6, Thursday: Milosh Obrenovic became Prince of Serbia, replacing George Petrovic who had died on July 25th.

[Princess Charlotte Augusta Hanover of Wales](#), the daughter of [Prince Regent George](#) who had been destined since her birth to become eventually the Queen of Great Britain, instead died at the age of 21 at Claremont House, Esher, in Surrey, of post-partum hemorrhage and shock early in the morning, after having been delivered the previous day of a stillborn male infant. This funeral would of course be promoted as a national tragedy or media event — even the undertakers would get drunk. The mother [Caroline](#) was not duly informed of her daughter's death, nor invited to the funeral. When she would find out about it courtesy of a traveler, she would faint. The proto-queen's body would be interred in St. George's Chapel of Windsor with her stillborn male infant at her feet. [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) immediately began "Address to the People on the Death of the Princess Charlotte" somewhat in the manner in which Elton John would in this century celebrate the untimely death of the Princess Diana in a Paris auto accident, adding of course a few rough touches in the mode



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of Diana's brother's funeral declarations about the social context of her demise:

We cannot truly grieve for every one who dies beyond the circle of those especially dear to us; yet in the extinction of the objects of public love and admiration, and gratitude, there is something, if we enjoy a liberal mind, which has departed from within that circle.... But this appeal to the feelings of men should not be made lightly, or in any manner that tends to waste, on inadequate objects, those fertilizing streams of sympathy, which a public mourning should be the occasion of pouring forth. This solemnity should be used only to express a wide and intelligible calamity, and one which is felt to be such by those who feel for their country and for mankind; its character ought to be universal, not particular.



Shelley would compare and contrast this express "private grief" to the lack of affect being displayed by the public and by the press in regard to the [hangings](#), drawings, and quarterings being carried out at virtually the same time of three laborers, Jeremiah Brandreth, Isaac Ludlam, and William Turner, who had been detected in Luddite activities (that is, had been incited to lead the Pentrich Rising):

Let us follow the corpse of British Liberty slowly and reverently to its tomb: and if some glorious Phantom should appear, and make its throne of broken swords and sceptres and royal crowns trampled in the dust, let us say that the Spirit of Liberty has arisen from its grave and left all that was dross and mortal there, and kneel down and worship it as our Queen.

The Princess Charlotte's obstetrician, Sir Richard Croft, who had correctly diagnosed a transverse lie of the baby during labour but had somehow failed to resort to forceps as would have been the standard procedure during that era, would three months later commit suicide. For the details as to Princess Charlotte Augusta in the early 19th Century, refer to Stephen C. Behrendt's *ROYAL MOURNING AND REGENCY CULTURE*, Macmillan / St. Martin's Press, 1997. Public exercises in mourning were great and widespread, a huge number of poems, sermons, and other literary and quasi-literary texts appeared almost immediately, commemorative ceramic objects, textiles, coins, sculptures, and music followed. That princess had been widely regarded as an attractive domestic alternative to the Prince Regent, her widely unpopular father, as well as to his largely disgraced

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estranged wife Caroline of Brunswick, and this untimely death was therefore a most grievous blow to those who had invested this princess with the symbolic significance of “England’s Hope.” Much as Elton John has reinvented Diana as “England’s Rose,” Charlotte would be apostrophized in that period as “Albion’s Rose.” [Anna Laetitia Aikin Barbauld](#)’s COLLECTED WORKS published in 1825 would have a poem for Princess Charlotte which is very much in the mode of sensibility and emphasizes the universal mourning the death occasioned except in the case of the mad George III who no longer has the capacity for grief. Charlotte’s funeral resembled Diana’s laying in state in Westminster Abbey. The parallels are rich because Charlotte was



fashioned in the public mind as a sort of precursor to the “domestic virtues” we later associate with the Victorian era — and indeed, it was her death, at the stillbirth of her only child, that would ensure that, 20 years later, a princess named Victoria would ascend the throne of England.

ON THE DEATH OF THE PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.



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Yes, Britain mourns, as with electric touch,
For youth, for love, for happiness destroyed,
Her universal population melts
In grief spontaneous, and hard hearts are moved,
And rough unpolished natures learn to feel
For those they envied, leveled in the dust
By Fate's impartial stroke ; and pulpits sound
With vanity and woe to earthly goods,
And urge and dry the tear. — Yet one there is
Who midst this general burst of grief remains
In strange tranquillity ; whom not the stir
And long-drawn murmurs of the gathering crowd,
That by his very windows trail the pomp
Of hearse, and blazoned arms, and long array
Of sad funereal rites, nor the loud groans
And deep-felt anguish of a husband's heart,
Can move to mingle with this flood one tear :
In careless apathy, perhaps in mirth,
He wears the day. Yet is he near in blood,
The very stem on which this blossom grew,
And at his knees she fondled in the charm
And grace spontaneous which along belongs
To untaught infancy : — Yet O forbear !
Nor deem him hard of heart ; for awful, struck
By Heaven's severest visitation, sad,
Like a scathed oak amidst the forest trees,
Lonely he stands ; — leaves bud, and shoot, and fall ;
He holds no sympathy with living nature
Or time's incessant change. Then in this hour,
While pensive thought is busy with the woes
And restless change of poor humanity,
Think then, O think of him, and breathe one prayer,
Form the full tide of sorrow spare one tear,
For him who does not weep !

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 11 M / Silent Meeting. —

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November 8, Saturday: French Guiana, occupied by Portugal since 1809, was returned to France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 11 M This day was inter'd the remains of Benjamin Barker (shoemaker) he has been thro' life a Man innocent in life & conversation & in his last illness which has been for several Months, he enjoyed a Sweet tender frame of Spirit, patient & resigned to the change, he expressed when one day I called in to set with him a little while that he had enjoyed many blessed Meetings since his sickness & was endeavoring to wait patiently the time of his departure - his funeral was attended by a large number of friends & others

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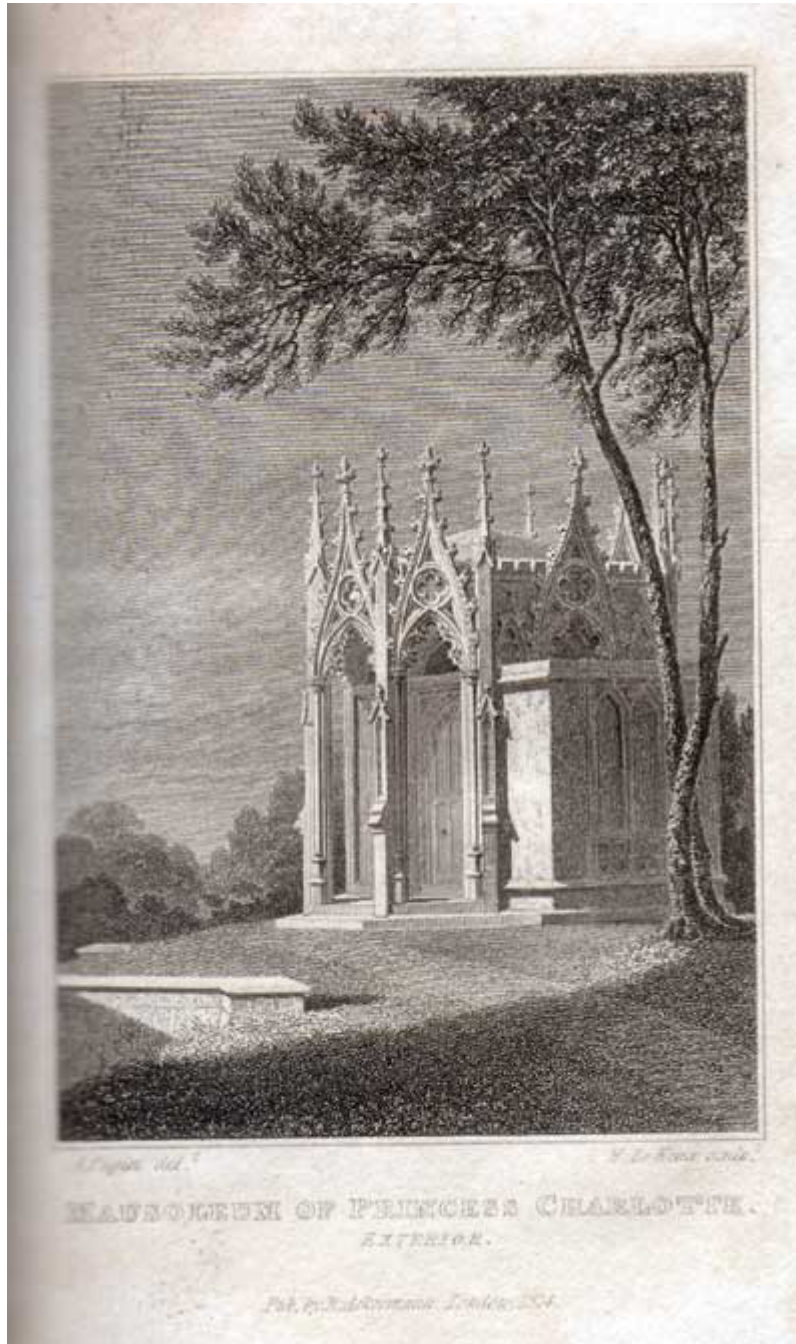
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November 9, Sunday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) in [The Examiner](#):

On the 7th November, Brandreth, Turner and Ludlam ascended the scaffold. We feel for Brandreth the less, because it seems he killed a man. But recollect who instigated him to the proceedings which led to murder. On the word of a dying man, Brandreth tells us, that "Oliver brought him to this" - that, "but for Oliver, he would not have been there." See, too, Ludlam and Turner, with their sons and brothers, and sisters, how they kneel together in this dreadful agony of prayer. With that dreadful penalty before their eyes - with that tremendous sanction for the truth of all he spoke, Turner exclaimed loudly and distinctly, while the executioner was putting the rope round his neck, "This is all Oliver and the government." What more he might have said we know not, because the chaplain prevented any further observations. Troops of horse, with keen and glittering swords, hemmed in the multitudes collected to witness this abominable exhibition. "When the stroke of the axe was heard, there was a burst of horror from the crowd. The instant the head was exhibited, there was a tremendous shriek set up, and the multitude ran violently in all directions, as if under the impulse of sudden frenzy. Those who resumed their stations, groaned and hooted."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 11 M / Our meeting was pretty full & tho' to me it was a season of much dryness Yet I trust there were those present who were more favor'd - Father Rodman concerned in a short testimony - Sister Eliza dined with us & has just come in & wanted to know if I was writing in my journal & wished to see it but I declined as there is nothing here worth seeing. She concluded she should see it when I am gone, but as I chiefly write for my own satisfaction it is probable that should she survive me but a small portion of what I have written will be found but that is a subject I leave as we know what may happen - This Afternoon Meeting was Silent

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November 12, Wednesday: Baha'Ullah (Mirza Husayn Ali), who would found the *Baha'i* faith, was born.

Within a month of his arrival in Lexington, Kentucky, Anton Philipp Heinrich directed a concert of music by notable composers including [Mozart](#), Haydn, and [Ludwig van Beethoven](#). Heinrich also performed solo music for violin.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), a [Quaker](#) died who had in 1756 at the age of 26 been half owner of a [negrero](#) (the sloop *Dolphin*) that was trading [slaves](#) to Barbados. A considerable number of the town's black citizens attended this funeral to make manifest their respect for this man –Thomas Robinson– who had for so many years been attempting to atone for this error of his youth. Here is the record made by Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#):



4th day 12th of 11th M 1817 / This Afternoon attended the funeral Of our Ancient friend Thomas Robinson he Died about 3 OC on 2nd day [Monday] morning the 10th inst In the 87 Year of his Age He has long been a very useful man to the community at large & also in our society - His venreable appearance in his walks in life inspired respect from those who were his enemies, & of those he had many particularly from the zealous & active part which he took in the Abolition of the slave trade & against men concerned in the Slave trade he took a decided & active part so far as they were concerned in that trade, by doing all in his power to relive [relieve] the Suffering of the African race, he was for many Years the strong friend of the Negro a considerable number of whom manifested their respect by attending his funeral He was also a useful & active member of our society as the minutes of the Monthly Meeting for a long number of Years will testify his natural talents were such as renderd his services peculiarly necessary in difficult & intricate cases -

I remember once while I was an apprentice, being at his house on an errand, he particularly noticed me & addressed me in a feeling manner with much good & pertinent advice, which I have many times recur'd to & have no doubt it has been a means of preservation - he was a man of midling height with a quick & penetrating eye, his habit very thin being often reduced with the Ashma [asthma] - I have his appearance as he walked the Street full in my minds eye tho' for a number of Years he has been confind to home by age & infirmity, he wore a old brown Wig, walked slow, & with a measured Step with a cane in his hand. - his house was for Years the principle lodging of most of the Public friends who happened here & at the Yearly Meeting no friend in town entertained more than he did, & tho' he has been out of circulation for some years past he continued to do acts of Benevolence as long as he lived both in a pecuniary way & by skilfull advice to such as were in difficult circumstances - I have often seen his venerable countenance Strike an Awe on such as were [pert?] & irreverant both in private companies & some public Assemblies.

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November 13, Thursday: Henry Pool of Gloucester, 20-year-old son of John Pool & Anna Davis Pool, was drowned off Thatcher's Island.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 11 M 1817 / Silent meeting& to me a rather dull season. This Afternoon favord with a little life

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November 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 11 M / Both meetings silent – Took tea with D Buffum Jr & After tea Henry Gould came out & we walked over to see John Weeden who has been some weeks confin'd with a fever, where we Set a little while & then came home. –

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November 20, Thursday: The 1st US war against the Black Seminoles living in the swamps of the Gulf coast officially commenced with an attack upon Fowl Town, the home of Headman *Neamathla*.



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"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

— Declaration of Independence



"...The conflicts of Europeans with American-Indians, Maoris and other aborigines in temperate regions ... if we judge by the results we cannot regret that such wars have taken place ... the process by which the American continent has been acquired for European civilization [was entirely justified because] there is a very great and undeniable difference between the civilization of the colonizers and that of the dispossessed natives...."

— Bertrand Russell,
THE ETHICS OF WAR, January 1915

Bertrand Russell



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 11 M / A pretty good meeting & I believe nearly all them members present - Father Rodman appeared in a Short but to me very satisfactory testimony. -

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November 22, Saturday: The Duchy of Lucca was created, under Duchess Maria Luisa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 11 M / Went this Afternoon to Connanicut. After Attending to a little buisness which I had with Several persons -went to Cousin Joseph Greens & drank tea & lodged - 1st day [Sunday] Attended Meeting on Connanicut it fell to my lot to sit at The head of the Meeting & to break it. - certainly I have been in meetings where I felt better Authority to give the concluding sign & token of Unity for me it was a season of some dearth & poverty - There are between 20 & 30 persons who usually attend that meeting & some of them pretty solid - but there are so few members, say two Men & two Women & they (except Job



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Weeden) on the Wane of life & many time unable to get out that I hardly see how they can have the meeting continued thro' the Winter & it is tedious & expensive for a committee to attend it. – I dined at J Greenes & came home in season to be at the Afternoon Meeting.

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November 27, Thursday: Governor Stephen Decatur Miller informed the South Carolina legislature that “[Slavery](#) is not a national evil; on the contrary, it is a national benefit.”

Nagpuri forces were defeated by the British at Sitabalsi.

The British Prince-Regent edicted that no British subject was to participate in any war between Spain and its American colonies (this edict would be widely ignored).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 11th M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was well attended. The first was larger than common as a number came in who were not members being what is denominated Thanksgiving Day Anne Almy & Ruth Davis were present in addition to our other ministers, but all were silent – In the last meeting we had considerable buisness & all concluded pretty well tho' there was some pretty trying occurences, yet I believe love prevailed. – Uncle Thurston only dined with us. Sister Eliza set the evening with us.

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November 30, Sunday: Native Americans attacked a boat on the Appalachicola River that was carrying supplies to Fort Scott on the Flint River, a boat containing about 40 men and a number of women and children, and killed all except six men and a woman. They were retaliating for an attack that had been made by General Gaines upon the Indian village of Fowltown, a few miles below Fort Scott, in order to force the natives to surrender some murderers who had found refuge with them. When this frontier news would arrive, Andrew Jackson would be sent to take command in person, and given authority to call on the militia from Tennessee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his diary:

1st day 30th of 11th M 1817 / At Meeting this forenoon we had the company of Obadiah Davis & Ruth his wife, who were both acceptably engaged in testimony & endeavord to awaken our minds to a sense of duty They went out of town After meeting – In the Afternoon we had a silent meeting & to me it was a season of activity as respects the creature; I wrestled a little, but alass could not boast of much overcoming. – Set the evening with my H at the late residence of our friend Thos Robinson – I missed the dear old folks from their corners by the sides of the fireplace & their very interesting conversation with which I have been many times entertained,

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instructed & edified, but Alass they are Gone to their rest, after long lives of usefulness in the World, & may we who remain endeavor to fill their stations with equal propriety in our several sphears, then when the Awful separation which they have recently passed thro', of Soul & body, comes to us, survivors may trust with equal confidence that our heads are laid in rest & our spirits joined with those that are blessed. -

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December 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 12th M 1817 / We had this Afternoon to take a dish of tea with us & set a social evening with us Geo Engs & Wife, ? W Lawton & Wife, Sarah Earl & Mary Burling, Sister Ruth & Betsy Slocum, & Benjm Hadwen joined us in the evening it is pleasant to have our friends with us. -

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December 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 12th M 1817 / Silent Meeting, & but little life to me -- A number of the pillars absent at the Quarterly Meeting at [New Bedford](#). -

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December 7, Sunday: William Bligh, captain of *HMS Bounty*, died.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 12 M / Our forenoon meeting was as large as usual Lydia Almy appeard in a short but lively testimony exhorting us to faithfulness, laboring to rebuild the Walls of Jerusalem working with one hand, holding the sword in the other against the enemy of Peace
In the Afternoon well attended & - father Rodman concerned in a*



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short but lively testimony. –

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December 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 12th M / Our dear loving friend Daniel Howland of [East Greenwich](#) attended Meeting & was sweetly & largely engaged in testimony & concluded in fervant supplication. To me it was a precious meeting tho' my mind was under the presure of some temporal concerns, yet life arose. –

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December 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 12 M / Our Meetings were both Small & silent, in inclement Weather friends like other people do not turn out & "Wisdom dwells with prudence" for I believe it is not necessary (very often for women especially) to run risques of their health, tho' a becoming zeal to keep up our meetings well forever be evinced

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December 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 12 M / Yesterday had a very disagreeable & exercising concern in the overseers department - I endeavored to labor faithfully & tho' I was compelled to say close things, yet was able to settle the storm at least for the present. – Our meeting was attended as well as usual & to me a pretty good season being favord to feel a degree of sweetness for Yesterdays labor – In the last, (Preparative) we had no buisness. –

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December 21, Sunday: British forces defeated the Marathas at Mahidpur, sealing the fate of the Maratha Confederacy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 12 M / It was a severe Snow Storm, both Meeting were small & silent four women turned out in the Morning & five in the Afternoon. –

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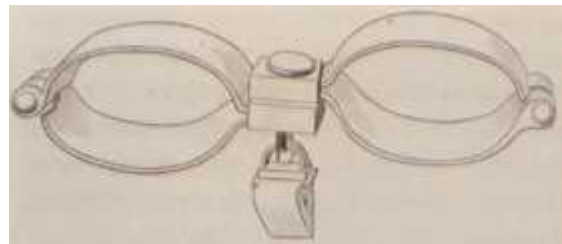
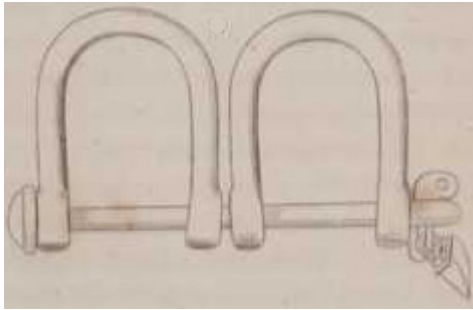
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Christmas Day: On the previous evening two officers at Fort Independence on Castle Island had been playing cards, and one had accused the other of cheating. On this day the two officers fought a **duel** and one of them, Lieutenant Robert Massie, was killed — whereupon that lieutenant's friends are said to have taken the survivor down into the bowels of the fortification and shackled him to the floor of a tiny chamber which they then walled up.¹⁹²



Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25 of 12 M 1817 / My H being unwell with a pain in her side & distress on her lungs - I rode to **Portsmouth** with Sister Ruth & Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first - A Sherman H Dennis & D Buffum appear'd in testimony - In the last we had but little buisness. - We dined at R Mitchell & rode home - & a very muddy ride it was*

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192. "**Edgar A. Perry**" would, as an 18-year old enlistee, serve in Battery H of the 1st Artillery on this island and, in later life as **Edgar Allan Poe**, although making the setting of his famous short story "The Cask of Amontillado" the catacombs of a European nobleman, may well have been basing the story on this grisly American incident of retribution. The incident seems to be factual, or at any rate, in 1905 when some workmen were renovating the fort they are said to have knocked down a wall and to have discovered behind it a skeleton in the remnants of an archaic military uniform.



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December 28, Sunday: [William Wordsworth](#) and [John Keats](#) met for the first time, at the home of [Benjamin Robert Haydon](#) in St. John's Wood near London.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 12 M / Since Moy [Monthly] Meeting I have had the Ague in my face & teeth & tho' relieved by the operation of a dose of Jalap & Calomel last night - am unfit to attend meeting today. -

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December 30, Tuesday: The 1st [coffee](#) trees were planted in the Sandwich Islands, on the Kona coast.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 12 M / This is a day which I commemorate annually with this day my 36th Year is completed & tho' compared with many I am young in life, yet know not how soon the thread may be cut, & I numbered with the dead I have felt the subject as Awful & weighty, & crys have been raised to the father of Mercies in secret while my body has been otherwise engaged, that he would not leave nor forsake me, but mercifully help & preserve me to the end, be the days of my years to come, few or many Our neighbor Michael Eddy called in & took a dish of tea with us & set the evening very sociably with us. Tho' he is a minister of another persuasion from myself, yet we converse pleasantly on religious subjects & I rejoice, in observing distinctions as to religious names to be much doing away, & in the belief that the time is coming when christians shall see eye to eye & the



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knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as the Waters Do the Sea

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January 1, Thursday: Forces of the Peshwa were defeated by British at Koregaon.

The Black Ball Lines began regular packet service between Britain and the United States as the *Courier* departed from Liverpool for New-York.

The town of Ipswich dealt with the need of its paupers for an alms-house: "Voted that the Town Treasurer hire 10,500 dollars to purchase a farm for the paupers."

The visitors to the President's home in Washington DC, which had recently been refurbished and painted a glowing white after being burned by the British army in 1814, were referring to it as Washington's "white house" (since back on the plantation in Virginia, where the President resided for the remainder of the year with his slaves, the main plantation house was also known as the White House).

Charles Wilkes received an appointment as a midshipman in the US Navy.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 1st M 1818 / I have been thankful in beginning the New Year under a precious sense of favor, but have to regret the loss of Meeting. I was in expectation of going but had a little buisness to attend to which I could not avoid & it took about 20 minutes more than the time & being unwilling to go in late & set the example concluded it was best not to go - My H attended & said Hannah Dennis preached - Our cousins George Gould & Lydia his wife set the Afternoon with us & took tea. - This was a pleasant visit, there is something pleasant & comfortable in brethren's dwelling in harmony



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Rec'd a Letter from Uncle Stanton¹⁹³



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January 2, Friday: In [Venice](#), [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) completed “Childe Harold’s Pilgrimage” (4th canto).

*To
John Hobhouse, Esq. A.M., F.R.S.
etc. etc. etc.*

My Dear Hobhouse,

After an interval of eight years between the composition of the first and last cantos of Childe Harold, the conclusion of the poem is about to be submitted to the public. In parting with so old a friend it is not extraordinary that I should recur to one still older and better, - to one who has beheld the birth and death of the other, and to whom I am far more indebted for the social advantages of an enlightened friendship, than - though not ungrateful - I can, or could be, to Childe Harold, for any public favour reflected through the poem on the poet, - to one, whom I have known long, and accompanied far, whom I have found wakeful over my sickness and kind in my sorrow, glad in my prosperity and firm in my adversity, true in counsel and trusty in peril - to a friend often tried and never found wanting; - to yourself. In so doing, I recur from fiction to truth, and in dedicating to you in its complete, or at least concluded state, a poetical work which is the longest, the most thoughtful and comprehensive of my compositions, I wish to do honour to myself by the record of many years intimacy with a man of learning, of talent, of steadiness, and of honour. It is not for minds like ours to give or to receive flattery; yet the praises of sincerity have ever been permitted to the voice of friendship; and it is not for

193. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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you, nor even for others, but to relieve a heart which has not elsewhere, or lately, been so much accustomed to the encounter of good-will as to withstand the shock firmly, that I thus attempt to commemorate your good qualities, or rather the advantages which I have derived from their exertion. Even the recurrence of the date of this letter, the anniversary of the most unfortunate day of my past existence, but which cannot poison my future while I retain the resource of your friendship, and of my own faculties, will henceforth have a more agreeable recollection for both, inasmuch as it will remind us of this my attempt to thank you for an indefatigable regard, such as few men have experienced, and no one could experience without thinking better of his species and of himself.

It has been our fortune to traverse together, at various periods, the countries of chivalry, history, and fable – Spain, Greece, Asia Minor, and Italy; and what Athens and Constantinople were to us a few years ago, Venice and Rome have been more recently. The poem also, or the pilgrim, or both, have accompanied me from first to last; and perhaps it may be a pardonable vanity which induces me to reflect with complacency on a composition which in some degree connects me with the spot where it was produced, and the objects it would fain describe; and however unworthy it may be deemed of those magical and memorable abodes, however short it may fall of our distant conceptions and immediate impressions, yet as a mark of respect for what is venerable, and of feeling for what is glorious, it has been to me a source of pleasure in the production, and I part with it with a kind of regret, which I hardly suspected that events could have left me for imaginary objects.

With regard to the conduct of the last canto, there will be found less of the pilgrim than in any of the preceding, and that little slightly, if at all, separated from the author speaking in his own person. The fact is, that I had become weary of drawing a line which every one seemed determined not to perceive: like the Chinese in Goldsmith's "Citizen of the World", whom nobody would believe to be a Chinese, it was in vain that I asserted, and imagined, that I had drawn a distinction between the author and the pilgrim; and the very anxiety to preserve this difference, and disappointment at finding it unavailing, so far crushed my efforts in the composition, that I determined to abandon it altogether – and have done so. The opinions which have been, or may be, formed on that subject, are now a matter of indifference; the work is to depend on itself, and not on the writer; and the author, who has no resources in his own mind beyond the reputation, transient or permanent, which is to arise from his literary efforts, deserves the fate of authors.

In the course of the following Canto it was my intention, either in the text or in the notes, to have touched upon the present state of Italian literature, and perhaps of manners. But the text, within the limits I proposed, I soon found hardly sufficient for the labyrinth of external objects and the consequent reflections; and for the whole of the notes,



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excepting a few of the shortest, I am indebted to yourself, and these were necessarily limited to the elucidation of the text. It is also a delicate, and no very grateful task, to dissert upon the literature and manners of a nation so dissimilar; and requires an attention and impartiality which would induce us, – though perhaps no inattentive observers, nor ignorant of the language or customs of the people amongst whom we have recently abode, – to distrust, or at least defer our judgment, and more narrowly examine our information. The state of literary party runs as high or higher than even on the question of Romantic or Classical as they call it, so that for a stranger to steer impartially between them is next to impossible. It may be enough then, at least for my purpose, to quote from their own beautiful language – “Mi pare che in un paese tutto poetico, che vanta la lingua la più nobile ed insieme la più dolce, tutte le vie diverse si possono tentare, e che sinche la patria di Alfieri e di Monti non ha perduto l’antico valore, in tutte essa dovrebbe essere la prima.” Italy has great names still – Canova, Monti, Ugo Foscolo, Pindemonti, Visconti, Morelli, Cicognara, Albrizzi, Mezzophanti, Mai, Mustoxidi, Aglietti, and Vacca, will secure to the present generation an honourable place in most of the departments of Art, Science, and Belles Lettres; and in some the very highest – Europe – the World – has but one Canova. It has been somewhere said by Alfieri, that “La pianta uomo nasce più robusta in Italia che in qualunque altra terra – e che gli stessi atroci delitti che vi si commettono ne sono una prova.” Without subscribing to the latter part of his proposition, a dangerous doctrine, the truth of which may be disputed on better grounds, namely, that the Italians are in no respect more ferocious than their neighbours, that man must be wilfully blind, or ignorantly heedless, who is not struck with the extraordinary capacity of this people, or, if such a word be admissible, their capabilities, the facility of their acquisitions, the rapidity of their conceptions, the fire of their genius, their sense of beauty, and amidst all the disadvantages of repeated revolutions, the desolation of battles and the despair of ages, their still unquenched “longing after immortality”, – the immortality of independence. And when we ourselves, in riding round the walls of Rome, heard the simple lament of the labourers’ chorus, “Roma! Roma! Roma! Roma non è più come era prima”, it was difficult not to contrast this melancholy dirge with the bacchanal roar of the songs of exultation still yelled from the London taverns, over the carnage of Mont St Jean, and the betrayal of Genoa, of Italy, of France, and of the world, by men whose conduct you yourself have exposed in a work worthy of the better days of our history. For me,

Non movero mai corda

Ove la turba di sue ciance assorda.

What Italy has gained by the late transfer of nations, it were useless for Englishmen to enquire, till it becomes ascertained that England has acquired something more than a permanent army



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and a suspended Habeas Corpus: it is enough for them to look at home. For what they have done abroad, and especially in the South, "Verily they will have their reward", and at no very distant period.

Wishing you, my dear Hobhouse, a safe and agreeable return to that country whose real welfare can be dearer to none than to yourself, I dedicate to you this poem in its completed state; and repeat once more how truly I am ever

*Your obliged
And affectionate friend,
Byron.*

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 2 of 1st M / Aunt Molly Gould Set the Afternoon with us,
also Martha Aleman. -*

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January 4, Sunday: [James Henry Leigh Hunt](#)'s poem "[To Horace Smith, Esq.](#)" appeared in the newspaper he and his brothers John and Robert facilitated, [The Examiner](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 4th of 1st M / In the Morning Meeting Lydia Almy appeared
in a short lively & impressive testimony - In the afternoon we
were silent - In the evening with my H set with Br David Rodman
& wife -*

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January 8, Thursday: The architect Charles Bulfinch, who had designed Harvard College's University Hall and the Massachusetts Statehouse, was appointed by President James Monroe and the Commissioner of Public Buildings of Washington DC to replace [Benjamin Henry Latrobe](#) (who had resigned) and continue the restoration of the two wings of the Capitol building damaged by fires set by the British in 1814 — which would be reopened in 1819.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 1st M / Meeting was silent & tho' I went to it
in a very empty frame of mind yet Thro' divine condescension it
was a season of favor for which I desire to be thankful.*

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January 11, Sunday: Publication, in The Examiner, of [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s "Ozymandias":

I met a Traveler from an antique land,
Who said, "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read,
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
"My name is OZYMANDIAS, King of Kings."
Look on my works ye Mighty, and despair!
No thing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that Colossal Wreck, boundless and bare,



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The lone and level sands stretch far away.

(This had been inspired by Book I, Chapter 47 of [Diodorus Siculus Διόδωρος Σικελιώτης](#)'s [BIBLIOTHECA HISTORICA](#), dealing with the history and culture of ancient Egypt. He and his friend Horace Smith, who was helping him manage his finances, had agreed to stage a friendly poetry competition, and Smith's submission, decidedly reminiscent of the final scene in the movie "Planet of the Apes," would appear in a subsequent edition of the magazine.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 1 M / Our forenoon Meeting was Silent - In the Afternoon father Rodman delivered a short sympathetic testimony with a tried state which he apprehended present - Set the evening at home chiefly -

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January 15, Thursday: John Collier of Frocester in Gloucestershire obtained a patent for improvements on a machine for purpose of cropping or shearing woollen cloths of every description.

John Lewis, Clothier, William Lewis, Dyer, and William Davies, Engineer, all of Brimscomb in Gloucestershire, obtained a patent for improvements on shearing machines for shearing or cropping woollen and other cloths, that may require such process, the same being further improvements on a patent obtained by John Lewis, for an improved shearing machine, dated the 27th July, 1815.

Philip Taylor, operative chemist of Bromley in Middlesex, obtained a patent for a method of applying heat in certain processes to which the same method had not hitherto been applied: likewise for improvements in refrigerators.

William Mault of Bedford Square in Middlesex obtained a patent for improvements in steam engines.

John Holworthy Palmer of Regent Street, St. John's, Westminster, Gentleman, obtained a patent for a mode of purifying certain descriptions of gasses.

John Theodore Koster, a merchant of Lancaster, obtained a patent for a method of building or constructing wheel carriages, and also for making wheels for carriages.

James Fraser, Engineer and Coppersmith of Long Acre, St. Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, obtained a patent for a cooking machine, for more simple and effectual decomposition of salt water, and to render the said salt water more useful to the general purposes of ships' crews, &c. at sea, without any extra apparatus, except the said cooking machine; or, in other words, its structure will answer the end of worm or condenser, and worm tub, &c. &c.

Charles Brightly, Printer of Bungay in Suffolk, and Bryan Donkin, Engineer of Grange Road, Bermondsey in Surrey, obtained a patent for a machine or printing press, for printing from types, plates, or blocks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 1st M 1818 / Our Meeting was silent & to me a pretty good time. The World obtruded a little, but was favord



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to contest the ground. -

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January 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 1 M / My H set the eveng at Aunt Earls I joined her about & spent an hour very plearsantly

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[Friend Morris Birkbeck](#) (1764-1825), who had been the first farmer in England to raise merino sheep, wrote back to England from the prairie south of Olney, [Illinois](#) (the town in which if you run over a squirrel you now need to pay a fine of \$500, but only if the squirrel was white):

*MY DEAR SIR,
Jan. 17, 1818.*

I WROTE to you early in September, since which I hope you have received a copy of my journal. Thus having made you of our party on the journey, and introduced you to some acquaintance with our Princeton affairs, I am now going to take you to the prairies, to shew you the very beginning of our settlement. Having fixed on the north-western portion of our prairie for our future residence and farm, the first act was building a cabin, about two hundred yards from the spot where the house is to stand. This cabin is built of round straight logs, about a foot in diameter, lying upon each other, and notched in at the corners, forming a room eighteen feet long by sixteen; the intervals between the logs "chuncked," that is, filled in with slips of wood; and "mudded," that is, daubed with a plaister of mud: a spacious chimney, built also of logs, stands like a bastion at one end: the roof is well covered with four hundred "clap boards" of cleft oak, very much like the pales used in England for fencing parks. A hole is cut through the side, called, very properly, the "door, (the through,)" for which there is a "shutter," made also of cleft oak, and hung on wooden hinges. All this has been executed by contract, and well executed, for twenty dollars. I have since added ten dollars to the cost, for the luxury of a floor and ceiling of sawn boards, and it is now a comfortable habitation.

To this cabin you must accompany me, a young English friend, and my boy Gillard, whom you may recollect at Wanborough. We arrived in the evening, our horses heavily laden with our guns, and provisions, and cooking utensils, and blankets, not forgetting the all-important axe. This was immediately put in requisition, and we soon kindled a famous fire, before which we spread our pallets, and, after a hearty supper, soon forgot that besides ourselves, our horses and our dogs, the wild animals of the forest were the only inhabitants of our wide domain. Our cabin stands at the edge of the prairie, just within the wood, so as to be concealed from the view until you are at the very door. Thirty paces to the east the prospect opens from a commanding eminence over the prairie, which extends four miles to the south and south-east, and over the woods beyond to a great distance;



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whilst the high timber behind, and on each side, to the west, north, and east, forms a sheltered cove about five hundred yards in width. It is about the middle of this cove, two hundred and fifty yards from the wood each way, but open to the south, that we propose building our house.

Well, having thus established myself as a resident proprietor, in the morning my boy and I (our friend having left us) sallied forth in quest of neighbours, having heard of two new settlements at no great distance. Our first visit was to Mr. Emberson, who had just established himself in a cabin similar to our own, at the edge of a small prairie two miles north-west of us. We found him a respectable young man, more farmer than hunter, surrounded by a numerous family, and making the most of a rainy day by mending the shoes of his household. We then proceeded to Mr. Woodland's, about the same distance southwest: he is an inhabitant of longer standing, for he arrived in April, Mr. E. in August. He has since built for us a second cabin, connected with the first by a covered roof or porch, which is very convenient, forming together a commodious dwelling.

In our walk we saw no game but partridges, and a squirrel. We found plenty of grapes, which I thought delicious. The soil seemed to improve in fertility on closer inspection, and the country appeared more pleasant: in fact, my mind was at ease, and this spreads a charm over external objects. Our township is a square of six miles each side, or thirty-six square miles; and what may properly be called our neighbourhood, extends about six miles round this township in every direction. Six miles to the north is the boundary of surveyed lands. Six miles to the east is the Bonpas, a stream which joins the Big Wabash about six miles south of us, where the latter river makes a bold bend to the west, approaching within six miles of the Little Wabash: this river forms our western boundary, at about the same distance up to the northern line of survey above-mentioned. The centre of this tract is our prairie, containing about 4,000 acres.

There are many other prairies, or natural meadows, of various dimensions and qualities, scattered over this surface, which consists of about two hundred square miles, containing perhaps twelve human habitations, all erected, I believe, within one year of our first visit -- most of them within three months. At or near the mouth of the Bonpas, where it falls into the Big Wabash, we project a shipping port: a ridge of high land, without any intervening creek, will afford an easy communication with the river at that place.

The Wabash, as you know, is a noble stream, navigable several hundred miles from its junction with the Ohio, and receiving other navigable rivers in its course: White River in particular, opening a communication with the most fertile region of Indiana, will at a future day hold a distinguished rank among rivers. The country above, both on the Wabash and White River, is peopling rapidly; and there is, through the Ohio, a great natural channel of intercourse between this vast country and the ocean. Steam-



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boats already navigate the Wabash: a vessel of that description has this winter made its way up from New Orleans to within a few miles of our settlement. They are about building one at Harmony, twenty miles below, as a regular trader, to carry off the surplus produce, and bring back coffee, sugar, and other groceries, as well as European manufactures.

There are no very good mill-seats on the streams in our neighbourhood, but our prairie affords a most eligible site for a windmill; we are therefore going to erect one immediately: the materials are in great forwardness, and we hope to have it in order to grind the fruits of the ensuing harvest.

Two brothers, and the wife of one of them, started from the village of Puttenham, close to our old Wanborough, and have made their way out to us: they are carpenters, and are now very usefully employed in preparing the scantlings for the mill, and other purposes. You may suppose how cordially we received these good people. They landed at Philadelphia, not knowing where on this vast continent they should find us: from thence they were directed to Pittsburg, a wearisome journey over the mountains of more than 300 miles; at Pittsburgh they bought a little boat for six or seven dollars, and came gently down the Ohio, 1,200 miles, to Shawnee-town; from thence they proceeded on foot till they found us. On their way they had many flattering offers; but true to their purpose, though uninvited and unlooked for, they held out to the end, and I believe they are well satisfied with their reception and prospects.

By the first of March I hope to have two ploughs at work, and may possibly put in 100 acres of corn this spring. Early in May, I think, we shall be all settled in a convenient temporary dwelling, formed of a range of cabins of ten rooms, until we can accomplish our purpose of building a more substantial house. My young folks desire to be most kindly remembered to you: they are full of life and spirits; not one of them, I believe, having felt a symptom of repentance from the commencement of our undertaking.

*I remain, dear Sir,
ever yours.¹⁹⁴*



January 18, Sunday: Since the admission of the Vermont/Kentucky pair of states in 1794 the US national flag had sported 15 pairs of white and red stripes. With at this point the number of states in the union having risen to 20, the federal Congress voted that the national flag “should contain 13 alternate red and white stripes representing the original 13 states.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18 of 1 M / In the forenoon a Silent Meeting in the
Afternoon father R delivered a short testimony*

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194. NOTES ON A JOURNEY IN AMERICA, FROM THE COAST OF VIRGINIA TO THE TERRITORY OF ILLINOIS [IN 1817] (London: Severn & Co., 1818). This region of Illinois now boasts more pig farms per square mile than anywhere else in the United States of America.



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 January 22, Thursday: *Leise weht es*, a romanze for voice and guitar by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, as part of *Das Nachtlager von Granada*, a play by Kind, in the Dresden Hoftheater.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 1 M / At Meeting father R was concerned in testimony In the last (Preparative) the overseers of the Poor for the past Year was proposed to fill the station for the Year ensuing.

In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Henry Vinson.


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 January 25, Sunday: Birth of [Benjamin Morgan Palmer](#), who would come to be considered the pastor of the Confederate States of America. The whiteness of his righteousness would overcome all fear.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 1st M / Our Aged sister in the Church Dorcas Easton Died the 22nd inst & this Morning her remains were taken to the Meeting house & after Meeting were decently inter'd in the Upper burying ground in the Meadow field - [The handwriting changes in character at this point, from slanting to upright] Our friend D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony at two Different standings - father Rodman & Hannah Dennis was also engaged in lively testimonies - & I thought truth was in dominion among us which was cause of a degree of rejoicing to some present - Dorcas was a woman of a remarkably meek & quiet disposition & speaking in the language of Ancient friends "was a lover of Truth & Friends" remarkably careful thro' life that no part of her conduct should bring reproach on the profession which she made - She died in the 74 Year of her Age & was the last remaining branch of an Ancient & very respectable family in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Our Afternoon Meeting was silent & smaller than usual owing to there being much Snow on the ground -

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 January 29, Thursday: [His Royal Highness William Henry, Duke of Gloucester & Edinburgh](#), who was President of England's [African Institution](#) and was also known as "Cheese" and as "Silly Billy," wrote to [Bushrod Washington](#), who was President of the [American Colonization Society](#) and who owned and sold black slaves. (If you are sufficiently interested, which I doubt, this letter may be inspected in the 2D ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR COLONIZING THE FREE PEOPLE OF COLOUR OF THE UNITED STATES, issued in Washington DC by the American Colonization Society in 1819.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 1st M 1818 / Our first Meeting was silent. - In the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) we had considerable buisness, & some of it of a trying nature, it seemd to be my lot to take part in the concerns before us - & was deputed to



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*attend the insuing Quarterly Meeting at [Providence](#)
Darius Lawton only dined with us - - -*

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January 30, Friday: [John Keats](#) wrote to his friend [John Hamilton Reynolds](#), including with his letter a new sonnet:

When I have fears that I may cease to be
Before my pen has glean'd my teeming brain,
Before high-piled books, in characterly,
Hold like rich garnerers the full ripen'd grain;
When I behold, upon the night's starr'd face,
Huge cloudy symbols of a high romance,
And think that I may never live to trace
Their shadows, with the magic hand of chance;
And when I feel, fair creature of an hour,
That I shall never look upon thee more,
Never have relish in the faery power
Of unreflecting love;— then on the shore
Of the wide world I stand alone, and think
Till love and fame to nothingness do sink.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30 of 1 M / Yesterday Afternoon SUSANNA DAVENPORT
departed this life aged about 79 years. She has long been a fast
& long proven friend in our family*

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February 1, Sunday: Horace Smith, a friend of [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#), was helping him manage his finances. The two had decided to stage a friendly poetry competition, to appear in the pages of [The Examiner](#). Their competing sonnets were stipulated to be based somehow upon a reading of Book I, Chapter 47, of [Diodorus Siculus Διόδωρος Σικελιώτης](#)'s [BIBLIOTHECA HISTORICA](#), dealing with the history and culture of ancient Egypt. Shelly's "Ozymandias" had already been printed. On this day Smith's submission was printed (later it would feature in his volume *AMARYNTHUS* under the title "On A Stupendous Leg of Granite, Discovered Standing by Itself in the Deserts of Egypt, with the Inscription Inserted Below").

In Egypt's sandy silence, all alone,
Stands a gigantic Leg, which far off throws
The only shadow that the Desart knows:—
"I am great OZYMANDIAS," saith the stone,
"The King of Kings; this mighty City shows
"The wonders of my hand."— The City's gone,—
Nought but the Leg remaining to disclose
The site of this forgotten Babylon.

We wonder, —and some Hunter may express
Wonder like ours, when thro' the wilderness
Where London stood, holding the Wolf in chace,



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He meets some fragment huge, and stops to guess
What powerful but unrecorded race
Once dwelt in that annihilated place.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 2 M 1818 / Our Meetings were both silent, & to me Seasons of barrenness as I have no doubt they were to most present. –

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February 3, Tuesday: Very early on this day, the lower Ohio Valley experienced the harshest winter storm since white settlement had begun in 1788. Dr. Sam Hildreth of Marietta reported a blanket of snow fully 26 inches in depth, undrifted. Severe cold was to follow throughout eastern Ohio, with the Fahrenheit thermometer displaying 20 degrees below 0.

[John Keats](#) wondered, in regard to the work product of [William Wordsworth](#) (whom he had recently met), whether we should allow ourselves to be “bullied into a certain philosophy engendered in the whims of an egotist”?

It may be said that we ought to read our Contemporaries, that Wordsworth &c should have their due from us. but for the sake of a few fine imaginative or domestic passages, are we to be bullied into a certain Philosophy engendered in the whims of an Egotist– Every man has his speculations, but every man does not brood and peacock over them till he makes a false coinage and deceives himself – Many a man can travel to the very bourne of Heaven, and yet want confidence to put down his half seeing.... Poetry should be great & unobtrusive, a thing which enters into one's soul, and does not startle it or amaze it with itself but with its subject. – How beautiful are the retired flowers! how would they lose their beauty were they to throng into the highway crying out, admire me I am a violet! dote upon me I am a primrose! Modern poets differ from the Elizabethans in this.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 2nd M 1818 / Set out this morning in a Sleigh in company with Isaac Mitchell Richard Mitchell & their sister Anne & Sister Eliza Rodman for [Providence](#) Quarterly Meeting – We reached [Warren](#) by dinner time, & dined at Cobs Tavern while there it began to Snow, & we rode in an increasing Storm of Wind Rain & Snow – sister E & myself Stopped at O Browns where were were soon joined by our dear Acquaintance from Lynn vizt Daniel Johnson Ezra Collins Isaac Bassett & wife & Mary Newhall & Saml Rodman from [New Bedford](#) & several others from this Q[uarternly] Meeting we passed a very pleasant evening after a pretty suffering ride & lodged

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February 4, Wednesday: Message of President James Monroe about the condition of amendments to [the Constitution](#).

[Augustus Goddard Peabody](#) was born in Boston, the initial child of Augustus Peabody and Miranda Goddard Peabody. The father was a member of the Suffolk bar. The son would be fitted for college at the Public Latin School in Boston, and matriculate at Harvard College in 1833 (Class of 1837, same as Henry Thoreau).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / After attending to a little buisness which I had with several people in [Providence](#), I took a horse & sleigh & rode out to Daniel Lyman's to visit an old relation vizt Mary Wanton widow of John Wanton late of this Town who now wants but a Month or two of being 90 Years of Age - I spent a little time very agreeably she retains her powers of mind, but is now so lame as to be unable to Walk - She recollects all the Ancients of this Town particularly Gov[ernor] John Wanton who died in this place in the Year 1740. I inquired about him, of whom & several others she related several Anecdotes- I staid & dined with them who seemed to welcome me as a relation in a respectable branch of the Wanton family. After gowing [sic] to Lyman's factory & examining the curious machinery there rode to [Providence](#) again & took tea with Joseph Anthony whose wife was a Gould & a relation of Mine & there I lodged, but in the evening set a little while at O Browns, where was Avis Keene & Betsy Purinton with her companion R Dean having just returned from a religious visit to the Westward Job Hanes of Jersey accompanied them thus far homeward

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February 5, Thursday: King Carl XIII of Sweden died, succeeded by his adopted son Jean Baptiste Sebastien Bernadotte who would rule as Carl XIV, founder of the Bernadotte dynasty.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day / The Meeting was large & before the silence was broke it felt to me a good degree of that solemnity was felt among us which was expereinced by the four & twenty elders which we heard of & I was remarakbly struck with this thought - Daniel Howland first appeared in a lively & solemn testimony -Then James Keene & I believe was scarcely exceeded by the Apostle Paul for life & Power, then Peter Hoxie appeared in a short but lively & pertinent testimony then Mary Newhall in a lively & well connected communication - Daniel Howland concluded in Solemn supplication. -
In the last meeting we had much buisness & all went on well - Ann Anthony wife of Thos was appointed an elder - Henry Knowles was recommended as a Minister & Daniel Howland liberated to attend the approaching Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & N York & pay a religious visit to some meetings thereabouts. - I dined with Jos Anthony - & had the company of several of my friends*



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and old acquaintances particularly Thos Anthony - James Greene & Daniel Howland - Set most of the evening at O Browns with a pleasant & instructing circle - lodged at J Anthonys

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February 6, Friday: Milton K. Barlow was born in Kentucky. In 1844 he would sell a planetarium mechanism created in his silversmith shop to the Girard College observatory, presumably for \$2,000. In 1851 he would exhibit such a mechanism at the New York World's Fair.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / left the company I went with to return tomorrow & set out for home with David Buffum Jr. found the sleighing poor, but we got to [Bristol](#) with tolerable convenience & from thence I took the Stage to Town. - found my H & John well & I have thankfully to acknowledge it has been a season of favor to me for which I desire to be thankful -

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February 8, Sunday: A sermon was delivered at Woodstock, Vermont by the Reverend Leland Howard, pastor of the 1st Baptist Society in Windsor, Vermont, prior to the [hanging](#) on February 13th of Samuel E. Godfrey (1782-1818) of Chatham on Cape Cod for the grudge murder in 1814 of Thomas Hewlet (as keeper of the Vermont State Prison where Godfrey was serving a prison sentence, Hewlet had punished him for a rule infraction; there had been in this case three successive trials and three successive orders of execution over a period of four years).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 2nd M 1818 / Our morning Meeting was an uncommonly favord season, early in the sitting a good degree of solemnity was felt to arise & D Buffum was soon engaged in a lively testimony attended with life & Power - then father Rodman, then Lydia Almy, then Hannah Dennis who rose a second time & with much feeling addressed the Youth.- In the Afternoon we were silent but a solid covering was witnessed -

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February 12, Thursday: On the 1st anniversary of the Battle of Chacabuco, Chile formally proclaimed its independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony Set the evening with Father R at my cousins Anne & Mary Goulds conversed on some temporal concerns which concerned them. -

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February 15, Sunday: The Reverend Joshua Bates, A.M. delivered a discourse on the text “Finally, brethren, farewell” (2 Corinthians 13:11) on the Sabbath preceding the dissolution of his 15-year pastoral relation with the First Church in Dedham, Massachusetts. He had been separated, to labor in other regions, and become a witness of the truth to other people. His happiness in departing would have been increased, if he could have seen all the members of his flock walking in the truth, and rejoicing in the Lord. This discourse would in the course of the year be printed as a pamphlet at the Dedham firm of Abel D. Alleyne.

To those, who have neglected, or abused the means of grace, with which they have been indulged, and continued in impenitence and unbelief – to those who have disregarded both the warnings and exhortations, which have been given from this desk – to those, who have braved the terrors of the Lord, and turned a deaf ear to the invitations of the gospel, – to you, who are yet in your sins, I can only add another solemn admonition. – Remember that except ye repent, ye must perish.¹⁹⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15th of 2 M / In our mornng meeting which was well attended Our Fr D Buffum was very lively in testimony & to my mind a favorable season, before any thing was said I felt life to spring up in my mind very sweetly. –
At two OClock Attended the funeral of Alice Wyatt an aged friend in the 89 Year of her Age – The funeral went to meeting which was larger than in the morning & D Buffum was again very lively in testimony also father Rodman. – The Corpse were deposited after Meeting in the upper burying ground
In the evening several friends called & set with us*

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February 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 2 M / Our first meeting was a dull season to me –Hannah Dennis was very sweetly engaged in testimony I have no doubt that to many minds it was a favor'd season. The meeting was well attended – In the last (Preparative) we had no buisness – Stopt after meeting with the committee to confer in Jnt Weavers case & concluded to recommend to the meeting to forward a course of communication to Troy Meeting respecting him.–

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John Keats had an idea:

I have an idea that a Man might pass a very pleasant life in this manner – let him on any certain day read a certain Page of full Poesy or distilled Prose and let him wander with it, and muse upon it, and reflect from it, and bring home to it, and

195. The Reverend Bates would pass on to become the 3d president of Middlebury College in Vermont, becoming a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1834, until 1839 when he would be appointed as Chaplain of the US House of Representatives for the 26th Congress. With the close of this session of the federal legislature, he would remove to Dudley, Massachusetts and become a pastor there, until his death at the age of 77. In 1848 he, Edward Everett, and Josiah Quincy, would convince the General Court of Massachusetts to establish the first free public library in America, the Boston Public Library.



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prophesy upon it, and dream upon it – untill it becomes stale – but when will it do so? Never – When Man has arrived at a certain ripeness in intellect any one grand and spiritual passage serves him as a starting post towards all "the two-and thirty Pallaces" How happy is such a "voyage of conception," what delicious diligent Indolence! A doze upon a Sofa does not hinder it, and a nap upon Clover engenders the ethereal fingerpointings – the prattle of a child gives it wings, and the converse of middle age a strength to beat them – a strain of musick conducts to "an odd angler of the Isle" and when the leaves whisper it puts a "girdle round the earth." Nor will this sparing touch of noble Books be any irreverence to their Writers – for perhaps the honors paid by Man to Man are trifles in comparison to the Benefit done by great Works to the "Spirit and pulse of good" by their mere passive existence. Memory should not be called knowledge – Many have original Minds who do not think it – they are led away by Custom – Now it appears to me that almost any Man may like the Spider spin from his own inwards his own airy Citadel – the points of leaves and twigs on which the Spider begins her work are few and she fills the Air with a beautiful circuiting: man should be content with as few points to tip with the fine Webb of his Soul and weave a tapestry empyrean – full of Symbols for his spiritual eye, of softness for his spiritual touch, of space for his wandering of distinctness for his Luxury – But the Minds of Mortals are so different and bent on such diverse Journeys that it may at first appear impossible for any common taste and fellowship to exist between two or three under these suppositions – It is however quite the contrary – Minds would leave each other in contrary directions, traverse each other in Numberless points, and [at] last greet each other at the Journeys end – A old Man and a child would talk together and the old Man be led on his Path, and the child left thinking – Man should not dispute or assert but whisper results to his neighbour, and thus by every germ of Spirit sucking the Sap from mould ethereal every human might become great, and Humanity instead of being a wide heath of Furse and Briars with here and there a remote Oak or Pine, would become a grand democracy of Forest Trees. It has been an old Comparison for our urging on – the Bee hive – however it seems to me that we should rather be the flower than the Bee – for it is a false notion that more is gained by receiving than giving – no the receiver and the giver are equal in their benefits – The f[l]ower I doubt not receives a fair guerdon from the Bee – its leaves blush deeper in the next spring – and who shall say between Man and Woman which is the most delighted? Now it is more noble to sit like Jove [than] to fly like Mercury – let us not therefore go hurrying about and collecting honey-bee like, buzzing here and there impatiently from a knowledge of what is to be arrived at: but let us open our leaves like a flower and be passive and receptive – budding patiently under the eye of Apollo and taking hints from every noble insect that favors us with a visit – sap will be given us for Meat and dew for drink – I was led into these thoughts, my



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dear Reynolds, by the beauty of the morning operating on a sense of Idleness – I have no read any Books – the Morning said I was right – I had no Idea but of the Morning and the Thrush said I was right – seeming to say–

"O thou whose face hath felt the Winter's wind;
Whose eye has seen the Snow clouds hung in Mist
And the black-elm tops 'mong the freezing Stars
To thee the Spring will be a harvest-time–
O thou whose only book has been the light
Of supreme darkness which thou feddest on
Night after night, when Phoebus was away
To thee the Spring shall be a tripple morn–
O fret not after knowledge – I have none
And yet my song comes native with the warmth
O fret not after knowledge – I have none
And yet the Evening listens – He who saddens
At thought of Idleness cannot be idle,
And he's awake who thinks himself asleep."

Now I am sensible all this is a mere sophistication, however it may neighbour to any truths, to excuse my indolence – so I will not deceive myself that Man should be equal with jove – but think himself very well off as a sort of scullion-Mercury or even a humble Bee – It is [no] matter whether I am right or wrong either one way or another, if there is sufficient to lift a little time from your Shoulders.



February 20, Friday: Forces of the Peshwa were defeated by the British at Ashti.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 2nd M 1818 / My mind has been under good feeling much of the time thro' the course of the day - & this afternoon engaged in a religious communicatin with my neighbour Geo Engs which resulted satisfactorily & I dont know but somewhat proffitably -

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February 22, Sunday: [Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine](#) published an letter from the [James Hogg the "Ettrick Shepherd"](#) recounting an extraordinary feat by Sirrah, his mostly black sheepdog.

I was a shepherd for ten years on the same farm, where I had always about 700 lambs put under my charge every year at weaning-time. As they were of the ... blackfaced breed, the breaking of them was a very ticklish and difficult task. I was obliged to watch them night and day for the first four days, during which I had always a person to assist me. It happened one year, that just about midnight the lambs broke and came up the moor upon us, making a noise with their running louder than thunder. We got up and waved our plaids, and shouted, in hopes to turn them, but we only made matters worse ... and by our exertions



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*we cut them into three divisions.
I called out "Sirrah, my man, they're away" ... but owing to the darkness of the night, and the blackness of the moor, I never saw him at all.... I ran here and there, not knowing what to do, but always at intervals, gave a loud whistle to Sirrah, to let him know that I was depending on him.... [T]he lad who was assisting me ... likewise had lost all traces of the lambs.... We both concluded, that whatever way the lambs ran at first, they would finally land at the fold where they left their mothers, and without delay we bent our course towards that; but when we came there, we found nothing of them.
My companion then bent his course towards the farm of Glen on the north, and I ran away westward for several miles, along the wild track where the lambs had grazed while following their dams. We met after it was day, far up a place called the Black Cleuch, but neither of us had been able to discover our lambs, nor any traces of them.... We had nothing for it but to return to our master, and inform him that we had lost his whole flock of lambs.
On our way home, however, we discovered a body of lambs at the bottom of a deep ravine, called the Flesh Sleuch, and the indefatigable Sirrah standing in front of them, looking all around for some relief, but still standing true to his charge. The sun was then up; and when we first came in view of them, we concluded that it was one of the divisions of the lambs.... But what was our astonishment, when we discovered that not one lamb of the whole flock was wanting! How had he got all the divisions collected in the dark is beyond my comprehension. The charge was left entirely to himself from midnight until the rising of the sun; and if all the shepherds in the Forest had been there to have assisted him, they could not have effected it with greater propriety.*

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 2nd M / Our Meetings were both silent & to me pretty good ones - Set the evening at home -

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February 26, Thursday: This was Queen Charlotte's 74th birthday and, as she was in poor health, it was expected correctly to be her last. A drawing room event was arranged at her Majesty's Palace, and the event would be duly reported by The Times on the following day (copied here). Proper cushions were provided, on which her Majesty could stand or lean to enable her to go through the fatigue of a crowded court. At one o'clock there was a salute of artillery in the Park and the Tower; and that no inappropriate sight might interfere with the rejoicings usual to a birthday fete, all those persons who were in family mourning, put it off for that day and glittered in colors more suitable for the occasion. The guards, on horse and foot, under the superintendence of the police, were distributed through all the usual stations, and maintained the most perfect order. An immense multitude of spectators were collected together in spite of the rain and cold. The court visitors were also very numerous; they began to arrive at one o'clock, and continued setting down till past three. At half past three the Prince Regent arrived with his usual suite of attendants and was followed by the

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HE KEPT STRANGE CONVERSE WITH THE GALE;
HELD WORLDLY POMP IN HIGH DERISION,
AND WANDERED IN A WORLD OF VISION.



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usual train of life-guards. His Royal Highness was, of course, received with all the ceremonies due to the Sovereign. The Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the Princess Sophia of Gloucester went in State, escorted by parties of life-guards. The Duke of Sussex went in private. The Prince of Hesse-Homberg went in one of the Regent's carriages, was escorted by Life Guards, and was received with the same military honours as the Royal Family. The Speaker of the House of Commons, the Master of the Rolls and the Vice-Chancellor, went in state and were presented on their late appointments. The Austrian Ambassador, the Spanish Ambassador, accompanied by his lady, and the American Plenipotentiary with his lady, severally went in state. Mrs. Rush, the wife of the American Minister, was presented to the Queen by Lady Castlereagh. Mr. Smith and Mr. Taylor, attached to the embassy were presented by his Excellency. The Prince of Hesse-Homberg was presented to the Queen by Lord Stewart, our Ambassador to Vienna, but who is now at home on leave. There were present, the Lord Chancellor and the Regent's cabinet ministers, the Great Officers of State, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, Mr. Sheriff Desagne, Mr. Sheriff Alderson, the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, the Dean of Windsor, the Dean of Westminster, the Provost of Eton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, the Lord Primate of Ireland, &c.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 2nd M / It is Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#), taking every thing into consideration I concluded to stay at Home but I do not know that it was a right conclusion. Yet on feeling over the subject this evening do not see or find condemnation

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March 1, Sunday: The 1st public performance of Franz Schubert's Overture in the Italian Style takes place in the Gasthof "zum römischen Kaiser" of Vienna. It was the 1st instrumental work by Schubert to be presented in public.

[Sam Houston](#) resigned his commission in the US Army over false accusations concerning involvement in slave trading.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 3 M / Daniel Quinby from Purchase N York state is with us & attended Meetings today - In the forenoon he preached very largely to good satisfaction in the Afternoon silent - he appears to be a bold espouser of the Gospel & his communications are attended with life & Power & I hope his labors may be blessed



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among us – he commences families this evening

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March 2, Monday: [George Long](#) of Lancashire was admitted sizar at St. John's in Cambridge.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 3 M / D Quinby is still engaged in town & it fell to my lot to give information to the families that he has visited yesterday as well as today. several times in passing about my mind was led to look back & reflect how much shorter time it now takes to visit the families in this place than it did say 60 years ago & even less time, this was the great seat of friends in New England, & in passing round I could see houses, several together, where were families of repute of weight, but now either deserted or inhabited by others, not a vestage of Ancient greatness remaining, but the bare House itself. - Well tho' that generation has passed away I trust there is yet Salt remaining, & that if the present generation walk faithfully in the paths made known to us by the influence of the holy spirit, we shall yet Know an increase in good & that we shall dignify our profession as did those of ancient days. -

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March 5, Thursday: Franz Schubert applied for membership as an accompanist in the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde. He would be rejected because he was not an amateur.

Mosè in Egitto, an azione tragico-sacra by Gioachino Rossini to words of Tottola after Ringhieri, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, Naples. It was an immediate success.

[Julia Thuillier Savage Landon](#) gave birth to an infant that would be christened [Arnold Savage Landon](#) in honor of one of the earliest speakers in the House of Commons, [Sir Arnold Savage](#) (actually, they had no idea whether this famous personage had or had not been one of their family's ancestors).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 3rd M / Our friend Daniel Quinby was at Meeting & appeared in a short but sound & powerful testimony - his opening was from Nehemiah 2 Chapt 17 verse "ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, & the gates thereof are burned with fire: come let us build up the Walls of Jerusalem that we be no more a reproach" he very forcibly impressed the necessity of our living up to our profession & rebuilding the walls & waste places of Zion, & that we steadily persue the purpose, notwithstanding the Sanballats & Tobiahs that might arise & dispise the work as a vain thing & too much to be attempted - he labord to strengthen the feeble laborers & to warn the rebellious among us & concluded in a living powerful Prayer which reached the hearts of some present. -



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March 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 3rd M / Our Morning meeting was remarkably full the London Epistle for last Year was read - In the Afternoon we were silent - to me they were both poor Seasons. - the fault my own - Set the evening at home & read Barclays Apology

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March 12, Thursday: Overture in the Italian Style for two pianos, eight hands by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Gasthof "zum römischen Kaiser" of Vienna.

After having spent some time in London, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) departed for the Continent accompanied by Claire Clairmont, three children, and two servants — Amelia (Milly) Shields and Louise (Elise) Duvillard.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 3rd M 1818 / Our meeting was small & silent & to me a very comfortable Season - a considerable many of our members were absent to attend the funeral of our friend Ruth Sherman which was at 2 OClock at the Meeting house, which I understood was a favord time Ruth Davis appeared in supplication & H Dennis & Obadiah Davis in Testimony & Obadiah was also engaged in a few words at the grave She is the last of the old Standards that used to set on the high Seat when I was a boy She died last second day evening at her house in [Portsmouth](#) Aged about 77 Years. -

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March 19, Thursday: Royalist forces routed Chilean revolutionaries at Cancha Rayada, northeast of Talca.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 3 M / Our meeting was silent, in the last (Preparative) we had no buisness. - The subject of being appointed an Elder has of late been proposed to me, & has claimed my very serious consideration. I have endeavoured to weigh it in all its bearings, which has produced much humbling exercise, & tho' my own infermities & many discouraging prospects await me, yet I see no way to feel satisfied but to submit to the disposal of my friends. Time is short, & I sensibly feel that I am advancing fast & shall soon be on the down hill, & what I do must be done quickly

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March 21, Saturday: The Middlesex County Gazette reported that a bill had been taken up again “and discussed with much earnestness,” without it having been possible to reach agreement. What this discussion had been in regard to was, the law which permitted slavemasters to “reclaim” those “slaves” who were “fugitive” from them.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd M 21st 7th day 1818 / Aunt Molly Wanton who has been about nine Years in a derainged State of Mind, has for some weeks been declining in health & come out in great sores on various parts of her body & has appear'd within a few days to be fast declining. -This morning she seems to be more feeble that I ever saw her & from present appearances will not continue but a short time.

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March 22, Easter Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22nd of 3rd M / Yesterday Afternoon the minds of friends generally were affected with the news of the decease of JOSEPH BARKER of Tiverton, he died about 1 / 2 past nine OC in the morning he had not been sick long & but the day before sent for Dr Hazard but he had expired before the Doctor reached him His loss is great to the meeting & neighborhood where he lived & to his family in particular. -
Our meeting this forenoon was in good measure favord & father Rodman was concerned in a short & feeling testamony. -
In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis preached & Lydia Almy prayed & before I left it I was sensible that divine favor was extended to us. About a quarter of an hour after we were settled Abraham Thurston came & called out John Slocum, & about a quarter afterwards he came in & called me out this excited some feeling in the meeting - after we were out Abraham informed me that a Challenge had been sent from Capt Heath to Comodore Perry to fight a DUEL & that the barer of it was in town & he & some others wanted some of the society of friends to enter a complaint against the cond[?] he wished us to interfere as friends of Peace & men of influence. This streightened me very much & I told him that I would return to meeting & after it concluded consult some of my friends on the subject but he said it must be done immedeatly & if I would not go with him he would go in & call out some other man & rather than have the meeting further disturbed, I concluded to go & see what was wanting to be done & how far I could consistently act in it, on the So side of Washington Square I found a number of the inhabitants assembled with anxous countenences - we went to Thos Townsend Junr where further consultation was had & I became convinced that something ought to be promptly done to prevent if possible so desolating a stroke to the family of Com. Perry & the community in general & if the Devil could not be stoped to wipe as far as Possible the stain from the State by using all the means & all the vigor of our laws against it - still my mind was embarrassed & much*



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exercised as to moving in it myself not seeing exactly to the end of it - John Slocum consented to sign a complaint & by this time meeting was broke & I sent for Benj Hadwen, who I took out of the room & explained to him my reasons for an unwillingness to engage in the affair, & he readily consented, being used to the law & understood it much better than myself - A court was soon convened & a warrant made out & the man in question apprehended & soon committed to Prison for further examination & messengers were also sent to [Providence](#) to Apprehend Capt Heath. & I greatly desire a stop may be put to so abhorant an affair

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March 26, Thursday: The [1st savings bank to operate in New-York](#) opened in a basement room — eventually it would erect a magnificent building at the corner of 4th Avenue and 22d Street which in the 1980s would be repurposed as a grocery store (lo how the mighty have fallen).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 3rd M 1818 / In the first Meeting (Monthly— Ruth Davis appeared in supplication —

In the last I experienced a Memorable exercise in which my mind was humbled - My name was proposed & the Meeting Appointed me to the important & responsible station of an Elder, since the subject was proposed my mind has been under the weight to submit my neck to the Yoak, great as the work is, I see no other way than to enter into it according to my capacity, & have been favor'd with a renew'd evidence that divine help is still near, & will thro' faithful obedience to the Word of life; qualify for all that is required at my hand, but Alas my frailty is such as causes trembling, lest I fall by the way - I see the necessity the great necessity of constant Watchfulness to prayer lest I yeald to temptations & bring reproach on the Truth, but may I be favor'd & know & increase in Spirituality & continue firm to the end.

Uncle R Mitchel dined with us & while we were at Meeting Aunt Stanton arrived after a Short passage from N York. her coming will be a comfort & help to Mother in Aunt Molly's present situation. [Did Aunt Molly have Alzheimer's?]

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March 29, Sunday: [Alexandre Sabès "Papa Bon-Cœur" Pétion](#), President for Life of the Republic of Haiti, died of yellow fever and was succeeded by [Jean-Pierre Boyer](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 3 M / Anne Greene was concern'd in testimony in our morning meeting - in the Afternoon Silent - rather low times to me - In the forepart of the evening went up to see my Aged cousin Bathsheba Gould. I had written a will for her which she




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executed & had a sweet visit found her very lively in spirit & tho' she has attained the eightieth Year of her Age enjoys good health - She presented me with a truly Apostolick Epistle from Saml Fothergil to friends in Tortola transcribed in her own hand writing which I shall lay by as a memento of her Set the remainder evening with my H at my Mothers in company with Aunt Stanton -


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 April 2, Thursday: In the will of Elizabeth Galbraith Kelso of Pennsylvania, made on this date, we find that she gave and bequeathed to "the colored girl 'Hannah,' who served her time and now lives with me all my common wearing apparel, the small bed made of feathers and flocks with the bedding, thereto, and Fifty Dollars in cash to be paid by said executors."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 4th M 1818 / A rather small meeting father Rodman concerned in a few words, & to some a pretty good time -


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 April 5, Sunday: South American forces under José de San Martín defeated Spanish and Loyalist troops on the Plain of Maipú, just south of Santiago, Chile within earshot of the capital. The victory ensured Chilean independence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 4 M / Very rainy & a small meeting - father R short & lively - Obadiah Brown & his wife from [Providence](#) were down & at Meeting -
In the Afternoon Silent & the meeting small in consequence of the weather -
In the evening set agreeably at Dorcas Earls in company with O Brown & wife -*

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 April 9, Thursday: On Grand Isle, Vermont, a site adjacent to the [Quaker](#) burying ground was sold by Warren Corbin and Seth Griffith to Silas Macomber for \$10, for the purpose of erecting a Friends meetinghouse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th 9 of 4th M / Weather wet, our meeting was Small - Lydia Almy was concerned in Testimony also father Rodman. -
In the Afternoon met with a committee to consider the present debt of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, & the most eligible mode of paying it. many remarks were made & the subject generally opened, but all of the committee not being present nothing was resulted. -*

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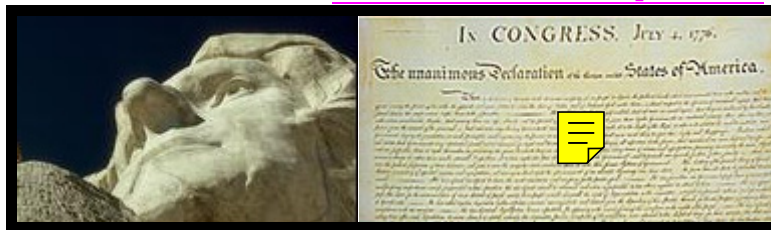


April 12, Sunday: In an attack on the camp of the Red Stick leader Peter McQueen, the forces of General Andrew Jackson and their allies succeeded in killing many native Americans.



"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

— [Declaration of Independence](#)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 4th M / Our Meeting this forenoon was quite full - D Buffum engaged in a lively testimony & Jonathon Dennis, Spoke a little in a religious way with his hat on towards the close. - In the Afternoon father Rodman was engaged in a short but lively testimony

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April 16, Thursday: The Rush/Bagot treaty between the United States of America and Britain demilitarizing the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain was formally ratified by the Senate.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 4 M / Very rainy Day & a very small meeting to me it was a season of but little life. -

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April 18, Saturday: It was established that the US flag was to acquire a star for each state added to its Union. (This convention of course would create a curious form of symbolic confusion during the our civil war.)

Jever was ceded to Oldenburg.

Friend [William Bartram](#) made an entry in his garden diary, about his beloved nephew James: "NB. died this morning [Dr. James Bartram](#) of Kingsess, grandson of the celebrated [John Bartram](#) the Botanist & naturalist." (No other human death had ever been or would ever be recorded by [William](#) among his garden notes.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 18th of 4 M / This Afternoon my beloved friend Thos Anthony came down from [Greenwich](#) to attend our Meeting tomorrow we were very glad of his company & He took tea & Lodged with us. -

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April 19, Sunday: Antonio Salieri's chorus Do re mi fa was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Publication of the Adagio, Variations and Rondo on "Schöne Minka" op.78 for piano by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 4th M 1818 / Our Morning meeting was large & our beloved Brother Thos Anthony was concerned in a very lively testimony & it proved a season of uncommon favor - In the Afternoon Thos was again engaged in testimony - & solemn supplication much to our edification & comfort & some of our hearts were rejoiced on his account & desires raised that he may stand firm in the Truth to the end for at present he appears to have a good gift in the ministry & exercises it with Skill & power. - I went in the evening with him to See Abigail Robinson After setting awhile with her very agreeably we returned & he again lodged with us. -

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April 20, Monday: The US federal Congress enacted sharply increased protectionist tariffs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 4 M / Thos Anthony returned about noon in the [Greenwich](#) Packet. I have no doubt with the precious reward of Peace. -

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United States Statute: "An Act in addition to 'An act to prohibit the introduction of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight,' and to repeal certain parts of the same."

STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 450. For proceedings in Congress, see SENATE JOURNAL, 15th Congress, 1st session, pages 243, 304, 315, 333, 338, 340, 348, 377, 386, 388, 391, 403, 406; HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress, 1st session, pages 450, 452, 456, 468, 479, 484, 492, 505.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: To remedy the obvious defects of the Act of 1807 two courses were possible: one, to minimize the crime of transportation, and, by encouraging informers, to concentrate



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efforts against the buying of smuggled slaves; the other, to make the crime of transportation so great that no slaves would be imported. The Act of 1818 tried the first method; that of 1819, the second.¹⁹⁶ The latter was obviously the more upright and logical, and the only method deserving thought even in 1807; but the Act of 1818 was the natural descendant of that series of compromises which began in the Constitutional Convention, and which, instead of postponing the settlement of critical questions to more favorable times, rather aggravated and complicated them.

The immediate cause of the Act of 1818 was the Amelia Island scandal.¹⁹⁷ Committees in both Houses reported bills, but that of the Senate finally passed. There does not appear to have been very much debate.¹⁹⁸ The sale of Africans for the benefit of the informer and of the United States was strongly urged "as the only means of executing the laws against the slave trade as experience had fully demonstrated since the origin of the prohibition."¹⁹⁹ This proposition was naturally opposed as "inconsistent with the principles of our Government, and calculated to throw as wide open the door to the importation of slaves as it was before the existing prohibition."²⁰⁰ The act, which became a law April 20, 1818,²⁰¹ was a poorly constructed compromise, which virtually acknowledged the failure of efforts to control the trade, and sought to remedy defects by pitting cupidity against cupidity, informer against thief. One-half of all forfeitures and fines were to go to the informer, and penalties for violation were changed as follows: —

For equipping a slaver, instead of a fine of \$20,000, a fine of \$1000 to \$5000 and imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.

For transporting Negroes, instead of a fine of \$5000 and forfeiture of ship and Negroes, a fine of \$1000 to \$5000 and imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.

For actual importation, instead of a fine of \$1000 to \$10,000 and imprisonment from 5 to 10 years, a fine of \$1000 to \$10,000, and imprisonment from 3 to 7 years.

For knowingly buying illegally imported Negroes, instead of a fine of \$800 for each Negro and forfeiture, a fine of \$1000 for

196. The first method, represented by the Act of 1818, was favored by the South, the Senate, and the Democrats; the second method, represented by the Act of 1819, by the North, the House, and by the as yet undeveloped but growing Whig party.

197. Committees on the slave-trade were appointed by the House in 1810 and 1813; the committee of 1813 recommended a revision of the laws, but nothing was done: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 11 Congress 3 session, page 387; 12th Congress 2d session, pages 1074, 1090. The presidential message of 1816 led to committees on the trade in both Houses. The committee of the House of Representatives reported a joint resolution on abolishing the traffic and colonizing the Negroes, also looking toward international action. This never came to a vote: SENATE JOURNAL, 14th Congress 2d session, pages 46, 179, 180; HOUSE JOURNAL, 14th Congress 2d session, pages 25, 27, 380; HOUSE DOCUMENT, 14th Congress 2d session, II. No. 77. Finally, the presidential message of 1817 (HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 1st session, page 11), announcing the issuance of orders to suppress the Amelia Island establishment, led to two other committees in both Houses. The House committee under Middleton made a report with a bill (AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, MISCELLANEOUS, II. No. 441), and the Senate committee also reported a bill.

198. The Senate debates were entirely unreported, and the report of the House debates is very meagre. For the proceedings, see SENATE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 1st session, pages 243, 304, 315, 333, 338, 340, 348, 377, 386, 388, 391, 403, 406; HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 1st session, pages 19, 20, 29, 51, 92, 131, 362, 410, 450, 452, 456, 468, 479, 484, 492, 505.

199. Simkins of South Carolina, Edwards of North Carolina, and Pindall: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 1st session, page 1740.

200. Hugh Nelson of Virginia: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 1st session, page 1740.

201. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 450. By this act the first six sections of the Act of 1807 were repealed.



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each Negro.

The burden of proof was laid on the defendant, to the extent that he must prove that the slave in question had been imported at least five years before the prosecution. The slaves were still left to the disposal of the States.

This statute was, of course, a failure from the start,²⁰² and at the very next session Congress took steps to revise it. A bill was reported in the House, January 13, 1819, but it was not discussed till March.²⁰³ It finally passed, after "much debate."²⁰⁴ The Senate dropped its own bill, and, after striking out the provision for the death penalty, passed the bill as it came from the House.²⁰⁵ The House acquiesced, and the bill became a law, March 3, 1819,²⁰⁶ in the midst of the Missouri trouble. This act directed the President to use armed cruisers on the coasts of the United States and Africa to suppress the slave-trade; one-half the proceeds of the condemned ship were to go to the captors as bounty, provided the Africans were safely lodged with a United States marshal and the crew with the civil authorities. These provisions were seriously marred by a proviso which Butler of Louisiana, had inserted, with a "due regard for the interests of the State which he represented," viz., that a captured slaver must always be returned to the port whence she sailed.²⁰⁷ This, of course, secured decided advantages to Southern slave-traders. The most radical provision of the act was that which directed the President to "make such regulations and arrangements as he may deem expedient for the safe keeping, support, and removal beyond the limits of the United States, of all such negroes, mulattoes, or persons of colour, as may be so delivered and brought within their jurisdiction;" and to appoint an agent in Africa to receive such Negroes.²⁰⁸ Finally, an appropriation of \$100,000 was made to enforce the act.²⁰⁹ This act was in some measure due to the new colonization movement; and the return of Africans recaptured was a distinct recognition of its efforts, and the real foundation of Liberia.

To render this straightforward act effective, it was necessary to add but one measure, and that was a penalty commensurate with the crime of slave stealing. This was accomplished by the Act of May 15, 1820,²¹⁰ a law which may be regarded as the last of

202. Or, more accurately speaking, every one realized, in view of the increased activity of the trade, that it would be a failure.

203. Nov. 18, 1818, the part of the presidential message referring to the slave-trade was given to a committee of the House, and this committee also took in hand the House bill of the previous session which the Senate bill had replaced: HOUSE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 2d session, pages 9-19, 42, 150, 179, 330, 334, 341, 343, 352.

204. Of which little was reported: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 2d session, pages 1430-31. Strother opposed, "for various reasons of expediency," the bounties for captors. Nelson of Virginia advocated the death penalty, and, aided by Pindall, had it inserted. The vote on the bill was 57 to 45.

205. The Senate had also had a committee at work on a bill which was reported Feb. 8, and finally postponed: SENATE JOURNAL, 15th Congress 2d session, pages 234, 244, 311-2, 347. The House bill was taken up March 2: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 2d session, page 280.

206. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 532.

207. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 15th Congress 2d session, page 1430. This insured the trial of slave-traders in a sympathetic slave State, and resulted in the "disappearance" of many captured Negroes.

208. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 533.

209. The first of a long series of appropriations extending to 1869, of which a list is given on the next page. The totals are only approximately correct. Some statutes may have escaped me, and in the reports of moneys the surpluses of previous years are not always clearly distinguishable.



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the Missouri Compromise measures. The act originated from the various bills on piracy which were introduced early in the sixteenth Congress. The House bill, in spite of opposition, was amended so as to include slave-trading under piracy, and passed. The Senate agreed without a division. This law provided that direct participation in the slave-trade should be piracy, punishable with death.²¹¹

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VOLUME	PAGE	DATE	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED
III.	533-4	March 3, 1819	\$100,000
III.	764	March 3, 1823	50,000
IIV.	141	March 14, 1826	32,000
IIV.	208	March 2, 1827	36,710 20,000
IIV.	302	May 24, 1828	30,000
IIV.	354	March 2, 1829	16,000
IIV.	462	March 2, 1831	16,000
IIV.	615	February 20, 1833	5,000
IIV.	67	January 24, 1834	5,000
IV.	157-8	March 3, 1837	11,413 .57
IV.	501	August 4, 1842	10,543 .42
IV.	615	March 3, 1843	5,000
IIX.	96	August 10, 1846	25,000
IXI.	90	August 18, 1856	8,000
IXI.	227	March 3, 1857	8,000
IXI.	404	March 3, 1859	75,000
IXII.	21	May 26, 1860	40,000
IXII.	132	February 19, 1861	900,000
IXII.	219	March 2, 1861	900,000
IXII.	639	February 4, 1863	17,000

210. In the first session of the sixteenth Congress, two bills on piracy were introduced into the Senate, one of which passed, April 26. In the House there was a bill on piracy, and a slave-trade committee reported recommending that the slave-trade be piracy. The Senate bill and this bill were considered in Committee of the Whole, May 11, and a bill was finally passed declaring, among other things, the traffic piracy. In the Senate there was "some discussion, rather on the form than the substance of these amendments," and "they were agreed to without a division": SENATE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 238, 241, 268, 287, 314, 331, 346, 350, 409, 412, 417, 420, 422, 424, 425; HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 113, 280, 453, 454, 494, 518, 520, 522, 537; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 693-4, 2231, 2236-7, etc. The debates were not reported.

211. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 600-1. This act was in reality a continuation of the piracy Act of 1819, and was only temporary. The provision was, however, continued by several acts, and finally made perpetual by the Act of Jan. 30, 1823: STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 510-4, 721. On March 3, 1823, it was slightly amended so as to give district courts jurisdiction.



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IXIII.	424	January 24, 1865	17,000
IXIV.	226	July 25, 1866	17,000
IXIV.	415	February 28, 1867	17,000
IXV.	58	March 30, 1868	12,500
IXV.	321	March 3, 1869	12,500

Total, 50 years	\$ 2,386,666.99
Minus surpluses re-appropriated (approximate)	48,666.99?
	<u>\$ 2,338,000.00</u>
Cost of squadron, 1843-58, @ \$384,500 per year (HOUSE EXECUTIVE DOCUMENT, 31st Cong., 1st sess., IX. No. 73)	5,767,500
Returning slaves on "Wildfire" (STATUTES AT LARGE, XII. 41)	250,000
Approximate cost of squadron, 1858-66, probably not less than \$500,000 per year	(?) 4,000,000
Approximate money cost of suppressing the slave-trade	(?) \$ 12,355,500

Cf. Kendall's Report: SENATE DOCUMENT, 21st Congress 2d session, I. No. 1, pages 211-8; AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, NAVAL, III. No. 429 E.; also Reports of the Secretaries of the Navy from 1819 to 1860.



April 21, Tuesday: [Franz Seraphicus Grillparzer](#)'s "Sappho" premiered in Vienna.

[Henry Wheeler Shaw](#) ("Josh Billings") was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 4 M / This forenoon took Chaise with Aunt Stanton & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to look at a small place which she has had some thoughts of Purchasing - We dined with cousin Isaac Chase - where I felt thankful my lot was cast when I arrived there I was informed of a disagreeable circumstance between one of his sons & a woman who lives in the family. - After dinner my mind was impressed with the necessity of taking a solid opportunity with him on the subject which tho' much in the cross I submitted to & laid before him the consequences of such a connection with the ability then afforded. he received my communication very kindly & if it does not tend to break it up I have the satisfaction of doing what [I] could in season, & feel the reward of peace for this little dedication in the cause of Truth & to support The testimonies of Society - We then rode to Abner Cundels saw his farm & returned home. -

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April 22, Wednesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) wrote again to [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#), urging in the strongest possible moral terms that he involve himself again with the mother, Claire Clairmont, of his illegitimate daughter. Taking Allegra away from her mother was simply wrong, wicked, evil. Byron remained entirely unmoved: he wanted his daughter but would have nothing further to do with its mother. She'd been an OK fuck, and that was about it.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 22nd of 4 M 1818 / This morning Aunt Stanton sailed for N York – Yesterday we had the news of the sudden departure from time of our cousin Dorcas Gardiner & this morning soon after Aunt Stanton left us - Word was brought over from Narragansett that Peleg Gardiner father of Dorcas Died twelve hours after her -this is an afflicting stroke to the family, to have two corpses laying in one house at one time is no common circumstance. & from the near friendship which existed between My mother & cousin Peleg I see nothing but that I must go over to Narragansett to the funeral, tho' much against my interest, being behind hand in my buisness already
On mature consideration this Afternoon of Aunt Molly Wantons situation &c I concluded not to go to Narragansett*

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April 23, Thursday: James Anthony Froude was born at Dartington in Devon, the last of 8 children of Archdeacon R.H. Froude.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 4 M / At Meeting Abigail Sherman delivered a short testimony – also Father Rodman. – to me it was a Dull time. – we had a considerable buisness in the preparative Meeting which held till 1 / 2 past One OClock –
Aunt Mary Wanton today is exceedingly feeble & it would not be surprising Should she depart this life in a very short time.*

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On the obverse of this carte de visite of James Anthony Froude is penned the remark "Emerson said he had the happy facility of seeing wholes and seeing particulars."



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April 24, Friday: The vessel *Caroline* departed from Philadelphia under master James Serrill for New Orleans, transporting a [slave](#) cargo of 2 women, 3 boys, a girl and a female infant:

Milly	Female	45 years	5'2"	Crogham, owner — Louisiana
Rhodea	Female	32 years	5'3"	Washington Jackson, owner — Philadelphia
Humphrey	Male	14 years	5'2"	Crogham, owner — Louisiana
Dillie	Female	12 years	4'6"	
William	Boy	5 years		
James	Boy	4 years		
Lucy	Female	1 year		

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 24th of 4th M / Aunt M Wanton remains much as Yesterday
- a poor suffering mortal both in body & mind. - & how long she
will remain is uncertain tho' from all human probability it
cannot be long ere the Scene of life must close*

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April 26, Sunday: Major General Andrew Jackson issued a written general order at his headquarters in Fort St. Marks, Florida directing “a special court martial, to meet at 12 o’clock, A.M., for the purpose of investigating charges exhibited against A. Arbuthnot, R.C. Ambrister, and such others, who are similarly situated, as may be brought before it.” (This order is of special interest in our current national situation under the Homeland Defense Act, because the Obama Administration has been arguing that whether or not General Jackson’s actions were hasty, poorly considered, immoral, and/or indecent, nevertheless they do constitute one of the valid legal precedents for the Bush Administration’s still-open prison at Guantánamo and for our current actions against persons whom the current administration chooses to characterize as “extremists,” and as such may be fairly offered in argument in court. Nevertheless, the Pentagon’s top lawyer, Jeh Johnson, has sent to the Seminole Tribe of Florida what amounts to an apology for having likened al Qaida as of 2012 to their tribe as of 1818!)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th 4 M 1818 / The forenoon meeting was silent in the
Afternoon Lydia Almy & Abigail Sherman was concerned in short
testimonys. - to me they were remarkably dull meetings. --After
tea took a walk with father Rodman to see Isaac Mitchell & wife
& spent a little time very pleasantly with them -*

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April 27, Monday: Irish and British mercenaries in two ships supporting Chilean independence defeated two Spanish warships that had been blocking the harbor of Valparaiso.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 4 M / Aunt Mary Wanton is very low today, it seems as if a period is fast approaching to her sufferings, & tho' her life for a long time past has neither been comfortable to herself or friends, yet we who remember her in better days, can but feel the cords of affection nearly & closely touched at the prospect of a separation. - I set with her for some time towards night & endeavoured to center my mind in the quiet & was favor'd with the precious evidence of divine favor, which I believe was felt by her, for several times she spoke affectionately, & put our her hand which on my taking it She Squeezed it several times. -

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April 30, Thursday: Chauncey R. Watson secured US Patent #203,226 for an improvement in the doors of grain cars (it would later be determined by the US Supreme Court that this patent should not have been issued, and was null and void, because although Watson's improvement may well have been novel and may well have proven useful, it had not arisen from "the exercise of the inventive faculty" — you can get off the train now, Chauncey).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 4 M / Finding Aunt M Wanton to lay about as she has done for several days past - Took Sister Ruth in a Chaise (my H being quite unwell) & went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - the forepart of the first meeting was to me a season of favor & I thought of general solemnity - H Dennis & A Sherman offered short testimonys - In the last we had considerable buisness. - which succeeded considering all things as well as could be expected - Ebenezer Metcalf & Phebe Almy published their intentions of marriage - We dined at Richard Mitchells - then rode home found Aunt M Wanton much as we left her surprising instance of suffering humanity -

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May 4, Monday: For purposes of suppression of the [international slave trade](#), the Netherlands granted to the warships of Great Britain permission to board and inspect its commercial shipping on the high seas, and of course vice versa (BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1817-18, pages 125-43).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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2nd day 4rd of 5th M 1818 / My dear Aunt MARY WANTON quietly drew he last breath this fornoon at 30 minutes past 11 OClock, she was evidently changeing for some hours & about two hours before she left us was very desirous to be got in her easy chair which was done & she seemed easier & drew her breath shorter &



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shorter till she died & left us without any struggle which we esteem a favor, she appeared to know all around her till she sunk below observation. – For nine years or there about she has suffered mental derangement & for about three Months her bodily health has been sinking. – She has many times within a few weeks expressed her willingness to depart & been favor'd with reason at intervals.



May 5, Tuesday: Karl Heinrich Marx was born in Trier, Prussia, to Heinrich Marx, a lawyer descended from a line of Sephardic Jewish rabbis. The family would convert to Protestantism. Karl would be given a classical education, and would study jurisprudence at Bonn and later in Berlin — where, however, his preoccupation with philosophy would, according to Friedrich Engels, lure him away from the law.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 5 M / This morning friends have set out for [Greenwich](#) Quartlerly Meeting - as some of them went from hour [sic] down to the Packet I felt the Prayer sensibly to rise in my spirit "Go with them that Go – Stay with them that stay" AUNT MARY WANTON was interd this Afternoon in the Clifton burying ground, the funeral was large & respectably attended, she was in the 68th Year of her Age. Was thro' life a woman much esteemed & loved by her acquaintances, but the state of her nerveas system has been such for 9 years past as to have rendered her incapable of enjoying & being enjoyed by company – Mother will miss her much who has had the chief care of her during her confinement.

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May 6, Wednesday: This was the day on which the chickens came home to roost. [Mordecai Manuel Noah](#), a Jewish American who had never pretended to be anything other than a Jewish American, had been appointed by our federal government as its consul to the Kingdom of Tunis (you can read about how he rescued American citizens kept as slaves by Moroccan masters in his [TRAVELS IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE BARBARY STATES IN THE YEARS 1813-14 AND 15](#), printed in New-York in 1819). When local Moslems found out that they were being asked to deal respectfully with an American consul who was nothing but a contemptible [Jew](#), there had been outrage and protests whereupon our federal government had obligingly recalled this consul. We were so sorry that we had so unsuspectingly transgressed against their sense of decency! On this day Mr. Noah wrote to President [James Madison](#), in effect inquiring as to how it could be legitimate for his government to have damaged his reputation by firing him, not on the basis of anything he had said or done as consul but merely on account of his objectionable religion or ethnicity. (Hooh! — Do I never want to get a letter like that!)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 5th M 1818 / This is Election Day & as usual much noise & stir about the streets, but what added to the difficulty & depressed of my mind very much was an Alarm of Fire at 11 OClock which proved to be the chimney of J Cook Hotel & caught the roof – a black man in endeavoring to extinguish the fire fell from the roof & hurt himself exceedingly I saw the poor



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*fellow in his agony which was not a little trying to my feelings
Notwithstanding all I went on board the Packet at about half
after 4 OC PM & sailed to [Greenwich](#) before dark, in company with
several other friends – I stoped at J Caseys & took a dish of
tea then went to cousin Wanton Caseys & Lodged –*

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May 7, Thursday: Jan Antonín (Leopold) Kozeluch died in Vienna at the age of 70.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day this morning after breakfast called at J Caseys & saw
several friends – then at the Public House where were Wm Rotch
Jr, Saml Rodman, [O Brown](#), Thos Arnold, & [Moses Brown](#). I found
myself in a very interesting circle, they were engaged in
recounting the exercises they had passed thro' in supporting the
various testimonys of Society, particularly their labors
together when on a committee from the Y Meeting Some years ago
to Congress on behalf of the oppressed Africans – Then called
at James Greens & took a dish of tea before meeting – At Meeting
Jas Green appeard in lively testimony then Micajah Collins, then
Thos Anthony & then Wm Almy – The last meeting was memorable to
me, being before it under consideration as an Elder – James
Greens remarks on the subject will long be remembered. – After
meeting which was a season of favor – Our company got dinner &
went on board the Packet & so prosperous was the gale that at
we got home before it was quite dark which made me at about 28
hours from home.*

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May 10: [Paul Revere](#) died at the age of 83.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 5th M 1818 / Our Morning Meeting was large & Silent, & remarkably unsettled in consequence of many not being informd that it began at 10 OC, one hour earlier than usual & so to continue thro' the summer. in the Afternoon it was larger than usual for the Afternoon Meeting – Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimonny as was Lydia Almy. –

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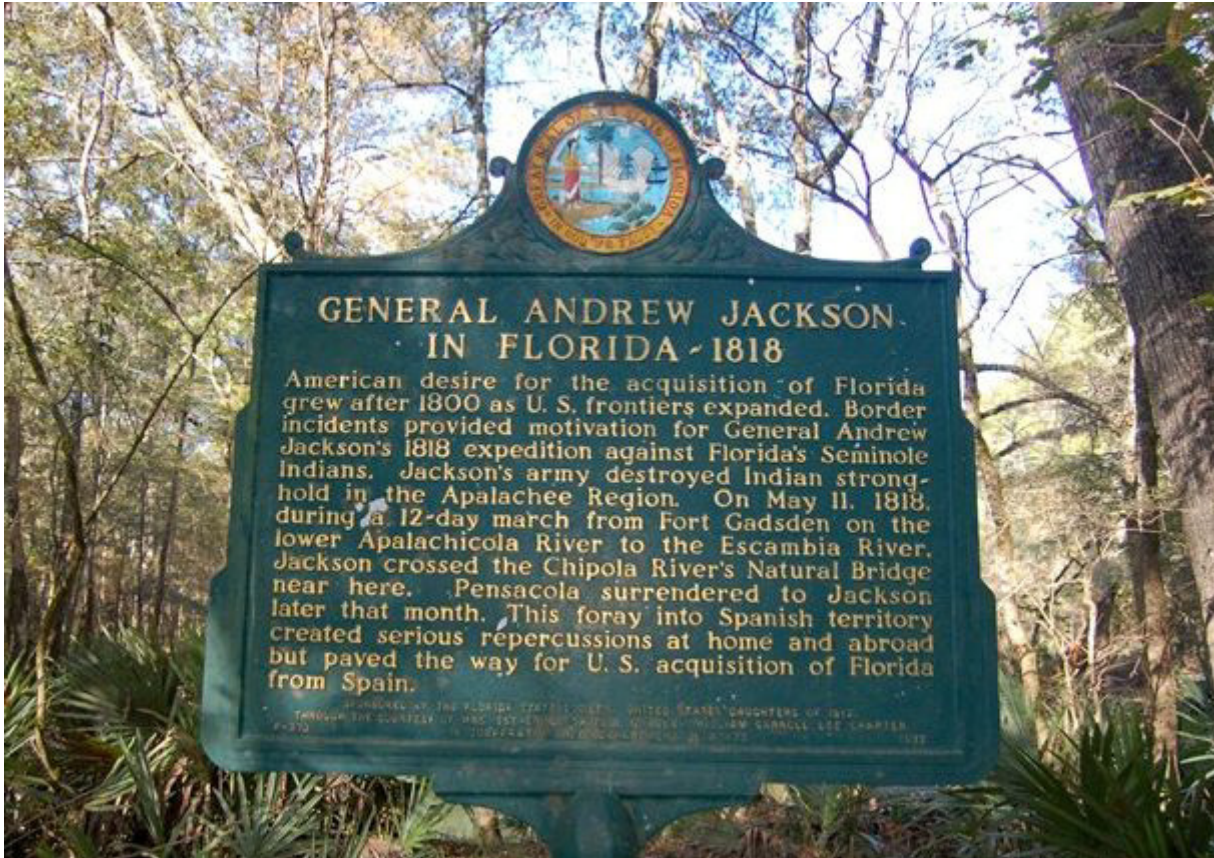
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May 11, Monday: During a 12-day march from Fort Gadsden on the lower Apalachicola River to the Escambia River, the army of Major General Andrew Jackson crossed the Natural Bridge over the Chipola River, in what has by now become the Florida Caverns State Park.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 5 M / My mind is brought into a state of feeling this evening which is a precious evidence of divine favor. - I expect thro' the remainder of my life many Baptisms & hope I may be found worthy of them, & that they may wash away all that is impure, but Alas be fore that can be effected how deep the dippins in Jordon & how hot the furnace must be made I know not, but have no doubt if I can abide under them & become faithful to the Manifestation of truth that they will work out my Salvation & Secure my peace here & hereafter -

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May 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 5th M / Silent Meeting & to me a dull time, was much unwell & set the meeting in some pain in my back the effects



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of a cold taken by standing on the damp ground

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May 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 5 M / Our Meetings were Small, but to my mind seasons of some life. – the day was very rainy – Sister Ruth staid with us last night & spent this day. – my mother is quite unwell. & I have for a number of days been very poorly myself with a pain in my back. which the usual medicines dont seem fully to relieve

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May 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 5th M 1818 / My mother remains poorly, but I think a little better – My Back is also better, but still some pain My H is quite unwell but keep about her ancle that was burt is yet very weak & her oppression at the chest continues tho' we have done several things to help it – so we are subject to infirmities, & tho' we have yet to only what may be called about middleage, yet it will soon be over with us as to this world, & if we are prepared it is of but little consequence to us how soon. – Silent meeting & no buisness in the last (Preparative). –

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May 25, Monday: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 15th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 5 M / L Almy & father Rodman concerned in short
testimonys in the forenoon – Silent in the Afternoon My H was
at meeting & took tea at her fathers it is the first time she
has been out since she sprained her Ankle. –*

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May 28, Thursday: The Tariff Reform Act abolished internal duties in Prussia and created uniform tariffs throughout the kingdom.

In [Concord](#), Deacon White's house took fire, but the fire was extinguished.²¹²

*Provision Against Fire. – The Fire Society was organized May 5,
1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January.
The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt*

212. Although we know that during this year the [Concord](#) Fire Society obtained a new fire engine to replace or supplement the one it had had since 1794, we do not know whether that new engine was in place prior to this fire and contributed to its extinguishment, or whether, on the other hand, the fires of this year prompted the purchase of the new equipment.



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Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.²¹³

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th 5 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town - the first meeting was silent & solid & to me a pretty good time -in the last we progressed in buisness (I thought) rather better than common -

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[Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote to Rabbi Mordecai M. Noah in regard to religious tolerance:

Your sect, by its sufferings, has furnished a remarkable proof of the universal spirit of religious intolerance inherent in every sect, disclaimed by all while feeble, and practiced by all when in power. Our laws have applied the only antidote to the vice, protecting our religious as they do our civil rights, by putting all men on an equal footing.

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May 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 5 M / We have this day pretty much finished cleaning house & are on that account ready for Yearly Meeting - There is talk that the Yearly Meeting will be removed some place further eastward. The committeee to consider of the subject will report this Year - I, with many others would miss it greatly, but such is the care & great responsibility that is attatched to it, that when I am anticipating of it, my mind is ready to sink under the weight of it, & am nearly willing to Surrender all the advantage & let others take the burden. I believe that what ever may be the result, my mind may be resigned to it. -

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May 31, Sunday: [John Albion Andrew](#) was born in Windham, Maine. He would practice law in [Boston](#) until the antislavery movement would draw him into politics.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31st of 5 M 1818 / Our Meetings were rather small the

213. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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*weather being rainy - In the forenoon silent & in the Afternoon
father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony - rather dull
seasons to me tho' at times in the course of the Day favord with
Sensibility. -*

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→ June: The New England [Yearly Meeting](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) at [Portsmouth](#) was informed by its Meeting for Sufferings committee that the construction of [Yearly Meeting School](#) was so far completed that the building in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) might be made us of during the following winter. The hiring of staff was authorized. Friends [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and Lydia Gould of [Newport](#) would be serving as Assistant Superintendents.

→ June 1, Monday: In the House of Commons in London, a Motion for Parliamentary Reform (which is to say, universal suffrage and annual parliaments) went down in defeat.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 1st of 6th M 1818 / My mind has been much under the
pressure of sympathy with Elisfull Jernagan a woman of my
acquaintance who has this forenoon had a Cancer cut from her
Breast weighing about 10 ounces. We must all have something to
afflict us in this life, & if it does not come in one way, it
commonly does in another - & perhaps it is all right & necessary,
to wean our affections from things in this world & fix them on
more substantial bliss in that which is to come. -*

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→ June 3, Wednesday: The execution in occupied Florida of the British subjects Alexander Arbuthnot and Robert Ambrister was beginning to cause a reaction against the exploits of this out-of-control general Andrew Jackson both in London and in Washington DC, a reaction which would need to be managed very careful by Jackson's privy supporter, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams — until finally Britain blinked and Foreign Secretary Castlereigh was persuaded to save face by declaring that by their actions or something, these two royal subjects had somehow chosen to place themselves “outside of the royal protection.” In other words, “Face facts guys, you're already dead and nobody's going to try to prove anything by going to war over a couple of cold cadavers.”)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 3rd of 6th M / This Afternoon was called on by Jonathon
Biegelow a student at Andover Seminary, he wished to be informd
of the Number of members that belong to this Moy [Monthly]
Meeting as he was travelling for the purpose of Assertaining the
number of professors of religion in New England - from minutes
which I had by me I could pretty readily give him the Number in
this Preparative Meeting which I made about 222 - while looking
over the Members my feelings were forceably struck with the
necessity I was under of including some in the number who were*



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barely professors, & from appearance (at least) were very small possessors of those requisites which constitute the real christian. I made this remark to him, & observed that there were many who stood within the pale of no Church, that were much nigher the Kingdom than some who did.

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June 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th 6th M 1818 / Silent meeting excepting a disturbance from V Flagg a black woman who undertook to preach

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June 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 6 M / Isaac Mitchell was this Morning taken extremely ill of the bilious cholic - In the Afternoon they sent for me to come & set with him I found him in great distress & I left him so this evening tho' with some prospect of being better from the operation of the Medicine- While sitting with him I could but reflect, what [poor creatures we are & how liable we are to be taken suddenly from this to another state of existence & how necessary for us to be in a state of preparation

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June 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 6th M / This morning took boat & with Lydia Almy crossed to Connanicut & attended the Meeting there a company of about 30 assembled & there were some solid countenanced young women among the number, but the prospect is low & was it not for the few solid people that are not members who attends I should not think there was sufficient encouragement to keep up the meeting - Lydia was concerned in a short testimony to satisfaction We dined at Joseph Greenes & came across the ferry in good season to attend our Afternoon Meeting which was silent After which Attended the funeral of the Widow Stoddard Aged 93 & 3 days, she the mother of Walter Nichols's Wife.

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June 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 6 M / This forenoon Br Isaac returned from N York & Brought accounts of the welfare of our relations & friends



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there. -

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June 10, Wednesday: The newly rebuilt opera house in Pesaro was opened with a performance of La gazza ladra by Gioachino Rossini in his birthplace.

Construction began on the Champlain [Canal](#), to the [Erie Canal](#) near Cohoes, New York with Lake Champlain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th of 6 M / Saw in the Boston Papers this evening, the notice of the Death of "Wm Brown of Salem an estimable member & minister of the Society of Friends aged 30" he was an acquaintance of mine & a hopeful man, he has gone, he has passed into the Valley of the Shadow of death in scarcely the meridian [of] life - may this be to all a solemn Warning to be prepared to meet the final change - I feel it so to me & hope the impressons may be lasting -

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June 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 6th M 1818 / Our meeting was rather small as it generally is the fifth day previous to the Yearly Meeting - there was a short testimony in the forepart of the Meeting & was on the Whole a solid season - In the Last (Preparative) the extracts of the last Yearly Meeting Minutes was read & were truly edifying, & tho' they have been nearly twelve Months in getting down to the lesser meetings, have lost none of the excellent savor under which they were penned. -

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June 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 6 M / Several friends have arrived to attend the Yearly Meeting who I hope will add weight by their presence. - My feelings have been quite on the low key today & if I do not feel better tomorrow Dont know that it will be best for me to go to [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow. -

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June 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 6 M / This morning took our Aged & very intersting friend John Casey in a chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#)



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to attend our SELECT YEARLY Meeting which is the first I was ever at - It was remarkably solid & to me an instructing season We dined at Saml Thurstons - In the Afternoon I went back to the Meeting house & carried J Casey to the meeting for sufferings & then rode down to Benj. Freeborns to see his daughter Ruth who has been long confined with consumptive symptoms (at least) here I saw & had an opportunity of conversing with our friend John Heald & his companion Thos Wickersham of Ohio who accepted an invitation to lodge with us, we rode home thro' the west road & stoped & took a dish of tea with Hannah Gould - Our lodgers were Luke & Sarah Aldrich & Hannah Holder -

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June 14, Sunday: The first loaded boat passed through the newly completed locks of the Seneca and Cayuga Canal at Seneca Falls, New York (paying a toll of 50 cents).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 6 M 1818 / Our Morning meeting was not quite as large as usual owing to the Rain. Daniel Howland was concerned in a solemnizing testimony followed by James Greene in a corresponding sound & pertinent communication - Then Jerard T Hopkins in a most benevolent & charratable testimony embracing among all the religious denominations of the true Church & thro' him the standard of truth was exalted. I have seldom been in a meeting to more general satisfaction The people were quiet & solid in their deportment-

In the Afternoon the Meeting was very large - Elizabeth Coggeshall was concerned in testimony - Then Jerard T Hopkins much favord & truth again reigned among us which kept the multitude much more quiet than usual in the Afternoon of the Yearly Meeting -

In addition to our former lodgers we had Olive Cobb daughter of Edwd. - a number took tea with us.

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June 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our meeting was opened this Morning at the usual hour under a solemn covering, after short testimonies from D Howland H Post & J T Hopkins After accounts were read from the different quarters one of them containing the dismissal of Stephen Buffington from the Select Meeting, he rose & made considerable disturbance, but friends succeeded in quieting the poor man & the meeting resumed the general course of buisness & solemnity was restored. The epistles from the different Y Meetings were read & some of them were peculiarly interesting -The committee appointed last Year to consider the subject of removing the Yearly Meeting reported that they considered it inexpedient at



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this time -. Thos Anthony & several others bore short testimonies & to me it was a precious season for which I desire to be thankful -

At 4 OC this Afternoon the meeting again met It appeard that an individual who had appealed from the judgement of the Moy [Monthly] & Quarterly Meeting had taken his seat in meeting this occasioned some difficulty but was soon got over & the meeting went into the state of society which in the general was found to be as well as usual - but it apprear'd that some who had served as soldiers in the late revolutionary War & since that time joined our Society, had entered their names as applicants for the pension lately granted to revolutionary Soldiers - they live in the eastern Quarters far down & the advice of the Yearly Meeting was requested. This occasioned considerable debate & resulted in the Appointment of a committee to deliberate on the Sunject.-

We had a pretty large company at tea & in the evening a family sitting in which Daniel Howland was largely engaged in testimony & a few words by Edw Cobb. - In addition to our lodgers we had John Heald & his Companion Thos Wickersham. -

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June 17, Wednesday: Charles François Gounod was born in Paris, 2d and final child born to François-Louis Gounod, official artist to the Duc de Berry and drawing master to the pages of the King's Chamber, with Victoire Lemachois, daughter of a lawyer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about the proceedings of the New England [Yearly Meeting](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) at [Portsmouth](#):

4th day - The Meeting begun at 10 OClock - Various concerns came before us - that which excited the most interest was a communication brought in by a committee appointed Yesterday, to the different quarterly meetings respecting the applications of several friends in low circumstances to the general government for pentions for their services in the revolutionary War - a general Unity was expressed discouraging all such applications & advising to the contrary, & encouraging all meetings where such applicants may reside to extend to them a liberal hand of help. - Henry Post at the opening of the meeting appeared in fervant supplication. -

The Meeting met this evening at 4 OC - the first buisness entered on was Jeremiah Austins Appeal which was confirmed -After expressing a few words, - which were reply'd to in a most feeling & pertinent manner by [Moses Brown](#) - he retired from the meeting having the heart felt sorrow of many friends - -Epistles were prepared to the usual meetings with which we correspond & most of them were attended with a good savor of life & also a communication was prepared to the different Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, written with much animation so that some of us said in our hearts "the best wine has come last" - The Meeting concluded under a solemn covering - & I have no doubt many may



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say with emphasis "It is good for me to be here"



June 18, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber and his wife moved into a cottage in the village of Hosterwitz, upstream from Dresden. He was worried about was deteriorating health.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day - This morning most of our Company left us after breakfast with whom we have been associated in a family way thro' the course of this Yearly Meeting - my friends have never felt nearer to me than at this time, & an increase of love I think must be a good sign & if follow'd by an increase of obedience to the divine law in the heart may terminate in redemption from evil, which at seasons (at least) is my hearts desire. - Our meeting this day was large quiet & much favor'd J T Hopkins John Heald, Lydia Dean, Mary Allen & Avis Keene were engaged in testimony & E Coggeshal in supplication. - In the Afternoon Our friend John Heald & his Companion Thos Wickersham left us for [Portsmouth](#) it was unpleasant to find on going for Thomas's horse that he had been Kicked so as to render him quite useless & we were obliged to furnish him with another which will occasion him another journey back in a few days. -

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June 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 6th M 1818 / Our morning meeting was large & silent - at the close of it information was given that Jerrard T Hopkins expected to be at meeting this Afternoon & general information was requested to be given & the meeting was defer'd to 5 O'clock. - in the forenoon he was at the meeting in [Portsmouth](#)

In the Afternoon we had a very large meeting of different persuasions in religion & Jerrard was much favord in Gospel communication, much to the satisfaction of friends & others. - I rejoice that Truth has borne the victory, not only thro' the Sittings of the Yearly Meeting but in the several public meetings since, so that no loss has been sustained that I am aware of, & on my own part I desire to be thankful in a belief that to me it has been a season of enlargement of experience in the truth, which perhaps may never be forgotten. - the circumstances of my being initiated into the Select Meeting is humbling, & for a day or two so much so that I have almost trembled under the weight of the responsibility of the Station of Elder. Oh! how much care caution & circumspect conduct is necessary to dignify the appointment, & above all a deeply religious life.

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
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 June 22, Monday: Sarah Anna Chace ([Sarah Chace Greene](#)) was born in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to William Chace and Lydia Bowen Drowne Chace.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


2nd day 22nd of 6 M / This mornng J T Hopkins & companion, accompanied by J D Williams took the Packet & went to [Providence](#) My H spent the Afternoon at her fathers & I took tea with them - This evening Thos Wickersham returned for his horse & found him much better. he lodge with us.

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 June 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 6 M / This morning Thos Wickersham rose before any of us was up, took his horse & went on his way to join his companion J Heald at [Smithfield](#) -

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 June 24, Wednesday: DISCOURSE DELIVERED AT STOUGHTON, BEFORE THE RISING STAR LODGE, AT THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, JUNE 24, A.D. 1818. BY [THADDEUS MASON HARRIS, D.D.](#), PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS (Boston: Printed by John Eliot).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 6 M / James Spencer Gould son of my cousin Job Gould called at my Shop to see me this forenoon - My H set the Afternoon at George Engs - I took tea & set the evening with them. -

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 June 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 6th M 1818 / I am going this morning to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting with my H & John - The prospect of spending a day from home looks very discouraging, so soon after Yearly Meeting when my concerns demand my attention in my shop, but I have looked at it & see no way to omit it at this time. We stoped a little while before meeting at Uncle Thurstons. - At meeting A Sherman & H Dennis appeard in testimony but to me it was a dull time & in the last the little buisness that came before us was not conducted quite as well as common. - The serpent was evidently at Work in one individul at least, who as usual when opportunity offers manifests a malignity against a few who are coming forward in society & indeed there are but a few who he esteems among the Active part of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - it is afflicting to see & feel such a disposition among us, but there are many & indeed almost all see to the bottom of




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 June 26, Friday: Sarah Wesley reported that after almost a year in the lunatic asylum of Blacklands House her brother Samuel Wesley had been thought well enough to have been released.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day 26th of 6th M / We have had the company of John Earl & Wife. Geo Engs & wife Phebe Carpenter - B Hadwen & Sister Ruth to take tea with us. - This was a pleasant social circle & to be number'd among our many privileges. - how often is the chain of love & friendship strengthened & brightened by these circles that are made among those who consider them Selves in high life

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 June 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 28 of 6 M / Silent meeting in the morning - A few words in the Afternoon & thro' the day a very barran time to me —

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 June 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29th of 6th M 1818 / This day has been exceedingly Warm & particularly this Afternoon I have suffered much with the heat—

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 June 30, Tuesday: Le petit chaperon rouge, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Théaulon de Lambert after Perrault, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

George Anson Byron III, son of Captain George Anson Byron and Elizabeth Mary Chandos-Pole, was born. (This infant would grow up to become the 8th Baron Byron.)

GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 6 M / Rose early this morning (as I have done several running) & went over to the Point & took a sea bathing, which was very refreshing.

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 July 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 2nd of 7 M 1818 / Our meeting was rather small, but I thought a good degree of solemnity was witnessed. father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony.

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Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Saturday: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 14th birthday.

In Paris, the 4th was celebrated by a banquet at the Restaurant Bancelin for guests of honor including the former Senator James Brown of Louisiana, the American Minister to Paris, and General Lafayette.

In Washington DC, for \$5 one might purchase a facsimile of the [Declaration of Independence](#) that had been created for the occasion by the printer Benjamin O. Tyler.

At the shipyard of Flannigan and Beachem in Fell's Point of [Baltimore](#), the steamship *United States* was launched.

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about the patriotic celebration:

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

7th day 4th of 7 M / This as usual has been a day of noise, but no accident has occurred that I have heard of. -



July 5, Sunday: [John Thoreau, Jr.](#)'s 4th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 7 M / Our Meeting this forenoon was to me a season of dullness as to life, tho' I tryed to rouse my mind to feelings that I desired yet was unable Father Rodman was concerned in a short but lively testimony - In the Afternoon father had a short lively testimony - but to me it was an almost lifeless time - After tea took John & walked round the Hill & went into the Clifton burying ground - This repository of the dead has many times afforded me very serious reflections. - as I believe I have before inserted many of my relations are there inter'd, & also many who in their day were conspicuous in our society as members zealous & active for the promotion of Truth & righteousness on the earth, their spirits I trust are now in Heaven where I hope many who are now endeavouring to promote the same good cause, will join them, when their services here are at an end. -

My dear H has not been able to go to meeting, her ancle is very lame & she has suffered much with it, but I am in hopes, if she



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can cease to use it for a short time it will be better, but while she keeps using it as much as she does there is but little amendment to be expected. —

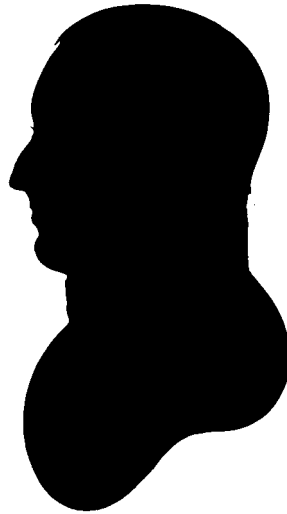
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July 9, Thursday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 9th of 7th M 1818 / I rose by 4 OC this morning took a pleasant Walk to the North Battery & took a Sea bathing, last evening a Brig belonging to Bristol came in & this morning I saw her with all her Canvass Spread to a small but fair breeze & favoring tide making her way home. The sight was animating to my feelings. I love commerce & hope she will again rise in this pleasant town. —

Our Meeting was rather small, & I believe not a season of much life. it was silent. —



(We can trust that Friend Stephen knew a hawk from a handsaw and that therefore this “Brig belonging to Bristol” that Friend Stephen was having warm feelings toward **could not have been** one of the [DeWolf](#) family’s [Bristol](#)-based negreros bound for the proslavery Bristol US Customs Office because in that shed it was still being ignored and evaded that engaging in the [international slave trade](#) had been transformed years before, by the US Congress, into a capitol felony.)

NEGREROS



SLAVERY



July 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 7 M / In our Morning Meeting Mary Morton was engaged in a sweet & lively testimony -- In the Afternoon she was again concerned in a few words & also father Rodman noth lively communications. —

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July 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 7 M / Attended the funeral of Susanna Fowler [Towles?] a woman who requested to be buried in a plain way after the manner of friends & it is remarkable that there were three other funerals in the street at the same time Vizt a daughter of Mumford Peckham & Henry Gradiners wife - & all three in the common burying ground at one time. -

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July 15, Wednesday: In England, Abraham Thornton had been tried and found not guilty of having raped and murdered Mary Ashford, and released. On this date he was reconfined due to his having been challenged to an "Appeal of Murder," that is to say, [Trial by Combat](#), by Mary Ashford's heir-at-law, her 10-year-old brother Henry Stout, acting through his mother. Thornton was used to working with his hands in the building trades and while not large would surely have been able to overpower Mary's kid brother. The defendant's lawyers could be fairly confident that the boy would not actually attempt to fight. When Thornton was asked to plead, he said that he was not guilty and was prepared to defend it with his body, he then pulled off some woollen gauntlets made for the occasion and threw them down in the approved fashion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 7 M / This Afternoon in the Boston Stage arrived Saml Wood & his daughter Anne of New York. They are on their way home from a long journey of buisness & pleasure, which they have extended as far as Quebeck - Saml is a friend we love & are always glad to see him -

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July 18, Saturday: Heil dir, Sappho!, for chorus, winds and percussion by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, as part of Sappho, a play by Grillparzer, in the Dresden Hoftheater.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 7 M 1818 / Attended the Monthly meeting for ministers & Elders which was the first I have set in of that kind & will be memorable - my mind was on a low key & the queries suggested the necessity of living near to the truth, & much nearer than I fear I shall be able to attain. All I can say or look forward to is to endeavor to live as near the Truth as I can, but alass how frail I am. -

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July 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 7 M / Being Rainy both meetings were small & both were silent - in the morning it was rather poor in the Afternoon my mind was sweetly favor'd with divine life for which



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I desire to be thankful

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July 23, Thursday: The individual who had been disinterring bodies from a local graveyard of Ipswich for anatomical purposes having been fined a large sum of money, the Reverend Crowell preached, at the request of his parishioners, a sermon from JOHN 20:13.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23d of 7 M / Our Meeting this day was an excellent one to me soon after I took my seat I felt a sweetness to arise that was precious for which I desire to be thankful. – Lydia ALmy father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged in short testimonys This Afternoon Aunt Stanton arrived from New York. –

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July 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25 of 7 M Aunt Stanton & Br Isaac went this Afternoon to Narragansett to see Mother who has been there some weeks. –

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July 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 7 M / Our forenoon meeting was well attended, a verry [sic] considerable number as usual that were present were not members, whose countenances were pleasant & I have no doubt were Strengthening to those who had the weight of the meeting upon them – Jonathon Dennis & his wife & father Rodman were concerned in public testimony & to me it was a very good time, for which my thankfulness was renew'd to HIM who was the Author of that & every favor –
The Meeting was Silent in the Afternoon & to me good one –Sister Mary spent the Afternoon with us. – Attended the funeral of a man by the name of J Rivers who died at Thos Townsends – a stranger from the Southward –*

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July 30, Thursday: Emily Jane Brontë was born in Thorton, Yorkshire, England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 7th M 1818 / Our first meeting was silent excepting a short offering from Anna Dennis which was her first public appearance & was only the text "My people shall be a willing people in the day of my Power saith the Lord" this seemed



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to me like a sweet little sacrifice, & I believe it will not be too much for me to say that a Prayer arose in my heart that she might dwell in the littleness in the sympathy, & be preserved within her depth. –

Our last being Monthly Meeting – was to me a precious Meeting & as far as I apprehended it my place to take a part in the concerns of Society which came before us – feel satisfied with my offerings (as well perhaps) as at any Moy [Monthly] Meeting that I now recollect – & the savor which remains is very pleasant. – My Aunt Martha Stanton sent in to the Meeting a request to be reinstated to her right of membership, she was disowned by minute more than twenty two years ago for marrying out of the order of society & is now concerned to be restored to the fellowship of the body & to me as well as some others it is a very consoling circumstance that she is like to die a member of the society of which she was a member. – her Ancestors on fathers & mothers side from the first settlement of society in New England were of the Quaker faith & for that same faith she has ever felt a love & in good measure lived in & I hope will now close her life in with increasing brightness.

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August 1, Saturday: [Maria Mitchell](#) was born, the third child of Friend William Mitchell and Friend Lydia Mitchell, a [Quaker](#) family that would produce a total of ten children.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 8th M 1818 / Rose this morning early, went over to the Point & at Dyres shore took a sea Bathing, this with the walk, has been very serviceable this Very Warm Summer. – A walk in the morning is pleasant, being cool, the air sweet & as few are moving retirement may be enjoyed to reflect on pleasant Scenes around – when I got to the Mansion of our late friend Thos Robinsons I found carpenters at work building a new fence around the garden & John Morton looking on it was very agreeable to see any improvement in the looks of our town which I think has been Smarted up a little this Summer

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August 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 8th M 1818 / Our Morning Meeting was a favor'd one our friend Mary Morton was engaged in a living testimony which accorded with the engagement of my mind before any thing was expressed – Then Hannah Dennis was engaged to address the Youth inviting them to the godly resolution of Joshua "Let others do as they may as for me & my house we will serve the Lord". –

In the Afternoon Father Rodman & Anne Greene were concerned in



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*testimony - both meetings were large & to my feelings were owned
by the extending of divine goodness*

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August 3, Monday: Natur und Liebe, a cantata for mixed voices and piano by Carl Maria von Weber to words of Kind, was performed for the initial time, in Dresden, for the nameday of the King of Saxony.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 3 of 8 M / We had the very pleasant Company of Avis C
Howland, Abby Lee & Sister Mary to set the Afternoon & evening
with us*

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August 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 8 M / This forenoon was called on my PRINCE
SANDERS a man of colour originally from Boston, but now engaged
in the Dominions of Christophe on the Islands of Hayti as
superintendent or President of the National Schools, he appears
to be a man of consequence with the King of Hayti, & is to preach
before the Africans of this Town at Hitchcocks Meeting this
evening - I was glad to have an opportunity of an acquaintance
with him, he appears to be a very sensible & intelligent man,
modest afable, - my mind was interested on his account &
concerned to express some things which impressed it on a
religious account was glad to find he received it kindly -*

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August 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 5 of 8th M / Rose this morning at half past 3 OClock &
with Father Rodman took the Boston Stage & rote [rode] to
[Portsmouth](#) stoped at Uncle Saml Thurstons & took breakfast then
walked to Asa Shermans & rested & then to the Meeting House &
Attended the Select Meeting - Anne Thorn was engaged reverently
& fervantly to Supplicate the Throne of Grace for our help &
support returning thanks for our many favors &c Remarks were
made by D Buffum & several others weighty & pertinent to our
condition - After meeting We dined at Asa Shermans - As friends
were gathering to the Meeting for Sufferings I went to the
meeting House & borrowed D Buffums chase & rode down to Benjamin
Freeborns & spent a little time - then returned to the Meeting
House & walked to Uncle P Lawtons & took tea then to Cousin
Elizabeth Chases & lodged here I found Rowland Greenss wife
which was the first time I ever saw her, in the evening Jos
Harris & Rowland Greene joined us which made a very agreeable*



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August 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day This morning cousin Shadrack sent his son Jacob with me in a chaise to the Head of the Mill lane & from thence I walked to Asa Shermans & from there to the Meeting House - James Greene was the first in public appearance & then Anne Thorn in a most lively pertinent fluent & well connected testimony, - followed by Henry Post & Mary Allen - it was a season of favor to a very larger Audience. - In the last - the buisness was conducted with propriety & solemnity & closed a little before 3 OClock - After meeting found my Dear H had come out with Lewis L Clarke - he got into another vacant chaise with father Rodman - & I took her in the one they rode out in, & went to Anne Anthonys & dined. Isaac P Hazard in company - After tea we rode Home & found my Mother Aunt STanton & Aunt Patty Gould spending the Afternoon with Aunt Nancy Carpenter. -

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August 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 7th of 8th M 1818 / Engaged this forenoon - The Arbitrators in The case of Avis Knowles set & George Hazard. I was obliged to be with them, which was exercising to my mind particularly as I have been two days out of my buisness, but saw no other way than to submit
The Arbitrators decided the case & both parties agreed to abide the Award which is no small release to my mind.
In the Afternoon Wm Almy & several others called to see me, which took up much of my time - The concerns of other people & of Society at times are very incumbering to me - Oh that I may be what I ought to be Oh that I may experience Holy help, for I greatly need it. -*

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August 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 8 M / On some accounts this has been a day of close exercise of mind - Tho' friends in this day are exempt from many trials which the first founders of our society were exposed to yet there are many things which occur that if abode under will tend to humble the creature & drive it to the center from whence all right qualification is derived - I am desirous to dwell under every refining dispensation & thale[take] all which is intended to drive out the old man with his deeds may have its perfect Work - The new appointment of Elder already



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involves me in some concerns which are not a little trying & renews the conviction that my qualifications for usefulness in it are yet small & will probably remain so – I am convinced that Elders must not only be golden Snuffers, but the Same divine light must illuminate them as stand in the golden candlesticks & must shine bright both to the World in general & before those who they are placed as the more immediate care takers

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August 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 8 th M 1818 / Our meetings were well attended & favord seasons - In the morning Father Rodman was first engaged in testimony, then Mary Morton & then Hannah Dennis – In the Afternoon A short testimony from father R. – My Mother & Aunt Stanton took tea & set the evening with us. –

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August 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 10th of 8th M / The weather continues warm & considerably dry, but there is a prospect of abundant harvest particularly of Indian Corn, for which Gratitude is due to the Great Giver of every good thing
It is a season of exercise to me, a number of things before me which require Sight to determine with prudence. –*

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August 13, Thursday: Mrs. Stone gave birth to an infant. When the mother learned that her baby was female, she exclaimed "Oh dear! I am sorry it is a girl. A woman's life is so hard!" [Refer to [Lucy Stone](#).]



Lucy Stone

FEMINISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 8th M / Our Meeting was rather small & to me a Season of much dullness. - a few words were delivered by Father R. - -

This Afternoon The committee consisting of Hannah Dennis & Mary Williams David Buffum & Jonathon Dennis met at our House & took an opportunity with Aunt Stanton in consequence of her request to be reinstated to membership & I believe it was a solid time. - Hannah & Jonathon Staid & took tea with us. -

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August 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 8th M / Aunt Martha & Mary Gould spent the Afternoon with us, every time Aunt Mary comes I think may be the last. I was glad to see them & believe I should be thankful if it was in my power to administer to their necessities much more than I do. - Aunt Martha is now aged being turned 80 Years, & will doubtless soon be taken to rest having performed well her part thro' life, of duties social & religious, & was to me an affectionate caretaker when I was a child of the age & size of John, which calls forth my gratitude & love -

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August 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 8 M 1818 / Our Meeting this morning was quite large. Father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony & Mary



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Morton was large & much favor'd, her public appearances this summer has been much more frequent than usual & I greatly desire may tend to stir up the minds of many, particularly the youth for whom she seems to be much engaged – Our frined Wm Almy of Providence attended the Afternoon Meeting & a general invitation given to the inhabitants of the town in consequence of which it was held at 5 OClock – the meeting was large & Wm engaged largely in Doctrinal testimony, & to pretty good Staisfaction – Truth & the power of Truth did not rise as I have known it in many meetings, but I have no doubt some good was done. –

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August 18, Tuesday: Incidental music for Klinger's play Die Zwillinge, by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in the Dresden Hoftheater.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 8 M / I have this morning had a little renewal of some old conflicts which I had so abundantly to pass thro' in my Youth, & which I had thought would never be renew'd in the same way – I desire to be faithful in the attendance of meetings & devote as much of my mind to the concerns of society as seen consistently – I well know that in days that are past in so doing peace has been the reward of such devotedness, & have been enabled to hold on my way thro' many bitter conflicts which are know[n] to but very few but myself & to none fully but myself – I desire ever to extend all the encouragement to others that I can to come up with Friends in a concern for the prosperity of Truth. I hope the Youth will take a deep interest in Society & that all their movements may be to help forward & support that precious cause which our Ancestors suffered much for.

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August 19, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 19th of 8th M 1818 / This Afternoon took Chaise & with Aunt Stanton Rode out the Green End Rode to Portsmouth, viewed several places which she has some idea of purchasing & stoped at Isaac Chases – after resting a little while rode on & went to visit our old cousin Elizabeth Chase & took tea then returned home, while at cousin Chases my mind was forceably struck with the loss of cousin Alice in particular, whom I loved much & recollected some very plreasnt times that I have spent with her but "the places which have known us shall know us no more" & soon this will be the case with us all & Oh that we may be prepared for the final change –

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 August 22, Saturday: [Warren Hastings](#) died in Daylesford, Worcestershire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 22d of 8th M 1818 / Mother & Aunt Stanton dined with us
& in the Afternoon we all went to father Rodmans & took tea &
set the evening -*


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 August 23, Sunday: The *Walk-in-the-Water* became the first steamboat to ply the waters of the Great Lakes per a regular schedule, by departing on this day from Black Rock near Buffalo, New York in the direction of Dunkirk, and then by continuing on to Cleveland, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan. (This boat would be lost in a storm in 1821.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 8th M / Our Meeting this Morning was Silent large
& I thought a solid opportunity. - In the afternoon it was again
well attended Father Rodman & Mary Morton was engaged in short
but sweet testimonies - Elliphal Jernagan was at Meeting being
the first time she has been out since she had a Cancer extracted
from her breast the 1st of 6th M last. I thought M Mortons
testimony must have been peculiarly comfortable to her. - After
tea took a walk round the hill with John & went into the Clifton
burying ground.*

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 August 24, Monday: In St. Louis, the [Quapaw](#) tribe ceded all but 1,500,000 acres in southeastern Arkansas to the US federal government. Peace in our time.

Refreshing soda water was for sale to the denizens of New-York: "The Patentee, encouraged by the success of the patent Liquid Magnesia in Philadelphia and els where [sic], respectively informs the inhabitants of New York and vicinity, that he has formed an establishment for its sale at No. 235 Broadway, within two doors of Park Place, where he also manufactures Soda Water of a superior quality."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 24 of 8 M / Br David & Joanna Br John & Rebecca with
Mary Lawton & her Sister Eliza Collins set the Afternoon & took
tea with us - a very pleasant visit
Thus we are passing along thro' time, enjoying a little of the
sweets of Social society, & occasionally partaking of the bitter
portions allotted - & it will be soon all over, & we numbered
with all those who have gone before us, & if we can leave as
sweet a favor behind us as some have done, there will be a well
grounded hope that it will be well with us beyond the grave -*


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
 August 27, Thursday: The day after arriving in Venice, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) visited [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and sent off a letter summoning [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) and the children (with Milly and a new servant named Paolo Foggi).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 8th M / Rode with my H & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - went out by the way of Green End & took the lower rode & came out by Elams & Isaac Chases - This is a part of the Island which Hannah had never before seen, we stoped at Uncle S Thurstons.

At meeting (which was silent) my mind was favord with quiet - In the last we had an exercising case some pleasant ones, & on the whole a pretty good meeting - we dined at Uncle Thurstons & took tea at Uncle Richd Mitchells. -


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 August 30, Sunday: A "Wild Man of the Woods" was reported near Ellisburgh, New York, close to the Canadian border — he was described as covered in hair and as bending forward while running, and the footprints he left had a narrow heel with spreading toes. The sighting would be reported in the Exeter [Watchman](#). An extensive search turned up nothing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 8th M 1818 / Our Morning meeting was large & solid. D Buffum delivered a short lively testimony In the Afternoon again well attended, & silent & to me a more lively time than in the morning - After tea took a walk with John down to Jos Williams. -

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 September 1, Tuesday: Samples were taken from the ocean floor, for the 1st time ever at a depth of 1,000 fathoms, in Baffin Bay by English explorer Sir John Ross aboard HMS *Isabella*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 9th M 1818 / We have need of fasting & prayer, & I trust that I understand what I say, feeling the necessity of it for myself. Oh! that I may deepen in religion for there is indeed need of it. -

This Afternoon attended the funeral of Wm Freeborns child which was interd in the Medow field - Mary Morton was engaged in a very lively & impressive testimony, & my heart rejoiced to hear her speak to the people -

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 September 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 2nd of 9th M / My beloved Aunt Martha Stanton sailed this Morning for New York, her visit to us at this time has been peculiarly pleasant. She evinced a solidity & reverence of deportment, which shews a religious frame of mind in which I rejoice, & greatly desire her enlargement in the truth, & hope that her being restored to membership in society will have a tendency to further her in the good work— her health is but poor & if this should be the last time she should ever visit [Newport](#) or the last time I should ever see her it will not be unexpected to either of us

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September 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 9th M / Our meeting was nearly silent, a few words by father R. — To me it was not the worst of times, tho' I could not feel life to arise as I do sometimes. —

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September 4, Friday: [Moses Barnard Prichard](#) was born, son of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 9th M / Took tea this Afternoon with Aunt A Carpenter with Br John Rodman & wife — Called this evening to see Aunt Martha Gould found she had gone up to uncle Benjamins to see Cousin Thomas's wife who is here from Albany with a sick child. before I came away she returned & tho' fatigued was much more than common, pleased with her visit to her Aged Brother & cousins, being about 12 Months since she was there before. —

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September 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 9th M 1818 / Our Morning Meeting was large, Daniel Howland & [Greenwich](#) was there & lively in testimony & Mary Morton was also sweetly engaged in testimony & I thought truth was exalted among us — In the Afternoon D Howland was again very lively in testimony & the meeting a good one — After tea went up to Henry Goulds to see Dorcas Gould wife of Cousin Thomas Gould of Albany who appears to be a solid woman.—

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September 7, Monday: On this day and the following one there was a great music festival in Hamburg in which Handel's Messiah and Mozart's Requiem were performed. The participating choruses were prepared by Louise Reichardt.

In [Concord](#), John Potter of Concord got married with Sybil Gay Flagg of Littleton.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2d day 7th of 9th M / The mind under some exercise, & desires prevalent that I may experience more of the quickening power of Truth to operate & renew unto good works but alas how poor I am How weak I am!

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September 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 9 M / This Morning Geo. & Stephen Anthony set out on a journey into the western States. - My desires are for their welfare being young men of good deportment Our Meeting was rather small, but pretty good time - father R was concerned in a short testimony

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September 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 9th M / We very unexpectedly found Anne Thorn & her companion at meeting this forenoon & Anne was engaged in a short but very sweet & lively testimony on the subject of silent waiting. - In the afternoon Anne was again concerned in testimony which was both animating and strengthening to the faith of some present, in that it furnished a renewed evidence of Holy help vouchsafed both in individuals & the Church - I have experienced the like many times before & I feel willing now to insert that her exercise corresponded with my own, as the very states subjects which she spoke to were presented to my mind in the silent part of the meeting.

My mother & cousin Hannah Gardiner has set the eveing with us. cousin Gardiner has within a few Months experienced much affliction & appears to be improving under the dispensation & I desire she may not stop short but progress in the knowledge of the Truth till the work of Righteousness is fulfilled in her heart.

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September 14, Monday: Carlos Fernando Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marqués de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor replaced José García de León y Pizarro as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2d day 14th of 9th M 1818 / Anne Thorn has been engaged today in visiting those of our society & some who were not in membership with us who are aged & confined & sick. this is a work I rejoice in, from a belief that much good may be done & that she is an instrument well quallified for the service. She with her companions Phebe Howes & Matthew Comstock, & father Rodman who has been with them thro' the day, took tea with us. –

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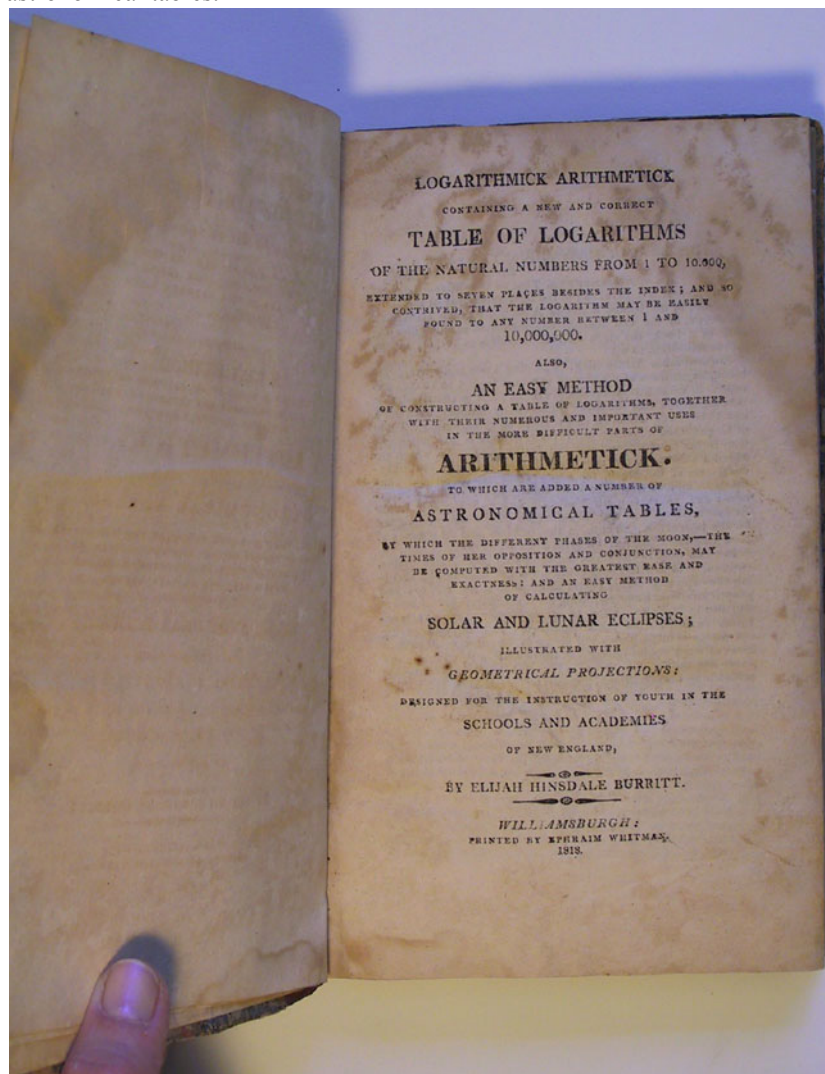
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September 15, Tuesday: [Elijah Hinsdale Burritt](#) copyrighted his LOGARITHMICK ARITHMETICK CONTAINING A NEW AND CORRECT TABLE OF LOGARITHMS OF THE NATURAL NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 10,000, EXTENDED TO SEVEN PLACES BESIDES THE INDEX; AND SO CONTRIVED, THAT THE LOGARITHM MAY BE EASILY FOUND TO ANY NUMBER BETWEEN 1 AND 10,000,000. ALSO, AN EASY METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING A TABLE OF LOGARITHMS, TOGETHER WITH THEIR NUMEROUS AND IMPORTANT USES IN THE MORE DIFFICULT PARTS OF ARITHMETICK. TO WHICH ARE ADDED A NUMBER OF ASTROLOGICAL TABLES, BY WHICH THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE MOON, — THE TIMES OF HER OPPOSITION AND CONJUNCTION, MAY BE COMPUTED WITH THE GREATEST EASE AND EXACTNESS: AND AN EASY METHOD OF CALCULATING SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSES; ILLUSTRATED WITH GEOMETRICAL PROJECTIONS: DESIGNED FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH IN THE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES OF NEW ENGLAND, BY ELIJAH HINSDALE BURRITT (Williamsburgh: Printed by Ephraim Whitman, 1818). The author of this LOGARITHMICK ARITHMETICK was a 24-year-old college student and its preface was dated “Williams College, October, 1818.” The table of logarithms takes up merely 44 of the book’s 252 pages — its initial half amounts to a textbook on arithmetic and the final almost half is made up of a treatise on [astronomy](#), with many astronomical tables.





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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 15 of 9 M / A Thorn has been again engaged today in visiting some families in the forenoon Job Sherman was with her & this Afternoon I took his place we went first to John Rodmans, next to Perry Weavers [?], then to Aunt Martha Goulds, then to Abigail Barkers, then at Comstocks to see his deaf & dumb son but was dissappointed as he was not at home. then to Thos Townsends where we had (as well as at all the other places) a favor'd time. Anne made full proof of her ministry, & this little opportunity has been a fresh evidence to my mind of the love & goodness of our heavenly father, in that he still visits & revisits the hearts of his children by his holy Spirit & qualifies instruments with the same authority that he did the Apostles to preach the everlasting gospel - This little visit of hers has been perculiarly pleasant as she has seen a number who are dilligent attenders of our meetings, but not members, & of tender visited minds. -

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September 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th of 9th M 1818 / Anne Thorn attends [Portsmouth](#) meeting today.

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September 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17th of 9 M / Our Meeting this day was indeed as an heavenly place the silent part of it was favor'd with a precious covering, under which Anne Thorn rose & deliverd a very copious testimony & reached the states & conditions of many present - to the afflicted, her testimony was like oil whom she was engaged to address particularly
In the course of her exercise I could but acknowledge afresh in my heart that there is no "God like our God" he quallifies poor dust & ashes to proclaim his Word with the same Power with which he cloathed the Apostles & is still condescending in his adorable goodness to raise up those who are willing to stand on his holy Mount to receive his command, to the people & sanctifies their labors, his witness in many minds was reached this day, & may the bread cast on the Waters soon return. - It was a season of refreshment to me, for which I desire to be thankful. She dined at D Buffums & expects to go to [Tiverton](#) tonight from thence to [Providence](#) on her way home.-*

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September 18, Friday: The Austrian Landrechte refused Johanna van Beethoven's request to remove her son Karl from the guardianship of her brother-in-law [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

The Theatre Royal in Edinburgh made itself the initial theater in Great Britain to be lit by gas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 9 M / Last evening about 1 / 2 past nine OClock cousin Elizabeth Anthony died at the House of cousin Mary Gould in Middletown aged 91 Years & about 5 months. her Mother was sister to my Grandfather Gould, & she was much noticed by my father as a relation & always visited in the family from my earliest recollection.-

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September 19, Saturday: The gray house on Virginia Road was sold at public auction.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 9 M / Cousin E Anthony was buried this Afternoon in the Gould burying ground in Middletown, but it was so rainy that I could not attend, which was my intention, & which I should have been glad to have done.-

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September 20, Sunday: Two works by Carl Maria von Weber were performed for the initial time, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the accession of King Friedrich August of Saxony, in Dresden: Jubel-Cantate to words of Kind, and Jubel-Ouverture.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 9th M 1818 / Our meeting this forenoon was pretty well attended & a solid favord season Hannah Dennis first appeard in supplication, then father Rodman in testimmony, then Lydia Almy & then Hannah Dennis - near the close of the meeting father emphatically repeated this Scripture "Great is the Lord & greatly to be feared for his wonderful works to the children of men"
In the Afternoon Father Rodman again in testimony Also David Buffum was very lively - After meeting attended the funeral of Capt James Phillips in the neck & in the evening set a little while at father Rodmans. -*

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September 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2d day 21st of 9th M / We had quite a family visit Cousin Dorcas Gould & her son Benjamin from Albany Cousin Henry & wife -



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My Mother & sister Sally, & after tea Martha David & Susan Ann came in which with ourselves made twelve Goulds all in the room at once - this circumstance may never hapen exactly so again

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September 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 22nd of 9th M / Took tea with my H Br David & Sister Joanna at Jonathon Dennis's -

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September 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 9 M / Our Cousins Anne & Mary Greene are over from Connanicut to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting tomorrow They Set the Afternoon with us very pleasantly -

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September 24, Thursday: [Clara Shelley](#), a little more than a year old, died.

MARY GODWIN WOLLSTONECRAFT SHELLEY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24th of 9th M / Our first meeting was rather a low time to me but Hannah Dennis & Anne Greene were favor'd in lively testimonys
In the last, life, (I believe) was rather as a low ebb with most present, but the few concerns that came before us were pretty well conducted - Asa Sherman & Adam Anthony dined with us. -*

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September 26, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26th of 9th M 1818 / Yesterday & today I have been very unwell with a cold in my whole system, & unfits me for almost any thing -

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September 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 9th M / Last night I took a heavy sweat which has cleared my head a little but my throat is more sore & I dont know but I have as much fever as Yesterday - My H & John went



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to meeting this forenoon & say Mary Morton preached twice & Anna Dennis once said a few words – John only went in the Afternoon & said Grandfather preached – I am a little better this evening, but poorly still –

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September 28, Monday: Le premier venu, ou Six lieus de chemin, an opéra comique by Ferdinand Hérold to words of Vial and de Planard, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2d day 28th of 9 M / Throat still sore & fever hangs on, but I think I am some better than yesterday. –
Sister mary set the Afternoon with us. –*

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September 30, Wednesday: Tired of having to fight for the money he believed was his due, and the attacks on his honor, [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) wrote to King Wilhelm I of Württemberg asking to be released from his contract (the monarch would refuse).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 9 M / Yesterday tho' some better, far from well, & today under the operation of Jalap & Calomel which I hope will clear my system of fever & sore throat

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October 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 10th M 1818 / I feel better this morning, but am not quite smart enough to sit in meeting & attend a committee which meets at the breaking up of it to investigate the pecuniary concerns of society. – While meeting was sitting had a very interesting call from Thomas Paull a man of colour from Boston, a preacher among the [Baptists](#) & also an intimate friend of our late friend & brother [Paul Cuffee](#), he appears to be a religious man & desirous of doing good to all mankind & in particular to the people of his colour. – After dinner went up to set a little while with the committee at the meeting house. –

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October 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

10th M 2nd 1818 / I have been this morning humbled under a sense of my own nothingness & short comings, & a of the goodness of God still extended to me, aspirations has been raised for the blessing of preservation to the Father of Mercies. –

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October 3, Saturday: The Austrian Landrechte refused Johanna van Beethoven's petition that her son Karl, presently being instructed by a private tutor in the home of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), be placed in a public school.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 10 M 1818 / My Health is better but I do not feel quite well & strong. I desire, & trust I do, feel thankful, that I have been no worse.

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October 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 10 M / I feel a degree of depression on my mind this morning, which in measure arises from my health which is not very smart. —
In the forenoon Meeting we were Silent — In the Afternoon I thought the meeting was remarkably well attended & M Morton much favor'd in testimony*

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October 5, Monday: Nancy Hanks Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln's mother) died of a "milk sickness."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 10 M / This Afternoon about One OClock set out for [Providence](#) to carry sister Ruth to attend the Meeting of the Yearly Meeting school committee, & by riding in the evening a little while we reached [Moses Brown's](#) in time to spend a good peace with him before bed time. —



October 6, Tuesday: Rufus Wyman, superintendent of the Charlestown branch of Massachusetts General Hospital (later to be renamed as the McLean Asylum for the Insane), admitted as his 1st patient a person who was possessed by a devil — or so this young man's father was alleging. This early facility for people with mental illness would establish one of the 1st American laboratories of experimental [psychology](#) and would support an active research program.²¹⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Morning after breakfast we went into [Providence](#), stoped at [O Browns](#) from whence Ruth went to the meeting House & I took a walk about the town. I dined at [O Browns](#) spent the evening & lodged, in the evening in addition to the very interesting conversation of [Moses](#) I had the gratification of seeing many of

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his curiosities both Ancient & modern, particularly some old Manuscripts & some old printed books published by friends, some of which I had not seen or heard of. –



October 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Morning returned to [Providence](#). the committee met at 9 OClock & set till 2 OC PM - during which time I went to Almy & Browns store & wrote a letter to Sarah Aldrich of Mendon - dined at [O Browns](#), after which went with sister Ruth to the School House & went into every part of it & believe it to be a very commondious House, built with great durability & will probably stand good when the present generation shall be no More we arrived at [Moses Browns](#) about 5 OC which was too late to think of coming home, so we staid & passed another night under the hospitable roof of this venerable & very interesting old man now turned of 80 Years of age. he still brought forth from his treasury things new & old, & shewed me an original epistle in the hand writing of our Ancient friend George Fox, which I read pretty currently, & from what I had heard of his handwriting was quite surprised to find it so intelligible. –



October 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Morning after taking breakfast at the house of our above mentioned friend, we rode home & the day being pleasant it was a pleasant ride of about 6 hours. – found my H & John well with all our friends – This has been a very pleasant visit & rendered doubly so, from the opportunity I have had of visiting my firend [Moses Brown](#), whose company it is probably I shall see but a few times more for if my life should be prolonged it is likely his will not to much greater length. –



October 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 10th of 10th M 1818 / This morning was called to a melancholy Scene at The house of Aaron Dyre, whose son James departed this life a few minutes before I got into the house, he had been ill of a fever a few days & was suddenly & unexpectedly to the family, Snached from them at the age of about 19 Years, the poor family were in great affliction. – I immediately called assistance & before I returned several came in, which precluded the necessity of my staying, so I returned home being fatigued with a walk into the Neck after T Hornsby who was at the house of the late Jas Phillips. – The deceased was a very steady & promising young man & to all human appearance



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October 11, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner's Overture über ungarische Nationalweisen was performed for the initial time, in Stuhlweissenburg. It was composed for the opening of a new theater and, on hearing the national themes, the Hungarian audience was wildly enthusiastic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 10th M 1818 / John Wilbour from Hopkinton attended our meetings & in the forenoon deliver'd a weighty & very acceptable testimony – In the Afternoon father Rodman was short, but I thought very sweet in communication – After meeting attended the funeral of James Dyre, he was a young man much beloved & there was as many people followed him to the grave as I almost ever saw at any funeral the procession reached from the Granary beyond Liberty tree. –

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October 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 10M / Our meeting was attended by most of our members, & was to me a season of but little life Father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness. –

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October 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 10th M / Attended Select Meeting, to me it was a season of some favor, for which I desire to be thankful, every season wherein we can feel the arisings of divine life & in degree to spread over the mind is to be Prised, it being an evidence that we are not forsaken. –

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October 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 10th M / In our morning meeting, Mary Morton was first engaged in a very sweet lively & encouraging testimony to such as were heavy & their hands hanging down with fear & at a second standing, gave a solemn & affecting warning to those who were rejecting the invitations they were receiving from the Most High. – Father Rodman followed her second appearance in a few words, according with her last communication. – In the Afternoon we Sat in silence. – after which, with Br & D R visited the Work



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& Arms House – Cousin Henry Gould Set the eveing with us –

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October 20, Tuesday: Great Britain and the United States of America signed a convention according to which American fishermen were to be allowed use of the submerged seamounts off the coast of Newfoundland, rich in fish. The 49th parallel of latitude was accepted as the boundary between the two nations from Lake of the Woods all the way to the divide in the continental watershed at the crest of the Rocky Mountain chain (the Oregon Territory was not included). Astoria, which had been renamed Fort George when the British had purchased it for their North West Company from Astor in 1813, fell again under US control. Ownership of the Oregon territories was left unresolved.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d 20th of 10th M / Wrote a letter to Uncle Stanton. – John has been quite unwell for Several days with a cold & fever, but I think him better this Afternoon –

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October 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 10 M / I have been much engaged in very disagreeable buisness, nothing short of trying to settle a difference between a man & his wife - A critical undertaking, & has only resulted in a hope that some good has been done, which time will only manifest. – it is a truly sorrowful case disgraceful to the individuals & to society, & deeply afflicting to their family & connections – May it be a solemn Warning to all men & their wives, to suffer no difference to arise between them, but to check in the very buddings all strife for mastery or preeminence, to avoid all pointed & counter expressions, & labor to cultivate harmony & love as most comfortable to themselves, here & here after & be the best & most Salutory example to their children.

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 October 22, Thursday: [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 6th birthday.

On his 7th birthday, Franz Liszt accompanied his father Adam Liszt on a business trip to visit a merchant named Ruben Hirschler in Lackenbach. Adam asked Hirschler's daughter to play something for Franz on her new piano. Franz was so overcome by the music that he began to cry and flew into his father's arms. Hirschler was so taken by the scene that he gave the piano to the boy.

Commander David Buchan brought the *Dorothea* and the *Trent* back to port in England, having been prevented by ice off Spitsbergen from getting very far at all toward their intended eventual destination of the Bering Strait. The only success of this expedition was the setting of a new northern latitude record, of 82° 34' N.

THE FROZEN NORTH

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day [sic] 22d of 10th M / Our Meetings was rather small, was silent and to me a season of but little life, tho' no small activity of mind. — In the last which was preparative Osborn Mowry published his intentions of marriage with Eliza Ann Southwick, daughter of Amasa Southwick
Set part of the evening with Abigail Robinson & Mary Morton Where I went to wait on Sister Ruth home D & M Williams was also there.
—*

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 October 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 10th M 1818 / This morning about sunrise Daniel D Tompkins the Vice President of the United States arrived in Town

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 October 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 10 M / Our meeting was large this morning & favored with the extended wing of Ancient goodness — Mary Morton was engaged in an humble reverend intercession to the Throne of Grace, that the Almighty would be pleased to visit the hearts of the children of disobedience, support the Elders & aged of this place & enable them, to bear the standard with faithfulness & finally go down to the grave in peace, that he would visit the youth in this place & draw them to the true fold & raise from among them judges as at the first & counsellors as at the beginning, to follow the foot steps of our Worthy & honorable predecessors. —this supplication was very reaching to many present & I hope may be answered particularly with respect to the Youth. —
In the Afternoon we were favored with a short but lively testimony from D Buffum —*

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 October 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 10th M / Set most of this evening at the Mansion of our Late friend Thos Robinson with Sister Eliza - Abigail was very feeble, but conversant & dear Mary Morton very sweet in spirit & converse. -

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 October 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 10th M / I feel no small regret at not going this morning to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting, but there are certain reasons well known to myself that prevent perhaps they ought not to exist, but as they do, I must act according to present circumstances. - There will be several cases before the meeting in which I should like to have a voice, from the present exercise of my mind, but best wisdom will doubtless be near those assembled & it is doubtful whether my presence would add much or any weight


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 November 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 11th M 1818 / Our meetings were both Silent & to me very dull seasons, as I believe thy were to most present. -

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November 3, Tuesday: The [Exchange Coffee House](#), which had been considered when it was constructed in downtown [Boston](#) in 1808  to be the world's largest possessing 210 rooms (at seven stories the tallest building in the USA), the 1st hotel in the nation and at a construction cost of \$600,000 the world's most expensive (modeled upon Lloyd's Coffee House of London), burned at night, making a light that was wondered at as far away as Amherst and Saco.²¹⁵

[COFFEE](#)

In [Concord](#), Thomas H. Davis of Concord got married with Maria Barns of Marlboro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 11th M / Spent this evening with my H at Abigail Robinsons & were not a little disappointed that Mary Morton had gone out to D Buffums to spend the Afternoon & evening. -

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November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

215. *Sic transit cafe mundi.*



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5th day 5 of 11 M / My mind is much with those who have gone to attend the Quarterly Meeting this day held at Swansea. The day is very fine as it has been several days past & favorable for travelling. I can acknowledge with thankfulness that the Prayer of my spirit has been this morning that the same precious influence Also attend those who stay. I have been much on the barren mountains for several days past so that I could but just look over & see the good land without being permitted to enter in, to enjoy the sweets which it affords, but I rejoice this morning under a fresh evidence of that holy help is near & may I dwell in that state of mind which will preserve to the end. – Our meeting at home was silent & rather small, but a pretty favord season to me

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November 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day [sic] 8 of 11th M / Our morning meeting pretty well attended [to] me a season of poverty, but Mary Morton was sweetly engaged in testimony – In the Afternoon we sat in the little meeting house for the first time M Morton again very sweet in testimony also Father Rodman & H Dennis. Called this evening to see Hannah Hull who is confined with a sore foot. – we sat in the chamber where Govn John Wanton used to entertain his company at election time & the [same] place in which he met the overseers after he signed the commissions which involved him & society in so much affliction Ah many has been the time, that my spirit has mourned on account of that affair, tho' it happened not far from 84 Years ago

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November 9, Monday: Ivan Turgenev was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 11th M 1818 / This morning Mary Morton & John Early & Wife sailed for N York. – They have a high wind & not very fare. Mary we part with reluctantly as She has been very usefully among us this summer. – John has also spent sometime very agreeably in town & has evinced a concern for the truth in which we desire his growth & should be glad if he could find some buisness here that would enable him to settle again in this his native town, as there might be expected a considerable religious usefulness from him. –

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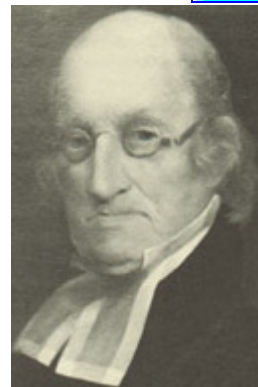


November 10, Tuesday: [John Thoreau, Senior](#) rented the Spaulding store in Chelmsford MA. It was customary in those heavy-drinking times for a storekeeper to pour a glass for a favored customer, so he solicited his former pastor, the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#), for the letter of recommendation which he needed in order to be able to provide this hard liquor. On the blank back of a piece of pious meditation, the Reverend would write out the following “to whom it may concern” variety of commendation letter:

Understanding that Mr. John Thoreau, now of Chelmsford, is going into business at that place, and is about to apply for license to retail ardent spirits, I hereby certify that I have been long acquainted with him, that he has sustained a good character, and now view him as a man of integrity, accustomed to storekeeping, and of correct morals.



THOREAU RESIDENCES



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10th of 11th M / There were two funerals in the Neighbourhood this Afternoon, Capt Engs Wife & Benj Watsons wife, the former of a Dropsy the latter of a [Consumption](#). –

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➡ November 12, Thursday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) informed the Stuttgart management that he considered himself absolved from his contract. The court responded that he was dismissed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 11 M / Our meeting was silent & rather small but I thought attended the chief of our members in ability to get abroad. – Cousin Mary Gould set the Afternoon & evening with us. –

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➡ November 15, Sunday: Simeon Marshall of Gloucester, 22 years of age, drowned at sea.

[John Thoreau, Senior](#)'s Chelmsford MA grocery store opened its doors for business. The plan was that while [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#) waited counter, John would be painting signs on commission.

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John in later years



Cynthia in later years

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 11th M / Our Morning Meeting was silent & to me a season of but little life. – In the Afternoon soon after taking my seat was favor'd with a quickening of life which continued in a good degree thro' the meeting. father Rodman was concerned in a short lively testimony

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➡ November 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 11th M / Ruth Davis & Mary Caid attended our Meeting today – Ruth was close & searching in testimony & they intend to spent a little time in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting visiting a few familys. –

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➡ November 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 11th M / Our friend John Comly from Pennsylvania



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attended our meeting - he is indeed a well quallified instrument in the hand of the great Master. his testimony this morning was a wonderfully convincing one, clear in Argument & Powerful in Words.— In the Afternoon his communication was chiefly to Parents & children & I hope his labors may be blessed among us. — In the evening I met him at father Rodmans & in walking down had stoped at our house, & took a lantern & I waited on him to see Abigail Robinsons. —

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November 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23rd of 11th M 1818 / I Watched last night with Isaac Mitchell who the 14th inst was caught by the spindle of his Wind Mill, by the Sertout [a "surtout" was a man's long overcoat] which twisted him round many times & tore all his cloaths from his body except his stockings & the wristbands of his shirt & left him naked, so great were his bruises, that his life has been dispaired of till within two days, he rested as comfortable as a person in his brused condition could last night, & there is now hopes that he may again be restored to usefulness.— John Comly had a meeting on Connanicut today which I understand was large & very satisfactory

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November 24, Tuesday: With construction of the [Quaker](#) Yearly Meeting School on his farm nearly complete, Friend [Moses Brown](#) wrote to Sophronia N.J. Forster of Weare, New Hampshire, expressing interest in her coming to teach at his new school in [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#).



This sketch was added to the face of a clock made by John Bailey, in the building's sitting-room



November 26, Thursday: Saidar und Zulima oder Liebe und Grossmut, by Heinrich August Marschner to words of Hornbostel, was performed for the initial time, in Pressburg (Bratislava) Schauspielhaus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

26 of 11 M / In the first meeting Mary Caide first appeared in testimony, next Abigail Sherman, then Ruth Davis & the D Buffum followed in an impressive testimony & it was a very favor'd meeting. --

In the last Moy [Monthly] Meeting we had an exercising time occasioned by a contentious Man who opposed the appointment of an overseer from [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting We had to Dine B Freeborn Darius lawton, Sarah Fowler & Elizabeth



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Lawton. —

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November 29, Sunday: [William Ellery Channing II](#) was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 11th M / Our meetings were both silent, the morning was to me a season of but little satisfaction, the Afternoon was more solid & a season of some favor. —

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December 3, Thursday: Karl van Beethoven, young nephew and ward of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), ran away from his uncle and back to his mother. When the composer went to his sister-in-law's house, she asked to keep him until that evening so Ludwig, being Ludwig, summoned the police and had them extract Karl by force. He then returned the lad to the Del Rio boarding school he had pulled him out of on the previous January 24th.

Giaocchino Rossini's drama Ricciardo e Zoraide to words of Berio di Salsa after Forteguerra was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples. It was very successful.

A southern portion of the Illinois Territory was admitted to our federal union as its 21st state, with the balance of this territory being joined into the Michigan Territory to extend it to the west of the Mississippi River divide. (The capital of the new state of [Illinois](#) was declared to be Kaskaskia on the Mississippi River. This capital would be transferred to Vandalia as of 1820.)



Like Ohio, Indiana, and Oregon, the new state would incorporate a [racist](#) anti-immigration clause into its state constitution. Nobody of color, like the recently deceased "Father of [Chicago](#)," Jean-Baptiste Pointe du Sable, was ever again to be permitted to come here.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3d of 12th M 1818 / Our Meeting was very crowded with people of various denominations from two causes the first was Osborn Mowry & Eliza Ann Southwick were Married & the second one it is what is denominated Thanksgiving Day which afforded many a lesure opportunity to attend - considering the mixed multitude



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present it was very solid & quiet David Buffum was largely engaged in testimony to good satisfaction & Anne Dennis appeared in a few words. -

5th day 6th [sic] of 12th M / Last 5th day & today I took my seat in Meeting among the Elders - seemed[?] much like being made a spectacle of Men & Angels, tho' under indifferent circumstances from Paul, for he fought with beasts at Ephesus & overcame, but I, tho' a spectacle & brought into a conspicuous standing in society have yet to overcome many spiritual enemies that are comparable to beasts, & may my spirit be made willing to endure the conflict & become worthy of my station. - Meetings were low seasons to me tho' attended with favor, for I consider, to be able to feel low & dependant is a signal in itself of favor. I could but reflect how inferior my state of mind was to the four & twenty Elders we read of. Oh the washing the burning & purification of every kind that I must undergo before I shall be able to cry as they did, "Worthy is the Lord." - In the forenoon father Rodman delivered a short lively testimony - Afternoon Silent.

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December 10, Thursday: String Quartet op.104 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), an arrangement of his Piano Trio op.1 no.3, was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 12th M 1818 / Our meeting was silent & to me rather a dull time - several committees meet this afternoon on some very exercising concerns. I sympathise with them but see no way to be useful. -

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December 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12 of 12 M / This Afternoon crossed the ferry to Connanicut went up to the Widow Mercy Weedens & cleaned her Clock & there lodged. - FIRST DAY attended meeting there we all made 12 in number including 3 Women. The Situation of the very few friends on that Island claims the feeling of friends, there are but two men members & about 4 women & they in Winter Seldom able to get out, very different from what it used to be when I first knew the meeting & till within ten or fifteen Years, when there was a respectable meeting both of weight & numbers. -The probability is that at next Moy [Monthly] Meeting it must be closed for the winter
Dined at cousin Joseph Greenes & in the Afternoon crossed the ferry home. -*

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December 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 12th M / Our meeting tho' small, I believe was not wholly destitute of life, we had a short but weighty communication from father R. -

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December 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 12 M / I feel, on looking over certain cases which exist in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting, no small degree of depression, not knowing to what they may arise. May my mind be centered in that wisdom that directeth aright. May Meekness patience & long suffering be the trait of my character, & may my brethren who have to suffer, be also favord to keep their ranks in righteousness.

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Georgia increased the reward it offered for information leading to the interception of attempts to bring new Africans into its domain. When the illegally imported people were auctioned off by the state government, the informer would receive a tithe of whatever was left after deduction of all government expenses.

"Whereas numbers of African slaves have been illegally introduced into the State, in direct violation of the laws of the United States and of this State, Be it therefore enacted," etc. Informers are to receive one-tenth of the net proceeds from the sale of illegally imported Africans, "Provided, nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to extend farther back than the year 1817." Prince, DIGEST, page 798.

We notice immediately, of course, that these victims were being treated as disposable people. As soon as they were rescued, they were sold right back into slavery with the proceeds being divided among the white people. We notice, immediately, that the law against the slave trade had not been enacted for their benefit, but for the benefit of the USers who were being oppressed by the presence of these black victims.

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: The dozen or more propositions on the question of the disposal of illegally imported Africans may be divided into two chief heads, representing two radically opposed parties: 1. That illegally imported Africans be free, although they might be indentured for a term of years or removed from the country. 2. That such Africans be sold as slaves.²¹⁶ The arguments on these two propositions, which were many and far-reaching, may be roughly divided into three classes, political, constitutional, and moral.

The political argument, reduced to its lowest terms, ran thus: those wishing to free the Negroes illegally imported declared that to enslave them would be to perpetrate the very evil which the law was designed to stop. "By the same law," they said, "we condemn the man-stealer and become the receivers of his stolen goods. We punish the criminal, and then step into his place, and complete the crime."²¹⁷ They said that the objection to free



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Negroes was no valid excuse; for if the Southern people really feared this class, they would consent to the imposing of such penalties on illicit traffic as would stop the importation of a single slave.²¹⁸ Moreover, "forfeiture" and sale of the Negroes implied a property right in them which did not exist.²¹⁹ Waiving this technical point, and allowing them to be "forfeited" to the government, then the government should either immediately set them free, or, at the most, indenture them for a term of years; otherwise, the law would be an encouragement to violators. "It certainly will be," said they, "if the importer can find means to evade the penalty of the act; for there he has all the advantage of a market enhanced by our ineffectual attempt to prohibit."²²⁰ They claimed that even the indenturing of the ignorant barbarian for life was better than slavery; and Sloan declared that the Northern States would receive the freed Negroes willingly rather than have them enslaved.²²¹

The argument of those who insisted that the Negroes should be sold was tersely put by Macon: "In adopting our measures on this subject, we must pass such a law as can be executed."²²² Early expanded this: "It is a principle in legislation, as correct as any which has ever prevailed, that to give effect to laws you must not make them repugnant to the passions and wishes of the people among whom they are to operate. How then, in this instance, stands the fact? Do not gentlemen from every quarter of the Union prove, on the discussion of every question that has ever arisen in the House, having the most remote bearing on the

216. There were at least twelve distinct propositions as to the disposal of the Africans imported: —

1. That they be forfeited and sold by the United States at auction (Early's bill, reported Dec. 15: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 167-8).
 2. That they be forfeited and left to the disposal of the States (proposed by Bidwell and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 181, 221, 477. This was the final settlement.)
 3. That they be forfeited and sold, and that the proceeds go to charities, education, or internal improvements (Early, Holland, and Masters: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 273).
 4. That they be forfeited and indentured for life (Alston and Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 170-1).
 5. That they be forfeited and indentured for 7, 8, or 10 years (Pitkin: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 186).
 6. That they be forfeited and given into the custody of the President, and by him indentured in free States for a term of years (bill reported from the Senate Jan. 28: HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 9th Congress 2d session, V. 575; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 477. Cf. also ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 272).
 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury dispose of them, at his discretion, in service (Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 183).
 8. That those imported into slave States be returned to Africa or bound out in free States (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 254).
 9. That all be sent back to Africa (Smilie: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 176).
 10. That those imported into free States be free, those imported into slave States be returned to Africa or indentured (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 226).
 11. That they be forfeited but not sold (Sloan and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 270).
 12. That they be free (Sloan: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 168; Bidwell: HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 9th Congress 2d session, V. 515).
217. Bidwell, Cook, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 201.
218. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.
219. Fisk: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 224-5; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221.
220. Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 184.
221. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 478; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 171.
222. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.



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giving freedom to the Africans in the bosom of our country, that it has excited the deepest sensibility in the breasts of those where slavery exists? And why is this so? It is, because those who, from experience, know the extent of the evil, believe that the most formidable aspect in which it can present itself, is by making these people free among them. Yes, sir, though slavery is an evil, regretted by every man in the country, to have among us in any considerable quantity persons of this description, is an evil far greater than slavery itself. Does any gentleman want proof of this? I answer that all proof is useless; no fact can be more notorious. With this belief on the minds of the people where slavery exists, and where the importation will take place, if at all, we are about to turn loose in a state of freedom all persons brought in after the passage of this law. I ask gentlemen to reflect and say whether such a law, opposed to the ideas, the passions, the views, and the affections of the people of the Southern States, can be executed? I tell them, no; it is impossible – why? Because no man will inform – why? Because to inform will be to lead to an evil which will be deemed greater than the offence of which information is given, because it will be opposed to the principle of self-preservation, and to the love of family. No, no man will be disposed to jeopard his life, and the lives of his countrymen. And if no one dare inform, the whole authority of the Government cannot carry the law into effect. The whole people will rise up against it. Why? Because to enforce it would be to turn loose, in the bosom of the country, firebrands that would consume them.”²²³

This was the more tragic form of the argument; it also had a mercenary side, which was presented with equal emphasis. It was repeatedly said that the only way to enforce the law was to play off individual interests against each other. The profit from the sale of illegally imported Negroes was declared to be the only sufficient “inducement to give information of their importation.”²²⁴ “Give up the idea of forfeiture, and I challenge the gentleman to invent fines, penalties, or punishments of any sort, sufficient to restrain the slave trade.”²²⁵ If such Negroes be freed, “I tell you that slaves will continue to be imported as heretofore.... You cannot get hold of the ships employed in this traffic. Besides, slaves will be brought into Georgia from East Florida. They will be brought into the Mississippi Territory from the bay of Mobile. You cannot inflict any other penalty, or devise any other adequate means of prevention, than a forfeiture of the Africans in whose possession they may be found after importation.”²²⁶ Then, too, when foreigners smuggled in Negroes, “who then ... could be operated on, but the purchasers? There was the rub – it was their interest alone which, by being operated on, would produce a check. Snap their purse-strings, break open their strong box, deprive them of their slaves, and by destroying the temptation to buy, you put

223. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 173-4.

224. Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 170.

225. D.R. Williams: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 183.

226. Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 184-5.



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an end to the trade, ... nothing short of a forfeiture of the slave would afford an effectual remedy."²²⁷ Again, it was argued that it was impossible to prevent imported Negroes from becoming slaves, or, what was just as bad, from being sold as vagabonds or indentured for life.²²⁸ Even our own laws, it was said, recognize the title of the African slave factor in the transported Negroes; and if the importer have no title, why do we legislate? Why not let the African immigrant alone to get on as he may, just as we do the Irish immigrant?²²⁹ If he should be returned to Africa, his home could not be found, and he would in all probability be sold into slavery again.²³⁰

The constitutional argument was not urged as seriously as the foregoing; but it had a considerable place. On the one hand, it was urged that if the Negroes were forfeited, they were forfeited to the United States government, which could dispose of them as it saw fit;²³¹ on the other hand, it was said that the United States, as owner, was subject to State laws, and could not free the Negroes contrary to such laws.²³² Some alleged that the freeing of such Negroes struck at the title to all slave property;²³³ others thought that, as property in slaves was not recognized in the Constitution, it could not be in a statute.²³⁴ The question also arose as to the source of the power of Congress over the slave-trade. Southern men derived it from the clause on commerce, and declared that it exceeded the power of Congress to declare Negroes imported into a slave State, free, against the laws of that State; that Congress could not determine what should or should not be property in a State.²³⁵ Northern men replied that, according to this principle, forfeiture and sale in Massachusetts would be illegal; that the power of Congress over the trade was derived from the restraining clause, as a non-existent power could not be restrained; and that the United States could act under her general powers as executor of the Law of Nations.²³⁶

The moral argument as to the disposal of illegally imported Negroes was interlarded with all the others. On the one side, it began with the "Rights of Man," and descended to a stickling for the decent appearance of the statute-book; on the other side, it began with the uplifting of the heathen, and descended to a denial of the applicability of moral principles to the question. Said Holland of North Carolina: "It is admitted that

227. Lloyd, Early, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 203.

228. Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 170.

229. Quincy: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 222; Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 225.

230. Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 177.

231. Barker: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 171; Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 172.

232. Clay, Alston, and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 266.

233. Clay, Alston, and Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 266.

234. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221.

235. Sloan and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 271; Early and Alston: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 168, 171.

236. Ely, Bidwell, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 179, 181, 271; Smilie and Findley: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, pages 225, 226.



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the condition of the slaves in the Southern States is much superior to that of those in Africa. Who, then, will say that the trade is immoral?"²³⁷ But, in fact, "morality has nothing to do with this traffic,"²³⁸ for, as Joseph Clay declared, "it must appear to every man of common sense, that the question could be considered in a commercial point of view only."²³⁹ The other side declared that, "by the laws of God and man," these captured Negroes are "entitled to their freedom as clearly and absolutely as we are;"²⁴⁰ nevertheless, some were willing to leave them to the tender mercies of the slave States, so long as the statute-book was disgraced by no explicit recognition of slavery.²⁴¹ Such arguments brought some sharp sarcasm on those who seemed anxious "to legislate for the honor and glory of the statute book;"²⁴² some desired "to know what honor you will derive from a law that will be broken every day of your lives."²⁴³ They would rather boldly sell the Negroes and turn the proceeds over to charity. The final settlement of the question was as follows: -

"SECTION 4.... And neither the importer, nor any person or persons claiming from or under him, shall hold any right or title whatsoever to any negro, mulatto, or person of color, nor to the service or labor thereof, who may be imported or brought within the United States, or territories thereof, in violation of this law, but the same shall remain subject to any regulations not contravening the provisions of this act, which the Legislatures of the several States or Territories at any time hereafter may make, for disposing of any such negro, mulatto, or person of color."²⁴⁴



December 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 12th M 1818 / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony & in the Afternoon father Rodman was also engaged in a lively encouraging communication. In the Afternoon I enjoyed a pretty good state, but the morning was a hard time. - In the forpart of the evening with James Taylor & D Rodman, visited Judge Nicholas Taylor who has been confined a number of weeks with a painful indisposition, but seems now to be recovering. We found him cheerful, & related an anecdote which interested me very much. - he said that His father whose name was Robert, served his apprenticeship with old Joseph Wanton of Tiverton, & while he was an apprentice, there came a man on buisness With Joseph, who became very terbulent &

237. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 240. Cf. Lloyd: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 236.

238. Holland: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 241.

239. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 227; Macon: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 225.

240. Bidwell, Cook, and others: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 201.

241. Bidwell: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 221. Cf. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 202.

242. Early: ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 239.

243. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session

244. ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 9th Congress 2d session, page 1267.



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abusive, so much so that Robert thought he was going to strike his master & feeling his temper excited at the abuse offered his master raised his fist & Knocked him down to the ground. "Poh! Robert what did thee strike the man for, he did nothing but talk." Tho' the occurrence must have happened 70 or 80 Years ago, as Joseph Wanton has been dead about 64 Years, I feel a freedom to rescue it from oblivion, that it may be found as an instructive lesson to others. I hope it may rest on my mind, that should I be assailed with abuse, remember to keep my temper & not fall into the same spirit of the opposer, & frequently recur to the words of good old Joseph when he said "he did nothing but talk".- I have often heard my mother & others who remember him, say that he was a man remarkable for his mildness of disposition, a man very useful in society & a solid preacher, tho' not an extensive gift.

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December 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24th of 12th M / Meeting was a season of exercise to me.
- Father Rodman was concerned in an instructive testimony, & if attended to may be beneficial to some present -- In the last, (Preparative) the epistle from the last Yearly Meeting was read.
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December 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27th of 12th M 1818 / Our Meetings were both silent & pretty well attended, but to me Seasons of not much richness -- Wrote this evening to Wm Hunter Senator & John L Boss Jr Representative in Congress, inclosing a Memorial to Congress respecting the Slave Trade, which was pretty largely & respectably signed by a number of the inhabitants of this Town.
- Also Wrote a letter to Obadiah Brown of [Providence](#). -*

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December 28, Monday: Jean Joseph Paul Augustin, Marquis Dessolles replaced Armand Emmanuel du Plessis, Duc de Richelieu as prime minister of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 12th M / I find the officers of society must be content to go through good report & evil report, particularly in the discharge of the duty's of overseers of the Poor - I have been censured & considered hard, only for an honest discharge of duty towards an individual who wishes assistance, but who in my judgement & in the judgement of many others, is yet able to minister in good measure to her own necessities. - where I have been convinced there was real necessity, I can truly say my hand



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& heart has been open to Extend liberal help, but the circumstances of the Meeting are streightened & require prudence, & the Officers of society must necessarily be careful to spend no more than pressing needs may require. I feel for the future prospects of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting & fear the time is approaching when its condition as to wealth & more substantial weight, will be Still diminished, according to my gift I Mourn in Zion, & crave a better day, but alas it is but little I can do. my weaknesses are many – yet at times my faith is strengthened & a willingness is wrought to press forward thro' all, that In the end I may attain the pearl of price, the crown & glory, which faideth not away.

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December 30, Wednesday: At a trial in Mayor's Court at the New-York City Hall, James Maurice v Samuel Judd, the dispute was over nonpayment of a fee for inspection of "fish oil," but the decision revolved around the question of whether this would include the oil from whales, and thus whether or not whales are fish. Linnaeus had separated whales from fish in 1758 because whales have lungs rather than gills and breathe air through a blowhole, have four chambers in the heart, have eyelids that move, and have flipper bones that match those in the hands and arms of humans and apes, but the current dictionaries defined fish merely as animals that live exclusively in water. Thus oysters, crabs (except for beach crabs), and whales definitely are fish. The jury would decide that the fee should be paid, which would cause the state legislature promptly to exempt whale oil from the category of fish oil (refer to D. Graham Burnett's TRYING LEVIATHAN, put out in 2007 by Princeton UP).

In Edinburgh, Scotland, executioner John Simpson made a number of tries before he was able to [hang](#) Robert Johnston for the robbery of a candlemaker. When the trap dropped on his initial try, the criminal was able to remain standing on the platform and the crowd drove the authorities away with stones, cut the offender down, removed his hood, and carried him off toward High Street. They heaved the boards of the waiting coffin through the windows of Tolbooth Church. When the police and military retrieved the 22-year-old robber, a surgeon bled him until he was sufficiently weak to be unable to resist. However, when the executioner made his 2d attempt he used too long a rope, and they needed to lift their victim while they wound the rope again and again around the hook on the scaffold beam. Then it took the man like forever to strangle.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*30th of 12th M 1818 / I awoke this Morning with the recollection that this day completed my 37th year, & it has been a day of much seriousness
Thousands who were alive this day, thirty seven Years ago have since paid the debt of nature, & it has been my lot to witness the exit of some of them, both in my own immediate family & some oF my aged friends. – I have grown from youth to manhood & have now arrived at what may be termed the Meridian of life & must soon expect to be looking on the Down Hill side & perhaps within a very short time be numbered with the Silent dead. – Man knoweth not his time, & I am thankful that I do not know the end of mine. – but this one thing I do know, that it is necessary for me to [be] prepared to change worlds, & I do also know that "the*



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effect of Righteousness is PEACE."

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December 31, Thursday: On the previous day in Edinburgh, Scotland, executioner John Simpson had sadly botched the job of [hanging](#) robber Robert Johnston for the robbery of a candlemaker. On this day the city magistrates fired both the executioner and the master of works who had been responsible for the structure of the gallows. Although a 50-guinea reward was offered for the identification of the persons who had rescued the robber after he was able to remain standing on the platform when the trap fell, this reward would never be paid.

Arriving at the "Elmwood" mansion of [Friend Moses Brown](#) outside [Providence, Rhode Island](#), after a boat trip and a stage ride, were two assistant teachers for the girls' department, Friends Mary Mitchell and Dorcas Gardner, a Quaker girl scholar from New Hampshire, and three Quaker girl scholars from Nantucket.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

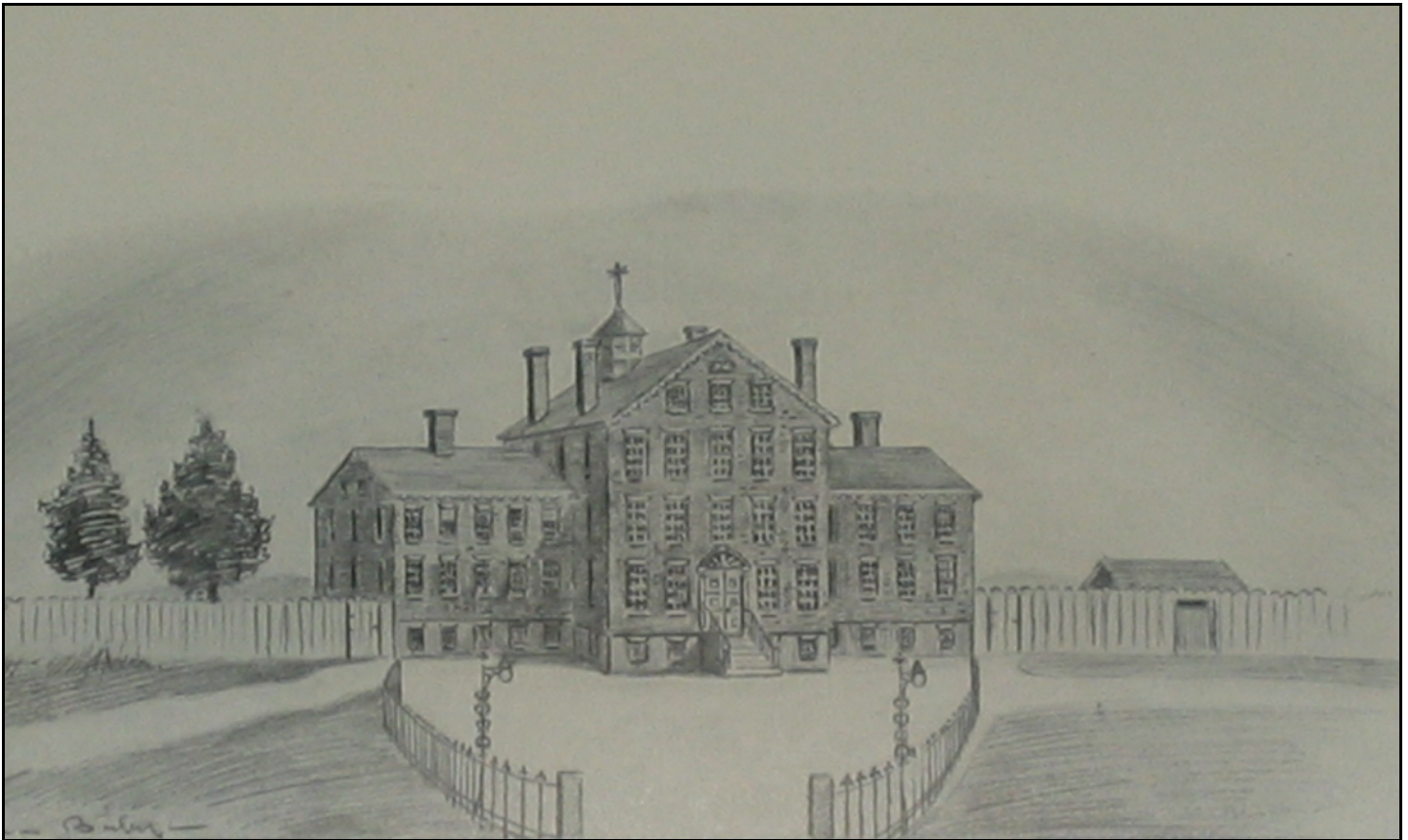
*12th M 31st 5 of ye Week 1818 / This Morning took Chaise & with Br D Rodman went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting – a little this side of Wm Baileys gate the Axle tree of the Chaise broke short off which brought us down & tho' in the fall I lost the reins, the horse stoped & stood perfectly still, which I count a special favor & for which my heart is truly thankful to the Lord, the great ruler of events – we set the Chaise on the side of the road & went to Wm Baileys who very kindly lent us a small Waggon which safely carried us the rest of the way to the Meeting House –The first Meeting was silent, the last was a deeply exercising one. Some cases before us was deeply distressing & afforded ample scope for the exercise of christian patience & prudence. I have thought I had known some hard meetings before, but it seemed as if this was the hardest – I believe that my concern has been a right one for the welfare of society & Oh saith my soul may I hold on; & may my concern increase, –
We dined at Saml Thurstons – & rode Home.*

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January 1, Friday: With construction complete on the central part of their building (the part between the wings, now referred to as “Middle House”) New England [Yearly Meeting](#)’s boarding school for [Quaker](#) youth went into operation in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) on the farmland that had been donated in 1814 by [Friend Moses Brown](#). (Of course, there would be a Boys School and a Girls School, held distinct not only in reports and catalogues but also by means of gender segregation of classrooms, and gender segregation of walks, and gender segregation of groves and playgrounds and dining areas.)



This sketch was added to the face of a clock made by John Bailey, in the building’s sitting-room

Present at that point were the [Quaker](#) who had been hired to be a teacher in the boys’ department, Friend Benjamin Rodman, two assistant teachers for the girls’ department, Friends Mary Mitchell and Dorcas Gardner, Friend Maria Augusta Fuller from Lynn, Massachusetts, age 12, Friend Comfort Allen, age 22, a Quaker young woman from Richmond, New Hampshire, and three Quaker girls from Nantucket, Friends Elizabeth Brayton, age 15, Anna Fitch, age 14, and Hepsabeth Mitchell, age 14. (It has been noted, as an attempt at humor, that at this point, with two superintendents, one teacher, two assistant teachers, and five girl scholars on site, the teacher/student ratio had become exactly the ideal ratio of one on one!)



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When the [Hicksite](#)/Orthodox split would occur in the [Religious Society of Friends](#), this school would remain with the Orthodox or Quietist or segregationist branch and would prosper, enrolling on an average a student body of more than 150 white students during the decade of the 1830s.



During this year, also, Friend Moses would fund the purchase of a lot in Providence on which the colored people might erect a meetinghouse and school:



The colored people called a meeting in 1819 to take measures, to build a meetinghouse, with a basement for a school room. After appointing their Committee to carry out their wishes, they sent a special committee to Mr. [Moses Brown](#), to inform him of their intentions and see what he would do toward aiding them, knowing he belonged to the Society of Friends and was a very benevolent man, besides some of the members of the committee had been in his service. Mr. Brown, after hearing their statements, highly commended their movement, and said, "I always had it in my heart to help the colored people, whenever I saw they were ready to receive. Now go and select you out a lot, suitable for your purpose, and I will pay for it."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) of [Newport](#) wrote in his journal about the opening of this school (at which eventually he would teach):

6th day 1st of 1st M 1819 / My mind under much depression, particularly from yesterdays occurrences at Portsmouth. — It is a comfortable reflection that the Truth remains to be unchangeable & that those who abide in it have nothing to fear. — I have thought much of the Yearly Meeting School which is opened this day at Providence, the day has been very clear & remarkably mild for the season, may it prove an omen of the future usefulness of the institution to coming generations.²⁴⁵

245. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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January 2, Saturday: At the new [Quaker Yearly Meeting School](#) outside [Providence, Rhode Island](#), another girl scholar arrived, Friend Milly Paine, age 15, of Cumberland, and the very first boy scholar, Friend Philip A. Southwick, age 10, of Danvers, Massachusetts.

At some point in early January, the head and torso of the statue known then as “younger Memnon” was installed on its pedestal in the [Egyptian](#) Sculpture Room of the Townley Galleries of the British Museum.



January 3, Sunday: At 10:30AM a meeting for worship was held in one of the four large square rooms on the first floor of the new building of the [Yearly Meeting School](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) on top of the hill in [Providence, Rhode Island](#). Present, among others, with the young scholars and the school staff, was Friend [Moses Brown](#) and his wife Dorcas Brown, with his son Friend Obadiah M. Brown. The room at the time had been furnished with a large stove and a few chairs. As what was apparently the only vocal ministry, Friend Betsy Purinton “knelt in supplication.”

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) of [Newport](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 1st M 1819 / In our Morning meeting Anne Dennis appeared in a Short testimony then Hannah Dennis & then Jonathon Dennis. Thus daughter Mother & father in succession had the vocal service of the Day.

In the Afternoon we were Silent & the meeting was largely attended for afternoon & to me it was a good Meeting. –



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January 4, Monday: Martin Van Buren had William Thompson nominated as speaker of the New York Senate.

First day of school. The first boarding student to arrive at the newly constructed [Yearly Meeting School](#), several days before, had been [Friend](#) Maria Augusta Fuller from Lynn, Massachusetts, twelve years of age, who had arrived under the care of Friends Matthew Purinton and Betsy Purinton of Salem, Massachusetts, hired to superintend the business and home-life of the institution, but by this first day of instruction, a total of eleven scholars were present, Friends Daniel Bicknell, age 11, having arrived from North [Providence](#), Dorcas Hadwin, age 11, from [Providence](#), Charles Congdon, age 11, from [Providence](#), and Charles Metcalf, age 15, from Cumberland.

Superintendents.

1819-1824.	Purinton, Matthew and Betsy.
1824-1835.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1829-1835.	Gould, Stephen Wanton and Gould, Hannah , Asst. Supts.
1835-1836.	Davis, Seth and Mary.
1837.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1838-1839.	Rathbun, Rowland and Alice.
1840-1844.	Wing, Allen and Olive.
1845-1846.	Thompson, Olney and Lydia.
1847.	Congdon, Jarvia and Lydia.
1847-1852.	Cornell, Silas and Sarah M.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 1st M / My mind often depressed with the state of things in our Society, but notwithstanding all our failings I am comforted in a renewed confirmation that we are yet the first religious society, in that we believe in the Truth as it is in Jesus & that many of our members have attained to a higher state of religious experience than any other - we find most of professing christendom very outward in their views. while they profess a belief in spiritual things, they know but little more of the Spiritual work than if they were strangers to the Scriptures or the name of Christ, for the plain reason, that they overlook, the thing in the first setting out.- having no Idea that, the intimations which they feel early in life, as for instance condemnation for doing wrong, & justification for doing right, is nothing short than the divinity of Christ moving in



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our hearts, could they rightly see this, I believe, there would be less controversy on points of Doctrine - & were but the members of our Society more fully to live up to that which they believe in, - our Zion would Shine as in the days of her Ancient splendor, the Tents of Cushan would not be in affliction, neither would the Curtains of Middian tremble. -



January 6, Wednesday: Formal inauguration, by a group of gentlemen, at the Carolina Coffee House at the corner of Tradd Street and Bedon's Alley in Charleston, of the New England Society of Charleston, South Carolina. Members would meet regularly on Forefathers' Day for the purpose of recalling anew in pledges of steaming punch, the virile virtues of their ancestors who on a dark and freezing day in December first landed on Plymouth Rock after their long journey to the promised land of religious freedom, for good-fellowship, and to render aid to their less fortunate brothers. The original roster of membership lists 47 names.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6th of 1st M / I have felt my mind solemnized this evening & raised in secret prayer for preservation, to the father of Mercy
It is sometimes my allotment while in the midst of a social circle, to feel my mind abstracted from the passing observations, & centered in seriousness. -*



January 7, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th 1st M 1819 / Our Meeting was large in consequence of the Marriage of Abraham Barker & Margaret Buffum which was solemnized in a very becoming manner - after the certificate was signed - Jonathon Dennis appeared in a short testimony & the meeting closed under as good a covering as I ever witnessed on such an occasion. - David Rodman & myself being overseers of the Marriage we went to the House of our friend D Buffum to attend the wedding, which was a season of instruction to me, there was no levity but Solid conversation adorned the gathering, thro' the Afternoon, & in the evening we involuntarily fell into Silence, & heavenly good was near, which I have no doubt was more or less experienced by all present - Hannah Dennis was twice engaged in short communications, then David Buffum, & then Jonathon Dennis, twice spoke a few words & Hannah closed in solemn reverend supplication, after which we separated for our homes & I may acknowledge that it has been to me a day of memorable experience



This date was evidently significant in regard to some ongoing shenanigans and apparent graft (gaming the system), having to do with the disposition of seized negrero slave vessels, and with the disposition of their cargos of slaves, and with the distribution of this as loot by US court systems (the entire social apparatus apparently having been converted over by this time from the purpose of suppressing the international slave trade, to the purpose of enriching the various white participants to the process):



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W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: At this date (January 7, 1819), however, certain cases were stated to be pending.... In 1818 three American schooners sailed from the United States to Havana; on June 2 they started back with cargoes aggregating one hundred and seven slaves. The schooner "Constitution" was captured by one of Andrew Jackson's officers under the guns of Fort Barancas. The "Louisa" and "Marino" were captured by Lieutenant McKeever of the United States Navy. The three vessels were duly proceeded against at Mobile, and the case began slowly to drag along. The slaves, instead of being put under the care of the zealous marshal of the district, were placed in the hands of three bondsmen, friends of the judge. The marshal notified the government of this irregularity, but apparently received no answer. In 1822 the three vessels were condemned as forfeited, but the court "reserved" for future order the distribution of the slaves. Nothing whatever either then or later was done to the slave-traders themselves. The owners of the ships promptly appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and that tribunal, in 1824, condemned the three vessels and the slaves on two of them.²⁴⁶ These slaves, considerably reduced in number "from various causes," were sold at auction for the benefit of the State, in spite of the Act of 1819. Meantime, before the decision of the Supreme Court, the judge of the Supreme Court of West Florida had awarded to certain alleged Spanish claimants of the slaves indemnity for nearly the whole number seized, at the price of \$650 per head, and the Secretary of the Treasury had actually paid the claim.²⁴⁷ In 1826 Lieutenant McKeever urgently petitions Congress for his prize-money of \$4,415.15, which he has not yet received.²⁴⁸ The "Constitution" was for some inexplicable reason released from bond, and the whole case fades in a very thick cloud of official mist. In 1831 Congress sought to inquire into the final disposition of the slaves. The information given was never printed; but as late as 1836 a certain Calvin Mickle petitions Congress for reimbursement for the slaves sold, for their hire, for their natural increase, for expenses incurred, and for damages.²⁴⁹

246. The slaves on the "Constitution" were not condemned, for the technical reason that she was not captured by a commissioned officer of the United States navy.

247. These proceedings are very obscure, and little was said about them. The Spanish claimants were, it was alleged with much probability, but representatives of Americans. The claim was paid under the provisions of the Treaty of Florida, and included slaves whom the court afterward declared forfeited.

248. An act to relieve him was finally passed, Feb. 8, 1827, nine years after the capture. See STATUTES AT LARGE, VI. 357.

249. It is difficult to get at the exact facts in this complicated case. The above statement is, I think, much milder than the real facts would warrant, if thoroughly known. Cf. HOUSE REPORTS, 19th Congress 1st session, II. No. 231; 21st Congress 1st session, III. No. 348, pages 62-3, etc.; 24th Congress 1st session, I. No. 209; AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, NAVAL, II. No. 308.



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January 10, Sunday: [Benjamin Henry Latrobe](#) arrived in New Orleans, where he would design the central tower of the St. Louis Cathedral.



[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 1st M 1819 / In the morning meeting, there was a short testimony which felt to me to be about right - In the Afternoon we were silent, both to me were rather dull seasons.



January 14, Thursday: Grand Duke Carl August of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach approved the contract appointing [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) as his Kapellmeister.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 1st M / My mind has for several days past been under pressure when reflecting on an existing case in our Moy [Monthly] Meeting & I have desired that all my [may] terminate for good. - Had a good meeting, was favord with solid quiet for which I desire to be thankful. - Anne Dennis & Abigail Sherman appeared in short testimonys -



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January 16, Saturday: Godert baron van der de Capellen became the Governor of the Dutch-Indies.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 1st M / Attended our Select Meeting for Ministers & Elders In the forepart of it my mind was favor'd with The extendings of heavenly good, which drew the silent tear, but as the meeting advanced this preciuos feeling subsided, tho' on the whole it was a memorable Season to me. my name was made use of as a representative to the next Quarterly Meeting, but I hardly see how I can get there.



January 17, Sunday: [Simón Bolívar](#) proclaimed Columbia to be a republic.

Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) notified one of the overseers of his [slaves](#), Joel Yancey, that the soap Dick²⁵⁰ produced this year weighed merely 38 pounds whereas in the previous year it had weighed 45 (elsewhere we find a notation that hard soap was to be made by boiling 3 pounds of grease in 3 gallons of water with a box of Babbitt concentrated lye for 3 hours, pouring it into a tub and letting it remain 2 days, cutting it into bars, and putting it to dry).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 1st M 1819 / In our Morning meeting J Dennis & Abigail Sherman appeard in short testimonys & D Buffum concluded in a very lively & pathetic communication. – In the Afternoon we were both Silent – both meetings were good favord Seasons to me. – In the evening Set the evening with my H at Abigail Robinsons. –

250. Dick was a son of Will Smith and Abby, born in 1781 (Jefferson had also at one time had a pet northern mockingbird *Mimus polyglottos*, one of perhaps four he had owned and kept about the house, that he called “Dick”).



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January 21, Thursday: Documentation of the [international slave trade](#), per W.E.Burghardt Du Bois: “Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury ... in relation to Ships engaged in the Slave Trade, which have been Seized and Condemned, and the Disposition which has been made of the Negroes, by the several State Governments, under whose Jurisdiction they have fallen.” –HOUSE DOCUMENT, 15 Cong. 2 sess. VI. No. 107.

Frederick Marryat got married with Catherine Shairp in St Pancras Old Church, London. The couple would produce four sons and seven daughters, including the novelist Florence Marryat.



[Lemuel Capen](#), late minister of Sterling, Massachusetts, delivered a farewell address. This would be printed in Boston by J.T. Buckingham, as a pamphlet accompanied by documents containing the reasons of his

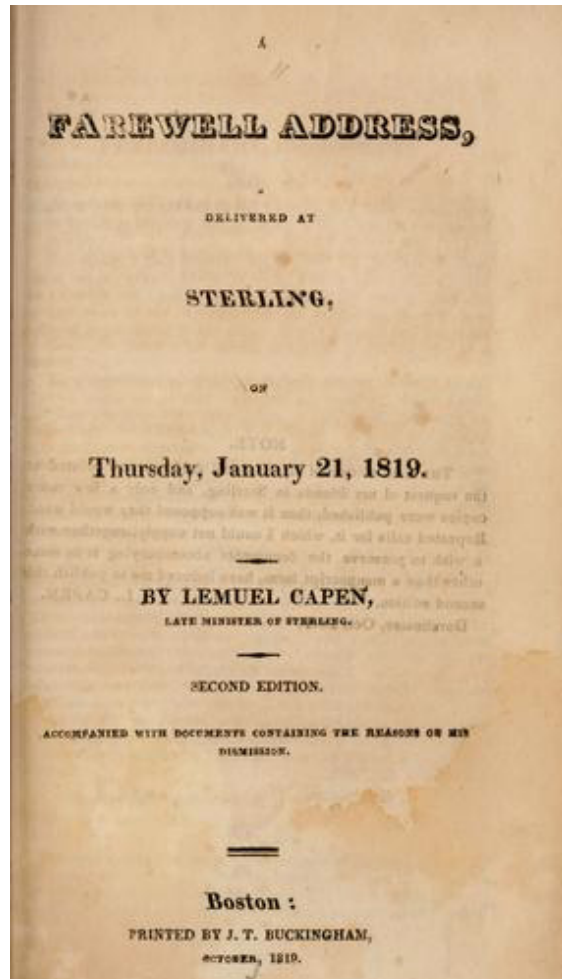


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(The Reverend Mr. Capen had been or would be replaced in the pulpit at Sterling by the Reverend Peter Osgood. Mr. Capen would pass on, to Brook Farm.)

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 1st M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, considering the cloudy weather & muddy walking. – Father Rodman was engaged in a short but solemn testimony on the necessity of Pure offerings & the danger of Strange fire. – the D Buffum on the necessity of love, that we closely examine ourselves to see if we are harbouring any thing counter to the Gospel dispensation on that Subject & if we are he impressed the necessity of setting about to do it away. In the last Osborn Mowry requested a certificate of removal within the limits of Richmond Moy [Monthly] Meeting – so, our numbers seems to be bounded. I was in hopes that he would have settled down with us, & have contributed to the Streangth of this Moy [Monthly]



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Meeting. –



January 24, Sunday: Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote from Monticello to Richard Duke that “The duties of a Proctor for the Central college are of two characters so distinct, that it is difficult to find them associated in the same person. the one part of these duties is to make contracts with workmen, superintend their execution, see that they are according to the plan, performed faithfully and in a workman like manner; settle their accounts, and pay them off. the other part is to hire common laborers, overlook them, provide subsistence, and do whatever also is necessary for the institution. for this latter part mr Barksdale is fully qualified: but the other part we have thought would be better done by a person more accustomed to that sort of business, and mr Garrett has given me a hope you would undertake this part. if you could devote two days in the week to it, it would be quite sufficient, but if this is incompatible with your other business, one day in the week would do. whatever agreement as to these particulars, or as to compensation, shall be arranged between mr Garrett and yourself, will be confirmed, and we should wish your entrance on your branch of the office as soon as we learn that the bill for the establishment of the University at the site of the Central College has passed both houses of legislature.”

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th 1st M / In the Mornng meeting Abigail Sherman appeared in a short testimony – In the Afternoon H Dennis was also short. – I was favord with a degree of life in both meetings but they were rather dull times on the whole. – Set the evening at home a little unwell with a pain in my side. –



January 28, Thursday: Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, having come from [India](#) to set up a British trading station, put ashore at a tiny cluster of islands strategically located at the tip of the Malay Peninsula and began to negotiate with the local sultan for the creation of a “lion city,” Singapore. Catching a whiff of the memorable “carrion in custard” odor of the local delicious durian fruit, he held his nose and ran in the opposite direction (we can be certain that this is something which HDT never had a chance to sample: “Impact! Impact!”²⁵¹).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 1st M / Our first Meeting was silent. – In the last we had considerable buisness. – The case of overseers from [Portsmouth](#) reported in the 11th M last & The committee appointed reported that the objection of the individual was insufficient & they were all apponted, tho’ not without no small exercise, here is an instance which proves the necessity of Friends, keeping up their Authority in the Truth, & I am glad to be able to record the Truth gained the assendency over a loose spirit this day. –Uncle Peter Lawton & wife & George Anthony Dined with us –



February 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

251. Even today it is “the smell from hell with the taste from heaven,” to quote a popular idiom. Retailing at some \$4.⁰⁰ a pound and up, the fruit is nevertheless banned from transportation in any taxi, bus, ferry, or subway; on the flights of Singapore Airlines it is the forbidden fruit. Restaurants which want to be able to serve dishes containing durian must by law be equipped with a special “once-through” air conditioning system. Personally, I find the odor quite sweet and fragrant – but then I’m weird, and also experience the odor of manure on the fields in the spring in Vermont as quite sweet and fragrant.



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2nd day 1st of 2nd M 1819 / A little after 12 OC this day went on board the Packet with my Wife & David Buffum for Providence, it was a very mild pleasant Day & we arrived there about 7 OC in the evening, we went immediately to Obadiah Browns were[where] we were rec'd in a very Hospitable manner & lodged –

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February 2, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day. This morning Obadiah took us in his carriage & we rode out to the Yearly Meeting school which we visited in its various departments – found the children in good order in the School, the Masters & Mistresses apparantly good examples & the other branches all well regulated, affording a comfortable prospect of future usefulness to the rising generation, & society in general – here we were joined by our aged father in Israel, Moses Brown who tho' having enter'd the 81st Year of his age, is as bright in his faculties (to all appearances) as at any time in his life, with him we went home to dine & under his friendly roof we lodged, after spending the Afternoon & evening in interesting conversation with him & D Buffum. –

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February 3, Wednesday: Semiramide riconosciuta, a dramma per musica by Giacomo Meyerbeer to words of Rossi after Metastasio, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Regio, Turin before the King and Queen of Piedmont.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day – Came to Town an attended our Select Quarterly meeting, in my mind, life was low, but our friend D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony. in the opening of it & at the close Rowland Greene was also engaged in testimony. – I dined at Wm Almays, made a few calls in town & in the Afternoon joined my H at M Browns, where I d left her in the morning. Set the remainder of the Afternoon there & amused ourselves in looking over his Library. he has at present the greatest collection of Friends books, both Ancient & Modern of any friend in New England. –

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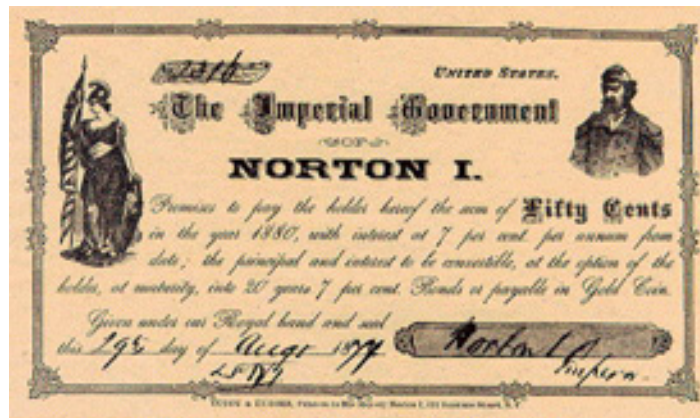
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February 4, Thursday: Just outside of London, Joshua Abraham Norton, who would one day proclaim himself the Emperor of the United States, was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day – My H had an opportunity to ride to town & I walked in to Meeting, there were public appearances from James Greene, D Howland, Thos Anthony, Susanna Bateman & Betsy Purinton, & Henry Chase in Supplication – The weight of the service fell on Thos Anthony who was much favored to hold up the Standard of Truth in the view of a very large assembly
In the last meeting, there was some labor, but we had some pleasant circumstances & tho' the Passover was eaten with bitter herbs, we were favored to make an escape. –
Hannah dined at [O Browns](#), but being Detained at the meeting House on a committee after both meetings rise – I went to Joseph Anthonys, where I met my old friend James Greene & was glad to see him as well as a number of others who were there – In the evening returned to [O Browns](#) & lodged.

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February 5, Friday: [Hannah Hoes Van Buren](#) had been married to Martin Van Buren for ten years, after being childhood sweethearts. At the age of 35 she died of [tuberculosis](#). The widower, who always called her “Jannetje,” would not remarry.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) gave his 1st concert in Rome (it was so successful, he would go on to give two more).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day – morning at 10 OC went on board the Packet with a number of Friends & fellow Passengers & had a very pleasant Passage home of about three hours & an half. – on board was a Presbyterian minister by the name of Oliver Brown with whom we had much religious discourse, & D Buffum in particular was



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favord to open some parts of our doctrine to him in a way he had never understood it before, & indeed he Seemed very ignorant of Friends & their principles. –

On our arrival home we found John well & had been So since our absence, having staid at his grandfather Rodmans under the care of his Aunt Ruth & been a good boy, which I record to his credit & perhaps encouragement in a future day, his [this] being the first time his mother has left him even for a single night since he was born. –

Many agreeable circumstances are unnoticed some disagreeable ones which occured in this visit, tho' as respects ourselves, nothing unpleasant took place & I do feel thankful for it. – Life was pretty uniformly low in my mind but on the whole it was a Season of improvement

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February 7, Sunday: [Sir Thomas Stamford Bingley Raffles](#) left [Singapore](#) under the care of Commandant [William Farquhar](#), an employee of the East India Company.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 2nd M 1819 / D Buffum & father Rodman were engaged in short public testimonies in the Morning Meeting, & in the Afternoon Anne Dennis offred a few words. – To me life was low in both meetings, tho' my feelings are not a criterian to judge the whole, having often found when it was well with me it was not so with others & vise versa.

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February 11, Thursday: Secretary of War John Caldwell Calhoun, the same realistic dude who declared of the truism that all men are born free and equal that it was “utterly untrue,” wrote to the [Cherokee](#) Delegation that they had a choice before them and the choice was stark. They could become indistinguishable from white people or perish! Make up your minds, people. “You are now becoming like the white people; you can no longer live by hunting, but must work for your subsistence. In your new condition, far less land is necessary for you. Your great object ought to be to hold your land separate among yourselves, as you white neighbors; and so live and bring up your children in the same way as they do, and gradually to adopt their laws and manners. It is thus only that you can be prosperous and happy. Without this, you will find you will have to emigrate, or become extinct as a people. You see that the Great Spirit has made our form of society stronger than yours, and you must submit to adopt ours, if you wish to be happy by pleasing him.” Did I mention that you need to hurry up and make up your minds which it is going to be?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 2nd M / Our meeting was silent, to me a season of poverty & stupor. –

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February 14, Sunday: [Christopher Latham Sholes](#), who would invent the first practical typewriter and the QWERTY keyboard, was born in Morresburg, Pennsylvania. He would assist in the abolition of the death penalty in Wisconsin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 2 M / In the mornng Meeting Hannah Dennis appeared in testimony. – Silent in the Afternoon. –
Our John has been unwell for several days, & is subject to frequent turns of hevy fever & head Achs which seems at times threatening of fixed disorder, he seems better this Afternoon & evening, but his frequent attacks excites anxiety on his account. –5th day 18th of 2 M / At meeting J Dennis expressed a few words which was otherwise silent. – my mind was occupied in the awful execution of four pirates which takes place this day in Boston. –Oh may they have so repented as to experience forgiveness for their many fold crimes –
No buisness in the Preparative meeting –*

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February 21, Sunday: In [Northampton](#), Massachusetts, Miriam Warner died at the age of 11.

A “PIOUS CHILD” TRACT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 2nd M / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum was engaged in a very lively testimony – In the Afternoon – Anne Dennis appeard in a few words & Hannah was concerned in a lively appearance. –
To me it was a season of poverty, tho’ a little life sprung up towards the close in the Afternoon*

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February 25, Thursday: A [Quaker](#) monthly meeting was established in Rochesterville, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th of 2 M / Did not attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held at [Portsmouth](#), with which I am not fully satisfied. I have been thro’ the day very destitute of life. – Those who attended Said it was a season of some favor but not as flowing as at sometimes the buisness was conducted with decorum & some long & tedious cases brought to a close. –
Set part of the evening with my H at Sally Eastons –*

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February 28, Sunday: Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) presided over the foundation of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. (He had designed the first buildings of the campus. The first classes would not begin until 1825.)

[Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) left [Naples](#).

At Vienna's Redoutensaal, Die Huldigung, a cantata by Johann Baptist Schenk to words of Höltz, was performed for the initial time.

Schäfers Klagelied D.121 to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), the first of Franz Schubert's lieder to be presented in public, was performed for the initial time, in the Gasthof "zum römischen Kaiser."

A total of 66 students were registered at the [Yearly Meeting School](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 2nd M 1819 / Our morning Meeting was silent & rather smaller than usual owing to a number of friends & attenders of our meeting having gone to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of Mary Mott daughter of our late friend Jacob Mott who departed this life the 26th inst at the old Mansion house, her remains were carried to friends Meeting house & after Meeting interd
In the Afternoon father Rodman deliverd a few words very appropriate & to me savory. -*

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March 4, Thursday: J.W. Pastorf (1767-1838) of Drossen, Germany began to make drawings of the solar disk including sketches of sunspot groups (he would continually generate these sketches until November 4, 1833; the drawings are now in the archives of the Royal Astronomical Society Library).

SUNSPOTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4th of 3rd M 1819 / Our meeting was Silent & tho' a part of it was solemn & a good covering experienced in my mind, yet a very considerable part of it was very barran & unsettled. -
The fault was doubtless my own, which is no consolation*

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March 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 3rd M / Our meeting in the morning was pretty well attended considering the weather. D Buffum bore a lively & acceptable testimony. - In the Afternoon we were Silent. -
In the evening set a little while at Isaac Mitchells. -*

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March 9, Tuesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), the chain of events leading to the establishment of the African Union Meeting and Schoolhouse and eventually to the organization and construction of the Congdon Street Baptist Church began in the vestry of the 1st [Baptist](#) Meeting House with a meeting called at the request of a group of African Americans, for the establishment of a place for people of color to worship God and provide secular education for their children. In addition to persons of color, this planning meeting was attended by influential, sympathetic whites. A 12-person committee would select a lot at the corner of Meeting Street (which then ran all the way up the hill) and Congdon Street, [Friend Moses Brown](#) would purchase it, construction of a schoolhouse would begin, and during June 1820 the structure would open for divine worship. The large room would be fitted with pews, and the building would be completed and dedicated in 1821 (this would come to be referred to as the African Union Meeting House; in a later timeframe, hostile white neighbors would cause the structure to be torn down, and in an even later timeframe, there would be erected the Congdon Street Baptist Church).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 3rd M / While sitting with my mother this evening she related the following Anecdote, which interested me, much. I thought it very instructing. – She said, when she was a little girl there was one of her young associates was to have a Ball on her birth day evening to which she was invited & set her heart much on going but her father & mother was opposed to it, of which she thought exceedingly hard & could not be reconciled, her father reasoned the case & told her that her grand father & grandmother Clarke would be exceedingly hurt at her going to a Ball & that aside from his own objections that he could not consent to it on their account – well she told her father, she would make a Bargain with him, which was that if he would furnish her with as many bugle Beads & Ribbons as she wanted to wear, that she would give up the Ball. to this he consented with readiness, in a short time gave her the money for the purpose, but she began to reflect on his kindness & that as he had consented against his own judgement, she would not but any ribonds that was very gay, but keep as much in the moderation as the nature of the case would admit. – The Beads & Ribbons were bought & fancifully wrought into various shapes for a head dress &c. & the time soon came when she was to pay a visit to her cousins who were of the Church of England & what were called fashionable folks, here she expected to be greatly respected & caressed for her beautiful & fine appearance, it so happened that there were some others of her acquaintances there of the Brenton family who soon began to look at her, & then at one another, & wink & sneer, at this she soon became suspicious that some of her ribonds were out of order. She then began to feel on her head to see if all was right, & up her hand would go to her head to ascertain, at this sight her friends would become more diverted, till at length she was laughed at, which was so great a source of mortification that before night she was ready to put her head any where to get it out of sight, at night when she went home, her head dress was taken off & never resumed. – This story goes to prove a Sentiment in which I have been long



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confirmed, vizt that a [Quaker](#) has nothing to expect from the esteem of the world by conforming to its fashions maxims & c. but on the contrary the finger of scorn is pointed at every departure from "the good order & regulations of our Society. – At another time she says her mother gave her a handsome plain silk handkerchief with which she was dissatisfied & sold it for a green gause one & wore it to meeting - at the dinner table her father asked why there was no meeting at Vinals meeting & she replied to him that there was. his reply was "Why what presbiterian girl was that I saw at meeting with a green gause handkerchief" this also was a source of mortification & pretty much broke up her desire for finery. That a very considerable experience & observation fully confirms me that our young friends never appear to better advantage or are more respected by the world than when they come up nobly in the line of the Predicessors



March 11, Thursday: A temporary rise in the level of the Cumberland River enabled the steamboat *General Jackson*, unloaded of all its supplies, to pass over the Harpeth Shoals below Nashville, and make itself the initial commercial steamer to arrive at that settlement (this vessel would sink in 1821 during another attempt to negotiate these shoals, but nothing would be done to improve the river channel for a decade).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 3rd M / At meeting our frd D Buffum was very lively & pertinent in a short testimony, wherein he pointed out tha good effect of righteousness & the bad effect of disobedience

It was a season of some favor to my mind for which I desire to be thankful. –Jonathon Dennis & wife set the Afternoon & took tea with us, just before they left us they expressed a few words in a short setting whereby we may probably improve, if a right application is made.

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March 14, Sunday: Overture in E by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Josef Müllerscher Kunstsaal am Rothen Thurm of Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 3rd M / Our Meetings were both Silent, & I believe generally barran Season. – Tho' a considerable number met with us I feared there was but little bread dispenced to the multitude which was doubtless owing to our want of Faith in that Ancient power that has ever fed those who have trusted in it – May our Faith be Strengthened, may we apply our hearts to that quickening Spirit which raises the Dead & casts out devils, So that our minds may rise superior to the hindering & beclouding things of time & sense, that when we present our bodys before



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the most high, we may be enabled to offer an acceptable offering, an oblation of Sweet incense, to his honor & praise. – Being called to sit in the front of our public Meetings as an ensign to the people, What need there is for me often to Wash in the Lava of regnereation, that the weight of my spirit may be felt in our assemblys, but alas how poor I am. –

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March 15, Monday: John Hosmer made out a deed to Abel Hosmer for some property “in the west part of [Concord](#).”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 3rd M / We had to sit the evening with us Wm Lee his daughters, Mary & Abby. Avis Mumford & Sister Mary this was a pleasant visit to us

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March 18, Thursday: In Dresden, Carl Maria von Weber was in bed with a fever and his wife refrained from letting him be aware that her 3-month-old infant also was ill (later in the month the infant would die).

In South Reading (now Wakefield), Massachusetts, [Frederick Slocumb Wiley](#) was born to [Keturah Green Wiley](#) and [Benjamin Brown Wiley](#). He would be prepared for college at South Reading Academy, and his graduation oration would be on the subject of “Reason and Faith” in the light of a passage in LOCKE ON THE UNDERSTANDING.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 3rd M 1819 / Henry Knowles accompanied by Andrew Nichols Jr have been engaged in visiting families in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting for several days, they commenced in town Yesterday attended by Jonathon Dennis & I went with them to one place in the evening, & to two this morning before meeting - At Meeting Henry was Silent but Andrew had a short acceptable testimony, -Jonathon joined Henry this Afternoon to proceed, as Andrew felt it necessary to go home on acct of his family. -but before they had proceeded far -Henry seemed to give up the Prospect, & concluded to return to his father Anthonys at [Portsmouth](#). –

The importance of the Appointment of An Elder was never so hevy on me before, Oh the need of Wisdom, of religious depth, that we may rightly discover between thing & thing.

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March 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 3rd M / Our Meetings were both pretty well attended considering the wet Walking - father Rodman bore short



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testimonys in each, & each were seasons of some favor to me

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March 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 3 M / I have felt this day a renwal of life, & can say with Some formerly, "has not my heart burned within me"

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Hannah Bocking, who had poisoned Jane Grant at Wardlow Miers in Derbyshire, was only 16 when [hanged](#), which was a female record (execution of persons under 16 would remain a possibility in England until the Children's Act of 1908).

OTHER WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1819

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
08/03	Sarah Huntingford	61	Winchester (Gallows Hill)	Murder of husband
12/03	Sarah Hurst		Aylesbury	Murder of husband
22/03	Mary Woodman	30	Exeter	Murder of husband
29/03	Mary McGarry		Downpatrick	Child Murder
23/04	Mary Bissaker	56	Warwick	Coining



March 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 3rd M / It is 5th day morning, very rainy & a prospect of a Small Moy [Monthly] Meeting. – Yet I feel a hope there will be enough assemble to transact the buisness with a degree of propriety sufficient at least to preserve the Great cause from dishonor

The Travelling was exceedingly bad, & all the morning a drenching rain so that our meeting was very small, Abraham Barker was the only friend from [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting. – no buisness of importance was entered upon, but refer'd to next Moy [Monthly] Meeting

This is the first time I ever knew a Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in [Newport](#) when there was no friend present from [Portsmouth](#) & only one from that Preparative Meeting & he from [Tiverton](#).

Lewis L Clarke was over & dined with us. –

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March 28, Sunday: That morning the ocean-going steamboat *Savannah* departed from the Fly Market Wharf on Manhattan Island under Captain Moses Rogers and mate Stephen Rogers to heading toward the port of Savannah, whence she would proceed to Liverpool and St. Petersburg. Hundreds watched from the Battery as she passed Governor's Island, entered the Narrows, and gradually went hull down on the horizon. After an uneventful 9-day voyage she would arrive at that port, and hundreds of citizens would stand on the bank of the Savannah River to cheer and wave their hats and handkerchiefs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 3rd M 1819 / Our Meeting was as large as usual excepting of those who usually occupy the rising seats D Buffum confined by indisposition, Father Rodman by lameness & R Mitchell & J Dennis at [Portsmouth](#). I alone was left which produced no small exercise & caused searching of heart. - Oh the responsibility of going in & out before the people. - In the Afternoon we were in a similar Situation & the weight of the Meeting again fell on me. - both sittings were silent & I thought were favor'd. - Took tea with D Buffum found him comfortable & if nothing more unfavorable takes place, think it probable he may be our again in a few days. -

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March 31, Wednesday: At the fee level that had been decided, which was \$100 per scholar per school year, registration at the new [Yearly Meeting School](#) of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) on the [Moses Brown](#) farm in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) had risen to 81 [Quaker](#) children. These scholars ranged in age from 7 and 8 to 27 and 28.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) gave his 1st concert in Naples, at the Teatro del Fondo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31st of 3 M / This Afternoon walked over to the Point & from a degree of curiosity called to see the widow Dolly Thurston a woman about 94 Years of age, found her quite intelligible in conversation, free & pleasant and apparantly possessing a very innocent mind, & I thought evinced more quietness than some who has made a higher profession of religion & perhaps really had more experience after sitting with her for a little time, asking her questions & attending to her replys & remarks - I observed that while sitting by her I had felt a good evidence of the peacefully quiet state of her mind, & that I had no doubt it would continue with her while she staid here & go with her beyond the grave. she said she had seen many changes thro' life, but had much to be thankful for & tho' low in circumstances, was much better than many. - After a few remarks in that way we parted & my mind was favord with a covering which well paid for the visit. -

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 April 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 4th M / Our meeting I thought was rather Smaller than usual. - & tho' my mind was a part of the time under a degree of favor, Yet it was a poor time to me

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 April 4, Sunday: Zemire und Azor, an opera by Louis Spohr to words of Ihlee after Marmontel, was performed for the initial time, in Frankfurt-am-Main, on the eve of the composer's 35th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 4th of 4th M 1819 / Our morning meeting was pretty well attended D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony & of greater length than is usual for him - he was followed by short communications from Anne Hannah & Jonathon Dennis The Afternoon Meeting was Silent & well attended - to me both were suffering seasons - being afflicted with a head Ach, was unable to enter into feeling as I was desirous of doing. - My dear mother seems very unwell with a cold. perhaps it is nothing more than the common cold which goes about & is now very prevalent, particularly among children, but her lungs seem much affected with soreness & phlegmatic oppression, which at her advanced age & amaciated frame, excites some concern at her situation.

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 April 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


2nd day 5 of 4 M / Mother continues poorly & has today in addition to her other complaints some pain in the side & under her Arm. -

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 April 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 4 M / I think I never saw mother so Sick as she is today considering every circumstance, perhaps the effects of medicine may occasion her weakness in some degree, she has set up some in the course of the day, but there is an appearance in her eyes & countenance generally, which excites some alarm in my mind for her situation. -

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 April 7, Wednesday: The New York legislature established a Board of Agriculture, to oversee appropriations for agriculture, and appropriated \$10,000 for each of the next two years.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 7 of 4 M / Mother seems better today having slept more last night, but the oppression continues

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April 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 4 M / Our meeting was small but a good degree of favor - silent - Sister E Rodman returned from [Providence](#) where She has been for two Months assisting in the [Yearly Meeting School](#)

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April 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 4 M / Mother still labors under her disorder, but seems Cheerful -

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April 11, Easter Sunday: James and William Smith of Gloucester, 14 and 16 years of age, drowned while fishing.

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) met [John Keats](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 4th M 1819 / Our meeting was indeed a favored one to me this morning, being enable to experience that true quiet which giveth strength under trying dispensations Yesterday & this morning has been seasons of large experience to me, & had to sympathise with one in affliction which had better not be explained here. - Father Rodman was favored in a short testimony & D Buffum twice engaged livingly & powerfully -

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April 14, Wednesday: Mary Heyward Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th of 4th M / I have never seen a greater need for all to resign themselves into the hands of a wise & Merciful Creator & Redeemer, casting our confidence on Him & striving to cleave to him as the Munition of Rocks, than for a few days past. May I never loose my confidence in his Power to Save, Oh what Balm



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it is to the Soul in affliction to feel the Lord as a sure Hiding place - tho' as respects my own particular I have at present no uncommon depression of mind, yet having had to be Baptized with those who are, can speak from experience

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April 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 4th M / Our Meeting was silent - a few words expressed by a friend. -

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April 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 17 of 4 M / Our Select meeting was held this day. - The forepart of it was a season of favor, but ended under some exercise
R Mitchell Dined with us. -*

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April 18, Sunday: Carlos Manuel de Céspedes was born in Bayamo, Cuba.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 4 M / Our morning meeting appeared to be a season of favor. Anne Greene H Dennis & D Buffum in succession were very lively in testimony. The Afternoon Meeting was su[?] of which & hardly of the morning I was hardly in a state to judge, being very unwell & suffering very considerable constant pain of body thro' the day - A Greene & Sarah Fowler took tea with us. - In the evening I called on several friends, but soon returned Home & passed the evening quietly & pleasantly with my



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H & Sister Mary, who has been with us several

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April 22, Thursday: The 5th Frontier War between the Xhosa, on the one hand, and the English and the Boers, on the other, began when Xhosa chief Ndlamba and prophet [Makanda Nxele](#) directed a force of 6,000 in a daylight attack on Grahamstown. The British garrison of 350 was reinforced by a group of Khoikhoi led by Jan Boesak. The British bullets did not turn to water as had been forecast by the prophet. The attackers fled, and the prophet surrendered and would be placed on [Robben Island](#), which is virtually isolated due to a pounding Atlantic surf (he would drown during an escape attempt on December 25th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 4th M 1819 / Our third day morning I strained my back & have ever since been scarcely able to move & with the greatest difficulty to raise myself in bed. In consequence of which I am unable to go to meeting, & am sorry for it particularly as it is Preparative Meeting day. —

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April 25, Sunday: Frederic Hudson was born in Quincy MA to Barzillai Hudson and Rebecca Eaton Hudson. Although he would be raised and educated primarily in Boston, he would spend a couple of years at school in Concord as the culmination of his formal education before heading to New-York to seek his fortune at the age of 17.

(In New-York, he would work first at Hudson's News Room, his brother Edward's news-gathering agency, where he would come to the attention of James Gordon Bennett, who had been publishing the New-York Herald for about a year. Hudson would become a reporter for the Herald — the paper's 3rd employee counting Bennett himself. While working for his brother, Hudson went to the docks for information about incoming vessels. At the Herald, Concord historian Leslie Perrin Wilson would proclaim, this aggressive so-called "Father of American Journalism" eventually would be sending boats out to meet ships on their way into port — Wilson supposing there to be something new or novel about this centuries-old practice.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 4th M / I am still so lame in my back & hips as to be unable to Sit in meeting. — This I particularly regret to day as it is pleasant & a pretty large gathering of others who are not members. & D Buffum gone to Connanicut to be at the opening of the Meeting there for the Season — & Jonathon Dennis & Wife on a visit to their relations in Berklay - This left the high seat with only father Rodman & R Mitchell, & in the Afternoon father alone.

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April 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 4 M / Yesterday was a very Sick day with me my back & loins were in much pain from which I was much reduced by



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night by the operation of a Dose of Senna Armiseed liquors Salts & manna – but the pain continues some today, tho' I am comfortable to yesterday, for which I believe I can say of a truth "I am thankful"

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April 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 4th M / This is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting day at [Portsmouth](#) -my back so lame & I am otherwise so unwell that I am unable to attend. it is consolation that when I have been well, that exercions have been made to get to meetings & that I have seldom missed one from worldly concerns, but on the contrary, many sacrifices have been made to keep up that part of duty, & tho' there have been many seasons when it has seemd as if there was but little benefit resulted from sitting in meeting, yet it has always in the end produced a measure of satisfaction. –

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May 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 5th M 1819 / Again at home unable to attend Meeting it is the first time I ever missed six meetings in succession on any account that I recollect. – Sister E dined with us & Sister R took tea. Their company helped to pass the time more agreeably. –

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May 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 5th M 1819 / Our meeting considering many friends are absent at [Greenwich](#) Quarterly Meeting, was pretty well attended. Silent I to me rather a lean time, it is the first time I have attended since I have been unwell, – Our friends who went to the queaterly Meeting on third day, had a fine time up & pleasant weather since they have been gone

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May 7, Friday: Johann Baptist Schenk's cantata Der Mai for solo voices, chorus and orchestra was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Redoutensaal.

As an example of the distress being caused by the Panic of 1819, on this day J. Joseph Henry II wrote to William Henry III observing that their rifle business was down "in consequence of the [Cotton](#) business being so very bad to the southern, that it will make out rifles business decline too."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th of 5 M / Ourt friends have returned from the



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Quarterly Meeting. they say several Ministering friends were present from other parts of the Yearly Meeting among them were John Bailey, Micajah Collins, Experience Sherman & Avis Keene, also Mary Allen & that several of them with Several of our own Ministers were engaged to declare the Truth in the Power of it. – There was but little buisness to transact. – After the Quarterly Meeting was over – The funeral of Thos Anthonys Wife was held at the Meeting house & Several lively & pertinent testimonys borne. – She was a Woman in rather Younger life say not to exceed 37 Years, but had attained very good Standing & much beloved both in society & among her neighbours & by both much lamented. She promised pretty extensive usefulness in Society, being an Elder & had, sometimes appeared in public testimony. – I sympathise with her Consort, being an early friend of my youth

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May 9, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini's cantata 9 maggio 1819 to words of Genoino was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples, during the visit of Emperor Franz I.

President James Monroe, in Savannah, Georgia to inspect the new steamship *Savannah* about to depart on its transatlantic voyage, attended the dedication of the new Independent Presbyterian Church. The musical portions of the ceremony were conducted by the church's choir director Lowell Mason (unfortunately, the new organ for the church was not yet playable).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 5th M / In our morning meeting Hannah Dennis was twice lively in testimony & D Buffum was once very sweet & lively. – In the Afternoon we were Silent.

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May 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 5th M / Our Meeting was small, being stormy. – to me it was a rather dull time. – there was no preaching but I thought divine favor was felt among us. – My feelings were particularly strengthened with the company of some of the Younger branches of Society who set with us –

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May 14, Friday: A Sunday School was organized at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Kennebunk, the 1st in Maine:

To all who regard the sanctity of the Lord's day, and the importance of instructing youth in the principles of the blessed religion of Jesus Christ, –
You are invited to send your children to the Meeting House in this Parish, to receive instruction in the Scriptures of truth,



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in a manner best suited to their ages, circumstances, and capacities. Those who are able are desired to bring a Bible, or testament and primer, or any book containing the Assembly's Catechism, and any other Christian catechisms on hand. Books will be provided for those unable to procure them, and for such this instruction is more specially designed.

– Kennebunk Gazette, May 14, 1819.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 5th M 1819 / A sense of depression at the state of things which are dull both in temporal & spirituals. – may we proffit by every dispensation, it is my desire to, & that the disposition to "give thanks in all things" may be cultivated. –

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May 16, Sunday: At the Royal Chapel on the island of Pape'ete, three ministers sent out by the London Missionary Society, the Reverends Henry Bicknell, William Henry, and Charles Wilson, preached and then the Reverend Bicknell stood on the steps of the pulpit, took water from a basin held by the Reverend Henry, and poured it on the head of [King Tū Tū-nui-'ē'a-i-te-atua Pōmare II](#), baptizing him as a Christian (the monarch was fearful that he had lost favor with the god 'Oro; in 1821 he would die due to excessive drinking and be succeeded by his son as Pōmare III).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th of 5th M 1819 / Our Morning Meeting was silent & a pretty solid time – In the Afternoon Father Rodman was concerned in a short but lively testimony of encouragement to virtue & a reliance on the sufficiency of Providence to support in every dispensation
Set most of the evening with Br Rodman –*

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May 19, Wednesday: A large meeting was held in Cape Town, to express the indignation of the whole colony of the Cape of Good Hope against the attempt of the Colonial-office to make the Cape a penal colony. (This and subsequent meetings and acts would induce Earl Grey to forego his purpose.)

The initial steamboat to make it up the Missouri River, a 50-ton craft named the *Independence*, Captain John Nelson, carrying whiskey, flour, sugar, and iron castings, arrived at St. Charles after a journey of 150 miles (leaving St. Louis on May 6th and arriving on May 19th after seven days of actual river steaming time, which is slightly better than 21 miles per day).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19th of 5th M / My dear & very Affectionate Mother spent this Afternoon with us She has for Several weeks been confined with Severe indisposition & a part of the time I had little or no hopes of ever seeing her out again. – This is the first time she has been out & seems as smart as for some time past, has resumed her usual cheerfulness, tho' through the whole she never entirely lost it.

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May 20, Thursday: The SS *Savanah* set out on her transatlantic voyage.

Kamehameha II (Kalaninui 'Iolani Liholiho) became king of the Hawaiian Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 5 M / Our meeting was silent & to me a season of



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some favor – committees were in town. attending to several appointments from the Moy [Monthly] meeting –

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➡ May 23, Sunday: Lieutenant [John Franklin](#) led an overland expedition to explore the north coast of America from the mouth of the Coppermine River to Repulse Bay. Midshipman [George Back](#) set out with Sir John for York Factory on the Hudson's Bay Company ship *Prince of Wales*. The expedition would pass its first winter at Cumberland House and its second at a base camp they had built by Winter Lake, "Fort Enterprise" between Great Slave Lake and the Coppermine River.

CARTOGRAPHY

THE FROZEN NORTH

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 5 M / Our morning meeting was well attended D Buffum was very lively in testimony & Hannah Dennis appeared twoce & I believe it was a solemn time to some minds present. – Between meetings wrote to Uncle & Aunt Stanton - informing them that Sister Sally was put to bed this morning about 6 OC with a fine healthy daughter. –

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➡ May 24, Monday: At a performance of *La Gazza ladra* in Gioachino Rossini's home town of Pesaro, followers of Caroline of Brunswick, Duchess of Wales did everything they could to disrupt the proceedings. She and her lover were hoping to repay a perceived snub he had given them during the previous year's performance. Most citizens hoped to make his return a gala occasion but the toughs forced the town fathers to smuggle him in the stage door. They carried out whistling and disruptions from all sides of the theater. Rossini would never set foot in Pesaro again.

Alexandrina Victoria, who would in 1837 become [Queen Victoria](#), was born in Kensington Palace in London, the 1st and only child of Edward, Duke of Kent (allegedly) and Princess Victoria Maria Louisa of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld — and hemophilia became a fact of life in the English and eventually the Russian royal families. As there is only one chance in 50,000, genetically, that indolent Edward had been biologically her father and that that gene for hemophilia had been introduced into the royal family at this point by a chance mutation, it seems likely that from this point forward all the Brit troubles with their royals have been utterly unnecessary. If Victoria was a bastard, then it should be the socialite Ernst, Prince of Hanover on the throne right now, not Elizabeth II — and Chuckie "I want to be your tampon" Stuart would have been being the mere socialite.²⁵²

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252. Hey, let's dig her up the way the Empress Dowager was dug up. Maybe we can shuck the lot of them. What price news copy?



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It was the Duke and Duchess of Kent who selected the name Victoria, but her uncle George IV, who had a certain sort of rank in the family, insisted that she be named Alexandrina after her godfather Tsar Alexander I of Russia.

Victoria's putative or official daddy would die when she was but eight months old and her mama the Duchess of Kent would then (:-) develop a close relationship with Sir John Conroy, an ambitious Irish officer. Conroy, nice man that he was, would act as if (:-) Victoria were his own daughter and would have a major influence over her as a child:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 24th of 5 M / Went this morning to Connanicut with our
fr D Buffum to attend the funeral of Robert Watsons daughter. -*



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D was concerned in a very lively & pertinent testimony which I hope may tend to the instruction & edification of some present -we returned & dined at J L Greenes & then crossed the ferry & got home before 5 OC PM

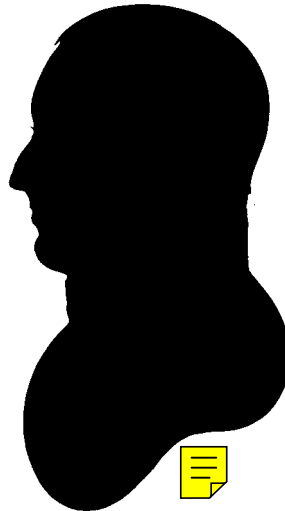
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May 27, Thursday: Julia Ward ([Julia Ward Howe](#)) was born in New-York, into a strict and well-to-do Episcopalian Calvinist family. She was a descendant of two colonial [Rhode Island](#) governors, Richard Ward and Samuel Ward. Her mother would die while she was still young, and she would be raised by an aunt. When her banker father would die, she would become the ward of a more liberal-minded uncle.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 5th M 1819 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was pretty well attended - in the first meeting which was a solid favor'd season - father Rodman was engaged in a Solid weighty testimony. - In the last we had considerable buisness, as is usual in this Month preparatory to the Yearly Meeting. -
Benjamin Freeborn Isaac Lawton Zacheus Chase Amos Collins,
Elizabeth Lawton Jane Lawton & Hannah Gould dined with us.*



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June 1, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 6th M 1819 / It has been exceedingly unpleasant to me to engage in party contest of any kind, believing that under the influence of it, we are very subject to do & say things which unfit the mind for the reception of good.

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June 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*5th day 3rd of 6 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended, Silent
& to me a season of Warfare & but little overcoming -*

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June 6, Sunday: The North American Review mentioned that “a whole race of people has become nearly extinct,” an “unfortunate people, whose fate it has been, like the morning dew, insensibly and mysteriously to disappear, before the lights of civilization and christianity.” “That they should become extinct is inevitable,” the journal explained but “this cannot excuse us for pressing upon them with indecent haste. If they must perish, let them die a natural, and not a violent death.”²⁵³

Hawkins Wheeler saw a sea serpent, and reported that it “was entirely black; the head, which perfectly resembled a snake’s, was elevated from four to seven feet above the surface of the water, and his back appeared to be composed of bunches or humps, apparently about as large as, or a little larger than, a half barrel; I think I saw as many as ten or twelve.... I considered them to be caused by the undulatory motion of the animal — the tail was not visible, but from the head to the last hump that could be seen, was, I should judge, 50 feet.”

SEA SERPENT SIGHTINGS

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 6th M / Our Meeting this morning was large & tho’
to me a season of some barraness, yet others no doubt were favord
with life. - Jonathon Dennis - D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were in
succession engaged to bear testimony. - In the Afternoon we were
silent
With Br D Rodman took tea at Jona Dennis.*

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June 7, Monday: Death of William Shelley at the age of 3½; Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley, in a depression, began writing an incest novella, MATHILDA (which would see publication during May 1820).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7th of 6 M / I have been engaged much of today, as well
as sixth & seventh days in tending on Carpenters at work in the
Meeting House Yard, at puting the fence in order & fixing the
Meeting House for Yearly Meeting, this is buisness which many
of the brethren have had to do, whose Mortal remains are in the
adj burying ground & thier spirits I trust in Heven, where I do
mine nisty[?] be in the Lords time. - Set a little while this
evening at Br John Rodmans very pleasantly. -*

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253. Unsigned review of the Reverend Heckewelder’s AN ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY, MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE INDIANS NATIONS WHO ONCE INHABITED PENNSYLVANIA..., in North American Review, 6 (June 1819) 156, 170.



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June 10, Thursday: The Shelleys fled to Livorno, where [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) would remain in depression during the summer while [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) was writing THE Cenci (printed in [Italy](#), this would be sent to England for publication in 1820).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th of 6th M 1819 / Our meeting was silent, & in the last, which was Preparative, we had no buisness, but to appoint representatives. - I have remarked that the 5th day meeting previous to yearly Meeting is generally a dull time. Friends are generally so occupied in preparing for the latter that their minds is too unsettled to experience the arisings of life as at some other times. Were we all as good as we ought to be a little more incumberance at times than common would not so obstruct the circulation of the Sap of life in the heart
This Afternoon Wm Rickman of England & Sam Wood of N York arrived & took quarters for the yearly Meeting at Aunt Nancy Carpenters.- Wm was here about 46 years ago companion to Saml Emlen & the year before that to [blank] Oxley he was then about 27 & is now 73 Years of Age*

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June 11, Friday: Barnett Sparling of Gloucester died abroad (the family would receive notice of the death on July 11th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 6th M / Wm Rickman Saml Wood & Father Rodman went to Connanicut this morning to attend a meeting appointed there by Elizabeth Walker, - which they say was well attended by the inhabitants & a season of favor. -

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June 12, Saturday: Manuel González Salmón y Gómez de Torres replaced Carlos Fernando Martínez de Irujo y Tacón, marqués de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 6th M / This day our Yearly commenced at [Portsmouth](#), whither I went in a Chaise with our Ancient friend & Brother John Casey to attend the Select Meeting, which was a season of precious favor - Wm Rickman appeared in Supplication. Ruth Halleck in a short & Daniel Quimby in a lengthy testimony. - We dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & John intended to return to the Meeting House to Sit in the Meeting for Sufferings, but at the time it set in to Rain so hard that he felt discouraged from that & the circumstances of his Age & infermities so we returned home by 4 OClock. -

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June 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our Meeting this morning was large. A few words in the opening by Elizabeth Walker, followed by a very lively testimony by Margaret Judge A Supplication by Mary Newhall & the meeting closed after a short communication by Elizabeth Walker. – directly after dinner Father Rodman & I were called on to meet E Walker to consult on a meeting for Sailors this Afternoon at 7 OC the time proposed was very streightening, being very short to give general notice, but after sitting down with her & hearing her open the concern in a very solid manner & feeling the weight of it measurably to arise in my mind I dare not take the responsibility of a refference for a single day - so forth I went & made proclamation on the Wharves & at the public Houses that a meeting was appointed at our Meeting House at 7 OClock this evening at which "Sea fairing Men were particularly invited" assistance was also rendered by several young men who were very active. --At 4 OC the Meeting was again very large Elizabeth opened in a short address, & Daniel Quimby Was engaged in a good sound, plain & Honest testimony – at the conclusion Elizabeth's meeting was given out. – At 7 OC the Meeting gathered again & many Sailors in their trowsers & red shirts appeared with a very great concourse of other people, so that the House was as full as I ever saw it. – Elizabeth Stood nearly or quite two Hours in a very remarkable testimony, so full of Gospel power, so clear concerned & fraught with good sense delivered in so much engaging simplicity that I thought I never heard the like, & the people were perfectly still so much so that we seldom see the like even in much smaller meetings but after she sat Down, the bell having rung some time before for 9 OC, & the house being dark, tho' some candles were brought in, the meeting broke without the usual sign of shaking hands, which was the only unpleasant circumstance which occured. –The people were highly pleased, & I hope much good sees was sown in the minds of many. –

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June 14, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our Meeting began at the usual hour it was opened by a short but living testimony, from Wm Rickman, Benjamin Mitchell & Prayer by Daniel Quimby – & just before the opening of the meeting a few very pertinent remarks by D Buffum The Usual buisness of reading the minutes of the last Year & the various Epistles from the different Yearly Meetings & the appointment of committees occupied the time of the Meeting. – At the 4th hour the meeting again met & the State of Society was entered into – Some of the Answers excited much feeling & many pertinent remarks, but none was more striking to my feelings than those from our Aged brother [Moses Brown](#) on the subject of plainness of Apparal, he observed that plainness of dress had ever been a testimony of Society, which he desired may be kept



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too, & that friends encourage it in their children for he who had had to suffer much in times past in stripping himself of some things which he deemed Superfluous, could bear testimony that the cross borne in that respect had Yealded peace & being an old man, not expecting to see many of them again, he recommended to society & individuals that care be taken to keep themselves & their children in plainness. This evening we had a pleasant Silent opportunity in the family, Ruth Hallack Avis Keene & Thos Jones bore short but pleasant & encouraging testimonies

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June 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day The Select meeting concluded this morning under a most solemn covering, testimonies from Wm Rickman Elizabeth Walker & a prayer by Margaret Judge. – In our Meeting this Afternoon held at 3 OClock, the doings of the meeting Sufferings were read, & their report as School committee was also read which was of a very encouraging nature, & friends begin to look forward to usefulness from the institution

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June 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day The meeting this morning had but little buisness before it, several short testimonies, & one of some length & of some Power from D Quimby, & several weighty remarks from Wm Rickman. -- At 5 OC this afternoon the meeting met & went thro' the buisness & would have closed under a solemn covering, but for the interruptions of Micah Ruggles who frequently spoke & every time disquieted the Meeting especially towards the close of it. he is a new member & nearly in a religious Phrenzy

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June 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Our Public Meeting was very large & a very respectable audience - many of the heads of the town were present, but the meeting was sadly disturbed by Micah Ruggles, who early rose & stood a long time declaring what many believe to be the Words of his imagination but for which he claimed the highest Authority. -When caution was administered by Wm Rickman & Elizabeth Walker. a few words by Manassah Robins & a long testimony by D Quimby, but Truth did not rise into that dominion as at some seasons. Our Meeting in the Afternoon at 4 OC Appointed by Elizabeth Walker & Margaret Judge for the People of colour, was pretty



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well attended by that peoples & an Abundance of others. – Margaret was first in testimony followed by Elizabeth Walker in a long testimony of great gospel Authority & the meeting concluded in Solemn supplication by Margaret & rose to general satisfaction.

Our Lodgers at this Yearly Meeting time were Ruth Hallock & her companion Sarah Hull & attendant Richard Halstead – Thos Jones, Edward Cobb, John Read, Sarah & Susan Collins, Eunice Jones, Lydia Purinton & Olive Cobb, which made an agreeable family. – All in the course of this day have left us, excepting Ruth Hallock & her companions.

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June 18, Friday: Vincenzo Bellini arrives in Naples from Catania to matriculate at the Real College de musica di San Sebastiano.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day This morning Elizabeth Walker & Margaret Judge & their companions came in & took breakfast with us, of which we were glad, their company being very pleasant. After breakfast being joined by Wm Rickman & D Quimby, we fell into silence. Wm Rickman & Ruth Hallock in addition to a few words SPOken in the life by E Walker, delivered short testimonies. – After which they began to separate. Ruth went to Connanicut on her way homeward & Wm Rickman & D Quimby to [Portsmouth](#), but before dinner Richard Halstead returned from Connanicut with the Carriage Wheels Sadly broken. & Ruth & Sarah went immediately on to Narragansett accompanied by Isaac P Hazard & his Mother. –

This Yearly meeting has been a season of favor, & particularly so to us, as we have all been well, our buisness in the House all gone on Successfully, our company agreeable, but as to my own particular state of religious sensibility, I have not enjoyed so high a condition, as at times past or as at seasons when less cumbered, however there has been seasons in the course of it, when Israels Sheperd has been near, for which renew'd evidence of divine help I desire to be thankful. –

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June 19, Saturday: The legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts granted an act of incorporation to the Philoharmonic Society, its purpose being “extending and enlarging and improving the style of performance of vocal and instrumental music.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day This has been also a day not free from care of concerns realtive to Yearly Meeting. – The repairs of the Carriage of our febr R Hallock was completed this Afternoon & would have gone over to them, but for a thunder gust towards night. – towards the close of the Afternoon Our fr D Quimby returned from



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Portsmouth where he had been to attend a Meeting appointed there by Wm Rickman, - he took tea with us & afterwards called in to see my dear Mother. -we Set in Sister Sallys room where he bore a Sweet encouraging testimony to both young & old that were present & was very acceptable to Sally as she has been confined thro' the Year.y Meeting & not seen as much of friends as Common. - After all prospect of going over the ferrys were over Daniel with R Halstead returned to our House & lodged. -

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June 20, Sunday: At 3AM Jacob (Jacques) Offenbach was born in Cologne (Köln), 7th of 12 children born to Isaac Juda Eberst "Der Offenbacher" (from Offenbach-am-Main), bookbinder, music teacher, composer and cantor, and Mariane Rindskupf, daughter of a money-changer and lottery-office keeper in Deutz.

A steam-assisted sailing packet of 300 tons, the SS *Savannah*, arrived at Liverpool port in England out of Savannah, Georgia in a mere 26 days despite having been able to utilize her onboard steam engine for only 80 hours before exhaustion of the coal supply. This had been the 1st time steam power had assisted a crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

Sabine Remanofsky (who has been one of Professor William Rossi's students) has pointed out that during [Waldo Emerson](#)'s sophomore and senior years at [Harvard College](#), he belonged to various debating societies, and in particular to the "Pythologian Club," which, according to Emerson's own description, gathered the "smartest boys from the two sophomore and Junior classes" (in a letter written on this day). The purpose of the club was to develop the art of impromptu discussion amongst its members. This may in part explain



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Waldo's charisma and lecturing abilities: he trained from a very early age. Also, interestingly, some of the topics for the Harvard debating societies are roughly the same as the ones taken up by the Hedge/Transcendental Club later on (especially, why American culture hadn't produced "anything first rate" yet), which again highlights Emerson's early concern over the necessity of creating not only a national culture for America, but also the basis and sine qua non conditions for such a culture to develop, hence the need for an intellectual field with a variety of networks for the intellectuals (links with newspapers, publishers, bookshops, lyceums, etc.). She doesn't make the claim, of course, that young Waldo was fully aware, by 1821, that there was a need for an intellectual field — but she definitely is pointing out that this sort of concern was, so to speak, part of the zeitgeist.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day / This morning we rose early crossed both ferrys by 8 OC in good season for Daniel to get to S Kingston Meeting & for me to return to Connanicut Meeting, which was silent but I believe a sweet opportunity to some present. -- After dinner Jos Greene & C Weaver rowed me across the ferry, home in season to attend our Afternoon Meeting in which as well as in the forenoon M Judge was sweetly engaged in public testimony

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June 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21st of 6 M 1819 / A little settled from the stir of Y Meeting & beginning to look round to see what is necessary to do in my lawful calling. — My Mother spent a part of the Afternoon & took tea with us. — Our friend E Walker has gone to [Providence](#), but expects to be in town on 4th day to attend a public meeting for the inhabitants of the Town at 4 OC in the Afternoon

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According to a report in the Bibliothèque Ophthalmologique, that summer in the midst of the dreadful fears of the sailors of the French slaver *Le Rodeur*, lest the solitary crew member whose sight remained unaffected and who was steering them should also be seized with the malady, they had come upon a Spanish slaver, the *Leon*. Every member of that crew had, it turned out, also been blinded by the ailment; unable to assist each other, the vessels had been parted and the *Leon* not again be heard of. The *Le Rodeur* reached the port of Guadeloupe on this date and the only crewman who had escaped the disease, and had thus been enabled to steer the ship into port, three days later would exhibit its symptoms. In 1834, Friend [John Greenleaf Whittier](#) would compose the following poem:

THE SLAVE-SHIPS.

“That fatal, that perfidious bark,
Built i’ the eclipse, and rigged with curses dark.”
— MILTON’S *Lycidas*.

“ALL ready?” cried the captain;
“Ay, ay!” the seamen said;
“Heave up the worthless lubbers, —
The dying and the dead.”
Up from the slave-ship’s prison
Fierce, bearded heads were thrust
“Now let the sharks look to it, —
Toss up the dead ones first!”

Corpse after corpse came up, —
Death had been busy there;
Where every blow is mercy,
Why should the spoiler spare?
Corpse after corpse they cast
Sullenly from the ship,
Yet bloody with the traces
Of fetter-link and whip.

Gloomily stood the captain,
With his arms upon his breast,
With his cold brow sternly knotted,
And his iron lip compressed.

“Are all the dead dogs over?”
Growled through that matted lip;
“The blind ones are no better,
Let’s lighten the good ship.”

Hark! from the ship’s dark bosom,
The very sounds of hell!
The ringing clank of iron,
The maniac’s short, sharp yell!
The hoarse, low curse, throat-stifled;

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The starving infant's moan,
The horror of a breaking heart
Poured through a mother's groan.

Up from that loathsome prison
The stricken blind ones came:
Below, had all been darkness,
Above, was still the same.
Yet the holy breath of heaven
Was sweetly breathing there,
And the heated brow of fever
Cooled in the soft sea air.

"Overboard with them, shipmates!"
Cutlass and dirk were plied;
Fettered and blind, one after one,
Plunged down the vessel's side.
The sabre smote above,
Beneath, the lean shark lay,
Waiting with wide and bloody jaw
His quick and human prey.

God of the earth! what cries
Rang upward unto thee?

Voices of agony and blood,
From ship-deck and from sea.
The last dull plunge was heard,
The last wave caught its stain,
And the unsated shark looked up
For human hearts in vain.

Red glowed the western waters,
The setting sun was there,
Scattering alike on wave and cloud
His fiery mesh of hair.
Amidst a group in blindness,
A solitary eye
Gazed, from the burdened slaver's deck,
Into that burning sky.

"A storm," spoke out the gazer,
"Is gathering and at hand;
Curse on't, I'd give my other eye
For one firm rood of land."
And then he laughed, but only
His echoed laugh replied,
For the blinded and the suffering
Alone were at his side.

Night settled on the waters,
And on a stormy heaven,
While fiercely on that lone ship's track
The thunder-gust was driven.
"A sail! — thank God, a sail!"
And as the helmsman spoke,
Up through the stormy murmur
A shout of gladness broke.

Down came the stranger vessel,
Unheeding on her way,
So near that on the slaver's deck
Fell off her driven spray.
"Ho! for the love of mercy,



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We're perishing and blind!"
A wail of utter agony
Came back upon the wind:

"Help us! for we are stricken
With blindness every one;
Ten days we've floated fearfully,
Unnoting star or sun.
Our ship's the slaver Leon, —
We're but a score on board;
Our slaves are all gone over, —
Help, for the love of God!"

On livid brows of agony
The broad red lightning shone;
But the roar of wind and thunder
Stifled the answering groan;
Wailed from the broken waters
A last despairing cry,
As, kindling in the stormy light,
The stranger ship went by.

In the sunny Guadeloupe
A dark-hulled vessel lay,
With a crew who noted never
The nightfall or the day.
The blossom of the orange
Was white by every stream,

And tropic leaf, and flower, and bird
Were in the warm sunbeam.

And the sky was bright as ever,
And the moonlight slept as well,
On the palm-trees by the hillside,
And the streamlet of the dell:
And the glances of the Creole
Were still as archly deep,
And her smiles as full as ever
Of passion and of sleep.

But vain were bird and blossom,
The green earth and the sky,
And the smile of human faces,
To the slaver's darkened eye;
At the breaking of the morning,
At the star-lit evening time,
O'er a world of light and beauty
Fell the blackness of his crime.



June 22, Tuesday: Karl van Beethoven, nephew of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), was admitted to a residential school directed by Joseph Blöchlinger.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22nd of 6 M / This morning Our friend D Buffum, came to my Shop & requested me to go to the Court House with him, my reply was, my compliance depends on what the buisness is that we are going upon, on which he informed me, that Elizabeth Walker requested that the Govorner, Senate & House of Representatives be invited to attend her meeting tomorrow, & that the ground of



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her concern was to see them at meeting. – This involved my feelings in no small measure of weight, but on being a little retired in my mind, & the first shock going off, I felt unity with the prospect & a willingness to go with David to the Court House, he having previously obtained the liberty of the Govoner & Speaker. – on going into the upper House we were invited to take chairs, but We introduced our buisness, in a few words, which appeard to be properly noticed & a seeming willingness manifested to attend. –We then went into the House of representatives, where we were also noticed by the speaker & invited to seats. after setting a moment D Buffum communicated Elizabeths message & there also, a willingness was manifested to attend, particularly by some of the Members, who said they should attend the meeting whether the House would adjourn or not. –

This undertaking was one of no small magnitude to my feelings, but by a biding under the weight of it I found myself qualified with strength & had occasion required could have spoken myself, before the House

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June 23, Wednesday: Under the pseudonym Geoffrey Crayon, [Washington Irving](#) put out the 1st American installment of his THE SKETCH BOOK, including “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.”²⁵⁴ In this text this racist author (the same racist author who announced that a Negro was “an abomination”) regurgitated our “Philip of Pokanoket” legend dating to “[King Phillip’s War](#)”, titillating us yet again with our very precious memory of a dead Indian chief.

READ THE FULL TEXT

At [Concord](#), John D. Folsom of Concord got married with Betsy W. Dakin of Concord.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 6th M 1819 / Our Meeting this Afternoon was a very triumphant one. Truth rose into dominion in a very remarkable manner. The meeting was as large as it ever is on

254. There is in [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)’s THE SCARLET LETTER a literary reference to Irving’s headless horseman figure:

THE SCARLET LETTER: Meanwhile, the press had taken up my affair, and kept me for a week or two careering through the public prints, in my decapitated state, like Irving’s Headless Horseman, ghastly and grim, and longing to be buried, as a political dead man ought. So much for my figurative self. The real human being all this time, with his head safely on his shoulders, had brought himself to the comfortable conclusion that everything was for the best; and making an investment in ink, paper, and steel pens, had opened his long-disused writing desk, and was again a literary man.



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first day at Yearly Meeting time, & more quiet than usual at that time. The Govoner of this state with both Houses of the Legislature attended & sat in a body. – Elizabeth first appeared in humble prayer, chiefly on behalf of those placed in Authority over us. Then in a very pertinent address to the members of the Legislature on the subject of intemperance & War. Then the current of testimony run chiefly to the female part of the Audience & lastly to an hardened, rebellious state which she felt to be present. & the latter part of her testimony in particular came with such living power & gospel Authority that it seemed to me, that had she preached before the Apostle Paul he would at least have qualified his charge, forbidding Women to "preach or to teach" &c. – The Audience was all attentive & many deeply impressed with the Power of her ministry, as was evident in many who took her by the hand at the close of the Meeting with tears in their eyes. – The Govoner observed that he never heard Such preaching before. –

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The Supreme Council of the Province of Texas declared the independence of [Texas](#) from [Mexico](#):

As all Governments were originally established by the will of the people for the benefit of society, whenever the existing Government, in any community, fails to effect the purposes for which it was instituted, it is competent to the community at large to rescind its express or tacit allegiance to the ruling power, and to organize a new constitution and form of government, more consistent with its interests, and more consonant with its feelings. In exercising this unquestionable right, an independent people have only to consult their own discretion. But, though amenable to no tribunal for its municipal acts, a free state, in claiming admission to the immunity of nations, owes of itself an exposition of the motives which have prompted it to the assertion of its rights, as well as of the principles which it assumes to vindicate. The citizens of Texas have long indulged the hope, that in the adjustment of the boundaries of the Spanish possessions in America, and of the territories of the United States, that they should be included within the limits of the latter. The claims of the United States, long and strenuously urged, encouraged the hope. An expectation so flattering prevented any effectual effort to throw off the yoke of Spanish authority, though it could not restrain some ineffectual rebellions against an odious tyranny. The recent treaty between Spain and the United States of America has dissipated an illusion too long fondly cherished, and has roused the citizens of Texas from [the] torpor to which a fancied security had lulled them. They have seen themselves, by a convention to which they were no party, literally abandoned to the dominion of the crown of Spain and left a prey not only to impositions already intolerable, but to all those exactions which Spanish rapacity is fertile in devising. The citizens of Texas would have proved themselves unworthy of the age in which




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they live, unworthy of their ancestry, of the kindred of the republics of the American continent, could they have hesitated in this emergency what course to pursue. Spurning the fetters of colonial vassalage, disdaining to submit to the most atrocious despotism that ever disgraced the annals of Europe, they have resolved under the blessing of God to be free. By this magnanimous resolution, the maintenance of which their lives and fortunes are pledged, they secure to themselves an elective and representative government, equal laws and the faithful administration of justice, the rights of conscience, and religious liberty, the freedom of the press, the advantage of liberal education, and unrestricted commercial intercourse with all the world. Animated by a just confidence in the goodness of their cause, and stimulated by the high object to be obtained by the contest, they have prepared themselves unshrinkingly to meet and firmly to sustain any conflict in which this declaration may involve them. Done at Nacogdoches, the 23rd day of June, in the year of our Lord 1819.

James Long, President of the Supreme Council
Bis[en]te [sic] Tarin, Secretary

 June 24, Thursday: [Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#) was born in Chelmsford MA, the 4th and, surprisingly, the final child of [John Thoreau](#), Senior and [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#).



John in later years



Cynthia in later years

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An intriguing factoid is that although this birth unlike David Henry's is on record in [Concord](#)'s town records, it is on record not as of this date but as of September 27th:

Births

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
THOREAU, John		1754	Concord		
THOREAU, Mary	F	1786	Concord	John	
THOREAU, Sarah		1791	Concord		
THOREAU, Helen L.	F	1813	Concord	John	Cynthia
THOREAU, John	M	1815	Concord	John	Cynthia
THOREAU, Sophia Elizabeth	F	Sept. 27, 1819	Chelmsford	John	Cynthia

Cynthia had her last baby at age 33 although, in the 18th Century, mothers usually had had their final pregnancy in their early 40s, presumably because, since the turn of the 19th Century, white women in New England towns had been having their final pregnancies at an earlier age in each decade, and in that way creating fewer children per family. In general, the number of children per white family increased as one traveled toward the frontier of white settlement, reaching seven or so in Illinois and Indiana; nevertheless the usual number in Massachusetts and Connecticut in the 1830s was still five or more, so the Thoreaus' four children, [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#), then [John Thoreau, Jr.](#), then [David Henry Thoreau](#), and then finally [Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#), would have been considered to be a small family or a family that was still being eagerly worked on.



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[Walter Roy Harding](#)'s THE DAYS OF HENRY THOREAU: A BIOGRAPHY. NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1966:

"A Review From Professor Ross's Seminar"

WALTER HARDING'S BIOGRAPHY

Chapter 1 (1817-1823) -Downing gives a cursory account of the Thoreau and Dunbar heritage and more fully traces the nature and movement of the Thoreau family in the first five years of Henry's life.

Thoreau's father, [John Thoreau](#), while intellectual, "lived quietly, peacefully and contentedly in the shadow of his wife," Mrs. [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#), who was dynamic and outspoken with a strong love for nature and compassion for the downtrodden.

- 1st [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#) -quiet, retiring, eventually a teacher.
- 2d John Thoreau, Jr. -"his father turned inside out," personable, interested in ornithology, also taught.
- 3d [David Henry Thoreau](#) (born July 12,1817) -speculative but not noticeably precocious.
- 4th [Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#) -independent, talkative, ultimately took over father's business and edited Henry's posthumous publications.

The Thoreau's constantly struggled with debt, and in 1818 John Sr. gave up his farm outside Concord and moved into town. Later the same year he moved his family to Chelmsford MA where he opened a shop which soon failed and sent him packing to Boston to teach school.

(Robert L. Lace, January-March 1986)



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 6th M / With My H & John in a Chaise went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. Stopped on the way at Uncle Saml Thurstons & were soon joined by Elizabeth Walker & Company, after a little refreshment we went to meeting, which was a favord season, Elizabeth having much to communicate in the course of the public Meeting, & I have no doubt that the living Power of Truth rose into dominion in many minds present. - In the last meeting we had but little buisness, but the little that we had was pretty well transacted. - We dined at R Mitchells & towards night rode home. -

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June 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 6 M 1819 / In our mornng Meeting - H Dennis -Father Rodman & D Buffum were engaged in short lively testimony In the Afternoon Anne Dennis, father Rodman & Jona Dennis said a few words - on the whole pretty good meetings.-

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July 1, Thursday: [John Keats](#) wrote from Shanklin on the Isle of Wight to Fanny Brawne:

My dearest Lady - I am glad I had not an opportunity of sending off a Letter which I wrote for you on Tuesday night - 'twas too much like one out of Rousseau's Heloise. I am more reasonable this morning. The morning is the only proper time for me to write to a beautiful Girl whom I love so much: for at night, when the lonely day has closed, and the lonely, silent, unmusical Chamber is waiting to receive me as into a Sepulchre, then believe me my passion gets entirely the sway, then I would not have you see those Rhapsodies which I once thought it impossible I should ever give way to, and which I have often laughed at in another, for fear you should [think me] either too unhappy or perhaps a little mad.

I am now at a very pleasant Cottage window, looking onto a beautiful hilly country, with a glimpse of the sea; the morning is very fine. I do not know how elastic my spirit might be, what pleasure I might have in living here and breathing and wandering as free as a stag about this beautiful Coast if the remembrance of you did not weigh so upon me I have never known any unalloy'd Happiness for many days together: the death or sickness of some one has always spoilt my hours - and now when none such troubles oppress me, it is you must confess very hard that another sort of pain should haunt me.

Ask yourself my love whether you are not very cruel to have so entrammelled me, so destroyed my freedom. Will you confess this in the Letter you must write immediately, and do all you can to console me in it - make it rich as a draught of poppies to intoxicate me - write the softest words and kiss them that I may at least touch my lips where yours have been. For myself I know not how to express my devotion to so fair a form: I want a brighter word than bright, a fairer word than fair. I almost wish we were butterflies and liv'd but three summer days - three such days with you I could fill with more delight than fifty common years could ever contain. But however selfish I may feel, I am sure I could never act selfishly: as I told you a day or two before I left Hampstead, I will never return to London if my Fate does not turn up Pam or at least a Court-card. Though I could centre my Happiness in you, I cannot expect to engross your heart so entirely - indeed if I thought you felt as much for me as I do for you at this moment I do not think I could restrain myself from seeing you again tomorrow for the delight



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of one embrace.

But no – I must live upon hope and Chance. In case of the worst that can happen, I shall still love you – but what hatred shall I have for another!

Some lines I read the other day are continually ringing a peal in my ears:

*To see those eyes I prize above mine own
Dart favors on another–
And those sweet lips (yielding immortal nectar)
Be gently press'd by any but myself–
Think, think Francesca, what a cursed thing
It were beyond expression!
J.*

*Do write immediately. There is no Post from this Place, so you must address Post Office, Newport, Isle of Wight. I know before night I shall curse myself for having sent you so cold a Letter; yet it is better to do it as much in my senses as possible. Be as kind as the distance will permit to your
John Keats*

Present my Compliments to your mother, my love to Margaret and best remembrances to your Brother – if you please so.



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(The letter would be posted on the 3d.)

Dissension had developed in the Jerusalem, New York sanctuary of the followers of “Universal Friend,” [Jemimah Wilkinson](#), as she had become rather demanding of gifts and special treatment, and had come to institute various punishments for infractions of the rules of the Society of Universal Friends. Finally the community resolved its problem by erecting this two and a half story Federal-style mansion for its inspirational leader at some considerable distance from the other homes. It is now referred to as “Friend House” and is not open to the public:



After spending her last years in isolation, at the age of 67 the religious leader died (or “left time” as her followers described it), and would be interred in a temporary vault in the building’s cellar while her followers faithfully waited for her to come back into animation, and watched as signs of decay accumulated. As her will attests, she had never swerved from the pronouncement she had originally made under the oak tree in [Cumberland, Rhode Island](#) after recovering from [typhoid fever](#), that she had died and her spirit had been replaced with “Divine Spirit.” (Her Jerusalem community would, within the following two decades, entirely disperse. At some later date the decomposing body has been removed from its temporary vault for burial at an



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unmarked location on the property.)



Last Will and Testament:

The last Will and Testament of the person called the Universal Friend of Jerusalem, in the County of Ontario, State of New York, who in the year 1777, was called Jemima Wilkinson, and ever since that time, the Friend, a new name which the mouth of the Lord hath named.

My will is that all my just debts be paid by my executors, hereafter named.

I give, bequeath and devise unto Rachel Malin and Margaret Malin, now of said Jerusalem, all my earthly property both real and personal; and that is to say all my land lying in said Jerusalem and in Benton, or elsewhere in the County of Ontario, together with all the buildings thereon, to them the said Rachel and Margaret, and their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally and amicably be shared between them, the said Rachel and Margaret – and I do also give and bequeath to the said Rachel and Margaret, all my wearing apparel, all my household furniture, and my horses, cattle, sheep and swine, of every kind, together with all my farming utensils, and all my movable property of every nature and description whatever.

My will is, that all the present members of my family and each of them, be employed if they please, and if employed, supported during their natural life, by the said Rachel and Margaret, and whenever any of them become unable to help themselves, they are according to such inability, kindly to be taken care of by the said Rachel and Margaret. And my will also is, that all poor persons belonging to the society of the Universal Friend, shall receive from the said Rachel and Margaret such assistance, comfort and support during their natural life as they may need; and in case any or either of my family, or others elsewhere in the society shall turn away, such shall forfeit the provisions herein made for them.

I hereby ordain and appoint the above-named Rachel Malin and Margaret Malin, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof, I, the person called Jemina Wilkinson, but in, and ever since the year 1777, known as the Public Universal



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Friend, have hereunto affixed my name and Seal, this 25th day of the 2d Month, in the year of our Lord 1819.

The Public Universal Friend [L.S.]

In the presence of, &c.

Be it Remembered – That in order to remove all doubt of the due execution of the foregoing will and testament of the person who before the year 1777, was known and called by the name of Jemima Wilkinson, but since that time, as the Universal Friend, do make, publish and declare the within instrument to be my Last Will and Testament, as witness my hand and seal, this 17th day of the 7th month, 1819.

Jemima Wilkinson X

Her Cross or mark,

Or, Universal Friend.

[“Witness,” &c.]

That evening after sunset the [comet](#) that had passed unnoticed between the earth and the sun on or about June 26th, with its tail brushing over the earth also unnoticed, became visible low in the west. (So much for comets exerting a vast influence!)²⁵⁵

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 7th M 1819 / Our Meeting looked small in a great room, but I believe nearly all the members were present that are in ability to attend, & several that are not members. – I believe it was a comfortable season to some present, it was in good measure so to me. – Father Rodman delivered a short testimony

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255. “GREAT COMET, (C/1819 N1=1819 II. Period of naked eye visibility spanned the month of Jul., T=1819 June 28. Also known as [Comet Tralles](#). Spotted on July 1st in the evening sky a little to the north of the Sun, the head being of about zero magnitude. Comet crossed eastern Auriga and was visible at both dusk and dawn for several weeks. At the end of the first week of July, 1st magnitude with a 7-8 degree tail. Comet faded rapidly as it moved toward the northeast, almost pacing the Sun. At mid-month situated in Lynx, an object of 3rd magnitude with a short tail. In the last few days of July the comet’s brightness rapidly approached the naked eye threshold.”



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→ July 3, Saturday: Dominique François Jean Arago (1786-1853) directed his newly developed polarimeter toward the comet 1819 II Tralles and observed its tail region through a doubly refracted prism. He detected that the light from the tail, unlike the light given off by stars, was slightly polarized — indicating that it was reflected rather than emitted light.

According to a list published in Boston in 1846, attributed to Professor Benjamin Peirce:

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130	1818	Dec.	4.09030	90	34	16	357	27	11	93	7	5	62	40	50	0.8479			R	Bessel.
E	1819	Jan.	27.10423	334	44	5	156	40	5	181	56	0	13	42	30	0.335581	0.8567675	3.588	D	Encke.
			27.24564	335	9	34	157	31	50	182	22	16	13	38	42	0.333982	0.8490883	3.293	D	Encke.
131	1819	June	27.73993	274	8	25	287	39	1	13	30	36	80	43	56	0.3420005			D	Nicolai.
132	1819	July	31.13915	114	57	18	291	6	9	176	8	51	11	16	53	0.70008	0.60353	2.346	D	Encke.
			18.90021	113	36	43	275	6	48	161	30	5	10	42	48	0.773638	0.7551903	5.618	D	Encke.

SKY EVENT

The 1st savings bank in the USA, the Bank for Savings of New-York, opened its doors for business and received a total of \$2,807.⁰⁰ in deposits.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 7th M / A little precious favor this Morning, for which I desire to be thankful. —

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→ Our national birthday, Sunday the 4th of July: Nathaniel Hawthorne's, or Hathorne's, 15th birthday.

Future governor of the state of New York Reuben Eaton Fenton was born to George W. Fenton and Elsie Owen Fenton in Carroll, New York.

At Fort Adams near Newport, Rhode Island, an extra gill of rum was dispensed to each soldier in honor of Independence Day. Then Private William G. Cornell went on guard duty at 8PM and was relieved at 10PM. While he was returning as part of the relieved guard to his quarters under the direction of a corporal, carrying his musket bearing a standard load of a ball and three buckshots, Private William Kane was standing in the doorway of the quarters laughing, and after the detail had passed, stepped out and stooped down and picked up a handful of gravel, advancing forward, and pitched it without much violence at the backs of the guard detail. Private Cornell turned and fired, hitting Private Kane just above the hip and severing an artery, causing his death in only a few minutes. A jury of inquest would be summoned on Monday and the accusation made



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that this was a wilful murder. After a confinement in the Newport County Jail on Marlborough Street, United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Joseph Story would find Cornell guilty on November 18, 1819 (at that time there were no federal judges other than the nine who sat on the Supreme Court). Justice Story would hear an appeal for a new trial on June 15, 1820 and deny the appeal. Eventually Cornell would be pardoned by President James Monroe.

At Mossy Spring in Kentucky, something very unusual and strange, for the United States of America, happened: a woman (a "Mrs. Mead") was able to deliver an Independence Day oration. –This oration was, it goes without saying, delivered to a group of women.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 7th M / Our Morning Meeting was large, nearly all the usual attendants were there & a number, who are there but seldom & some strangers, which preety much filled the middle part of the house below stairs. David Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony & Susanna Bateman from [Greenwich](#) bore a short testimony.

In the Afternoon the Meeting was as large as usual & silent. - Abigail Robinsons was at meeting this fournoon, the first time in more than a Year, her infirmities of body being so great as to prevent her attendance I was glad to see heer seat again filled. -2nd day [Monday] 5 of 7 M / Independence has been celebrated in town today & yesterday on the Fort. - What excesses of drunkenness gluttony & vices of various Kinds does such celebrations occasion - I have seen it perhaps today as conspicuously as at any time within my recollection - I have observed many drunken men & some of them quite young - & yesterday a man was shot by a sentinel on the Fort in consequence of some affront. - This day a jury of inquest set & brought in the verdict of Willful Murder, - I feel strong desires that the observance of these days may go out of fashion or in some way surpressed, that the people may be preserved in Innocency. -

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July 6, Tuesday: Realizing that the Viceregal capital of Bogota on the far side of the Andes less than 300 miles away was virtually undefended by the Spanish, Simón Bolívar had directed his 2,400 followers over the Páramo de Pisba pass and on this day the some 400 survivors of the trek arrived at the New Granadan village of Socha. Recruiting new soldiers from the population, he would set out for Bogota and on August 7th take its defenders entirely by surprise.

Above the Tivoli Gardens of Paris (where the Saint-Lazare train station is now located), [Marie Madeleine-Sophie Armant Blanchard](#) was launching fireworks from her balloon when its hydrogen ignited and craft descended (she rapidly dropping ballast) onto a rooftop of the Rue de Provence, with her become entangled in the netting that surrounded the balloon and falling to the street. She might possibly have still been alive for some ten minutes afterward. She was 41.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 7th M 1819 / The bustle of yesterday over, our streets again look dull, & how much better so than our bustling be indebted to drunken men & vain show. – The poor man committed to jail yesterday for murder, is much on my mind, reports of his conduct are much against him. I fear it must cost him his life.

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July 8, Thursday: [John Keats](#) wrote again to Fanny Brawne:

My Sweet Girl:

Your Letter gave me more delight than any thing in the world but yourself could do; indeed I am almost astonished that any absent one should have that luxurious power over my senses which I feel. Even when I am not thinking of you I receive your influence and a tenderer nature stealing upon me. All my thoughts, my unhappiest days and nights have I find not at all cured me of my love of Beauty, but made it so intense that I am miserable that you are not with me: or rather breathe in that dull sort of patience that cannot be called Life. I never knew before, what such a love as you have made me feel, was; I did not believe in it; my Fancy was afraid of it, lest it should burn me up. But if you will fully love me, though there may be some fire, 'twill not be more than we can bear when moistened and bedewed with pleasures. You mention "horrid people" and ask me whether it depend upon them whether I see you again. Do understand me, my love, in this. I have so much of you in my heart that I must turn mentor when I see a chance of harm befalling you. I would never see any thing but pleasure in your eyes, love on your lips, and happiness in your steps. I would wish to see you among those amusements suitable to your inclinations and spirits; so that our loves might be a delight in the midst of pleasures agreeable enough, rather than a resource from vexations and cares. But I doubt much, in case of the worst, whether I shall be philosopher enough to follow my own lessons: if I saw my resolution give you a pain I could not. Why may I not speak of your beauty, since



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without that I could never have lov'd you? - I cannot conceive any beginning of such love as I have for you but beauty. There may be a sort of love for which, without the least sneer at it, I have the highest respect and can admire it in others: but it has not the richness, the bloom, the full form, the enchantment of love after my own heart. So let me speak of your beauty, though to my own endangering; if you could be so cruel to me as to try elsewhere its power. You say you are afraid I shall think you do not love me - in saying this you make me ache the more to be near you. I am at the diligent use of my faculties here, I do not pass a day without sprawling some blank verse or tagging some rhymes; and here I must confess, that, (since I am on that subject) I love you the more in that I believe you have liked me for my own sake and for nothing else. I have met with women whom I really think would like to be married to a poem and to be given away by a novel. I have seen your comet, and only wish it was a sign that poor Rice would get well, whose illness makes him rather a melancholy companion: and the more so as so to conquer his feelings and hide them from me, with a forc'd pun. I kiss'd your writing over in the hope you had indulg'd me by leaving a trace of honey. What was your dream? Tell it me and I will tell you the interpretation thereof.

Ever yours, my love!

John Keats

Do not accuse me of delay - we have not here any opportunity of sending letters every day. Write speedily.

(The letter would be postmarked from Newport on the Isle of Wight on July 10th.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 7th M / Our meeting rather Small & silent & a degree of favor witnessed. - Attended (this afternoon) the funeral of Jos Barker son of James & Mary Barker a child about 4 years old, their relations & acquaintances being large, there was a considerable collection of people. The Sitting was remarkably solid & towards the close of it D Buffum was concerned in a short but very solid & impressive testimony. - he observed that the time had about come for us to proceed to the buisness we had assembled for & believed it best for him to express the manner in which his mind had him occupied which was on the subject of the removal of little children from one state of existence to another. - his mind had been dipt into sympathy with those who had been deprived of near connections, & while thus reflecting, a passage or two of Scripture had been brought to his remembrance which was the saying of our blessed Lord "Suffer the little children to come unto me & forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of heaven" & another which equally seemed obligatory to review was "Unless ye become converted & as little children ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of heaven" from this he said much doctrine might be drawn, but he had no prospect of many words, having had



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a desire that our minds might be stirred up, he wished us to bear in remembrance that it was from the highest Authority that "unless we become converted and as little children we shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of heaven his testimony appeared to have a solemnizing effect on the Minds of the Audience & I have no doubt it will be remembered by some when he may be no more numbered among Men

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July 11, Sunday: Susan Bogert Warner, who would write under the pen name "Elizabeth Wetherell," was born into a wealthy New-York family.

Mary Minott Baker was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 7th M 1819 / Our Meeting this morning was largely attended by some that I never saw at it before – Our Fr D Buffum was engaged in a remarkable testimony, in which I thought the life & power rose to a degree I hardly ever felt in his communications before, it tended to illustrate the divine principle very clearly, he first observed that on the present occasion he could adopt the language of the Apostle "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable Gift" & pointed out the unspeakable gift to be the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, a measure & manifestation of Gods spirit in the heart of Man. he observed that he was sensible that the doctrine was one much exploded by many professing christians, & by them no other light admitted than that which cometh thro' the Scriptures, but they only pointed to the way & were not the way themselves. as for instance, we might have the way to a certain city very accurately laid down, but we should never get there by reading the directions, but we must Set out on the journey & by attention to the directions & perseverance on the road we should reach the place & so it was in a religious sense we must follow the directions of the spirit of Christ in the hearts, follow him where he pleases to lead us so shall we arrive at that City that hath foundations whose builder & Maker the Lord alone is. – This is but a faint skeleton of the testimony but I felt concerned to preserve as much of it as I could, from the remarkable manner in which it was delivered & the effect on the Audience. – Silent in the Afternoon but a solid time – After tea with father Rodman. Called to see Abigail Robinsons & her Brother Thomas & his wife. –

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July 15, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s DON JUAN I-II was published anonymously and then, to Murray's distress, pirated.

On this evening [John Keats](#) wrote again from Shanklin on the Isle of Wight to Fanny Brawne:



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My love – I have been in so irritable a state of health these two or three last days, that I did not think I should be able to write this week. Not that I was so ill, but so much so as only to be capable of an unhealthy teasing letter. To night I am greatly recovered only to feel the languor I have felt after you touched with ardency.

You say you perhaps might have made me better: you would then have made me worse: now you could quite effect a cure: What fee my sweet Physician would I not give you to do so.

Do not call it folly, when I tell you I took your letter last night to bed with me. In the morning I found your name on the sealing wax obliterated. I was startled at the bad omen till I recollected that it must have happened in my dreams, and they you know fall out by contraries. You must have found out by this time I am a little given to bode ill like the raven; it is my misfortune not my fault; it has proceeded from the general tenor of the circumstances of my life, and rendered every event suspicious. However I will no more trouble either you or myself with sad prophecies; though so far I am pleased at it as it has given me opportunity to love your disinterestedness towards me. I can be a raven no more; you and pleasure take possession of me at the same moment. I am afraid you have been unwell. If through me illness have touched you (but it must be with a very gentle hand) I must be selfish enough to feel a little glad at it. Will you forgive me this?

I have been reading lately an oriental tale of a very beautiful color. It is of a city of melancholy men, all made so by this circumstance. Through a series of adventures each one of them by turns reach some gardens of Paradise where they meet with a most enchanting Lady; and just as they are going to embrace her, she bids them shut their eyes they shut them and on opening their eyes again find themselves descending to the earth in a magic basket. The remembrance of this Lady and their delights lost beyond all recovery render them melancholy ever after. How I applied this to you, my dear; how I palpitated at it; how the certainty that you were in the same world with myself, and though as beautiful, not so talismanic as that Lady; how I could not bear you should be so you must believe because I swear it by yourself.

I cannot say when I shall get a volume ready. I have three or four stories half done, but as I cannot write for the mere sake of the press, I am obliged to let them progress or lie still as my fancy chooses. By Christmas perhaps they may appear, but I am not yet sure they ever will. 'Twill be no matter, for Poems are as common as newspapers and I do not see why it is a greater crime in me than in another to let the verses of an half-fledged brain tumble into the reading-rooms and drawing-room windows. Rice has been better lately than usual: he is not suffering from any neglect of his parents who have for some years been able to appreciate him better than they did in his first youth, and are now devoted to his comfort.

Tomorrow I shall, if my health continues to improve during the



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night, take a look fa[r]ther About the country, and spy at the parties about here who come hunting after the picturesque like beagles. It is astonishing how they raven down scenery like children do sweetmeats. The wondrous Chine here as a very great Lion: I wish I had as many guineas as there have been spy-glasses in it.

I have been, I cannot tell why, in capital spirits this last hour. What reason? When I have to take my candle and retire to a lonely room, without the thought as I fall asleep, of seeing you tomorrow morning? or the next day, or the next – it takes on the appearance of impossibility and eternity – I will say a month – I will say I will see you in a month at most, though no one but yourself should see me; if it be but for an hour. I should not like to be so near you as London without being continually with you: after having once more kissed you Sweet I would rather be here alone at my task than in the bustle and hateful literary chitchat. Meantime you must write to me as I will every week for your letters keep me alive. My sweet Girl I cannot speak my love for you.

Good night! and

Ever yours

John Keats

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th 7th M 1819 / Our meeting today was rather thin but we had the company of several who were not members, some of whom I believe suffer loss by standing without the pale of society. may the time come when they may come forward in usefulness among us. –it was a season of some favor & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & pertinent testimony.

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July 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 7 M / Our Select Meeting held this day was a season of much solemnity. Hannah Dennis was engaged in fervant supplication – Anne Green revived her prospect of visiting the families of friends in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting & Hannah Dennis expressed her prospect of accompanying her in all or a part of the visit, both concerns were freely united with & they left at liberty to proceed as way may open. –

In the Afternoon I took John & went to Connanicut to attend the Meeting there Lodged at cousin Jos Greenes

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“Jenny’s Account” of the mutineers of the *HMS Bounty* and their descendants on Pitcairn Island as it appeared on this day in the Sydney [Gazette](#):

We have heretofore inserted an account of the Mutineers of the Bounty having landed on Pitcairn’s Island, where many of their

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descendants, from a number of women whom they took away from Otaheite, then remained. By the last arrival from the Society Islands a Gentleman of Sydney receives the following very recent account on this regretted subject.

Account of the Mutineers of the Ship Bounty, and their Descendants at Pitcairn's Island-



The following account I have just received from a Taheitan woman, who was the wife of Isaac Madden, one of the mutineers. She has been apparently a good-looking woman in her time, but now begins to bear the marks of age. She is marked on the left arm AS (over) 1789 which was done by Adam Smith, to whom she attached herself at first, and sailed with him both before and after the ship was taken. She has lately arrived hither in the 'King George' from Nugahiva, at which place she was left by an American ship, the Captain of which took her from Pitcairn's Island to the Spanish main, and afterwards left her at Nugahiva. She has resided at Nugahiva about three months, and it is more than double that time since she left Pitcairn's Island.

When Fletcher Christian cut his cable and left Taheite, the following persons were on board the Bounty: Fletcher Christian, John Main, Bill McKoy, Billy Brown, Jack Williams, Neddy Young, Isaac Madden, Matt or Matthew, and Adam Smith; nine Europeans. Teirnua, Niau (a boy), & Manarii, (Taheitans). Tarara, (a Raiatean) & Oher and Titahiti (Tubuans).

The Taheitan's women were Mauatua (Christian's wife), Vahineatua (Main's wife), Teio (the wife of McKoy), who was accompanied by her little daughter Sarah, Teatuahitea (Brown's wife); Faahotu (William's wife); Teraura (Young's wife); Teehuteatuaonoa or Jenny (Madden's wife), before mentioned; Ohuarei (Adam Smith's wife); Tevarua (Matt's wife); Toofaiti (Tararo's wife); Mareva (common to the two Taheitans); and Tinafornea (common to the two Tubuans).

In their passage to Pitcairn's Island they fell in with a low lagoon island, which they call Vivini, where they got birds, eggs, and cocoa nuts. They also passed between two mountainous islands, but the wind was so strong they could not land.

When they arrived at Pitcairn's Island they ran the ship ashore. Fletcher Christian wanted to preserve the ship, but Matt said



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'No, we shall be discovered' so they burnt her. The island is small; has but one mountain, which is not high but flat, and fit for cultivation. They put up temporary houses of the leaves of the tea, and afterwards more durable ones thatched with the palm, as at Taheiti.

They found the bread fruit there, and all were busily engaged in planting yams, taro, plantains, and aute, of which they made cloth. The account this woman gives of their proceedings in this new country is very amusing to the Taheitans. Neddy Young taught them to distil spirits from the tea root. They made small canoes, and caught many fish. They climbed the precipices of the mountain, and got birds and eggs in abundance.

In the mean time many children were born. Christian had daughter Mary; and two sons, Charley and Friday. John Main had two children, Betsey and John. Bill McKoy had Sam and Kate. Neddy Young had no children by his own wife; but by Tararo, the wife of the Raiotean, he had three sons, George, Robert and William. Matt has had five children, Matt, Jenny, Arthur, Sarah, and a young one that died when seven days old. Adam Smith has Dinah, Eliza, Hannah and George, by his wife. The Taheitans &c have left no children. Jack William's wife died of a scrophulus disease, which broke out in her neck.

The Europeans took the three women belonging to the natives, Toafaiti, Mareva, and Tinafarnea, and cast lots for them, and the lot falling upon Toafaiti, she was taken from Tararo, and given to Jack Williams. Tararo wept at parting with his wife, and was very angry. He studied revenge, but was discovered and Oher and him were shot. Titahiti was put in irons for some time, and afterwards released; when he and his wife lived with Madden, and wrought for him. Titahiti, Niau, Teimua, and Mavarii, still studied revenge; and having laid their plans when the women were gone to the mountains for birds, and the Europeans were scattered, they shot Christian, Main, Brown, Williams and Madden. Adam Smith was wounded in the hand and face, but escaped with his life. Ned Young's life was saved by his wife; and the other women, and McKoy, and Matt fled to the mountain.

Inflamed with drinking the raw new spirit they distilled, and fired with jealousy, Manarii killed Teimua by firing three shots through his body. The Europeans and women killed Manarii in return. Niau, getting a view of McKoy, shot at him. Two of the women went under the pretence of seeing if he was killed, and made friends with him. They laid their plan, and at night Niau was killed by Young. Taheiti, the only remaining native man, was dreadfully afraid of being killed, but Young took a solemn oath that he would not kill him. The women, however killed him in revenge for the deaths of their husband. Old Matt, in a drunken fit, declaring that he would kill F. Christian's children and all the English that remained, was put to death in his turn. Old McKoy, mad with drink, plunged into the sea and drowned himself. Ned Young died of a disease that broke out in his breast. Adam Smith therefore is the only survivor of the Europeans. Several of the women are also dead. Obuarei and Teverua fell from the



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precipices when getting birds. Teatuahitea died of the dropsy, and Vahincatua was killed, being pierced by a goat in her bowels when she was with child. The others were still alive when the women left.

The descendents of the Europeans, for there are no descendants of the natives, are very numerous. Of Christian's family, Mary Christian remains unmarried. Charley Christian married Sarah, the daughter of Teio. She has born him Fletcher, Charley, and Sarah and was with child again. Friday Christian has got Teraura, formerly the wife of Ned Young. She has born him Joe, Charley, Polly, Peggy, and Mary. All these descendants of Christian, together with Mauatua, or old Mrs. Christian, yet survive. John Main was killed by falling from the rocks. Betsey Main is the wife of young Matt, and has born two sons, Matt and John. Sam McKoy has taken Sarah Matt, and by her Sam and McKoy. Kate McKoy is the wife of Arthur Matt, and they have children Arthur, Billy, and Joe. Dinah Smith is the wife of Edward Matt by Teraura. She has a young son.

They have hogs and fowls, and are very diligent in cultivating the ground; they dress their food like the Taheitans, having no boilers. They make cloth, and clothe themselves like the Taheitans, the man with the maro and tibuta, the women with the paren and tibuta. They have sent away their still, the fruitful cause of so much mischief, in the American (ship) that called last; and they have obtained a boat from him, which greatly adds to their comfort. The women work hard in cultivating the ground &c. This woman's hands are quite hard with work. They have a place of worship, and old Adam Smith officiates three times every Sabbath. He prays extempore, but does not read. Their ceremonies of marriage, baptism, and at funerals are very simple. It does not appear that any of the people have learned to read. The first settlers discourage the Taheitan language, and promoted the speaking English. This woman, however, can speak neither English nor Taheitan, but a jumble of both. They speak of seeing two ships one years ago, which kept in the offing, and did not come near the island, except Master Folger as they call him, and the two King's ships; they have seen no ships till the American that brought away Jenny. Jenny says they would all like to come to Taheiti or Eimao. We were thinking that they would be a great acquisition at Opunohu alongside of the sugar works, as they have been accustomed to labour, for the Taheitans will not labour for any payment.



July 18, Sunday: Part of a pencil was missing at [Monticello](#). A search was made in the dome room. Tentatively it was hypothesized that one or another young gentleman, supposing it to be his own, might have carried it off.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First Day Met at the meeting House with about 20 others & I believe (tho' no vocal testimony or supplication was uttered)



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it was a season of favor to some present In first sitting down my feelings were pleasantly excited in observing some interesting countenances, but a leaness ensued which occasioned wrestling for the Blessing & in the conclusion was favor to experience an evidence of divine care which solemnized my spirit. – After tea came home in a Boat with a couple of black men. – This visit was a pleasant one to John as well as myself. –

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July 19, Monday: At a banquet in Dublin, the “Irish Friends of South American Independence” recruited young men to volunteer into John Devereux’s Irish Legion to fight in support of General Simón Bolívar (most of these recruits would die of tropical maladies before reaching battle).

Dr. Hildreth reported finding some metal objects near a body in an ancient mound in Marietta, Ohio:

Lying immediately over or on the forehead of the body were found three large circular bosses, or ornaments for a sword-belt or buckler; they are composed of copper, overlaid with a thick plate of silver.... Near the side of the body was found a plate of silver which appears to have been the upper part of a sword scabbard; it is six inches in length and two inches in breadth, and weighs an ounce; ... Two or three broken pieces of a copper tube were also found, filled with iron rust. These pieces from their appearance, composed the lower end of the scabbard near the point of the sword. No signs of the sword itself were discovered except the appearance of the rust above mentioned.... A piece of red-ochre or paint, and a piece of iron ore, which has the appearance of having been partially vitrified, or melted, were also found. The ore is about the specific gravity of pure iron.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 7 M / This Afternoon Alice & Rhoda Cuffee daughters of my late much esteemed friend [Paul Cuffee](#) of Westport called to see me – Their visit was very pleasant they are good countenanced young women & I feel desirous they may in their lives & conversation imitate the bright example of pious father, whose skin tho’ black rended him none the less acceptable to his Maker.

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July 20, Tuesday: A broadside bearing this date:



SLAVERY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 7th M 1819 / This forenoon about 1 / 2 past 11 OC Died Sally Cornell wife of our neighbour Job Cornell. She was sister to Nancy Warren - I was acquainted with them when I was a boy. The latter learned the Taylors trade of my father. - Yesterday afternoon rec'd a letter from our Frd Wm Rickman dated [Providence](#), which was very sweet & Acceptable - this Afternoon I have been writing an Answer to meet him in N York -

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July 22, Thursday: The Reverend [Elias Cornelius](#), who had been raising money for Indian missions and schools, became associate pastor of the Tabernacle Church in Salem, Massachusetts.

One of the early dates we have for the homophonic Christmas song “Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!” (“Silent Night! Holy Night!”) is July 22, 1819, the date assigned to it in a church songbook prepared by Blasius Wimmer, organist and teacher of Waidring in Tirol in about 1825.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22nd of 7 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended on the womens side of the house, but I thought the mens was rather thin it was a season of leaness to me partly occasioned by indisposition of body. - I suffer much with weakness & pain in my back which from its long continuance I begin to fear well terminate in something of a serious nature, tho' I hope for the best. - In the Preparative meeting there was no buisness occured to send forward to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - With my H & Sister Ruth set the eveng with Abigail Robinson

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July 24, Saturday: At [Concord](#), Samuel Whiting of Concord got married with Mary Ormsby of Concord.

[Josiah Gilbert Holland](#) was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts. The family was poor, although of American pedigree (the claimed ancestors John Holland and Judith Stevens Holland were supposedly members of a church that was organized before sailing from Plymouth in Devonshire, that had emigrated into the wilderness at Dorchester), and at an early age he would work in a factory. He would write the lyrics to the Methodist hymn "There's a Song in the Air," and many others.

DORCHESTER



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 7 M / It seems to be a Solemn time among us at present - Sally Reed wife of John, died this eveng which makes with Sally Cornell, two in one house in four days. which with the general state of things is depressing, but may we place our dependance on the Lord. Oh Saith my soul may I lean on him, & rely on him in all things, for hither too he has been Kind, beyond my deserts, & I have cause to bless & magnify his holy name to the end of my days

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July 25, Sunday: On Sunday night [John Keats](#) wrote again to Fanny Brawne:



My sweet Girl – I hope you did not blame me much for not obeying your request of a Letter on Saturday: we have had four in our small room playing at cards night and morning leaving me no undisturb'd opportunity to write. Now Rice and Martin are gone I am at liberty. Brown to my sorrow confirms the account you give of your ill health. You cannot conceive how I ache to be with you: how I would die for one hour – for what is in the world? I say you cannot conceive; it is impossible you should look with such eyes upon me as I have upon you: it cannot be. Forgive me if I wander a little this evening, for I have been all day employ'd in a very abstract Poem and I am in deep love with you two things which must excuse me. I have, believe me, not been an age in letting you take possession of me; the very first week I knew you I wrote myself your vassal; but burnt the Letter as the very next time I saw you I thought you manifested some dislike to me. If you should ever feel for Man at the first sight what I did for you, I am lost. Yet I should not quarrel with you, but hate myself if such a thing were to happen – only I should burst if the thing were not as fine as a Man as you are as a Woman.

Perhaps I am too vehement, then fancy me on my knees, especially when I mention a part of your Letter which hurt me; you say speaking of Mr. Severn 'but you must be satisfied in knowing that I admired you much more than your friend.' My dear love, I cannot believe there ever was or ever could be any thing to admire in me especially as far as sight goes – I cannot be admired, I am not a thing to be admired. You are, I love you; all I can bring you is a swooning admiration of your Beauty. I hold that place among Men which snub-nos'd brunettes with meeting eyebrows do among women – they are trash to me – unless I should find one among them with a fire in her heart like the one that burns in mine.

You absorb me in spite of myself – you alone: for I look not



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forward with any pleasure to what is called being settled in the world; I tremble at domestic cares – yet for you I would meet them, though if it would leave you the happier I would rather die than do so.

I have two luxuries to brood over in my walks, your Loveliness and the hour of my death. O that I could have possession of them both in the same minute. I hate the world: it batters too much the wings of my self-will, and would I could take a sweet poison from your lips to send me out of it. From no others would I take it. I am indeed astonish'd to find myself so careless of all charms but yours – remembering as I do the time when even a bit of ribband was a matter of interest with me.

What softer words can I find for you after this – what it is I will not read. Nor will I say more here, but in a Postscript answer any thing else you may have mentioned in your Letter in so many words – for I am distracted with a thousand thoughts. I will imagine you Venus tonight and pray, pray, pray to your star like a Heathen.

*Your's ever, fair Star,
John Keats*

My seal is mark'd like a family table cloth with my Mother's initial F for Fanny: put between my Father's initials. You will soon hear from me again. My respectful Compliments to your Mother. Tell Margaret I'll send her a reef of best rocks and tell Sam I will give him my light bay hunter if he will tie the Bishop hand and foot and pack him in a hamper and send him down for me to bathe him for his health with a Necklace of good snubby stones about his Neck.

(This letter would be postmarked on the 27th.)

A hurricane began along the gulf coast of the North American continent. It would continue for four days.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 7th M / Our Meeting this Morning was silent –In the afternoon a short pertinent & sweet testimony from Father Rodman. – Rather barran time tho' I believe a degree of Divine favor was witnessed

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July 28, Wednesday: Since Sunday the 25th a hurricane had been pounding the southern coast of the continent, from Louisiana to Alabama. New Orleans had been merely on the fringe of the storm and suffered no severe damage. The full force of the storm had hit Bay St. Louis. Ships at Balize (Pilottown) had experienced 24 hours of strong gale winds but only 3 of them had gone aground. Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne rose 5 to 6 feet. Of the crew of the schooner *USS Firebrand*, a 150-ton gunship lying off the west end of Cat Island, 41 had perished.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 28th of 7 M Went this eveng with Br D Rodman to See Saml
Almy who lays apparantly drawing his last breath
He died about 1/2 past 10 OC this evening –*

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July 29, Thursday: John Duffield, age 46 or 47, Josiah Wilkes, age 52, and Thomas Earp, age 29, for the coining of counterfeit shillings, were convicted of high treason by a jury at Stafford and sentenced by the judge to be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution and there to be **hanged** by the neck. Afterward the court would take mercy on Wilkes and Earp and re-sentence them to life imprisonment among the some 650 prisoners held aboard the convict hulk *Leviathan* in Portsmouth harbor (normally such prisoners did manual labor in guarded gangs ashore during the day).



(I don't know which of the above hulks was the *Leviathan*.)

Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 7th M 1819 / Our meeting was a solid time to me
In the first Hannah Dennis appeard in a solid & to my feelings
pertinent testimony. – In the last (Monthly) we had considerable
buisness, & some of it of a weighty & important nature, which I
thought was moved in with care & a good degree of circumspection.
-Uncle Peter & Aunt Wait, Anne Anthony & Jacob Mott dined with
us. –*

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August 1, Sunday: King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia and King Friedrich August I of Saxony met in reconciliation at Pillnitz.

The India Company had, on the island of St. Helena in the south Atlantic, 700 to 800 [Chinese](#) workmen. They had divided into factions and began to struggle among themselves, with the whites on the island presuming this to amount to some sort of religious dispute. They formed, near Plantation House where [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) was being kept, into three or four bands of about 150 each, and arming themselves with bamboo sticks, spears, knives, etc., “rushed upon each other with frightful ferocity ... uttering piercing cries.” The post at High Knoll despatched “some St. Helena sharp-shooters, for the most part drunk, all young lads who were impatient to finish the affair, and who, without waiting for anybody’s orders, started shooting wildly. There were some killed and a good many wounded. The commanding officers will be courtmartialed.”

[Herman Melville](#) was born as “[Herman Melvill](#)” at 6 Pearl Street on Manhattan “Island of the Hills,” in New-York, to importer Allan Melvill and Martia Gansevoort Melvill, daughter of Revolutionary War general Peter Gansevoort.²⁵⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1st of 8 M 1819 / Our Meeting was solid & D Buffum was favor'd in a lively & pertinent testimony to the efficacy of the Truth
In the Afternoon J Dennis Anne Greene & H Dennis were all engaged in short testimonies*

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August 4, Wednesday: A will was recorded in Brown County, Ohio that divided 1,197 acres into 31 lots and assigned them to “150 Negroes who were emancipated by the will of Samuel Gist.”²⁵⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 4th of 8th M / With my H & John rode this morning to [Portsmouth](#) - left them at Uncle P Lawtons & went to the Meeting House to Attend the Select Quarterly Meeting which was a season of favor, precious favor & encouragement to the hearts of some present, under a sense that Israels Shepherd was extending help & strength to the Church, & tho' the hands of some may hang down yet holy truth was spreading in this land - We lodged at Uncle Peters & next Morning We attended the Quarterly Meeting at large. -
In the first Meeting Thos Anthony was engaged in a lively powerful testimony which I have no doubt reached the witness in many minds present Anne Almy followed in a lively & pertinent Supplication & the meeting concluded after a Short testimony from Wm Almy. - In the last Meeting our frd Thos Anthony spread a concern before us to pay a religious visit to several Quarterly Meetings in N York State which was united with - We dined at*

256. See Jay Leyda's THE MELVILLE LOG: A DOCUMENTARY LIFE OF HERMAN MELVILLE, published in 1951.

257. [Samuel Gist, Esq.](#) of Virginia and London (1717-1815) had owned a [slave](#) plantation in Hanover County, Virginia before returning to England during the Revolutionary War. In England he had done well in business. In his will the 98-year-old had freed perhaps 350 slaves and provided funds for their relocation, the building of homes, and the establishment of schools and homes. His executors would make similar purchase of land elsewhere in Ohio, for the benefit of other contingents of his [manumitted](#) slaves.



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Anne Anthonys & toward night rode home

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August 8, Sunday: John Fauchereau Grimké died while seeking medical treatment in Philadelphia. Alone, the only mourner, his daughter [Sarah Moore Grimké](#) would follow the coffin to the grave. During her voyage home to Charleston, the grieving girl would make the acquaintance of a [Quaker](#) family, and they would present her with a copy of the memoirs of Friend [John Woolman](#). Back at home in South Carolina, she would find no consolation in her mother and in her family's black service staff:



Tears never moistened my eyes; to prayer I was a stranger. With Job I dared to curse the day of my birth. One day I was tempted to say something of the kind to my mother. She was greatly shocked, and reproved me seriously. I craved a hiding-place in the grave, as a rest from the distress of my feelings, thinking that no estate could be worse than the present. Sometimes, being unable to pray, unable to command one feeling of good, either natural or spiritual, I was tempted to commit some great crime, thinking I could repent and thus restore my lost sensibility. On this I often meditated, and assuredly should have fallen into this snare had not the mercy of God still followed me.

The father's will would leave \$10,000 to each child, an amount that at that time was quite enough to guarantee that they would be able to live very comfortably their entire lives off a safe annual dividend of approximately \$600 without ever dipping into the principal amount.²⁵⁸

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 8 M 1819 / Our Meetings were both silent & to me seasons of mental labor — In the evening called to See Edw W Lawton I wife, a visit of sympathy to them in the loss of a child this morning about 16 Months old...

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258. Inheriting \$10,000 then would be the equivalent of today becoming a millionaire by inheritance — except that today there would be federal capital-gains taxes, and state taxes, and sales taxes, whereas there were not then any such things. Therefore perhaps we should say that inheriting that sum of money would be the equivalent of having today a safe gross disposable income for the duration of one's life of some \$90,000 annually, \$30,000 of which would be eaten up by today's taxation and merely \$60,000 being actually available for one's annual disposable income.)



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August 10, Tuesday: Kantate zum Geburtstag des Sängers Johann Michael Vogl D.666 for mixed voices and piano by Franz Schubert to words of Stadler was performed for the initial time, at the home of Josef von Koller, in Steyr.

At [Harvard College](#)'s Divinity School, Mr. Andrews Norton was inaugurated as the Dexter Professor of Sacred Literature. His full service as Dexter Lecturer and then as Dexter Professor would amount to eleven years. Before autumn of this year, at the [Harvard Divinity School](#), no distinction of classes had existed. At this point the students were divided into a 1st-year class, a 2d-year class, and a 3d-year class.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left Ravenna for Bologna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 8 M / Attended the funeral of Edw W Lawtons child the funeral was after the manner of Friends, & I thought the sitting was favor'd with a good degree of solemnity. - he was once a member & both he & his wife attenders of friends Meeting

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August 11, Wednesday: Martin Johnson Heed (Martin Johnson Heade) was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. At an early age he would be placed under the instruction of a neighbor who painted coaches and signs, Friend [Edward Hicks](#).

[Thomas Nuttall](#) and a trapper guide set out from Three Forks across the Oklahoma prairie, on horseback. The guide, Mr. Lee, said he had trapped in and about the Oklahoma wilderness for about a decade interacting extensively with the Cherokee and Osage, and had ascended the Canadian, Cimarron, and Arkansas rivers nearly to their western sources.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 8 M / Attended the funeral of John Goddards child he & his wife are attenders of our Meeting & bury in our Ground. -She was once a member & daughter of the late Daniel Gould of Middletown. - Oh that those who know the Truth may be obedient to its dictates, thereby they would know their Stakes Strengthened & cord lengthened Disobedience make a long Wilderness, but Obedience make the Work Short. - We took tea at Father Rodmans in company with a couple of young men from Wilmington Delaware

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August 14, Saturday: [Erik Acharius](#) died.

Apparently, according to a report which appeared in the American Journal of Science, between 8PM and 9PM on the previous evening two women of Amherst, Massachusetts had observed “a brilliant white light resembling burnished silver” which they supposed to descend slowly from the sky as a ball onto their front yard. At one point this light was bright enough for them to see it reflect upon or cast a shadow against a nearby wall. The next morning, according to a report from a Professor Rufus Graves, the man of the house, an Erastus Dewey, noted that there was in his yard, some 20 feet from the doorstep, a “circular form, resembling a sauce or salad dish bottom upwards, about eight inches in diameter and one in thickness, of a bright buff color, with a fine nap upon it similar to that on milled cloth.... On removing the villous coat, a buff colored pulpy substance of the consistency of good soft soap, of an offensive, suffocating smell appeared; and on a near approach to it, or when immediately over it, the smell became almost insupportable, producing nausea and dizziness. A few minutes exposure to the atmosphere changed the buff into a livid color resembling venous blood. It was observed to attract moisture very rapidly from the air. A half-pint tumbler was nearly half filled with the substance. It soon began to liquefy and form a mucilaginous substance of the consistence, color, and feeling of starch when prepared for domestic use.” Whatever this material was, within two or three days it would evaporate, leaving only some sort of dark-colored residue upon the sides and bottom of that tumbler. It would be noted that when they then rubbed some of this dried residue between their fingers, it became a fine, odorless ash.

SKY EVENT

Samuel Cabot reported his attention to have suddenly been arrested by an object emerging from the sea about 100 to 150 yards from him, “which gave to my mind at the first glance the idea of a horse’s head.... I perceived at a short distance eight or ten regular bunches or protuberances, and at a short interval three or four more.... The Head ... was serpent shaped it was elevated about two feet from the water ... he could not be less than eighty feet long.”

SEA SERPENT SIGHTINGS

After some passage of time, Friend [Moses Brown](#) wrote again to Sophronia N.J. Forster of Weare, New Hampshire, expressing continued interest in her teaching at Yearly Meeting School.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) had a conversation with a local [Jew](#) and was reassured about the superiority of [Quakerism](#):

7th day 14th of 8 M / Rec'd two letters from Wm Rickman in N York one of them mentioned that Wm Foster of England had obtained a Certificate from Friends there to pay a religious visit to friends in this Country & expected to embark next spring – This Afternoon my mind was struck in conversation with Moses Lopez a Jew, by a remark of his he was speaking of religion & giving some of his views on the subject & observed that was he to change his religion he should turn [Quaker](#) & remarked that there were some of our manners & customs that he approved beyond others & even some of his own – he Said he was once in [New Bedford](#) & was invited to dine at the house of Our friend Sam Rodman, who provided a good Salt Fish dinner for him & when they set down to the table he observed a profound silence which seemed very strange to him & was at an entire loss what to think or how to

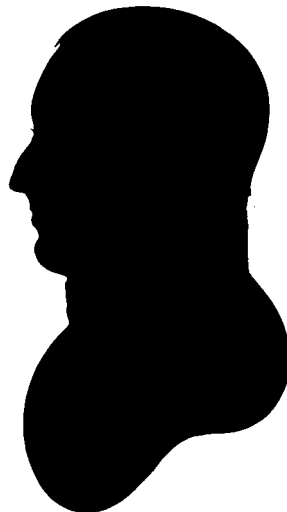


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account for it but after a few moments, Socobility was resumed & things went on in their usual order, at tea he remarked the same pause, when, (to use his own expressions) he considered it must be some of our ceremonies, & he could but approve of it, being much more solemn in its effects than a prayer rabbled over with apparant feeling or sensibility, he remarked that it was their practice to say a short prayer after dinner, but he says I like Your mode best being more Solemn. now I have no doubt but this poor son of Israel was Struck with real religious feelings on the occasion, which from the dark state of his mind he would not fully comprehend. – This circumstance may tend to confirm Friends of the necessity of such pratices. – we know not the effects of them, if attended too with reverance they may reach the hearts of some, when we are not aware of it ourselves, & perhaps most effectivelly when nothing may be uttered




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 August 15, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 8 M 1819 / Our Morning Meeting was a season of some favor. – Father Rodman was concerned in a few lively expressions. Silent in the Afternoon & small being rainy. – After tea took a walk to the lower end of the Street, up thro' Pope Street thro' Spring street home. John was with me who united in the enjoyment of the pleasant round. –

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 August 19, Thursday: In Cambridge, Massachusetts, with great pomp and ceremony, the graduation ceremonies for [Harvard College](#) were taking place.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:




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5th day 19th of 8th M 1819 / Our meeting silent & to me a season of some favor, & I have no doubt was a solemn Season to many for the times are solemn, there is much sickness in town and an unusual number of Deaths. -The fever that prevails is very mortal & the appearance of the Town seems gloomy, however, my mind is quiet under the prospect, not knowing how soon it may be my turn to experience sickness in our own family. - Our friends Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis were at Meeting having finished their Religious visit to families in [Portsmouth](#) & Middletown & have commenced in [Newport](#) this morning. -i


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 August 20, Friday: In Toronto, Canada, the agricultural statistician [Robert Fleming Gourlay](#) was again found guilty of sedition under the Alien Act for asking too many pointy questions (he would be banished to the United States).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 8th M / Spent this day in company with our friends Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis, in visiting familys & called at the following places Dorcas Earls - Betsy Buffum & Sisters Robert Lawton, father Rodmans Patience Frickers David Rodmans David Bowens & Jonathon Bowens, They laboured faithfully & I have no doubt the visits were Satisfactory with the Visitors & the Visited

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 August 21, Saturday: At about 6AM service commenced in the chapel at Stafford, which, with the administration of the holy sacrament, occupied the time till near 8AM, when the tolling of the bell announced the approach of the horse-drawn hurdle conveying John Duffield, who was to be [hanged](#) (such a hurdle was usually fashioned from thin interwoven branches to which the prisoner was tied). When the horse reached the foot of the ladder of the town's portable gallows structure, Duffield stated with great composure, "I am going to Heaven." Ascending the platform with steady step, he stood quietly as the executioner adjusted the rope about his neck. He was allowed to spend some five minutes in fervent prayer before the signal was given and the drop fell. The [Wolverhampton Chronicle](#) would report that "On Saturday morning, about half-past eight o'clock, John Duffield underwent the awful sentence of the law at the front of the county gaol at Stafford, for counterfeiting, at Darlaston, the coin of this realm called a shilling, of which he was convicted (with Josiah Wilkes and Thos. Earp) at our late assizes." The news account informs us that the hanged counterfeiter had left seven children.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 8 M / Father Rodman attends Anne & Hannah today they Dined with us & had a sitting in the family & when Anne Carpenter came in & joined us....

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August 22, Sunday: At his home in Waltham, Massachusetts, the [Reverend Convers Francis, Jr.](#) delivered a sermon based upon Isaiah 40:31, "[On religious perseverance.](#)"

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 8 M / Our Morning meeting was in good measure favord - Jonathon Dennis Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis were engaged in testimony -

In the Afternoon father Rodman & David Buffum were engaged in testimony, the latter was to considerable length for him - & very lively - I have at seasons secretly rejoiced that there are left among us those who publish the gospel in the Spirit of it. - a lively ministry is a blessing to a meeting. & May there be some raised up & cloathed upon to stand as Aarons to the people. - how are they needed in this day - we who live in it can see & do Know - 5th day 26th of 8th M 1819 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Ruth & attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first Hannah Dennis was concerned in a lively testimony. - In the last we Rec'd Freeborn Chase into membership. She is a young woman who has been long an attender of our Meetings & of a religious life & conversation, has for some years believed it would be right for her to join our society, but thro' weakness has defer'd it till now, when she is far gone in a [consumption](#) & not expected to remain but a short time in mutability. Friends rec'd her as with open Arms, as I hope we shall all who request on right grounds. - We dined at Anne Anthonys -

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August 29, Sunday: On the basis of an inscription found carved at breast level into the 20-inch base of a pine tree near the Mystic River, "J.O.R." above "AUG. 29. 1819" in Roman capitals and Arabic numerals, Superintendent Philetus W. Norris would in 1881 reasonably infer that another white men had been in the Yellowstone wilderness some 62 years before him.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 8th M / In our Morning Meeting the London general Epistle was read & D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony. - In the Afternoon we were silent, but to me a pretty good meeting. - About 20 Minutes past one OClock Our Aged friend Robert Lawton departed this life in the 87th Year of his Age. -

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August 31, Tuesday: The revenue cutters *USS Alabama* and *USS Louisiana*, while sailing the Gulf off southern Florida, sighted and gave chase to the schooner *Bravo*. When they came within range there was a brief gunnery duel, and then the vessel was boarded and its crew surrendered. The vessel had been sailing without a letter of marque. It was Jean La Farges, a lieutenant of Jean Lafitte. We can presume that all these [pirates](#) would [hang](#).

“Variations on Non più mesta accanto al fuoco” was performed by [Nicolò Paganini](#), probably for the initial time, at the Teatro dei Fiorentini of Naples.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 31st of 8 M / This evening Sampson Sherman son of Job departed this life. I was called in & assisted in laying him out. he had entered his 16th Year - with him "The summer has past" & who will close with the Autumn, is known only to Him who giveth life & taketh it away at his Will. - May all that is alive within me bow in his presence in thankfulness for the many favors vouchsafed. -
In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Robert Lawton which was large. -*

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September 2, Thursday: Surgeon John Stokoe of *HMS Conqueror*, having treated [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) three times, had formed the opinion that the prisoner was suffering from “liver disease.” Napoléon’s jailer Sir Hudson Lowe had been offering a different diagnosis, so he had ordered a court-martial by a council of war on board the Admiral’s ship. After four sessions at which the surgeon attempted to represent himself since he was denied counsel (his defense being to confess that he must have been to some degree insubordinate or impolitic but despite this had not allowed himself to become any sort of accomplice to the enemy), the panel unanimously declared him guilty of insubordination and condemned him to be dismissed but—in consideration of his former services—with a recommendation for half-pay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 9 M / Sampson Shermans funeral went to meeting which occasioned a pretty large gathering. Hannah & Jonathon Dennis were engaged in testimony & our friend D Buffum was very lively & pertinent. Abigail Sherman also Said a few words -After meeting the Corpse was decently interred in the upper burying Ground in the Medow field. -

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September 5, Sunday morning: About 1AM, John Howard discovered that the pantry of the *Phoenix*, adjoining his stateroom, was on fire. When the flames reached the engine in the middle of the boat, all communication between the two ends of the boat was cut off. The starboard boat made for Providence Island in Lake Champlain, the nearest land, with 20 passengers, but the larboard boat, the larger of the two, got cut loose with only 14 passengers of the remaining 25 people aboard, leaving 11 to swim for it with any material they could find that would float. Five people would drown. Captain Richard W. Sherman would be the last to leave the burning ship and would be plucked from the water near Stave Island when sloops came out from Burlington, Vermont in the morning.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 9th M 1819 / In our morning Meeting father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony. The meeting was as large as usual & to me a hard time
Silent Meeting & to me a hard time again –
After we had done tea, Prince Gifford Jr & his Wife from Falmouth C Cod having been on a visit to their son in Law in New Jersey, & on their return, met a head wind & put in to this harbour for Shelter. They came on shore & spent about an hour with us & took a little refreshment. – Their company was pleasant, they feeling like a Brother & a Sister*

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September 6, Monday: [Thomas Blanchard](#) patented a copying lathe for the turning of irregular forms such as gunstocks (similar to today's key-copying machine, although on a larger scale).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 6th of 9th M / Prince Gifford & wife are still detained by the wind & dined with us. –
This Afternoon Joseph Lancaster, the celebrated lecturer on education, called to see us & set an hour his company was pleasant & tho' he has passed thro' great adulation as the founder of a new system of education & done some things which has occasioned him to be disowned from our Society in England, Yet I was glad to feel that there is Yet a little life in him. – he has the appearance of tolerably plain friend, quite portly & of a florid countenance, about 40 years of age.
This evening attended J Lancasters lecter at Elton Martens*



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House. There was much valuable information in it, but according to my mind he does not conduct it in the best way in all aspects & if I see him again shall suggest my views to him May he preserve the good remaining in him, but how subject is poor man to be carried off the ground by flattery. –

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September 7, Tuesday: Stephen Long's expedition up the Missouri River in the *Western Engineer*, the initial steamboat to navigate there, arrived at the mouth of the Platte River. Long considered the land to be "almost wholly unfit for cultivation," destined to be "the abode of perpetual desolation."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 9 M / This morning J Lancaster called & took breakfast with us & took leave bound for Bedford. The time here he was here afforded an opportunity to Express all I thought proper to say tho' not all I felt towards him & I believe the acquaintance has been proffitable between us.

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September 9, Thursday: [William Godwin](#) wrote his daughter [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) after her loss of her child:

*Skinner Street,
Sep. 9, 1819.*

My dear Mary

Your letter of August 19 is very grievous to me, inasmuch as you represent me as increasing the degree of your uneasiness & depression.

You must however allow me the privilege of a father & a philosopher, in expostulating with you upon this depression. I cannot but consider it as lowering your character in a memorable degree, & putting you quite among the commonalty & mob of your sex, when I had thought I saw in you symptoms, entitling you to be ranked among those spirits that do honour to our nature. Oh, what a falling off is here! How bitterly is so inglorious a change to be deplored!

What is it you want that you have not? You have the husband of your choice, to whom you seem to be unalterably attached, a man of high intellectual endowments, ~~whatever I & some other persons may think of his morality, & the defects under this last head, if they be not (as you seem to think) imaginary, at least do not operate as towards you.~~ You have all the goods of fortune, all the means of being useful to others, & shining in your proper sphere. But you have lost a child: & all the rest of the world, all that is beautiful, & all that has a claim upon your kindness, is nothing, because a child of three years old is dead!

The human species may be divided into two great classes: those who lean on others for support: & those who are qualified to support. Of these last some have one, some five, & some ten



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talents: some can support a husband, a child, a small but respectable circle of friends & dependents, & some can support a world, contributing by their energies to advance their whole species one or more degrees in the scale of perfectibility. The former class sit with their arms crossed, a prey to apathy & languor, of no use to any earthly creature, & ready to fall from their stools, if some kind soul, who might compassionate, but who cannot respect them, did not come from moment to moment, & endeavour to set them up again. You were formed by nature to belong to the best of these classes: but you seem to be shrinking away, & voluntarily enrolling yourself among the worst.

Above all things I intreat you, do not put the miserable delusion on yourself, to think there is something fine, & beautiful, & delicate, in giving yourself up, & agreeing to be nothing.

Remember too that, though, at first, your nearest connections may pity you in this state, yet that when they see you fixed in selfishness & ill humour, & regardless of the happiness of every one else, they will finally cease to love you, & scarcely learn to endure you....

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 9th M 1819 / Our Meeting was rather small & to me rather low, tho' I have no doubt some life was experienced among us. -- Abigail Sherman was concerned in a few words. -- This evening after a few days illness of a fever Lemuel Bailey departed this life, he was a fine boy, & promised usefulness, but alass he has made his escape from a troublesome World & I trust is at rest. Such was his uprightness promptness & faithfulness in every respect in Br D Rodmans buisness as greatly endeared him to the family, & Such his natural urbanity & Kindness to all with whom he had any concern or acquaintance, that no boy was better beloved, it may be well said that he left a good report behind him.--

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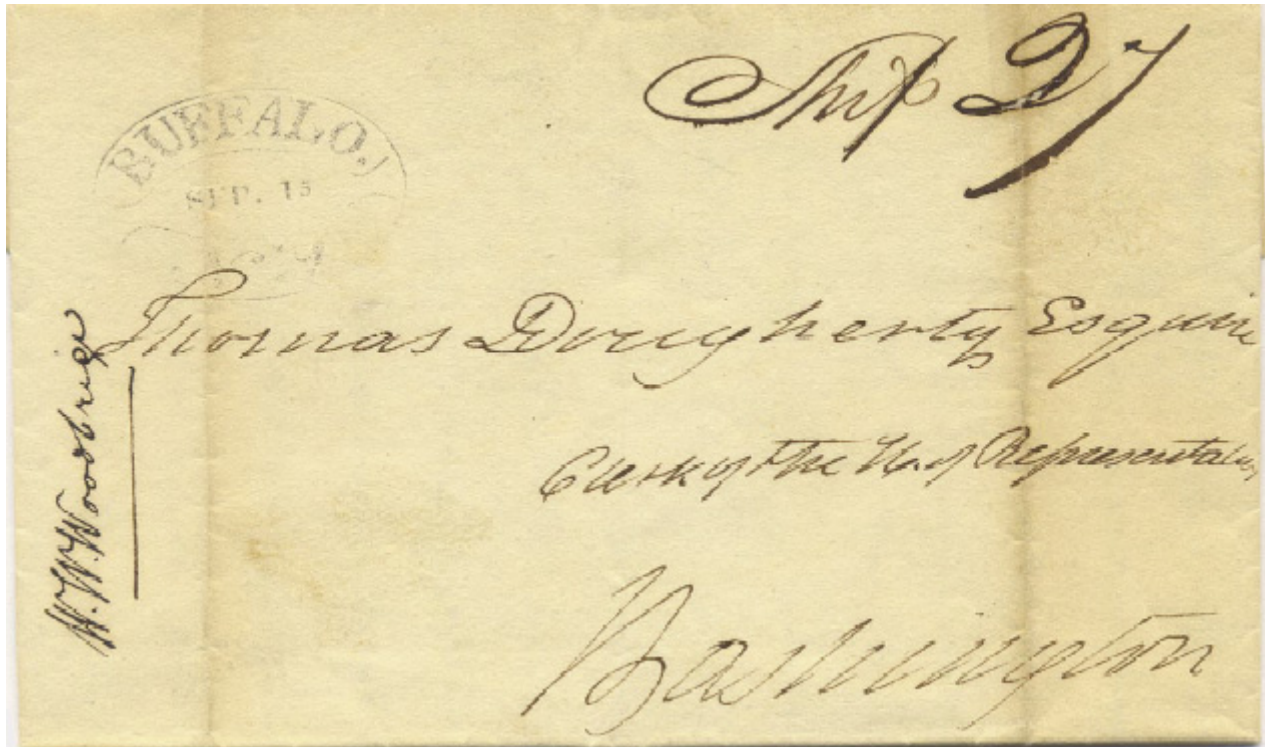
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September 11, Saturday: A letter was posted in Detroit that would travel on Lake Erie aboard the steamboat *Walk-in-the-Water* by way of Buffalo, to Washington DC. The typical transit time between Detroit and Buffalo by sailing vessel was 7-9 days. As you can see from the BUFFALO postmark, the letter would be received there on September 15th — transit time only 4 days (you can also see that there was a 2-cent ship transport fee).



A Genoa court ordered seizure of the assets of [Nicolò “Deep Pockets” Paganini](#), against the settlement he had yet to pay to the widow of Ferdinando Cavanna (plus accumulating interest).²⁵⁹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 9th M / It is a melancholy time in Town, there are a number of people Sick with a malignant fever & two lays dead. — “When the Lords judgements are abroad in the Earth my the inhabitants thereof learn wisdom”. -we are in his hands, & may our dependance be on him alone

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September 12, Sunday: Joaquín José Melgarejo y Saurín, duque de San Fernando de Quiroga replaced Manuel González Salmón y Gómez de Torres as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 12th of 9th M / Our Morning meeting was large & solemn. father Rodman in his testimony adverted to the present Awful

259. You understand, this sort of continuous scandal publicity must have been performing wonders for the “gate” at the box office for the virtuoso’s solo performances: “Oh, Niccolò, make my body sob like your violin!”



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dispensation of sickness that prevails in the Town & D Buffum was engaged in testimony towards the close of the Meeting. - Small & silent in the Afternoon. -

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September 14, Tuesday: We know, from a report in the Nashville, Tennessee Clarion of this date, that the initial newspaper to be published in Texas, the Texas Republican, had begun to be published by Eli Harris, formerly of Franklin, Tennessee, who had originated in North Carolina. It had been issued a month earlier in Nacogdoches by General James Long and seems to have been edited by a member of his “Supreme Council,” Horatio Bigelow (no copy of it seems to have been preserved).

John Keats posted, from Lombard Street in London, a letter to Fanny Brawne that he had begun to compose on Fleet Street on the morning of the previous day:

My dear Girl - I have been hurried to town by a Letter from my brother George; it is not of the brightest intelligence. Am I mad or not? I came by the Friday night coach and have not yet been to Hampstead. Upon my soul it is not my fault. I cannot resolve to mix any pleasure with my days: they go one like another, indistinguishable. If I were to see you to-day it would destroy the half comfortable sullenness I enjoy at present into downright perplexities. I love you too much to venture to Hampstead, I feel it is not paying a visit, but venturing into a fire. Que feraije? as the French novel writers say in fun, and I in earnest: really what can I do? Knowing well that my life must be passed in fatigue and trouble, I have been endeavouring to wean myself from you: for to myself alone what can be much of a misery? As far as they regard myself I can despise all events: but I cannot cease to love you. This morning I scarcely know what I am doing. I am going to Walthamstow. I shall return to Winchester to-morrow; whence you shall hear from me in a few days. I am a Coward, I cannot bear the pain of being happy: 't is out of the question: I must admit no thought of it.

Yours ever affectionately John Keats.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 9 M / ANN McCoy a young woman from Savanna who has boarded a few weeks at Aunt Anne Carpenters, left Town for Providence. - Her conduct has been such as has endeared her all her acquaintance, & we parted with her with regret. -

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September 16, Thursday: [Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla](#)'s [Grito de Dolores](#) ignited an insurrection led by [Ignacio Allende](#), that would produce both their deaths promptly and, after eleven years, the independence of [Mexico](#).

Frederic Tudor wrote to Samuel Parkman, who had made his nut in real estate, that he also was beginning to consider himself a rich man. Owning four icehouses worth \$40,000 (not counting the value of their extensive real estate) can do that to you! This year he had already sold \$30,000 worth of ice and expected to sell \$6,000 or \$8,000 more.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 16th of 9th M 1819 / Our meeting was rather small
J Dennis & father Rodman appeared in short testimonies, & to me
it was a season of but little life, tho' I thought in the
forepart of it there was a little life & perhaps closed with a
little. —*

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September 17, Friday: William Aspinwall Tappan was born to Lewis Tappan and Susan Aspinwall Tappan.

A Vienna court accepted the resignation as guardian over Karl van Beethoven of Councillor Mathias von Tuscher and ruled that [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s nephew be placed with his mother and a court-appointed guardian, Leopold Nussböck (a city official).

The 1st whaling ship arrived in the Hawaiian Islands.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 9th M / This morning Br Isaac with Uncle & Aunt Stanton arrived from N York. Our hearts are glad to see them & thankful we are in the enjoyment of health so as to be able to receive them, but the Hand of the Lord is upon us. There is much sickness prevailing both of fever & the Disentary, which casts a gloom over poor [Newport](#)

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September 18, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Teresa left Bologna together for La Mira, near [Venice](#).

[Jean-Bernard-Léon Foucault](#) was born (in 1851 his pendulum would demonstrate the rotation of the earth).

Le testament et les billets-doux, a comédie mêlée de chant by Daniel François Esprit Auber to words of Planard, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 9 M / Uncle & Aunt Stanton with my Mother dined



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with us. After Dinner Took Chaise with Uncle Stanton & rode to [Portsmouth](#), set a little while at his cousin Stephen Slocum then Called at Uncle Thurstons & took tea. -

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September 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 9 M / At meeting a solemn impressive testimony from D Buffum "Steward give an acct of thy Stewardship for thou may be no longer Steward." Silent in the Afternoon & with me no dew nor rain. - very barran & hard time. -

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September 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 9th M / Uncle Stanton having a mind to go to [Portsmouth](#) to visit several places with a view to make a Purchase & settlement I felt it my duty to accompany him, tho' the contest of feeling between going & Staying to attend meeting was strong, & occasioned an exercise which I could not get rid of all Day. - We went to several places in the course of the Day, but none seemed to suit except Abner Cundels & he seemed to be at present unwilling to Sell. we called to see our Aged Cousin Elizabeth Chase & at J Weedens to look at his place, & returned with but little Prospect of a Purchase

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September 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26 of 9th M 1819 / At Meeting this morning father Rodman appeared in a short testimony -- In the Afternoon it being a violent storm of Wind & Rian the gathering was very small & not a Woman ventured out, silent but I thought a degree of favor was witnessed. -
About Eight OClock this morning Uncle Stanton sailed for NYork in the New Sloop Herald Capt Bliss. if they did not make a harbor in season, they must have had a very perilous day & evening. -*

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September 30, Thursday: Louis Spohr's resignation as Director of Opera in Frankfurt went into effect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 9 M / Hannah Dennis, David Buffum & father Rodman bore solemn testimonys, & it was a solemn meeting. -- In the last we had considerable buisness but tho' there was considerable expression & some different views harmony & love was preserved. -Jonathon Dennis obtained liberty & a copy of a minute to accompany our friend Thomas Anthony in his religious



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visit to Several Quarterly Meetings in N York State.

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October 2, Saturday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) moved to [Firenze](#).

[Alfred Hawkins](#) got married with a Martha Peterson or Patterson at the Anglican Cathedral of [Québec](#). The gazette for October 13th would report: "Married, at [Québec](#) on Saturday evening 2nd instant, by the Rev. G.J. Mountain, Mr. [Alfred Hawkins](#), wine merchant, to Miss Patterson, daughter of Mr. James Patterson, of the same place."

The nation was learning that Commodore Oliver Hazard "We Have Met The Enemy And They Are Ours" Perry, hero of the [War of 1812](#), had in Venezuela succumbed to the [yellow fever](#):



land whale.

BOSTON,
SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 2, 1819.
Postscript to the last National Intelligencer.

Death of Commodore Perry.
NORFOLK, SEPT. 25.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT!
The Hero of Lake Erie, the gallant OLIVER H. PERRY, is no more!

THE United States' Corvette *John Adams* arrived in Hampton Roads yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, from Port Spain, (Trinidad) from which place she sailed the last of August. From Lieut. Commandant CLAXTON, who at present commands that ship, we have received the following communication respecting the death of this distinguished officer.

[COMMUNICATED]

Died, on the 23d August, on board the U. S. schooner *Nonsuch*, at the moment of her arrival at Port Spain, in the island of Trinidad, Commodore OLIVER H. PERRY. He was taken with the yellow fever on his passage from the town of *Angostura*, and although he was attended by two able physicians, he was reduced to the greatest extremity on the fourth day of his illness. Sensible of his approaching dissolution, he called his officers together, and communicated his last wishes.

He retained his faculties to the last; was perfectly collected and resigned, and submitted to his fate with great resolution and fortitude.

His remains were interred at Port Spain, on the 24th August, with naval and military

[OLIVER HAZARD PERRY](#)



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 10 M 1819 / This Afternoon Attended the funeral of My Cousin Ruth Marsh, she departed this life last evening about a quarter past 8 OClock. I returned to the House & took tea with the family she being the last of her generation, & to take my leave of a house where I took much pleasure & derived much benefit in my youth from the proffitable conversation of her Sister Mary & Brother Jonathon. The estate will be divided into so many divisions that it is Probable it will now soon go out of the name & the house so old that it must be Pulled down. - from the best information I can obtain the Marsh House on the east side of Thames Street was built by Walter Clarke & given to one of his daughters who married a Gould & their daughter Mary Married Jonathon Marsh the father of Ruth aforementioned & has been regularly inhabited by Friends to the present day & she is the last of our society that will probably have any claim to it. -- The fashon & all things in this World change. - while sitting in the Room at the funeral my mind was lead into a very serious train of reflection, on the many changes I had seen in that House & now it seemed as if the final change had come to it. - May I proffit by the feelings which I experienced while commemorating the past hours spent with the past inhabitants of that house, & I am Sure I felt much more that I have here conveyed.

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October 3, Sunday: The common wisdom is that the bondage of the kapu system was broken in the Hawaiian Islands when white Christian missionaries cast out idolatry.

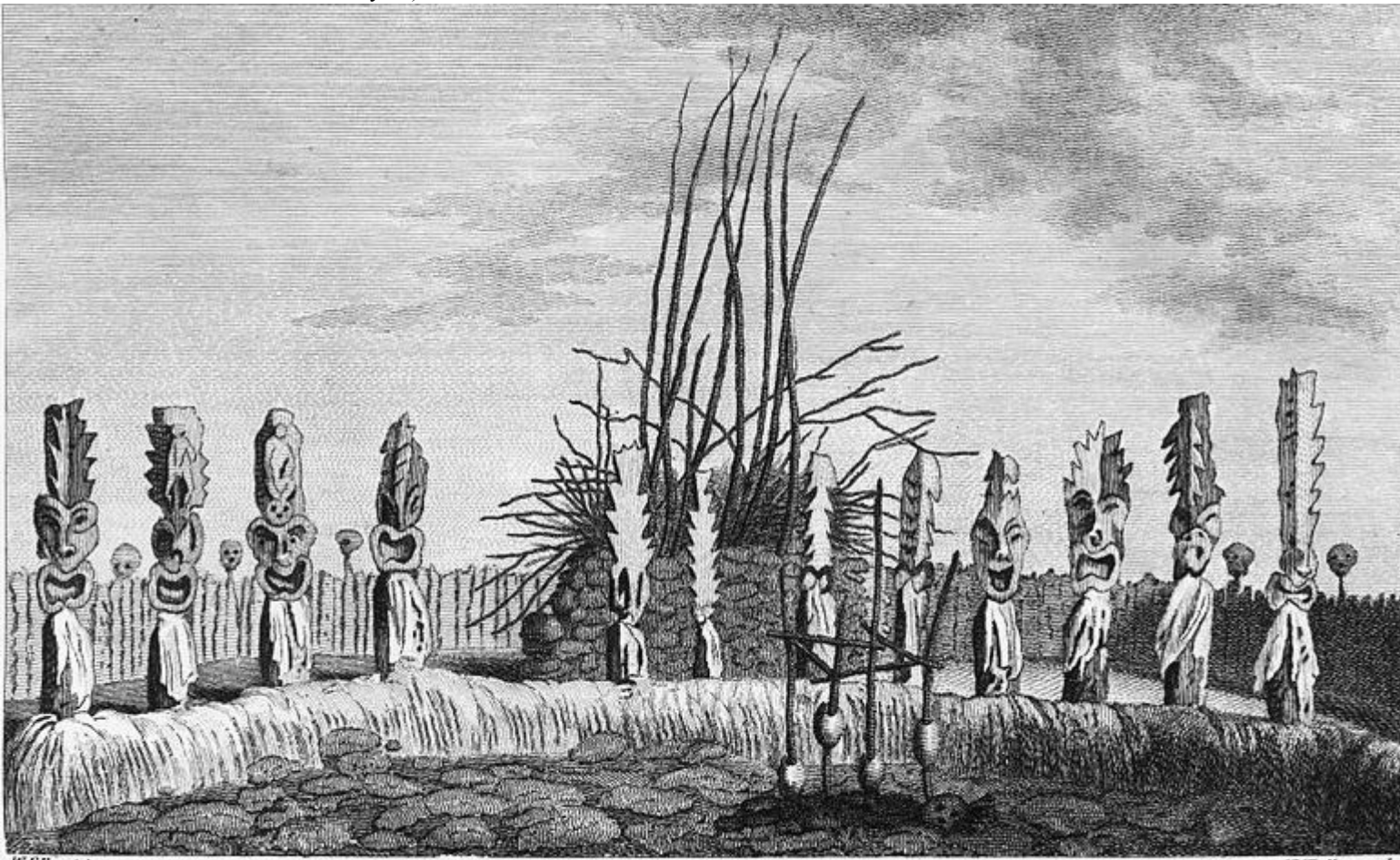


However, it was on this day, six months after the death of Kamehameha the Great and actually prior to the sailing from Boston harbor on October 23d, for its 164-day voyage to Kailua, Hawaii, of the first white Christian missionaries aboard the *Thaddeus* (the [Reverend Asa Thurston and Mrs. Lucy Goodale Thurston](#), Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chamberlain and five children, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Whitney, the [Reverend and Mrs. Hiram Bingham I](#) and the four young Hawaiians Thomas Hopu, William Kanui, John Honolii, and George Tamoril), that the bondage of the kapu system was broken. This day was the first kapu day announcing the coming Makahiki, the sacred days of Lono, the God of Peace. The two wives of Kamehameha the Great, Ka'ahumanu and Ke'opuolani, and their new king, Liholiho (Kamehameha II), openly broke the kapu by eating together at a formal state occasion. This sent an unmistakable message to the common people of Hawaii: the kapu system was no longer being honored

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either by their three highest ali'i or by their new king.

These ali'i were supported by the prime minister Kalaimoku, and by the highest kahuna Hewahewa, a direct descendant of Pa'an. The new King Kamehameha II sent out messengers to all the districts of Hawai'i having heiaus, that they immediately desecrate these sacred precincts and topple their idols. Therefore the old idols had been lying about on the ground for fully six months when the good folks aboard that missionary ship *Thaddeus* caught their first glimpse of looming mass of the Mauna Kea volcano on the Big Island above them in the dark on the night of March 30, 1820 (and would be granted permission by the monarch to remain at Kailua there for one year)!



A View of a Morai at O'whyhee.

Published Decr 14, 1781, by G. Robinson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 10th M 1819 / Our morning meeting was a season of some favor, before meeting as I was walking back & fourth in the Room my mind was turned toward our meeting & reflected on the number of respectable young people that attended, desires were raised in my mind for their furtherance & advancement in



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the Truth & while this exercised it passed my mind that as the morning was pleasant it was probable there would be a good many present & I should feel glad if David Buffum could find it in his mind particularly to address them. The subject went from me & I hardly thought of it again till towards the close or past the middle of the meeting he rose & observed that tho' he felt but feeble both in body & mind, Yet he believed it right for him to address the Young & rising generation, when those expressions were uttered, my morning feelings were revived – he went on & delivered a testimony of much weight & life, greatly to the comfort & refreshment of my mind, affording a renew'd belief in the Truth of immediate revelation, & sympathy of feeling In the Afternoon father Rodman, was concerned in a lively testimony. – After Meeting with my H attended the funeral of the Widow Avis Carpenter aged 80 Years. She was a friendly Woman of a remarkably meek & quiet spirit & a dilligent attender of our Meetings. She was Buried in the Ancient Clifton Burying ground belonging to Friends. –

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October 6, Wednesday: Returning to his find of February 6th, merchant captain William Smith landed on Desolation Island in the South Shetlands and planted a British flag, claiming the islands for Britain. This would mark the beginning of a massive program of seal hunting in the South Shetlands.

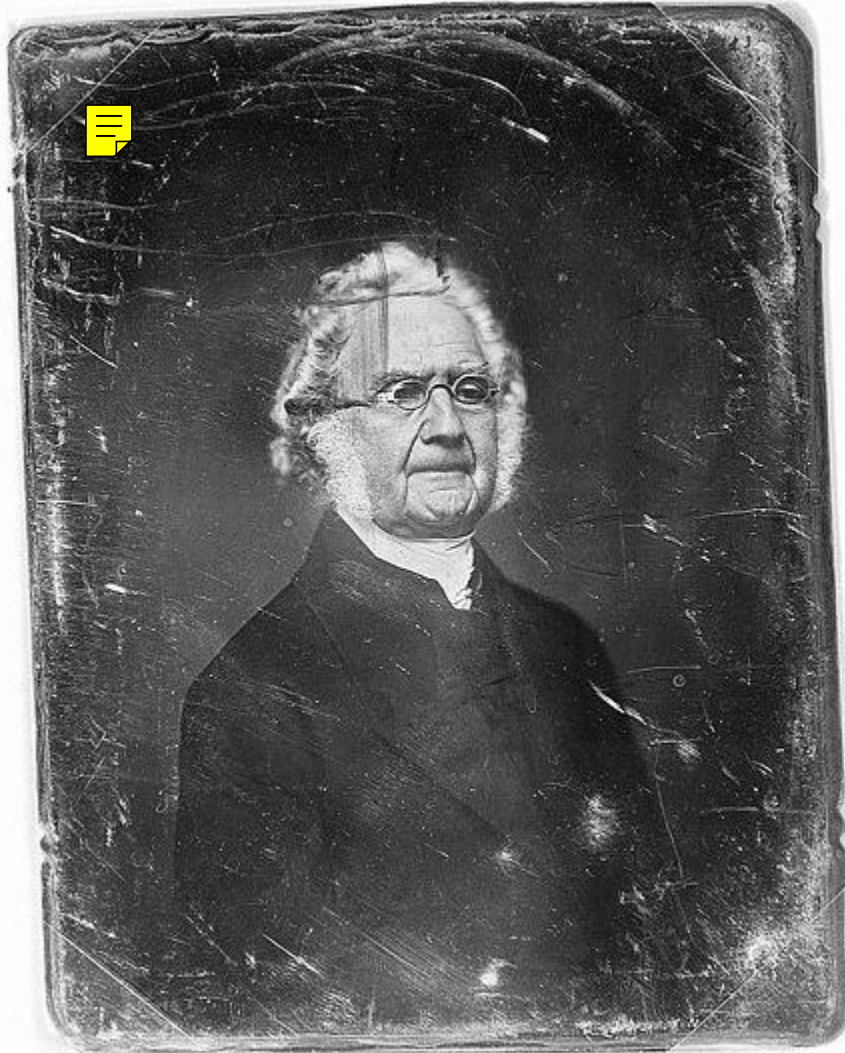
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th M 6th 1819 / This evening with my H took a Walk out to D Buffums & set with him & his wife very agreeably. –

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October 7, Thursday: ADDRESS, DELIVERED BEFORE THE WORCESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, OCTOBER 7, 1819: BEING THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY CATTLE SHOW AND EXHIBITION OF MANUFACTURES, by [Levi Lincoln](#), Governor of Massachusetts from 1825 to 1834 (Worcester: Printed by Manning & Trumbull).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th M 7th / Our meeting was Silent & I have no doubt was attended with Solemnity on many minds as well as my own. – it is a Season of much depression, sickness continues among us, Several are now down & we know not whose turn it will be next. May our confidence be in the Lord alone & not in our own understanding. –I have within a few days read & thought much of the account given by Wm Edmunson in his journal in the Year 1676 when at [Newport](#) when many friends died in three or four days Sickness & but few families on the Island but lost some. – Tho' friends have yet been greatly Spared, Yet the inhabitants have




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suffered much & who is to be brought low next is known only to HIM who knows all things & does all things right & to his righteous decision may we all bow in mercy or judgement as he sees meet


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 October 10, Sunday: Two months after Simón Bolívar and his army captured Bogotá, sparing the lives of 38 captured royalist officers, his Vice-President Francisco Santander, left in control of the city, had them all executed in front of the Cathedral.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 M 9 1819 / This Afternoon attended the funeral of Robert Brayton, he had descended from a family of Friends in his fathers & Mothers line. Old Susannah Freeborn was great Aunt to him. – he attended friends Meetings & was interred in our ground. –


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 October 12, Tuesday: The [Reverend Asa Thurston](#) got married with [Lucy Goodale](#) of Marlborough, Massachusetts (she was a cousin of a classmate — perhaps at Yale College, perhaps at the Andover Theological Seminary).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12 of 10 M / Spent last night in watching with my intimate friend James Taylor who has been quite sick with a havy cold succeeded with fever –

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 October 14, Thursday: The Spanish Inquisition had taken Maria Martinez taken into custody “for propositions” (whatever that might have amounted to). On this day they agreed that she had not erred in the matters charged, or in anything else, but nevertheless they reprimanded her, and warned that the tribunal would henceforward be keeping its eye on her.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 10 M / My H Watched last night with Mary Williams wife of David who is very low of a complaint which produces great distress for Breath & will probably soon close her life – Our meeting was small & silent & I believe generally a poor time among us. – Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from my friend John Heald of Fairfield Ohio, dated the 2nd of this M which was very acceptable.

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October 15, Friday: In the vestry of Park Street Church in Boston, a company of 7 missionaries with their wives and children (the [Reverend Asa Thurston and Mrs. Lucy Goodale Thurston](#), Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chamberlain and five children, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Whitney, and the [Reverend and Mrs. Hiram Bingham I](#)), along with three “natives of Owhyhee” (as in “Hawaiian Islands”) were “formed into a Church of Christ” to travel to the opposite side of the Northern Hemisphere of the globe and attempt to persuade the heathen into knowledge of the Truth.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15 of 10 M / This morning I went in according to my usual practice to set a few minutes With my dear Mother She was speaking of the difficulty of the time & said that she believed there never was more difficulty to obtain lively hood since the revolutionary War, but she had a faith that she should never want, having been carried thro' many & great streights & now but a short space remains between her & the grave & observed that she had been hundreds of times greatly comforted from a recollection of her father Stephen Wantons expressions on his death bed She said it was the practice of her & her Mother to sit with him till late at night & sometimes till near morning, a night or two previous to his final close she & her mother as usual was Sitting by his side, he appeared to wake out of sleep & said to them "I am sorry you are up I have been very quiet. I have been uneasy at the thought of leaving you Knowing that I have nothing to give you, but this night I have rec'd a full Assurance that none of mine should Want bread. This declaration of his, on a dying bed she sayed, had proved deeply consoling to her in many gloomy & dark seasons, which she has had to Pass through, & sometimes when ready to repine or sink under the weight of discouragement would rush on her mind in the most consoling manner. -

She also related that the day her father died his old friend Capt Wickham called to see him who observed to him "That it was hard to die," on which grandfather Wanton reply'd "No I do not find it so. I found it much harder to live than die" & these were nearly his last words for before capt Wickham had got to the great door he was gone.

I believe I have before somewhere in my journal inserted the foregoing circumstance. -

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October 16, Saturday: [John Keats](#) wrote from Wentworth Place to his sister Fanny Keats (not to Fanny Brawne).

At a special assembly in the Park Street Church in Boston, one of the Hawaiian Islanders, the native Hopu, addressed the assembly.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 10th M 1819 / Our Select meeting held this day



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*was to my mind a season of solemnity. I was lead secretly to pray for holy help in the discharge of the important duties which devolve on those who are brought into the more conspicuous duties of society / Oh that I may so conduct as to be found worthy of the divine presence. –
Benjn Freeborn & wife Dined with us. –*

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October 17, Sunday: At Park Street Church in Boston there was a farewell sermon for the missionary families departing for the Hawaiian Islands. This was a crowd-pleaser: more than 500 people received Holy Communion.

R. Marsh wrote from Westleigh to Viscount Sidmouth, pleading for military protection for property and for persons of property in that vicinity against the depredations of starving weavers. He enclosed a petition under oath with which his own opinions perfectly coincided, “signed by most of the respectable inhabitants of the town of Leigh”:

The acerbation of temper among the weavers, or, as they style themselves, the reformers, produced by severe privations from the lowness of wages, and infuriated by seditious publications and cheap pamphlets, industriously circulated amongst them, has prepared them for the perpetration of the most atrocious crimes; and they openly declare their intention, by a simultaneous movement in the night, to seize property wherever they can find it, and destroy the possessors thereof; and it is added, that the period is not far distant.

I beg leave to state, that a single troop of horse would, in my humble opinion, be adequate to the purpose, provided it was stationary for a few months; as it would enable us to put the Watch and Ward Act in force, which, in the present state of things, I do not deem practicable.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

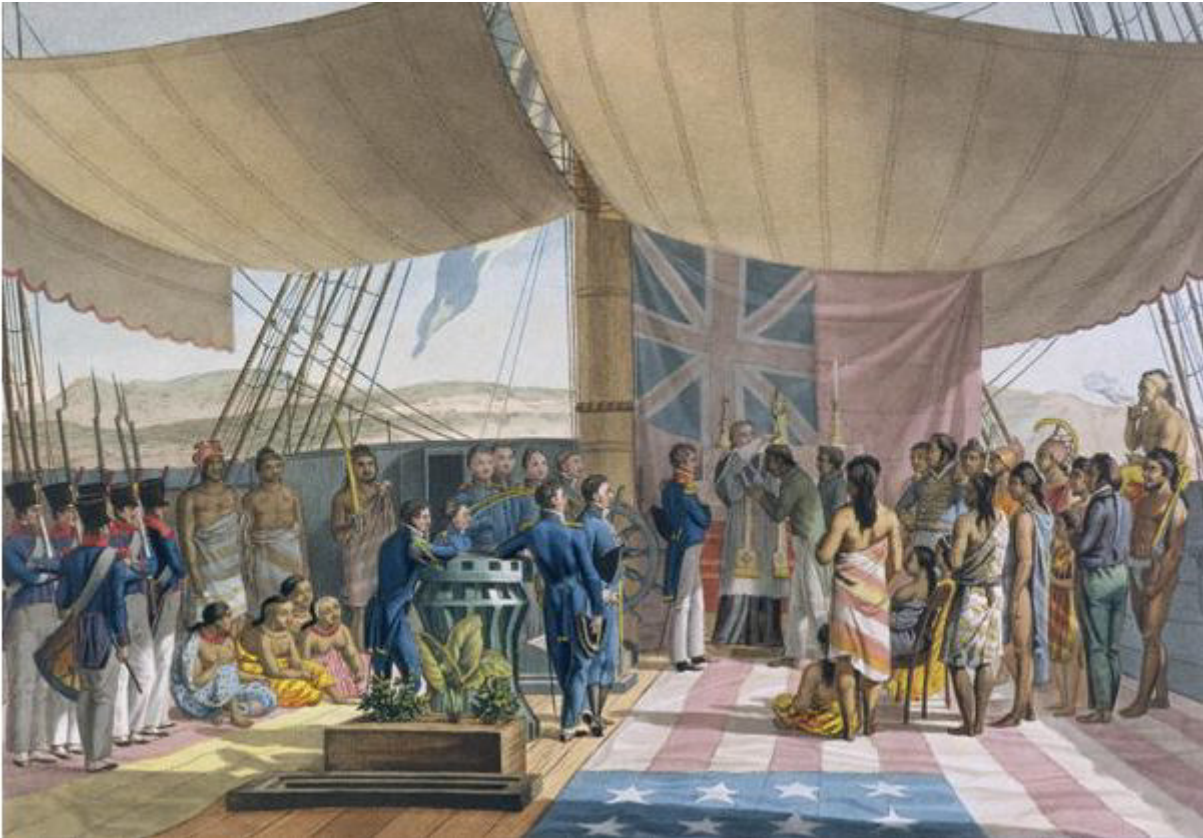
1st day 17th of 10th M 1819 / This morning went with Jont Dennis to [Portsmouth](#) before meeting stoped at P Lawtons – We had a pretty good meeting & A Sherman delivered a short testimony – We dined at Geo: Dennis’s & then went to see Parker Hall, the object of our visit was to inform him that he was disowned from society in consequence of his having married out of the order of society. –we requested to have the whole of his family together & after a little Seasonable & I believe well adapted counsil to his children on whose accounts our minds were deeply interested, we requested them to leave the room & we then endeavoured to Convey to him the object of our visit in the presence of his wife, & offred such other advice as seemed necessary & to me it was a season of remarkable favor & whether our visit to them was of any use or not. I am clear it was to my mind & I desire to be thankful for it. –it is often the case that we see but little a head & this was the case with me for in going I was so striped that I admired at it, being unable to

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*feel any good till I entered the room. –
We returned to cousin Elizabeth Chases where we took tea & lodged
– & spent 2nd day [Monday] forenoon & after dinner walked home.
–I was very glad to see my aged cousin & she was to see me, it
seemd like a renewal of Ancient love between us –*

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October 21, Thursday: [Captain Louis-Claude de Saulces de Freycinet](#) christened the nearly square small islet of about 14 acres on the coral atoll known to Polynesians of Samoa as Motu o Manu, “island of seabirds,” with the name of his wife Rose, who was traveling with him aboard *L’Uranie*, as “Rose Atoll.”



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*21st of 10 M / A short meeting & a short but awakening testimony
from father Rodman which I thought savor'd of life. –*

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October 24, Sunday: In [New Bedford](#), Nathan Johnson married with the widowed Mary J. Mingo Durfee (Mary "Polly" Johnson). We do not know at what earlier point Nathan had arrived in that town.

La donna del lago, a melodramma by Gioachino Rossini to words of Tottola after Scott, was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 10th M 1819 / Attended Meeting in the forenoon & set it thro' in much pain of Body Father Rodman, Anne Dennis & Hannah Dennis weere engaged in short but lively testimmonys. Being much unwell & in pain from a disorder which rendered setting very trying, thought best to stay at home My H & John went.

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October 25, Monday: The Principality of Schwarzburg-Sondershausen signs a treaty with Prussia adhering to the Prussian tariff system. This was seen as the beginning of the [German](#) Zollverein.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 10 M / I am better today, but not well -

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October 28, Thursday: [Elijah Hinsdale Burritt](#) got married with Ann W. Watson of Milledgeville, Georgia. The couple would produce five children.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 10th M Took the stage this morning & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - In the first meeting, I was under considerable pain of body & could not sit as still as I desired, hence the mind could not be as quick as Was desirable there were two public appearances the first was by a member he spoke setting & I could not follow his communication tho' the Scripture he expressed was good "Unless the Lord Keepeth the City the watchman waketh but in vain" but those who undertake to preach must make their lives a model of their Doctrine. - the next towards the conclusion of the Meeting A Doctor Richardson Stood up twice & expressed a few words, he is not a member of our society tho' a dilligent attender of our meetings. his life & conversation also has not been considered a Moddle of christianity, which raised a doubt of his commission. -

In the last meeting the buisness went on pretty well. -

[] Gifford a woman who lives at [Bristol](#) ferry requested the care of friends & Peter Chase was restored to membership. -These were encouraging circumstances, evidence in my mind that the Heritage is not forsaken. -

I dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & after dinner he brought me



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more than half way home. – Thus I am helped along

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October 31, Sunday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) appealed the ruling of the Vienna court of September 17th that his nephew Karl be cared for by his mother under a court-appointed guardian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31st of 10th M 1819 / Being unwell with a complaint which rendered sitting exceedingly painful, was unable to attend our Meetings today.

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November 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 11th M 1819 / Several friends have set out for the Quarterly Meeting at Swansea – My mind is much with them this evening, but see no way to go, tho' I am about & may look pretty well in the face yet I am under considerable bodily weakness & am disposed to believe some complaints which I have may in time produce dissolution of the body – May I be prepared for the Solemn event – Oh May I be prepared for the Solemn event, be it sooner or later

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November 4, Thursday: An Austrian magistrate denies the appeal by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) against the order of September 17th that his nephew Karl be cared for by his mother under a court-appointed guardian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 11th M / Father Rodman was twice engaged in testimony at Meeting, but Alas for me I sat in so much pain that I had but little enjoyment of the opportunity, tho' faoved with a little spark of life – a number of our friends are gone to attend Quarterly Meeting at Swansea & our gathering small This day Benjamin Gardiner of Middletown departed this life at the house of the late Silas Casey in Boston Neck.

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November 7, Sunday: The missionaries aboard the *Thaddeus* at Latitude 38.23 and Longitude 42.54 enjoyed a blessed Sabbath worship: “Favored again today with divine services on the quarter deck, which was conducted by Brother T. (singing and prayer, sermon, prayer, singing, blessing).”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 11 M / Our Meeting this morning was large. Hannah Dennis, father Rodman & D Buffum were large & very lively in testimony & I believe it proved a precious opportunity.



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—In the Afternoon a small testimony by father Rodman. —

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November 8, Monday: In an event similar to the famous “[Dark Day](#)” of [May 19, 1789](#) on which candles had been required from noon on between Portland, Maine and New Jersey (but not in Philadelphia) on account of a huge forest fire in what has now become Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada, and similar to the high-altitude smoke that would pass over Virginia during August 1831 and would be interpreted by Nat Turner as a “black hand” across the sun, forest fires in northern Ontario and Québec again blackened midday skies between Québec City and Kingston.

Clearly this phenomenon did not reach as far south as [Rhode Island](#), for Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) did not mention such a phenomenon in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 11th M / This afternoon Our friend John Wilbour & Abel Collins appointed a Meeting at the School house in [Portsmouth](#) near Richard Mitchells. - David Buffum took me in his Chaise, no meeting was ever held there by friends before & the House was full & more than could be acommodated with Seats Abel first appeared in supplication, then John in a long doctrinal testimony, in which life rose, then David Buffum was engaged in a very lively testimony in which life rose into dominion. he was followed by a very fresh testimony by Hannah Dennis & the meeting concluded in humble supplication by J Wilbour, & on the whole it appeared to me it was a meeting wherein Truth gained ground & I was glad I was there. -We took tea with the friends at Richard Mitchells & roder home. —

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November 11, Thursday: Three white families from Rockaway, New Jersey arrived at the [Cherokee](#) Mission at Brainerd on Chickamauga Creek, near the border between Georgia and Tennessee, to help maintain that settlement: the family of Abijah Conger, the family of John Vail, and the family of John Talmage.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 11th M 1819 / Our meeting was pretty well attended, to me a season of not so much sensibility as at some times yet no so hard as I have experienced — A few words were spoken in the ministry — the propriety of which I hardly dare judge of. —

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November 13, Saturday: From the diary of [Adlard Welby](#):

The journey to-day, though over high hills and tremendous rocky ways, has been one of the pleasantest drives we have experienced: the clouds were just sufficiently broken to throw as they flew, endless and varied light and shade over the most beautiful and extensive views; rocks of various forms presented their rugged surfaces amongst the thick growing Pines and Oaks



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which, though small and stunted compared to those in the Western country, are not on that account the less picturesque; and though the land is also equally inferior, yet such scenery, healthy air, and good water, must I conceive render Maryland a desirable residence to the man of refinement and property, in preference to any part that I have seen.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 11th M This morning Uncle Stanton arrived from NYork & in the Afternoon I took him in a Chaise to Abner Cundels in Portsmouth, where we took tea, & they made a bargain together for the farm.

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November 14, Sunday: Caleb C. Billings (the 2d infant so named, presumably “Junior” or “IId,” the 1st such namesake born to the original wife having survived but five months back in 1815) was born to Caleb Callender Billings and his new wife, Betsey Brown Hammond Billings. He would reside in Bangor, would never marry, and would die on March 25, 1868.

From the diary of Adlard Welby:

*A day more beautiful never opened or continued throughout. The national road not being finished we had twelve miles of the old track yet to pass, over rocks and gullies.
Maryland is a country of high narrow ridges, much rock, and but little land of prime quality; the timber, chiefly pine and oak, is small, – the rock which on this route everywhere abounds, is much of it strongly impregnated with iron; there is also much of it limestone and granite. Ridge after ridge we passed, rewarded by many an extensive and beautiful view, until at length after an hour's toil up Sidling Hill we entered upon the new road and bowled along down to the small town of Hancock near the Potomac, skirting that beautiful river to Fredericktown.*

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 11th M / Our meetings were pretty well attended & excepting a few words in the morning by father Rodman were Silent
Mother & Uncle Stanton Set the evening with us –*

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➡ November 17, Wednesday: The *Thaddeus* was rounding the Horn: “Still watching for favorable winds, yet without prepining. Capt. B. tells us that in his last voyage he crossed the line in less time from Boston than we have now been out: But it is now the fourteenth night that we have been driven up and down like Paul in Adria, between the parallels of Lat. 38. 35 and 37. - We have been tossing rolling on an uncommonly rough sea, according to the account of the best seamen on board, 24 days, and yet have proceeded but 5 and a half degrees toward the equator. We cannot but conclude that He who controls the winds and the waves, and conducts all the affairs of nations is either kindly withholding us from dangers and disasters at Cape Horn or operating changes in the Sandwich Isles favorable to the introduction and success of our enterprise. He is kindly inuring us to a life of toil and hardship. He spreads our table on the face of the boisterous deep, gives us now the comfort of returning health, teaches us to sit with meekness at his feet and to trust in his all sufficient grace.”

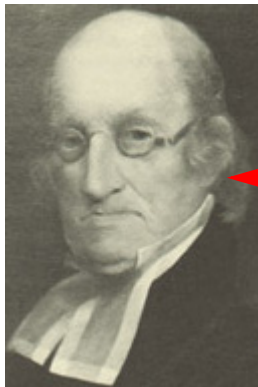
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 11th M / After Dinner took John with Uncle Stanton & Thos Goddard & went to Coasters Harbor to see the New Asylum that the Town is building there this is the first time I was ever on the Island - It is just 180 years Since Nicholas Easton first landed on it, & gave it the Name it bow bears.

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➡ November 18, Thursday: The *Thaddeus* was rounding the Horn: “We have new occasion to sing of mercies, favorable winds, safe progress, returning health to the body and thought and life to the soul demand our elevated praise.”

The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown, Massachusetts exchanged pulpits for the day with the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) of [Concord](#). His prooftext for the afternoon sermon was Matthew 9:5 and his topic was “The Gospel Preached to the Poor.”



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 11 M / Meeting pretty well attended. In the last (Preparative) no buisness excepting a request for a removal Certificate.

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From the diary of [Adlard Welby](#):

Fredericktown stands in a good situation, having a fine view of the ridges of hills immediately west of it. The place is about



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half the size of Lexington (Kentucky): the inhabitants seem to be rich, having erected many good buildings both public and private, the latter very tastefully and expensively furnished. The Court-house, a handsome building, stands in a square which is yet to be gravelled; on one side we remarked a lofty shed under which were hung an enormous pair of scales, seemingly typical of the purposes to which the central building is devoted. Churches are plentiful, nine in number and some of them well built. Talbot's tavern excellent and good attendance, but charges, as they are every where on this road, very high. This is a Slave State; an institution hateful to English ears; yet I will observe again that after travelling through three slave States, I am obliged to go back to theory to raise any abhorrence of it: not once during the journey did I witness an instance of cruel treatment, nor could I discover anything to excite commiseration in the faces or gait of the people of colour – they walk, talk, and appear at least as independent as their masters; in animal spirits they have greatly the advantage: doubtless there may be instances of cruelty, but I am inclined to think that such are of rare occurrence, and this for other reasons, as before remarked, besides those of humanity. Upon the question "What is the proper place of the Black in the order of creation?" (a subject which, after so much has been said on both sides, yet remains in dispute,) the tendency of the above observations may seem to place him subordinate to the white – the next link in that chain of gradation, almost imperceptible to us, which nature exhibits throughout all her works: yet is the man of colour in general orderly in his conduct under the every-day duties of life, and also instances are not wanting of superior abilities among them, though they have not had perhaps fair-play shewn them in this respect. I may have occasion to observe more hereafter on this subject, mean-while let it console the philanthropist, that if the black is not in his proper place, yet he possesses comforts, and appears very contented.



November 19, Friday: Das Dörfchen for male voices by Franz Schubert to words of Bürger was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna home of Ignaz von Sonnleithner.

From the diary of [Adlard Welby](#):

On leaving Baltimore about half a mile, a large burial ground presents itself on the road side: the Americans inclose these places with little or no fence, and very frequently bury their dead with little or no ceremony; – as we passed this ground a man within it was carrying a child's coffin under his arm, which he was going to inter apparently by himself. – Mr. Birkbeck mentions the summary method in the western country of felling a tree across the spot where they inhume a body: but the tree had some-times been removed, and we frequently drove over hillocks in the wilderness under which lay the bones of the departed.



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The road now led along the western edge of the grand bay of Chesapeak, of which we caught frequent and delightful views – here indeed may America justly pride herself; her bays and rivers stretching to a great distance from the coast – surely nothing in nature can exceed for grandeur or utility. Havre de Grace at the mouth of the Susquehannah is a small place, but beautifully and healthfully situated: it was burned by us during the last war, they say upon very small provocation, which has given a blow to the little prosperity it enjoyed; and a bridge now building at a short distance up the river, by rendering the ferry useless and turning the present road, will further hurt it. One of the greatest dainties, the canvas-back duck, is here obtained in great numbers and sent to Philadelphia and Baltimore markets; though this was the season for them, we were not so fortunate as to feast upon the delicacy. The Susquehannah is navigable for large vessels to the bridge, and for small craft, I was informed, for near five hundred miles up the country. The tavern at Havre de Grace is far better than that on the opposite shore; we had good beds and attendance. The ferry, about a mile wide, is well managed; on landing, we drove on through Elkton, Christiana, and Newport to Wilmington, a large town near the Delaware, and a place of some trade: the State Bank is a good building. At night reached Chester; the first inn was quite full and the next nearly so, which appeared very unaccountable; but on enquiry learned that it is the chief retiring place for Debtors, where in about five weeks residence they get cleared of the Dun disease and come out themselves again.



November 21, Sunday: A meteor fell during the evening in Chester County, Pennsylvania. “While standing in the open air, we were surprized by a sudden flood of light sufficient to enable us to read the smallest print. We soon discovered a fireball in motion in a direction east northeast, and 50 or 60 degrees above the horizon. It passed a little to the south of our zenith, towards the opposite point of compass, and about 30 degrees above the western horizon it became invisible. This body was, perhaps, about two seconds in progression, before we saw it; from which we infer, that it first appeared about 30 degrees above the eastern horizon; hence it travelled, whilst within view, about 120 degrees in the heavens, and in a period, we believe, of not less than five nor more than ten seconds. The size of the body, when first observed, might be about half that of the full moon. The tail which projected from it was of a conical shape, well defined, and extending from the ball to the apex, about 4 or 5 degrees. No sparks were observed. The whole appeared to be a compact mass of fire, in which was combined all the redness of Mars, and the softer light of the moon. The whole appearance was sublime, beyond description. At about 30 degrees from the zenith, westward, it began rapidly to decline, and in two seconds became, to appearance, extinct; its tail, in the mean time, lengthening to 10 or 15 degrees, forming a narrow red streak of evanescent fire. About three minutes after it had disappeared, a noise was heard resembling cannon, or distant thunder, and in a westerly direction.”

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 11th M / Meeting full & D Buffum & father Rodman



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*engaged in lively testimonys. – Silent in the afternoon
Was so unwell & sitting painful that I had but little enjoyment
& concluded I was but little more use in the Meeting than one
of the Posts*

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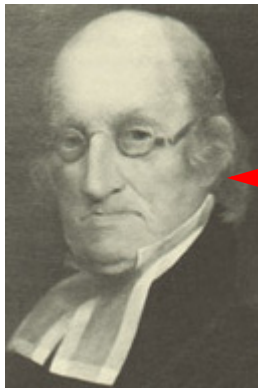
➡ November 25, Thursday: In [Concord](#), Massachusetts, Cyrus Warren got married with Nancy Bacon of Bedford.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25 of 11 M 1819 / Our friend Micajah Collins was at
Meeting & engaged in a very lively instructive & well connected
testimony. – In the last Meeting (Moy [Monthly]) The buisness
was conducted pretty well. – seven of our friends dined with us*

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➡ November 28, Sunday: “I passed a very pleasant day, & in the evening returned.” The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown, Massachusetts exchanged pulpits for the day with the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) of [Concord](#). His prooftext for the Concord morning service was Matthew 16:24 and his topic was “On Self Denial.” His prooftext for the afternoon service was Psalm 119:60 and his topic was “On Delaying Repentance.”



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 11th M / Our friend Micajah Collins attended
both our meetings which was large & he much favord in testimony.
The gospel was largely & clearly preached in the power of it –
to Some I believe I may say to many it was a season of rejoicing
–He with his wife Hannah Dennis & sister Ruth took tea with us
& set part of the evening & then went to See Avis Mumford who
has been some time confined by sickness, & had a pleasant
opportunity with her in her Chamber*

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December 2, Thursday: Abraham Lincoln's father, Thomas Lincoln, married a widow, Sarah Bush Johnston, and became stepfather to her three children. Abraham would develop much more affection for his stepmother than he would ever display for either his birth father or his birth mother. Indeed, while his father lay dying, the son would refuse to visit the father, nor would he make himself available for his father's funeral. There is no published work of Lincoln in which he ever had anything favorable to say about his father or, for that matter, anything favorable to say about his birth mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Such remarks as he would be willing to put on the record would be quite critical, such as that this couple had done "absolutely nothing" to incite in their offspring any "ambition for education." —But toward his stepmother Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln at least, he would feel affectionate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 12th M 1819 / Our Meeting was rather larger than common, several came in to sit with us in conformity & recommendation of the General Assembly of this as a day of Thanksgiving. Father Rodman had a few words very appropriate on the occasion, which I thought seasonable & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a very lively gospel testimony & I have no doubt truth was in good measure exalted. — to me it was a season of favor

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December 5, Sunday: Joseph Lane, son of Caleb Lane of Gloucester, drowned at sea.

[The Reverend Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D.](#)'s A SERMON, PREACHED AT DORCHESTER, ON THE LORD'S DAY AFTER THE INTERMENT OF MR. NATHANIEL TOPLIFF, WHO DECEASED 4TH DECEMBER, 1819 (Boston: Printed by S. Phelps, 1820).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 12 M / In the morning a short testimony from father Rodman & in the Afternoon Silent - both meetings season of some favor to me, for which I desire to be thankful. —

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December 8, Wednesday: [Anne Caroline Coleman](#), scion of one of the wealthiest families in America, had graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She and another graduate of that college, James Buchanan, had become involved.



James had set himself up as a member of the Lebanon County Bar Association, and as an Assistant Prosecutor for Lebanon County. James had an eye disorder that caused him to cock his head to the left and close an eye. He had become a frequent visitor in the Coleman home in Lebanon. He had been born in a log cabin and was a fortune seeker unacceptable to the father, [Robert Coleman](#), who was a wealthy iron manufacturer producing such items as cannonballs and shot and had made himself Pennsylvania's first millionaire. When, over and above her father's disapproval, Anne found out that her cocky fiancée had paid a visit to the wife of a friend, she broke off their engagement.

At noon ... I met this young lady on the street, in the vigour of health, and but a few hours after her friends were mourning her death. She had been engaged to be married, and some unpleasant misunderstanding occurring, the match was broken off. This circumstance was preying on her mind. In the afternoon she was laboring under a fit of hysterics; in the evening she was so little indisposed that her sister visited the theatre. After night she was attacked with strong hysterical convulsions, which



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induced the family to send for physicians, who thought this would soon go off, as it did; but her pulse gradually weakened until midnight, when she died. Dr. Chapman, who spoke with Dr. Physick, says it is the first instance he ever knew of hysteria producing death. To affectionate parents sixty miles off what dreadful intelligence – to a younger sister whose evening was spent in mirth and folly, what a lesson of wisdom does it teach. Beloved and admired by all who knew her, in the prime of life, with all the advantages of education, beauty, and wealth, in a moment she has been cut off.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 12th M / Rose early this morning & after breakfast Walked out to Richd Mitchells & with him rode to meeting, & After meeting in company with the rest of the committee had an opportunity with Sarah Brownell, who has requested Membership. We heard her request found ourselves involved in much exercise on the subject & after imparting to her the little we seemed quallified to say at that time we separated, concluding to have it refered for consideration. – Went back & Dined with R M & his son Richard brought me homeward as far as his Gate –

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December 9, Thursday: [Anne Caroline Coleman](#), scion of one of the wealthiest families in America, had at the age of 23 become frantic after cutting off relations with her fiancée James Buchanan and, it seems, committed suicide by means of an overdose of laudanum.



James would be refused permission by the father [Robert Coleman](#)²⁶⁰ to attend the funeral, would keep her love letters with him during his period of service in the White House, and would instruct that they be burned upon his death.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9th of 12 M 1819 / Our meeting to me was a season of
little life - it passed in silence. -*

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December 12, Sunday: Joseph Lane, son of Joseph Lane and Elizabeth Lane of Gloucester, 17 years of age, drowned at sea.

In [Concord](#), the jail (a stone building erected in 1788) took fire but the fire was extinguished.

Provision Against Fire. - The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.²⁶¹

260. It would seem that this father, an inordinately wealthy man, also would produce the suicide of his other daughter, Sarah, after she fell in love with a rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster with whom the father had argued about the holding of worship services in the evening.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 12th M / Our morning meeting seemed like a season of some favor, at least it was so to me D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony towards the conclusion of the meeting. – In the Afternoon We had three testimonys all of them short, but Oh the responsibility of Elders. – when I consider the responsibility of my standing in society, I see the necessity of deep waiding, of near living to the Truth of Holiness of life & conversation

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December 16, Thursday: At Exeter College, Oxford, Charles Lyell graduated BA 2d class in Classics (although the lectures of Dr. Buckland had drawn him into the study of geology, and although he had been elected a fellow of the Linnaean and Geological Societies, he would be entering Lincoln's Inn to study for the law).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 12 M / Silent meeting excepting a few words

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dropped by a friend. –

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December 19, Sunday: The Requiem of Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#) was performed for the initial time in Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 12 M / Was so unwell that I did not think it best to attend meeting this forenoon, understood however that our fr D Buffum was largely engaged in testimony on the subject of Election & Reprobation. –
In the Afternoon I went to meeting & set in pain, but at intervals was easy & had some good sensations. –
Set the evening at home. –*

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December 23, Thursday: The legislature of Virginia received a petition from Judith Hope, who had been born in about 1803 to the [slave](#) Tenar Hope—and had therefore been born a slave— but then both she and her mother had been purchased by her father Caesar Hope, an emancipated black man who worked as a barber, and then Caesar had died leaving under Virginia law this child as the slave of its own mother. Despite the statute that an emancipated slave needed to leave the state within 12 months or their new freedom would be forfeit, she desired that there not be “a separation from every friend and natural connexion upon earth” when and if her mother and slavemaster would provide her with [manumission](#) papers. (Judith would petition the legislature four additional times and although the legislature seems never to have acted on any of these petitions, would be emancipated by her mother in 1828 and yet manage somehow to live out her life in Virginia as a free woman of color.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 12 M / Our meeting was pretty well attended & to me a season of some favor & I believe most present was sensible of some solidity & reverence. – A few words towards the close were delivered by a new beginner - Richd Mitchell & wife dined with us. –

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December 26, Sunday: [Pietro il Grande zar di tutte le Russie](#) or [Il falegname di Livonia](#), an opera buffa by [Gaetano Donizetti](#) to words of Bevilacqua-Aldobrandini after Duval, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Samuele, [Venice](#).

[Gioachino Rossini](#)'s melodramma [Bianca e Falliero](#), ossia Il consiglio dei tre to words of Romani after Arnault, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, [Milan](#). It was received indifferently.

Emma Dorothy Eliza Nevitte (Emma Southworth, also known as Mrs. E.D.E.N. Southworth) was born in Washington DC.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:




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1st day 26th of 12 M / Both meetings pretty well attended & except a few words in the Afternoon, were silent. –

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 December 29, Wednesday: Jedediah Morse died at Woodstock, Connecticut at the age of 93 (this must have been the grandfather rather than the father of Samuel F.B. Morse, because the father, the reverend of the same name, would not die until 1826 and is buried in New Haven).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 12 M / Attended the funeral of Anthony Dixons wife - J Dennis & Hannah Dennis both preached. –



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 December 30, Thursday: [George Thomas Downing](#) was born in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 12 M 1819 / I am this Day 38 Years of Age. -Took Chaise & with Sister Ruth rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, sitoped at Uncle Thurstons to warm ourselves, being exceedingly Cold – Meeting was silent excepting a short but unsavory offering. – In the last we had but little buisness, or rather we did but little – After the meeting it was a severe Snow Storm. – We Dined at R Mitchells & rode home in an increasing Snow Storm, but did not suffer so much as we did with the cold in going out. – Times & seasons are not at our command of ourselves we can not raise our hearts in prayer for help or scarcely think a good thought – for several weeks past when looking forward to this day as my Birth Day I have felt much under an humbling sense of my short comings & desired that the feelings might be renew'd, but it has been a day of leaness & Poverty & with a few short intervals of tenderness, how dry & barran. – May the circumstances prove an incentive to renew'd labor

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 December 31, Friday: The belfried wooden [Town School](#) structure on Monument Square in the Center District of [Concord](#), that had been using for 20 years as a grammar schoolhouse,  burned to the ground. It would be replaced during the following year by the brick Masonic Hall, built in part through a contribution from the Corinthian Lodge. School would be taught on the lower level, and the Masons would meet upstairs. (In this schoolhouse [Henry David Thoreau](#) would for a brief period in 1837 teach.) Primary schoolhouses were also constructed in 1820 on sites near the New Hill Burying Ground, opposite the Emerson House, and on Sudbury Road.

Provision Against Fire. – The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon.



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Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.²⁶²

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*12 M 31 - 1819 / I close this year under an humbling sense that another has fled & that the grave is so much nearer. - May then next be better improved, & may I render unto God the humble tribute of thanksgiving for his many favors & mercys bestow in the past **AMEN.** -*

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould

“Stack of the Artist of Kouroo” Project

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January 1, Saturday: Spanish army units in Cádiz, destined for America, revolted against the Bourbon monarchy (the revolution would spread through the country so quickly that the king would be forced to summon the Spanish Parliament on March 7th and restore the constitution of 1812).

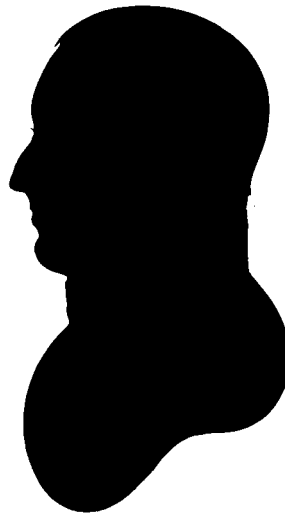
The New-York Evening Post published an interesting piece of doggerel about the sad condition of the national economy:

Old "Uncle Sam," in chasing bubbles,
Has jump'd into a peck of troubles,
Troubles, 'tis said, which sorely vex him,
and which 'tis feared will much perplex him.

In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 1st M 1820 / The Year begins with the end of the Week. — May this year prove to me a year of improvement May my life be renewedly increased in religion. —²⁶³

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January 2, Sunday: George Gordon, Lord Byron had been married to Penelope for five years but they both realized their union had been an unhappy one:

ON MY WEDDING-DAY.

Here's a happy new year! but with reason
I beg you'll permit me to say —
Wish me many returns of the season,

263. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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But as few as you please of the day.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 1st M / Our Meetings were both silent & pretty well attended. – particularly in the Morning my mind was favor'd with sweetness & religious sensibility, for which I desire to be thankful

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January 6, Thursday: In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*This evening we arrived at Mr. Daniel’s, an industrious farmer, and provided with a rough-looking, but comfortable winter cabin. About two miles from hence, Mr. D., who lives upon a confirmed Spanish right, had erected a grist mill. Saw-mills were also about to be built at the Cadron, and two or three other places. The establishment of a town was now contemplated also at the Little Rock, by colonel Hogan, and some others. They had not, however, sufficient capital, and no doubt expected to derive some adventitious wealth from those speculators who were viewing various parts of the newlyformed territory.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 1st M / Sat meeting under solemn reflections, arising from the Circumstance of the Sudden exit of Gilbert Chase who Died this morning about 2 OC after laying about 33 hours in an Apoplectic Fit. – Daniel Swinbourne also Died suddenly this morning, he had been complaining some Months, but rose & ate his breakfast as well as for some time, but in a few minutes after expired. – Last evening died at [Portsmouth](#) Phebe Barber she was a member of Society & a relation in the Mott family

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January 8, Saturday: In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*To-day we passed seven bends, making about 28 miles. The water at this, its lowest stage, appears to be perfectly navigable for the larger boats from the Little Rock to the Mississippi. By the cane which occurs in all the bends, and indeed by the apparent elevation, there are here great bodies of good land, free from inundation. The soil in some of the banks consists of an uncommonly rich dark Spanish brown loam.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 1st M / This day has been a day of seriousness, having to feel in carious subjects, which now seem to be pending. – how do I feel the force of the language “Have Salt in yourselves”

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January 9, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner got married for the 2d time, with Eugenie Franziska Jaeggi, an accomplished pianist, daughter of a valet, in Pressburg.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*This forenoon we passed the fourth Pine Bluff, at the base of which we observed abundance of earthy iron ore, in flattened, contorted, and cellular masses, scattered about in profusion; much of it appeared to be pyrites, other masses more or less argillaceous and siliceous. Here, on the portions of the high bank which had sunk down by the undermining of the current, we saw the wax-myrtle of the Atlantic sea-coast.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th [?] of 1st M / At the hour appointed the funeral of Gilbert Chase met at His House & proceeded to the Meeting House, the gathering was large & D Buffum & H Dennis were engaged in solemn & impressive testimonys. – In the Afternoon Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in a rather short, but lively & to my mind pertinent testimony.

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January 13, Thursday: Documentation of the [international slave trade](#), per W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: “Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting ... Information in relation to the Illicit Introduction of [Slaves](#) into the United States, etc.” –HOUSE DOCUMENT, 16 Cong. 1 sess. III, No. 42.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*The weather still freezing. In the evening we passed Mr. Harrington’s, a farmer in very comfortable circumstances. Betwixt Morrison’s and this place, the river makes two cuts, through two bends of about eight miles each.*”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 1st M 1820 / Our first meeting was silent but to my feelings was attended with a good degree of solemnity In the last which was our Select Meeting, so held according to a conclusion at the last, the usual buisness was transacted & to my feelings a goodly concern was manifested for the right ordering & managing the Affairs of Society in general, but perhaps less solid weight experienced than at some other times. –

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January 16, Sunday: Johannes Rebmann was born at Gerlingen near Stuttgart, [Germany](#). He would become the initial European to sight the snows of Mount Kilimanjaro — and be ridiculed.

[Commodore James Barron](#) wrote a [duel](#) challenge letter to [Commodore Stephen](#) “Our Country Right or Wrong” [Decatur](#): “Sir: Your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have received. In it you say that you have now to inform me that you shall pay no further attention to any communications that I may make to you, other than a direct call to the field; in answer to which I have only to reply that whenever you will consent to meet me on fair and equal grounds, that is, such as two honorable men may consider just and proper, you are at liberty to view this as that call. The whole tenor of your conduct to me justifies this course of proceeding on my part. As for your charges and remarks, I regard them not, particularly your sympathy. You know no such feeling. I cannot be suspected of making the attempt to excite it.

I am, sir, yours, etc.,
James Barron.”

Two Russian vessels, the *Vostok* and the *Mirny*, Captain Mikhail Petrovich Lazarev, in expedition led by Thaddeus von Bellingshausen, reached 69° 25 minutes South and 1° 11 minutes [West?] and were halted by the Fimbul Ice Shelf. They sighted the Antarctic continent on their horizon, the 1st human beings to do so.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “Interest, curiosity, and speculation, had drawn the attention of men of education and wealth toward this country, since its separation into a territory; we now see an additional number of lawyers, doctors, and mechanics. The retinue and friends of the governor, together with the officers of justice, added also essential importance to the...”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 [?] of 1 M / The Morning meeting was silent till near the close of it when our friend D Buffum was engaged in a short & very lively testimony & the meeting closed under a good savor. — Silent in the Afternoon. — Anne Dennis came home with is & took tea & set the evening, her company was very pleasant. —

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January 20, Thursday: At a party thrown by [Lady Caroline Lamb](#), Lady Charlotte Bury was introduced to an artist named [William Blake](#). She said, later, that this “eccentric little artist by name Blake” whom she had encountered had “appeared gratified” to be able to talk with “a person who comprehended his feelings.” She also commented that he had appeared “careworn.”

Friedrich VI replaced Friedrich V as Landgrave of Hesse-Homburg.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 1 M / Our meeting rather small but to me a season of some life & favor, tho' previous to going, was very lean but by turning the mind inward & humbly craving help, I experienced the cloud raised a little, for which I desire to be thankful — in the last (Preparatory) we had no buisness but the usual. —

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January 23, Sunday: Edward Augustus Hanover, Duke of Kent and Strathern, 4th son of [King George III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King of Hanover](#) and father of the princess who would become [Her Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India](#), died of pneumonia in Woodbrook Cottage at Sidmouth in Devon, England. The princess would be raised by her mother.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 1 M / Our Morning was pretty well attended by male & female considering that the ground is coverd with Snow Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged in lively testimonys. -Silent in the Afternoon, but I believe true Worship was performed.

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January 26, Wednesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) moved to [Pisa](#).

New York's J.W. Taylor proposed a amendment to the Maine statehood bill, prohibiting [slavery](#) in Missouri.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 1 M / Have been much engaged this week in taking the Inventory of Gilbert Chases personal effects, & in consequence of the illness of Benjamin Hadwen I am under the necessity of receiving the Town & State Tax for him which occupies my time & my mind - but I hope to receive no hurt. -

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January 27, Thursday: While making its 2d circumnavigation of the globe at high southern latitudes, the Russian expedition led by Thaddeus von Bellinghausen first sighted the Antarctic mainland.

Le bergère châtelaine, an opéra comique by Daniel-François-Esprit Auber to words of Planard, was performed for the initial time, in the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

On the island of St. Helena, [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), who had been shooting chickens that invaded his garden, shot a goat that turned out to be Mme. Bertrand's favorite goat.

In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: "*The whole country, generally speaking, along the river, appears uninhabited, though vast tracts of cane land occur in the bends. I am, however, informed that the cane will withstand a partial inundation. Since we left Point Chicot the river presents us with several magnificent views, some of 8, some of 12, and even 15 miles extent; but the absence of variety, even amidst objects of the utmost grandeur, soon becomes tiresome by familiarity. As above the Arkansa, the river still continues meandering. The curves, at all seasons washed by a rapid current, present crumbling banks of friable soil more or less mixed with vegetable matter. By the continued undermining and removal of the earth, the bends are at length worn through, the former tongue of land then becomes transformed into an island, and the stagnation and*



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partial filling of the old channel, now deserted, in time produces a lake. Some idea of the singular caprice of the Mississippi current may be formed, by taking for a moment into view the extraordinary extent of its alluvial valley, which below the Ohio is from 30 to 40 miles in width, through all which space it has from time to time meandered, and over which it will never cease to hold occasional possession. On the opposite side of all the bends there are what are called bars, being platforms of sand formed by the deposition of the siliceous matter washed out of the opposite banks by the force of the current. These sand flats, sometimes near a mile in width, are uniformly flanked by thick groves of willows and poplars, the only kind of trees which survive the effects of the inundation to which these bars are perpetually subject."

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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 1st M 1820 / Our first meeting was silent in the last (Monthly) I served as scribe to my mortification -buisness however I thought was conducted with as much weight as usual - Several of our friends Dined with us While at meeting My old mistress Mary Williams wife of David Williams departed this life after a protracted illness of a very distressing Nature of seven or eight months continuance. -

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January 29, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29th of 1st M / Attended the funeral of Mary Williams, a considerable number of friends & others were there, but not as many as would have been had the weather been good - I served as a bearer. - Serious reflections, & my mind was lead to examine many subjects. - Mary Was a woman capable of great usefulness, "fitted to shine." & was useful in many respects. -

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Upon the 8:32PM demise of the demented [King George III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King of Hanover](#) at Windsor Castle, [George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales](#), who had been serving as Regent of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland since 1811 due to his father the king's incapacitation, became [George IV, King of Hanover and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland](#). Ever the fancy dresser (if you can imagine this, he had attended his first House of Lords debate in 1783 attired in a black velvet suit embroidered with gold and pink spangle, with a pink satin lining, accessorized by high-heel pink footwear), his coronation crown was to sport 12,314 diamonds. The new king, obese, was possibly addicted to laudanum. He would become seriously ill and would reign only a decade before his own demise. His coronation would need to be postponed on account of his official wife Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), a squat lady who was refusing to bathe or to change her underwear, who would manage despite discouragements to make her way to London — and would be greeting enthusiastic crowds.

George III	1760	1820
Regency	1811	1820
George IV	1820	1830
William IV	1830	1837
Victoria	1837	1901



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January 30, Sunday: Sent south on a private venture by Captain Shireff, R.N., [Captain Edward Bransfield](#), in command of the British merchant ship *Williams*, sighted and landed on the Trinity Peninsula on the northern tip of Graham Land.



Bransfield and Smith sighted the Antarctic Peninsula to the south of the South Shetlands.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 1 M / Our Morning Meeting was hurt by too much preaching. – In the Afternoon a short offering to pretty good acceptance. –

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January 31, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31st of 1 M / Have debated in my own mind pretty much all day about Quarterly Meeting & finally conceded this eveng to go. –it seems as if I am now able to go tho' exceedingly inconvenient & we know not how long we will be held in the way of our duty. –

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In the diary of [Thomas Nuttall](#) we find: “*The cliffs of Natchez appear more elevated than those of the Petit Gulf. The lands, of an inferior soil, are also remarkably broken and deeply undulated. The crumbling precipice, of about 150 feet elevation, is continually breaking, by the action of springs and rain-water, into gullies and frightful ravines; the whole visible matter which composes the hills consisting of clays, ferruginous sand, and quartz gravel. A few years ago, the undermining of the current swept down a considerable part of the bank with several houses upon it. From the irregularity in the thickness of this ancient maritime alluvion, arises the great difference of depth at which water is here obtained. In the same vicinity water has been found at 35, and then again at 110 feet from the surface.*”

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February 1, Tuesday: Under a plan of the economist David Ricardo the Bank of England began issuing gold ingots, for use by merchants making foreign payments (this would prove successful).

Adrien Boieldieu was named Professor of Composition at the Paris Conservatory.

Gaspare Spontini took up his position as Generalmusikdirektor in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 2 M 1820 / Tho' it is very cold this morning the thermometer only at six above 0, I set out [from [Newport](#)] in a sleigh with Isaac Mitchell & sister E Rodman for [Providence](#). On our arrival at [Bristol](#) ferry found several friends in weighting but the Wind so very high that there was no prospect of going over, so we set out to go round over the Stone Bridge, & got to Abraham Barkers to dinner, from thence crossed at Slaid's ferry & reached the hospitable Mansion of our venerable friend [Moses Brown](#) about 1/2 after 6 OC in eveng who very kindly received us out of the Wind & cold & administered both to the necessities of ourselves & horse, all much fatigued. – here we lodged & found several friends whose company was very agreeable. – After breakfast the next morning we rode to the Yearly Meeting school House,²⁶⁴ spent a little time & from thence to [Providence](#)



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& attended the Select Meeting which was small in consequence of the travelling - I was the only member present from our Meeting. I dined at Obadiah Browns & spent the Afternoon & evening at Joseph Anthony's where I also lodged - in the evening we were joined by several Rhode Island friends who crossed at Bristol. -

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February 3, Thursday: John Keats's hemorrhaging began. Trained in medicine, he recognized the blood as arterial and understood that this indicated that his disease was terminal.²⁶⁵

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day attended the Quarterly Meeting at large, in the first meeting we were burdened with several appearances from Micah Ruggles who I desire & pray may experience deeper Wisdom than he has yet known Thos Anthony was engaged in a lively testimony -there were several other appearances of which I can say but little.- -

In the last meeting there was but little buisness & the heft of the first meeting remained I dined at Moses Browns, spent the remainder of the Afternoon & evening, in a very agreeable & edifying conversation with Moses & several friends there -lodged & next morning rode again to Providence & set out for home over India Bridge - we dined at James Maxwells in Warren & proceeded to Bristol Ferry but found Ice obstructed so that it was not prudent to cross & we returned to Warren & lodged at James Maxwells who very kindly entertained us. - 7th day, This Morning

264. This new school was on what was then rural land, Friend Moses Brown's farm on Providence Neck northeast of what was then the city of Providence.

265. He would succumb at the age of 25, four months after his engagement to Fanny Brawne as depicted in the Jane Campion movie "Bright Star" — Fanny's loveletters would be placed in the coffin.



Fanny would not languish forever in grief, but would marry with Louis Lindon, Esq. and bear him three children and lead a long life.



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set out from [Warren](#) to Sleids ferry where we crossed in season to get to Abraham Barkers to dinner & got home before night. This little journey tho' attended with considerable bodily & mental suffering I trust has been a proffitable one to me – I was impressed with a belief that it was best for me to go being in health & not knowing how soon it may be otherwise with me. – time is both short & Uncertain many of my towns men & women have been removed the last year, some of whom promised a long & useful life.–1st day [Sunday] 6th of 2nd M 1820 / Our Meetings were both silent & to me seasons of labor. –

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[Elisha Kent Kane](#) was born in Philadelphia.

[Elisha Kent Kane](#) passed a relatively unremarkable childhood. A first-born child, his family moved several times as it grew, within the precincts of Philadelphia, finally moving to an estate named Rensselaer. According to his contemporaneous biographer, William Elder, Kane was an average student, who was accepted at the University of Virginia. In his second year of college he contracted rheumatic fever. This event, more than any other was to configure the rest of his life. The first outcome of his illness was his attraction to the world of medicine. Upon his graduation from the University of Virginia, Kane began the study of medicine in Philadelphia. By twenty-two, he had published a study of early pregnancy detection in the American Journal of Medical Sciences. More profound than this was the effect of the resulting terminal endocarditis on his world view. In the present time, of course, the existence of antibiotics would make short work of a chronic infection of the cardiac lining. In the early 19th century, however, it was a death sentence. Perhaps a couple of years would pass, perhaps a few decades, but the sentence was final. Kane set out with a vengeance to live a life that would be remembered. Joining the US Navy, he set out to discover the world. Finding himself in the South Pacific, he descended into the crater of an active volcano to retrieve water samples, much to the dismay of his companions, who fled the scene in mortal fear. Travelling to China, he practiced medicine on a hospital ship for several months before setting off to the west through India and Egypt, Athens and Paris. Two more tours of stultifying naval duty sent him to the White House to beg for a more exciting tour of duty. President Polk assigned him to an extremely dangerous mission: carry a message to the commander of American forces in Mexico during the Mexican-American War. After saving a Mexican general from being murdered by the mercenaries hired to escort him to Mexico City, Kane emerged as an important figure at the international level. Once again bored by navy duty, he wrote the Secretary of War, proposing a mission to the Arctic to rescue a missing British explorer, Sir John Franklin. Two weeks later



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began the most incredible chapters in this man's life, as he set off to Baffin Bay, between Canada and Greenland. Three out of the next five years were spent locked in pack ice, under unendurable conditions. After the incredible feat of leading eighteen of his twenty men to safety on foot, Kane wrote the largest selling book in American history about his adventures. Although largely forgotten today, Elisha Kent Kane was a hugely popular figure in the latter half of the nineteenth century. It has been said that, if homesteaders heading west across the United States' frontier carried two books, one was certainly by Dr. Kane; the other was probably a Bible. His rescue missions to the Arctic were widely regarded as suicidal. Inasmuch as his missions were validated by the scientific goal of the discovery of the Open Polar Sea (a popular theory among scientists of the era,) his was a scientific as well as a cultural mandate. His published accounts held a nation spellbound. The efforts connected with the writing of the account of his second mission (abetted by the "dragon within" of his chronic endocarditis) eventually killed him. Upon his death in Havana at the age of thirty-seven, the Governor of Cuba personally escorted the cortege as far as New Orleans. From New Orleans to Cincinnati, the banks of Mississippi were lined with mourners, and the train trip from Cincinnati to Philadelphia took nearly four days because of the throngs on the tracks. His funeral was the largest in American history, eclipsed only by Lincoln's a decade later. Culturally, Kane was the embodiment of Patricia Limerick's "sustainable American hero," representing the ascent of American Science and Technology to the stature of the European Renaissance and Enlightenment movements of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.



February 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 2 M / Meeting small but to me a season of some favor for which I desire to be thankful. - there was much Snow on the ground & travelling bad yet about 14 Woman attended Meeting & but few more men -

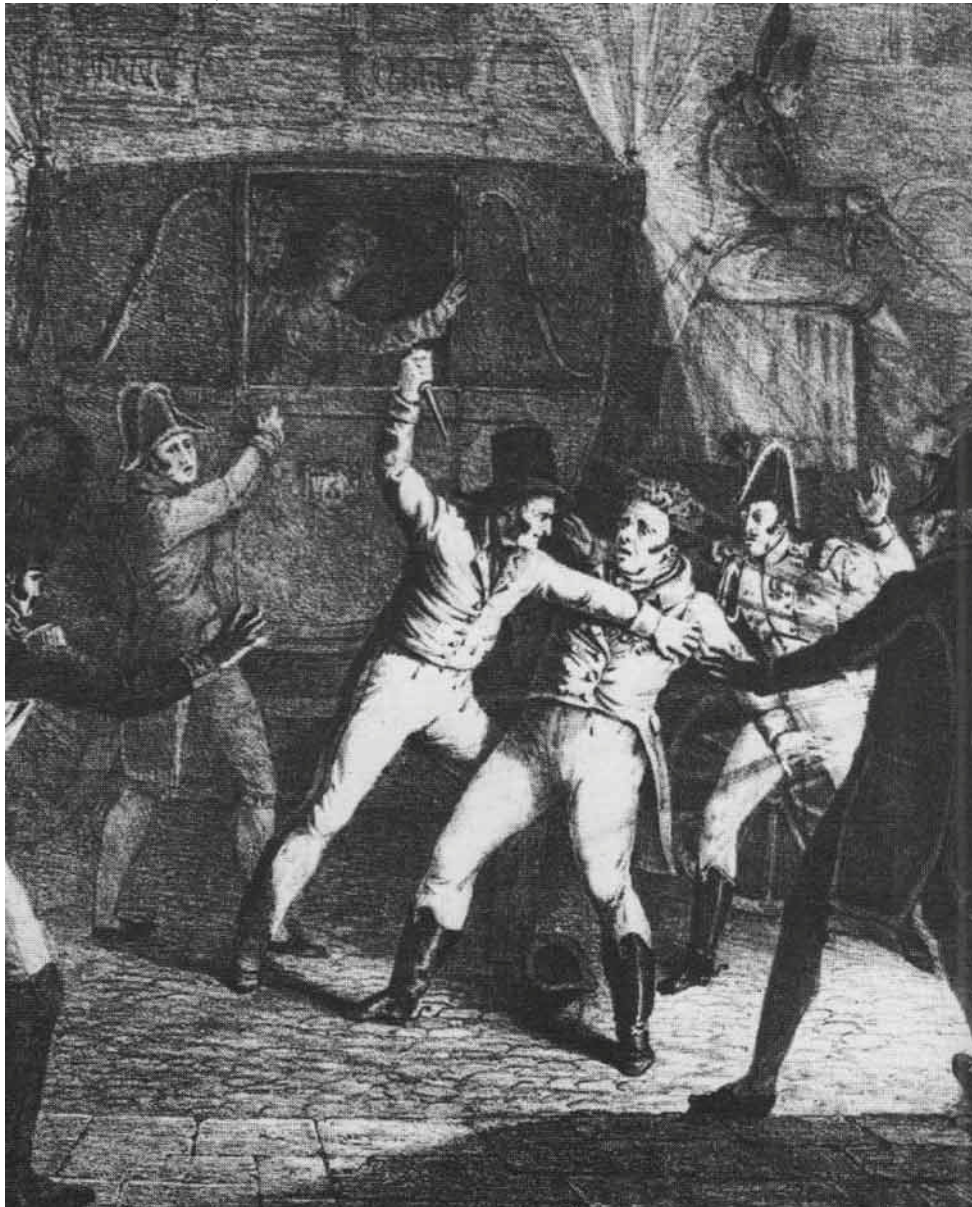
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On about this day [John Keats](#) wrote to Fanny Brawne:

I can do nothing say nothing think nothing of you but what has its spring in the Love which has so long been my pleasure and torment. On the night I was taken ill when so violent a rush of blood came to my Lungs that I felt nearly suffocated - I assure you I felt it possible I might not survive and at that moment though[t] of nothing but you...

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February 13, Sunday, night: On the street outside the Paris Opéra, in an attempt to extinguish the Bourbon line, [Louis Pierre Louvel](#), a saddler, an admirer of [Napoléon](#), stabbed [Charles Ferdinand d'Artois, Duc de Berry](#), nephew of [King Louis XVIII](#), as he was departing with his wife at about 11PM, leaving his dagger in his right chest. The duc, who anyway had never been in the line of succession, breathed his last the following morning (subsequent to this incident, the Paris Opéra would relocate from the Salle Montansier, its home since 1794, to the Salle Favart).



While the reaction was at its height after this murder and the failure of the government of prime minister Élie, Comte de Decazes, [Professor François Pierre Guillaume Guizot](#) was deprived of his post as general director of communes and departments in the French ministry of the interior.



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The assassin would be sentenced to death on June 6th and beheaded on June 7th, and the dagger has been deposited in the National Archives. [François-Auguste-René, vicomte de Chateaubriand](#) would soon publish [MÉMOIRES, LETTRES ET PIÈCES AUTHENTIQUES TOUCHANT LA VIE ET LA MORT DE S.A.R. MONSIEUR CHARLES-FERDINAND D'ARTOIS, FILS DE FRANCE, DUC DE BERRY; PAR M. LE VICOMTE DE CHATEAUBRIAND.](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 2 M 1820 / Meetings silent walking very bad & but few women gathered - The Men however attended & I thought some zeal was manifested by some who were not Members - as low as things are, yet there is certainly something among us which attracts Some & induces them to attend our meetings - May Our conduct be such as to evince that we live conformable to our profession -

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February 17, Thursday: The US federal senate passed the Missouri Compromise.

At the Old Bailey in London, five of the six trials on this day ended with a death sentence. One of the death sentences was handed down in the case of a 9-year-old, Charles Elliott, who had stolen six handkerchiefs, worth five shillings each, from Martha Blakeman's shop on Oxford Street on February 8th. (Since we have no record of a [hanging](#), we can presume that this sentence would have later been commuted to transportation to Australia — the youngest person we know of who was actually hanged in Britain in the 19th Century was a John Bell in 1831 who at the age of 14 committed murder.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17th 1820 / The Walking exceedingly bad & our meeting was attended by but few women - R Mitchell came along & kindly took my H in his sleigh & a sufficient number got to the meeting house to Make a Preparative Meeting. - The men turned out with pretty good example. - In the first meeting we had a lively testimony from father Rodman. - & to me it was a season of favor & I believe the solemnity covered most minds present for which I desired to be thankful.
My time of late had been much occupied in buisness for the support of the body & yet I may thankfully add, I have at seasons a comfortable evidence of the continuance of divine regard & the extension of life & love in my heart - may I ever keep this object in view thro' all & over all*

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February 20, Sunday: A revolt began at Santa María Chiquimula in Guatemala.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 2 M / Our Meetings were again Small & silent. Some life experienced & I trust spread over the gatherings. - The walking has been a long time quite bad, but it is comfortable to observe as much care as is manifest amongst us in getting to



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meeting. – Some who are not members appear very careful in that respect. –

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February 24, Thursday: Arthur Thistlewood was apprehended by London police on suspicion of treason.



The [New Jersey](#) legislature enacted “An act for the gradual abolition of Slavery, and other purposes respecting Slaves,” repealing earlier [slavery](#) laws but essentially continuing the procedure for [manumission](#) then in effect (P.L. 1820, p. 74).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 2nd M 1820 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was this Day held at [Portsmouth](#), the travelling & other circumstances prevented my going. – only two went from the compact part of the town, who inform me that there was but little buisness & the Meeting short. –

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February 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 27 of 2 M / Both meetings were Silent & to me seasons of some favor. – the numbers present were as large as usual at this season of the Year
Set the eveing at David Williams –*

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At sea, aboard the *Thaddeus*, the Christian missionaries were preparing themselves to confront the heathens:

*Lords Day. – This morning our little church solemnly renewed their covenant with God and with one another.
At 12, Brother Thurston preached, on deck from Ps. At 4 P.M.,*



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after a sermon from Br. B. from Matth. 25: 26, 27, 28, on the significancy, the nature, and the tendency of that holy ordinance, the church was allowed to sit down at the Lord's table, and to commemorate his dying love in the communion of his body and blood. It was a favored season. The day was truly interesting and happy. Seldom if ever have we been invited to this supper under circumstances more truly interesting and affecting. We chose the cabin where our little church of 17 members were like the family of Christ at the institution of the supper, furnished with comfortable seats around a large semicircular table, on which the elements and covenant vessels were placed and easily passed round, while the light propitious breeze bearing us gradually onward with the unsearchable riches of Christ, the peaceful sea, and the very gentle motion of the vessel could scarcely be considered as the least inconvenience. We have reason to believe that he who thus kindly ordered every circumstance was graciously present at his table and granting us answers to the prayers of sister churches in America, and also to our unworthy petitions. A lecture on self-examination preparatory to the celebration of the supper had been given Friday evening preceeding from I Cor. 11:28, and it is believed that every member made special efforts to be in readiness and we hope it will promote our growth in piety, cement our union and increase our strength and our preparation for our work which seems now ready to employ our hands. Our next communion may be in the midst of the worshipers of Akooah. May they soon be prepared for a worthy participation.



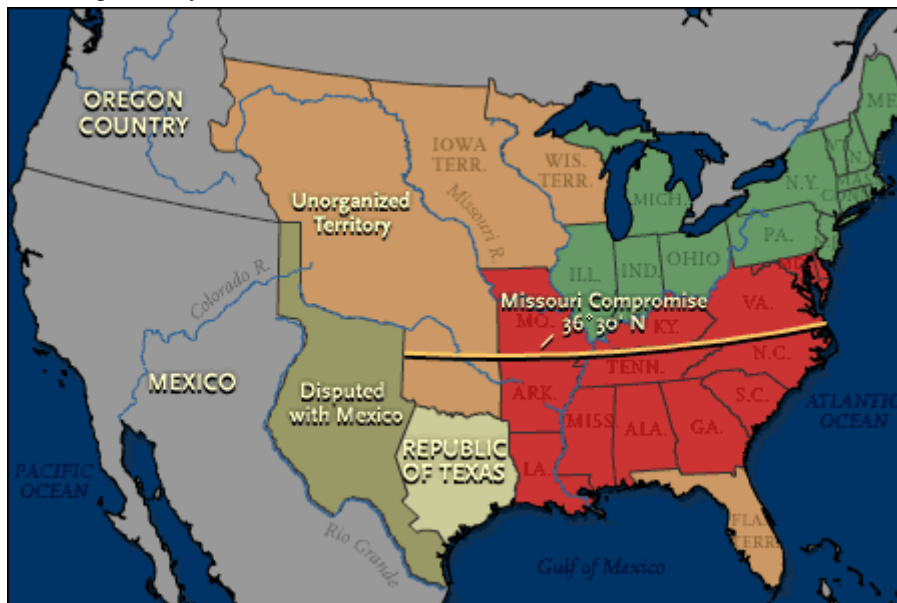
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March 2, Thursday: According to the “Missouri Compromise” arrived at on this day, Maine was to enter the union as the 23rd state, a non-slave state, and balance the admission of Missouri in the following year as the 24th state, a slave state. The balance would stand at 12 slave and 12 free, providing equal numbers of votes in the US Senate. Supposedly, the deal was that [slavery](#) was to be considered to be outlawed north of latitude 36° 30' although it was left completely unresolved what was to happen when a Southern slavemaster traveled in the North accompanied by his slave retinue.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd 3 M / 1820 / A Small but favord meeting – Father Rodman was concerned in a Short but I thought living testimony

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March 5, Sunday: The Dutch city of [Leeuwarden](#) prescribed that its 600-700 [Jews](#) might not attend at their rebuilt synagogue on the Sacramentsstraat on Sundays.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 3 M / In the forenoon meeting our frd David Buffum was engaged twice in lively testimony & it was a Season of favor. – In the Afternoon our friends Ruth Spencer in company with her Husband, her father David Anthony & her Sister Remember Anthony attended with us & Ruth was lively in testimony. – They went out & lodged at D Buffums. –

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March 6, Monday: Louis Spohr appeared as soloist in a concert with the Philharmonic Society Orchestra that had been delayed due to the death of King George III. He was acclaimed one of the great violinists and composers of the age.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 6th 3rd / This evening we were called on by our friend
Royal Southwick from [Smithfield](#) who came to town on buisness. –
he Set the evening with & his company was very pleasant &
acceptable – he left at 9 OClock & lodged at his friend Thos
Bush's –*

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March 7, Tuesday: King Fernando VII of Spain accepted the Constitution of 1812 and abolished the Spanish Inquisition.

Three days after his sister Fanny, [Felix Mendelssohn](#) began writing down his compositions in his new music album.

Even at what was for him a quite early age, [Nathaniel Hathorne](#) knew something about writing to please an audience:

*Oh how I wish I was again with you, with nothing
to do but to go a gunning. O But the happiest days
of my life are gone. Why was I not a girl that
I might have been pinned all my life to my Mother
apron. After I have got through college I will come
down and learn O.K. Latin and Greek, I read from
one subject to another at a great rate.*

*I remain
your
affectionate
and
dutiful
son,
and
most
obedient
and
most
humble
servant,
and
most
respectful,
and
most
heartily
well-wisher*

*Nathaniel
Hathorne*

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 3rd M / This day Ruth Spencer & company went to
Connanicut & appointed a Meeting & her father Daniel Anthony
remained in town & spent the eveing & lodged with us. -
4th day our above said friends returned & took tea with us

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 March 9, Thursday: One of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s most loyal patrons, Archduke Rudolf, was installed as a cardinal in Olmütz (the composer intended his Missa Solemnis for the occasion, but had not finished it).

The government of the Philippines began a campaign to purge the island chain of foreigners (the death toll would reach about 125 by the 11th of the month).


In the White House in Washington DC, President Monroe's daughter Maria had her wedding ceremony.

On the island of St. Helena, [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) was observed by the English watchers for the Plantation House to undress at 6AM in his garden and plunge himself into its stone reservoir. Count Montholon was with him, as were two servants who dried the General and assisted him in dressing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 3 M / Ruth Spencer was at meeting & had much to communicate her father Daniel Anthony also had two short testimonys. -

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 March 10, Friday: Some sources indicate that [Harriet Tubman](#) was born on this date. She, and we, know only that she was born between 1820 and 1825, probably between 1820 and 1822, most likely 1821, on the plantation of Edward Brodas near Bucktown in Dorchester County, [Maryland](#) (the precise dates of slave births have almost never been recorded, and we have no particular reason to credit the sources that specify this day). Both her father and mother were slaves, and her mother's name was Harriet. She would be one of eleven children and would, until she assumed her mother's given name, be known as Aramenta.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of widow Elizabeth Willcox Anne Davis deliverd these few & savory words "Mourn not for the dead, but mourn for the living - for blessed are the dead that die in the Lord - Jonathon followed in a short testimony & Ruth Spncer in a long one all to pretty good satisfaction. -

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Letter to Dr. James Carmichael & Son of Fredericksburg, Virginia from Gawin Corbin of Kilmarnock House in Lancaster Ct.:

*Dr Sir
I have been confined for these three months unable to assist myself in any manner what ever, and in want of almost of everything that might contribute to my relief. I have now to request the favor of you to send me by the post 4 oz [opium](#) for such a thing cannot be procured here. In order that I may be sure of Receiving it you will direct to Mr. John Hull Kilmarnock Lancaster, and on the inside cover to me to the care of as above. I am unable to sit up longer. With the mo Sincere Respect I am*




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DSir
Yours Mo Sincerely
Gawin Corbin
God grant I was near you

 March 12, Sunday: [Alexander Mackenzie](#) died at the age of 56 of what was then known as Bright's disease, a morbid kidney condition. The body would be placed in the old Avoch parish churchyard, on the Black Isle of the Moray Firth in Scotland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 3 M / In our morning Meeting Our frd D Buffum was very lively in a short testimony – In the Afternoon Silent & to me a very poor meeting tho' favord with some ability to wrestle against obtrusions -
This day about One OClock departed this Life Eliphah Jernagan an old friend & acquaintance in my Mothers family – in the early part of her time she was addressed by my Mothers brother Samuel Wanton, who went to Sea & on the passage home was taken sick & died & was brought home a corpse & interd in the Clifton burying ground & near his remians it is concluded to inter Eliphah About two years ago She had a cancer extracted from her breast & has remained in a very feeble state ever since tho' She got out once & attended Meeting*

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 March 15, Wednesday: [Roualeyn George Gordon-Cumming](#) was born as the 2d son, and therefore not to be entitled, of William Gordon Gordon-Cumming, 2d Baronet.

The citizens of the Maine region had been demanding separation from Massachusetts control ever since the [War of 1812](#), and such separation had been agreed to in principle by Massachusetts in 1816. At this point a deal was struck preserving the balance between free states and slave states in the federal congress, whereby Maine was able to become the 23d state of the federal union, a free state, while Missouri was also admitted, as a [slave](#) state. (The reason why Canada is still a separate country –and I bet you don't know this– is that no such deal was ever possible, admitting its provinces as free states of the federal union while simultaneously admitting more slave states in order to preserve the balance between slave and free in our federal congress.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 3M / Attended the funeral of Elaphah Jernagan She was buried after the Manner of Friends in the Clifton Burying ground near the Wanton family - Abigail Sherman had a short testimony –

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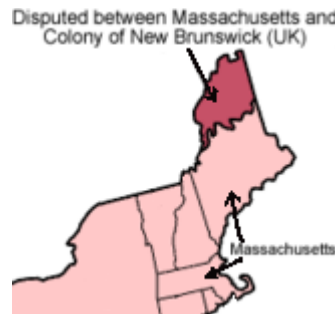
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March 16, Thursday: The final papers were signed at Jameson Tavern in Freeport, for the Maine District of Massachusetts to be split off and admitted as the 23rd state, Maine.



The ship Islington was lost near Cape Hatteras off the coast of North Carolina.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 3rd M 1829 / Our meeting was silent to me a pretty good time -

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March 19, Sunday: Aboard the *Thaddeus*:

Lord's Day. - Favored with the privilege of public worship on deck. The attentive audience listened to a discourse from Luke 23: 39-43, in which the prominent and distinguishing doctrines of grace were illustrated by Br. B. Our only hope with respect to the seed sown is in God who giveth the increase. Tamoree absented himself from public worship as he often does from our family devotions. He has, to our grief, expressed some skeptical views respecting Christianity. His intercourse with a Deist on board has been no serious advantage to him. We still hope the Lord will save him from the power of the enemy and make a blessing and not a curse to his countrymen.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 3rd M / Our Morning Meeting was large & Silent - in the Afternoon also pretty well attended & N Dennis's testimony was lively "Children have ye any meat" - this inquiry seemed peculiarly necessary for me having suffered great barrenness in both meetings 'tho I labored for life & did experience a little -

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March 23, Thursday: Congressman Samuel Chandler Crafts, a future governor of Vermont, wrote to Joseph Warren Scott about the outcome of the duel between [Commodore Stephen "Our Country Right or Wrong" Decatur](#) and [Commodore James Barron](#): "A circumstance happened yesterday which has created a very great sensation here — Commodore Decatur & Commodore Barron have fought a duel in which they both fell — Decatur was shot through the body and is since dead — Barron was shot near the top of the hip and the ball is still in him — it is thought however that he will recover — Decatur has been the pride of the navy and has done more to raise it to its present high standing than any other — he was one of the navy commifisioners and his lofs is as much regreted here, as the lofs of any other man could be. Mr Randolph made a motion in congrefs this morning, that Congrefs adjourn until after the funeral, which will take place tomorrow, and wear crape during the remainder of the sefsion out of respect to his memory — but the motion was opposed, on account of the manner of his death — and was afterwards withdrawn — Randolph then motioned to adjourn (leaving out the wearing crape) which was decided against the motion by nearly 2 to 1 — we sit from five to six hours each day but after all do not make much progrefs — I think we will adjourn in about 4 weeks."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 3rd M / The celebrated LORENZO DOW attended Meeting with us, a very considerable number of people of other societies also came in hopes to hear him preach among us but he kept silence, & David Buffum was engaged in a short lively testimony on the subject of true faith & Ann Dennis spoke a few words & with that exception & a short disturbance from a crazy man we had a solid meeting. The circumstance of Lorenzo's being present drove[?] some of us to the center - I have no doubt he is a religious man & this Sentiment is confirmed, by a Short interview I have had with him since dinner to request him to appoint a time when he will See our friend David Buffum who has a mind to have an opportunity with him tomorrow morning about 9 OClock is agreed upon. -

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March 24, Friday Gioachino Rossini's *Messa di gloria* was performed for the initial time, in San Ferdinando, Naples.

Marche funebre et De profundis for chorus and orchestra by Fromental Halévy was performed for the initial time, in the rue Sainte-Avoye synagogue, Paris. The work was part of nationwide mourning over the murder of the Duc de Berry.

Nearly 80% of the entire population of Washington DC was in attendance at the funeral of [Commodore Stephen Decatur](#), some 10,000 persons including such personages as President James Monroe, cabinet members, Senators, Congressmen, justices of the Supreme court and just about everyone of influence in Washington (perhaps with the exception of [Commodore James Barron](#)). The pall bearers were five commodores (Rodgers, Chauncey, Tingey, Porter and Macdonough) plus two naval captains (Ballard and Cassin) supplemented by a naval lieutenant (Macpherson).



Our hero dies, and yet his name emblazoned
on the naval role of fame
Shall live till yonder bright star to seamen dear
Shall cease to brighten the northern sphere
Till winds no more shall rage nor fires roar
And freedom's sun shall rise to set no more.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 3rd M / This morning according to appointment called with D Buffum to see Lorenzo Dow - The opportunity (tho' not[?] much was said) was attended with a considerable feeling on my part. I have no doubt he has known much of religion, but it is attended with a mixture with which Friends cannot fully unite. There Yet remains in him the whirlwind & the fire, & withall the Small still voice is heard in a degree. -

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March 26, Sunday: On or about this [date](#), on a morning of beautiful clear weather during maple-sugaring, [Joseph Smith, Jr.](#) probably had his initial vision experience of the Father and the Son. He would later explain,

I retired to a secret place in a grove and began to call upon the Lord. While fervently engaged in supplication my mind was taken away from the objects with which I was surrounded, and I was enwrapped in a heavenly vision and saw two glorious personages who exactly resembled each other in features, and likeness, surrounded with a brilliant light which eclipsed the sun at noonday. They told me that all religious denominations were believing in incorrect doctrines, and that none of them was acknowledged of God as his church and kingdom. And I was expressly commanded to "go not after them," at the same time receiving a promise that the fulness of the gospel should at some future time be made known unto me.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 3rd M 1820 / Our Morning Meeting was very full & nearly silent. towards the close father Rodman expressed a few words very pertinent & truly on the subject of silence & true worship. -

In the Afternoon we were Silent & both to me were pretty good meetings. - Attended the funeral for Richard Barker, he was once a member of our Society.

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March 30, Thursday: The hard-line French government of Armand du Plessis, duc de Richelieu reinstituted press censorship.

That night, the Congregationalist missionaries aboard the *Thaddeus* a third of the way across the wide Pacific Ocean sighted something toward the western horizon — a shadow. It was the Mauna Kea volcano of the Big Island of Hawaii, which they knew to possess “a height of nearly three miles,” looming above them in the darkness because coated in snow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 3rd M / Our Monthly Meeting held this day in Town was large & very solid. Our friend D Buffum was engaged in a short but very lively testimony "Come brother come Sister let us go up to the mountain of the Lords house &c."

In the last we had but little business, & the meeting broke by two OClock - A committee was appointed to open a Meeting at Jamestown when way might open & to close when they think proper. This seems very desirable for tho' the members are few in Number, & mostly old & inferm yet there are some tender minds who attend



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*& it seems hard to relinquish a meeting at a place where one has been so long established. -
Uncle & Aunt Thurston only dined with us. -*

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April 2, Sunday: [Thomas Brown](#) died while on a trip to London taken at the advice of his physician.

Day Two of Scotland's "[Radical War](#)": In Glasgow on this Easter Sunday, people were reading the placards and reacting to them.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 M 2nd 1820 / Rode with John this morning to [Portsmouth](#), attended meeting - a very considerable number of serious & well disposed people attend that meeting & some of them of the younger class - it was solid & silent & the secret language of my mind was "Gather Home". The witness for God placed in every heart. - After meeting we dined at Uncle Thurstons, & then rode to Abner Cundels & looked round the farm & house a little, & attended to a little other buisness, then to Ruth Mitchells, took tea & came home. -

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April 5, Wednesday: A setting of the Agnus Dei by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, as part of Carlo, a play by von Blankensee, in Berlin.

Day Five of Scotland's "[Radical War](#)": some gunfire, some arrests.

The British officer assigned to watch [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) on St. Helena reported to London that "General Bonaparte remained out until two o'clock yesterday and finished the sod wall. The four [Chinese](#), who have been constantly employed in the garden, got angry at the General having given a bottle of wine to each of the Chinese that are employed in the house and did not give them the same indulgence. They therefore refused doing what the General wanted them to do, which put him in a great rage, and he ordered them off instantly. General Bonaparte is hard at work this morning in the same garden. He has cut a large hole like an embrasure in the sod wall facing my side window, in which they are now fixing a large tub, half up the wall, to form a sort of cascade into the long tank in the garden."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 5 of 4 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) on buisness went to A Cundels & showed her the Farm Uncle Stanton has Bought & dined & spent the Afternoon at Anne Anthonys -

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April 6, Thursday: Day Six of Scotland's "[Radical War](#)": random disturbances.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 6th of 4th M 1820 / Our Meeting was small & a season of Labor to me & for my labor I had some reward, in that I experienced some good to arise. – but in the committee which met at the close to consider of Jamestown Meeting I was very destitute of that qualification to act & judge which I really craved to feel & which I believe I have felt at seasons on the very subject in question. – In the meeting father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony.

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April 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 4th M / Our Morning Meeting was large solid & quiet Our friend D Buffum was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony. Jonathon & Hannah Dennis a few words acceptably. – In the Afternoon we were Silent – After meeting attended the funeral of the Widow Phebe Stanton Aged about 89 Years.–

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April 13, Thursday: Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) was hard at work revising the Gospels. He wrote to William Short –his secretary and protégé– about [Jesus](#) Christ, that:

Among the sayings and discourses imputed to him by his biographers, I find many passages of fine imagination, correct morality, and of the most lovely benevolence; and others, again, of so much ignorance, so much absurdity, so much untruth, charlatanism and imposture, as to pronounce it impossible that such contradictions should have proceeded from the same being.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 13th of 4th M 1820 / Our first meeting was silent & to me a pretty good season. – At the close of it was held our Select Meeting for Ministers & Elders, which was to me a Solemn time, especially towards the close, when some feeling & pertinent remarks were made on the State of Society by our friends D Buffum & Hannan Dennis - Our friend Abigail Robinson attended the first meeting but was unable from her delicate state of health to sit in the last & this is the first time she has been out to meeting since last summer. – Susannah Hathaway dined with us

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April 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15th of 4th M / Went After dinner with the committee to Connannicut to visit the few friends there to consult with them on the Subject of having a Meeting opened there this Summer, found them all willing to do what they can, but being only six in Number, & three of them from Age & other circumstances seldom able to attend, make the prospect a little trying –we spent about an hour & an half with them collected a ? Joseph Greens - & returned to tea. –

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April 16, Sunday: According to the British officer assigned to guard [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) on St. Helena, Captain E. Lutyens of the 20th Regiment, “About seven o’clock last night General Bonaparte was walking in the gardens with Count Montholon, when he discovered some cattle belonging to the farm in the outer garden. He immediately ordered his two fowling-pieces to be brought, loaded with ball, both of which he fired, and killed one of the oxen. I believe there is another slightly wounded in the leg. Count Montholon mentioned to me that he saw the cattle come in at the outer garden gate. The gates are the only way the cattle could enter, the fence being perfectly secure; and the gate must have been left open by some of the establishment, for they never think of closing them when they pass in or out. Count Montholon said the General was determined to adopt the same plan if he again saw the cattle in the garden. I told him that it was very dangerous firing ball in the garden, and that General Bonaparte might have killed one of the sentries; upon which he said the General took the precaution of going round, and firing toward the house. Which must have been the case, from the way the animal was wounded and fell. It lays upon its right side, at the foot of the little mound that is surrounded with a myrtle hedge.”²⁶⁶

In [Concord](#), Zilpah White died. A former [slave](#), a regular church lady, she had been considered by white Concordians a loony. During the [War of 1812](#) while some captured English soldiers were residing in Concord “on parole,” they had for a prank torched her home in Walden Woods.

266. The officer added, in a footnote, that killing such an animal in such a manner was a very serious offense on this island, and that anyone other than the general would have been prosecuted. He instanced, as an example of this, that he personally had had a Newfoundland dog that killed a sheep — and that for this the Magistrate at St. James had condemned his dog to death and had it executed.



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WALDEN: Here, by the very corner of my field, still nearer to town, Zilpha, a colored woman, held her little house, where she spun linen for townsfolk, making the Walden Woods ring with her shrill singing, for she had a loud and notable voice. At length, in the war of 1812, her dwelling was set on fire by English soldiers, prisoners on parole, when she was away, and her cat and dog and hens were all burned up together. She led a hard life, and somewhat inhumane. One old frequenter of these woods remembers, that as he passed her house one noon he heard her muttering to herself over her gurgling pot, -"Ye are all bones, bones!" I have seen bricks amid the oak copse there.

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ZILPAH WHITE

The Concord Female Charitable Society had been providing "tobacco for Zilpah."²⁶⁷



"In those parts of the Union in which the negroes are no longer slaves, they have in no wise drawn nearer to the whites. On the contrary, the prejudice of the race appears to be stronger in the States which have abolished slavery ... and nowhere is it so intolerant as in those States where servitude has never been known."



— Alexis de Tocqueville

Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th of 4th M / This morning being under the necessity of attending **Portsmouth** Meeting took my H in a Chaise & went thither.*

The Meeting was silent but a remarkably Solid, quiet season & I have no doubt divine favor was extended to many minds present.

— After meeting with the others of the committee had an opportunity with Sarah Brownell on the subject of her request to be admitted a member of Society - it was a season of much feeling, but way did not open either to go forward or to dismiss the subject, & we concluded to ask to have it continued for three months longer --

*We dined & spent the remainder of the Afternoon with Uncle Peter Lawton & family, where we had an opportunity of being in company with several **Portsmouth** folks but little known to us. —*

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April 20, Thursday: Friend **Stephen Wanton Gould** wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 4th M 1820 / Our Meeting was Silent but to me a solid time in the last (Preparative) being before the Quarter

267. To what extent would such a reputation have been carefully cultivated in such an environment, as needed cover?



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previous to the Yearly meeting, all the Queries were answered & a considerable scrutiny took place, I hope in the minds of individuals, as well as by those who were engaged in making the remarks. – After both meetings the committee on Jamestown Meeting met, & conversed on the subject, but came to no conclusion, but agreed to meet again at the close of the next first day Meeting.

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April 22, Saturday: The obituary of former [Concord slave](#) Zilpah White appeared in the Middlesex [Gazette](#).

[WALDEN](#): Here, by the very corner of my field, still nearer to town, Zilpha, a colored woman, held her little house, where she spun linen for townsfolk, making the Walden Woods ring with her shrill singing, for she had a loud and notable voice. At length, in the war of 1812, her dwelling was set on fire by English soldiers, prisoners on parole, when she was away, and her cat and dog and hens were all burned up together. She led a hard life, and somewhat inhumane. One old frequenter of these woods remembers, that as he passed her house one noon he heard her muttering to herself over her gurgling pot, – "Ye are all bones, bones!" I have seen bricks amid the oak copse there.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 4th M / Favor'd this morning with precious sensations for which I desire to be Thankful

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Former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) wrote about the Missouri Compromise, without calling it that, and the Negro Problem, without calling it that:

I thank you, dear Sir, for the copy you have been so kind as to send me of the letter to your constituents on the Missouri question. It is a perfect justification to them. I had for a long time ceased to read newspapers, or pay any attention to public affairs, confident they were in good hands, and content to be a passenger in our bark to the shore from which I am not distant. But this momentous question, like a fire bell in the night, awakened and filled me with terror. I considered it at once as the knell of the Union. It is hushed, indeed, for the moment. But this is a reprieve only, not a final sentence. A geographical line, coinciding with a marked principle, moral and political, once conceived and held up to the angry passions of men, will never be obliterated; and every new irritation will mark it deeper and deeper. I can say, with conscious truth, that there is not a man on earth who would sacrifice more than I would to relieve us from this heavy reproach, in any practicable way.



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The cession of that kind of property, for so it is misnamed, is a bagatelle which would not cost me a second thought, if, in that way, a general emancipation and expatriation could be effected; and gradually, and with due sacrifices, I think it might be. But as it is, we have the wolf by the ears, and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go. Justice is in one scale, and self-preservation in the other. Of one thing I am certain, that as the passage of slaves from one State to another, would not make a slave of a single human being who would not be so without it, so their diffusion over a greater surface would make them individually happier, and proportionally facilitate the accomplishment of their emancipation, by dividing the burthen on a greater number of coadjutors. An abstinence too, from this act of power, would remove the jealousy excited by the undertaking of Congress to regulate the condition of the different descriptions of men composing a State. This certainly is the exclusive right of every State, which nothing in the constitution has taken from them and given to the General Government. Could Congress, for example, say, that the non-freemen of Connecticut shall be freemen, or that they shall not emigrate into any other State?

I regret that I am now to die in the belief, that the useless sacrifice of themselves by the generation of 1776, to acquire self-government and happiness to their country, is to be thrown away by the unwise and unworthy passions of their sons, and that my only consolation is to be, that I live not to weep over it. If they would but dispassionately weigh the blessings they will throw away, against an abstract principle more likely to be effected by union than by scission, they would pause before they would perpetrate this act of suicide on themselves, and of treason against the hopes of the world. To yourself, as the faithful advocate of the Union, I tender the offering of my high esteem and respect.



April 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 4th M / Our meetings were pretty well attended, silent & to me seasons of but little life –

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April 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 4 M / Aunt Patty Gould spent this Afternoon with us, Aged almost 84 years. She is quite current in her understanding pleasant & agreeable in her manners. This evening had the information of the decease of my Cousin THOMAS GOULD of Albany aged 50 years, he has been some months declining in a consumption, was a man very useful in the City in which he lived & had acquired considerable wealth. It is said the Aged must & the young may die & here is an instance Aunt Patty still living at a very advanced age, while her nephew



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Thomas in the prime of age is taken away. The lesson is affecting to my mind. -

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April 27, Thursday: [Herbert Spencer](#) was born in Derby, Derbyshire, England. In the beginning he didn't have one idea in his head. (Later on in life, more's the pity, he would get one idea into his head — and not be able to get it out.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 4 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is held at [Portsmouth](#) & looking towards [Greenwich](#) quarter next week, thought it most proper to be at home today to prepare for a longer absence - Find a hevvy cold on me this evening.

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April 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 4 M 1820 / Find my cold attended with some fever & oppression at the chest - the prospect of [Greenwich](#) looks dull -

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April 30, Sunday: [King George IV](#), noting that the national mourning that had gone on during part of 1818 and all of 1819 after the deaths of the Duke of Kent and [King George III](#) had been having an adverse effect on the clothing trade, had decreed that it would conclude with this day. Party hardy!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 4 M / In our forenoon meeting Jonathon Dennis & Hannah Dennis & Daniel Buffum were engaged in public testimony & it was a season of favor for which I desire to be thankful. - In the Afternoon we were silent.

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May 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 5th M 1820 / This morning tho' quite unwell with a cold I went on board the Packet with Friends & took John along with me to [Greenwich](#) we had a pleasant passage up & went to cousin Wanton Caseys & found them at dinner & very glad to see us - After sitting with them awhile left John & Sister Ruth & walked out to David Howlands where [Moses Brown](#) & several other friends came we passed the evening in interesting conversation & lodged - After breakfast the next morning I walked to town & went to the Select Meeting which was a Solid & solemn season not soon to be forgotten. - Dined at John Caseys & here for reasons which I shudder to name, my heart was Awfully appalled & the meal here taken was a repast indeed of bitter herbs. - Lodged



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at W Caseys. - 5th day went to Meeting - the part of it for worship was a season wherein truth was triumphant a blessed meeting. - a few words were first spoken by a young woman - then Thos Anthony, then Royal Southwick in a most remarkable & long to be remembered testimony Attended with life & power - Then John Bailey in a testimony explanitory of our principles & The Meeting concluded -The buisness was conducted in a weighty manner & two female Elders were appointed Took tea cousin Abby Greens & lodged at W Caseys - on 6 day [Friday] Morning came home, a passage of 5 hours.

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May 4, Thursday: The Dawning of Music in Kentucky, or The Pleasures of Harmony in the Solitudes of Nature, Opera Prima, was copyrighted by its author Anton Philipp Heinrich.

Birth, in England, of Joseph Whitaker, who would found WHITAKER'S ALMANACK.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 5th M 1820 / This has been a most Awfully melancholly Afternoon as perhaps [Newport](#) has known in years if ever - Lewis Rousmaniere, a man of my acquaintance from early youth & a little younger than myself, about One Oclock ended his existence, by his own hand, which with other circumstances attending, fills every heart with dismay. - Oh that mankind may learn to be content with Small things, not make haste to be rich, & place confidence in God.

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May 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 5 M / At Meeting this forenoon our friend D. Buffum was engaged in a most lively & pertinent testimony "How shall a young man cleanse his ways? by taking heed thereto according to my Word" - This was the Scripture with which he opened & from it he pointed out the way in a very striking manner & recommended SILENCE in preference to the whirlwind, the earthquake & the fire, all of which must pass by before the Small still voice can be distinctly heard. - Meeting was well attended in the Afternoon & but for the disturbance of a man in a deranged State of mind who Several times spoke, was a very solid comfortable season. -

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May 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 5t M 1820 / My Wife & I being under the appointment in care of Jamestown Meeting it became our turn to



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attend today we accordingly yesterday afternoon went over & took tea at cousin Daniel Howlands & Lodged at cousin Joseph Greens -At meeting about 28 Met together & was pretty comfortable meeting. tho' some Left was experienced - After dinner at J Greenes we came over the ferry in season to attend our Afternoon meeting at home. -5th day 18 of 5th M / In our first meeting Jonathon & Hannah Dennis were both engaged in public testimony & to me it was a season of some favor. - In the last Preparative no buisness1st day [Sunday] 21 of 5 M Our meeting this morning rather thin, the weather was rainy which in part occasions it - it was a season of some favor tho' I failed of that lively sensible frame which I sometimes enjoy - Simeon Brewer a young man & member of [Providence](#) was present & appeard in a few words of public testimony. -

The times in which we have fallen, are singular times, both in the Political, Mercantile and Religious State of things, all which, conspire to render it necessary for us to dwell deep & near the principle of truth - out of it, the mind is indeed as a Ship in a storm, having lost the rudder, subject to be driven too and fro in the mighty waves, uncontrollable by the mariner, but what a comfortable & heart consoling reflection, that God remains to be a strong God, & by his holy spirit [crossed out?], thro' Jesus Christ, will Sustain all who flee unto him & Sincerely ask help of him, he has in no age of the world deserted these, & I believe never will - May I be renewdly engaged to put my trust in Him, Oh that the light of his countenance may be daily sought after by all, whose lot it is, to Stand in the fore ranks of our Society, & if this is the case, I have no doubt but the cloud will be removed & Israel will journey safely on. At Meeting in the Afternoon father Rodman was concerned in a short testimony - Capt Starbuck & Simeon Brewer took tea & set the eveng with us

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May 23, Thursday: Publication of Muzio Clementi's Piano Sonata op.46 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th of 5 M 1820 / Lorenzo Dow & his new wife came to our first Meeting - Father Rodman David Buffum & Hannah Dennis were both engaged in public testimony & TRUTH was advanced. to me it was a good meeting
In the last (Moy [Monthly]) buisness was conducted pretty well tho' there was but little to do - The Clerk being absent it fell to my lot to do the Writing. -*

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May 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 5 M / A great many folks came to Meeting & some



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*that I never observed there before, but it was silent & on the whole to me a hard time
Afternoon silent & tho' I labored was unable to get as much victory &[as] I desired & on the whole a rather hard day –*

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June 1, Thursday: [Dr. Josiah Bartlett](#), son of Dr. Josiah Bartlett of Charlestown, came to [Concord](#) to begin the practice of medicine. He had been born November 20, 1796, and graduated from [Harvard College](#) in 1816, and at the [Harvard Medical School](#) in 1819.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 6 M 1820 / Our meeting was silent, & a season of dearth to me. – This is the state I have been in a long time & Oh that I may be delivered from it – Poverty & weakness is mine
Yet I have a little faith left. –*

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June 4, Sunday: [Queen Caroline](#) of Great Britain met with Henry Brougham and Lord Hutchinson at St. Omer, France. They implored her not to return to any domain of the British Empire and offered her £50,000 per year if she would agree to stay away permanently. She had been accused of carrying on an affair with her Italian chamberlain, Bartolommeo Pergami. The Queen refused the offer and proceeded to Calais.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 6th M 1820 / Our meeting this morning was an uncommonly favored one. Solemnity & Life was remarkably prevalent before a word was spoken, about the middle of meeting Jona Dennis delivered a short testimony & soon Hannah Dennis follow'd him at two different standings & to close the whole Abigail Robinson was engaged in a short but very lively & Sweet testimony, & the Meeting closed under a precious covering. - Jonathon & Hannah came home with us & dined. In the afternoon the meeting gathered under a good degree of the same Solemnity as in the morning, but in my own mind did not rise so high, -



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but Hannah Dennis was twice engaged in lively testimonys.

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June 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8th of 6 M / I am going to meeting & may it prove the precursor of a good time thro' the Yearly Meeting. Friends in this town are buisily engaged in preparing for the next Week a work which had been done ever since Friends were established, & many very many of the gooly [godly - goodly?] men and women whose hearts have annually leap'd for joy at the prospect of meeting their friends whom they have loved in the Lord, are doubtless in Heaven, & may we who are now on the stage of Action when we leave this world join them in The endless ages of eternity. Our meeting was small, but a good gegree [degree] of precious life was witnessed. - This Afternoon rec'd a sweet letter from our aged Fr Wm Rickman in N York expecting to embark for England next first day -

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June 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 9 1820 6th day / Our Friends from [Greenwich](#) & S Kingston have begun to come, to attend the Yearly Meeting which commences for Ministers & Elders at [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow My dear friends Daniel Howland & Thomas Anthony took tea with us, & went on their way towards meeting tomorrow. - My hearts desire & prayer to God, has been, and still is, that Truth may stand in dominion & reign over all and in all our movements, & redound to the honor of his Great Name.

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June 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th Day Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Select Meeting, which was a Solemn time, Jerusalem being searched as with lighted candles. A prayer by Daniel Haviland & testimony from Caleb Macomber Nicholas Brown, Charles Osborn - dined at Uncle B Freeborn then Carried father Rodman to the Meeting for Sufferings & went down to Uncle Stantons place from thence to Saml Thurstons, took tea & then to Rich Mitchells where I found father & brought him Home. - found my H had taken in some agreeable Guests Vizt Hannah Johnson, Hannah Holder Anne Greene of [Greenwich](#), Lydia Brown

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June 11, Sunday: Sarah Allen was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Sarah would die in infancy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Our Morning Meeting was not quite so large as I have sometimes observed but proved a season of blessed triumph to the Truth, it was remarkably quiet the first testimony was short from Geo Dean & of the merits I must suspend judgement Then followed Caleb Macomber in a long testimony which began on a low key but he rose in the life & held the attention of the people in a remarkable manner - he was favord to close with it, when a few words was spoken by a young man in my judgement out of the life of Authority, but Solemnity was soon restored & the Meeting broke. -

In the Afternoon the Meeting was very large Daniel Haviland — Haverland & Mary Allen were the public laborers & tho Truth did not rise into dominion as it did in the Morning yet I believe no loss was Sustained. -

In the eveng the company at our House fell into silence & Thos Anthony was engaged in testimony very pertinently to some states present.

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June 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd The Meeting this morning opened under a solemn covering. Daniel Haviland, Nicholas Brown, & Daniel Haviland in testimony & Nicholas Brown in a most approach to the throne of Grace, [was Nicolas still in the slave trade at this time?] after which the buisness of the meeting progressed for sometime when it was observed that a person was present who was not a member an old applicant (J Austin) [was this the J Austin he had known when he was a young man with whom he had talked at length in his shop, and was deeply distressed about him?] who was invited to retire, but declined & made considerable difficulty, after a while our Aged fr. [Moses Brown](#) went to him with our another Fr & invited him to retire with them which he did, & tho' there was another circumstance or two which caused some pain. yet it was evident the Everlasting Truth did prevail & it is the prayer of my heart that it may prevail & stand over the heads of all gainsayers to the honor of the great CAUSE

In the Afternoon the Meeting opened again under a most solemn covering of life, lively testimony from Charles Osborn & Caleb Macomber, after which the State of Society was enterd into as represented by the answers to the Queries Jerusalem was again searched closely in living & powerful testimonys from Caleb Macomber, Charles Osborn, Rowland Greene & several others, which took up so much time that the Meeting adjourned before the Queries were gone thro with - After the Meeting had proceeded in the buisness sometime, the individual who disturbed us in the



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Morning, again came in which occasions some jostling for a few minutes, but he yealded to the solicitations of Moses Brown & went out.

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June 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th With our frds above mentioned attended an Appointed meeting on Connanicut. The Meeting house was full or nearly so & a blessed season it was many hearts were deeply affected by the living power of Truth thro' the preaching of Charles. The meeting concluded in Solemn supplication - We dined at Caleb Weavers & returned home in the evening Charles & James took tea with Father Rodman & returned to lodge with us. -

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M. Benjamin Constant orated in the French Chamber of Deputies:

The French ship *Le Rodeur*, with a crew of twenty-two men, and with one hundred and sixty negro [slaves](#), sailed from Bonny, in Africa, April, 1819. On approaching the line, a terrible malady broke out, - an obstinate disease of the eyes, - contagious, and altogether beyond the resources of medicine. It was aggravated by the scarcity of water among the slaves (only half a wineglass per day being allowed to an individual), and by the extreme impurity of the air in which they breathed. By the advice of the physician, they were brought upon deck occasionally; but some of the poor wretches, locking themselves in each other's arms, leaped overboard, in the hope, which so universally prevails among them, of being swiftly transported to their own homes in Africa. To check this, the captain ordered several who were stopped in the attempt to be shot, or hanged, before their companions. The disease extended to the crew; and one after another were smitten with it, until only one remained unaffected. Yet even this dreadful condition did not preclude calculation: to save the expense of supporting slaves rendered unsalable, and to obtain grounds for a claim against the underwriters, thirty-six of the negroes, having become blind, were thrown into the sea and drowned!



June 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 6 M 1820 / Our Morning meeting was large but did not prove so open a time as could be wished tho our frd Charles Osborn labord faithfully in the ability afforded - In the Afternoon as the other Meeting broke, many people flocked in, which happened just as Charles rose & it proved a season of good openness wherein he discharged himself to the comfort of friends & the satisfaction of others. -



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They took tea with us & after tea we took leave at which time Charles was concerned to impart a few words of Sweet encouragement very precious & consoling to our feelings - They rode to Rich Mitchells to lodge, intending from thence to [Tiverton](#) Little Compton, Westport & on to [New Bedford](#) wishing to be at [Nantucket](#) on first Day next.

I have to Acknowledge (I trust) under an humble sense of the Lords goodness that this Yearly Meeting has been to me a season of favor, tenderness & love, for which I desire to offer thanksgiving & praise where it is alone due. - before the meeting commenced it was a season of much fear & dread among us, least [lest] from some existing causes, the Truth would suffer, but the Lord made bare his holy Arm for the help of his people, & the good cause gained ground, to the consolation of the honest sincere hearted traveller, who travel for the prosperity of Zion & the right enlargement of her Borders.

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June 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 6 M 1820 / Our Meeting was about of its usual size, Silent, but favor'd with a degree of life. - Our friends having all gone, we feel a little lonesome, after so much stir, we however enjoy the quiet, our one frined seems to us doubly near. - Thos Anthony came down this forenoon on buisness but not in season to get to meeting which was his desire to Do - he called & set with us a little while this Afternoon. -

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June 23, Friday: THE WESTERN MINSTREL was copyrighted by its author, Anton Philipp Heinrich.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 6 M / This Afternoon REFINE WEEKS a friend of Ferrisburg Moy [Monthly] Meeting in Vermont called to see me, he is travelling to get subscribers for a book of Poems which he has been writing, in a plain simple Stile - He appears to be an honest Sincere man & has a certificate from the meeting he belongs too & letters of recommendation to several friends whom we know. -

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June 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 6 M / In the forenoon Meeting, D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were engaged in lively & pertinent testimonys. I believe a number of minds were affected. -

In the Afternoon Our fr Caleb Mai Comber attended The meeting was defer'd to 4 OClock on his account & people of Colour invited, he was engaged in a lively testimony & pertinent to the



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State of things among [? begins with w, but is cut off in the fold] but so lean & destitute were my feelings that I was not capable of feeling but very little it seemed to me my sight was left but my feelings taken away, for I thought I could plainly see that he was right & in the life by feeling was incapable of participating in it

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June 29, Thursday: The [negrero Antelope](#) was captured by the US Revenue-Marine cutter *Dallas*. The first mate of the *Dallas* took inventory of the vessel's cargo: 283 Africans a couple of whom had deceased.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 6th M 1820 / With my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, before meeting stoped at Uncle Peter Lawtons & refreshed a little - At the first Meeting D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony on the subject of "Love as the foundation of Religion" - J Dennis was also engaged in a few words. - In the last we had but little buisness & the meeting soon ended, but I thought the little that was done was conducted with weight & to me it was a good meeting for which I may ascribe thanksgiving where it is alone Due- We dined at Uncle Peters & staid there the remainder of the Afternoon - Rode Home. I may acknowdlege this evening that it has been a good day, a day of some encouragement, to press forward in the discharge of duty. Oh may the Ancient spirit of Power, which was with out dear worthy predecessors, be more conspicuous among us in this day, may the Lord arise for the help of Zion & the englargement of her borders -

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July 2, Sunday: John Brown of [Concord](#) got married with Clarissa Harmon.

Two junior officers, members of the Order of the Carbonari, led their troops on [Naples](#) in an attempt to force King Ferdinando to grant a constitution (other army units would soon join them).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 7th M 1820 / Our morning meeting was not a very lively time but better than some others. J Dennis bore a short testimony - In the Afternoon Father Rodman & D Buffum were lively in testimony - Went in the evening down to Wm Lees & set with them very pleasantly. -

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July 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 7 M 1820 / Our Meeting was silent & a season of



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but little life. –

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July 9, Sunday: General Guglielmo Pepe, leader of the [Neapolitan](#) revolt, enters the city at the head of his rebel troops.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 7 M 1820 / In the forenoon meeting Jonathon & Hannah both preached a little, in the Afternoon father Rodman said a little & I think both the preaching & the life & all, was by the little I desire however to be thankful for an evidence in my own mind of being favord to partake of a degree of the little life among us. –

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July 10, Monday: Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka played a piano concerto at the graduation ceremonies of the Boarding School of the Nobility, St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 7 M / Favor'd with the precious arisings of the sap of life. Oh that my heart & soul may bow in humble gratitude for every favor & my [may] I labor daily for the renewal of life

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July 13, Thursday: A committee in [Concord](#), Massachusetts resolved to create for the town a Social Library absorbing the membership and the collection of an earlier Charitable Library Society.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 7th M 1820 / Our Meeting was a season of some favor to my mind – Anne Greene & Hannah Dennis both bore encouraging testimonys. – After which was our Select Meeting held, which to me was a season of quickening & favor for which I desire to be thankful –

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July 16, Sunday: In Cambridge, Oliver Merriam, a farmer of [Concord](#), got married with Mehitable Preble Cook.

In Paris, Abraham Mendelssohn wrote to his daughter Fanny, “Music will perhaps become his ([Felix Mendelssohn](#))’s profession, while for you it can and must be only an ornament, never the root of your being and doing.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 7 M / In the morning Meeting We had a short




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*testimony from D Buffum - In the Afternoon a short one from J Dennis & to me both were Dull seasons but I was glad to find by comparing notes with a Friend After meeting that all had not fared as I had. - My Mother Aunt Stanton & Sister Ruth took tea with us. 5th day 10th of 7 M / Our meetings was silent & to me a season of Some life tho' tried with some roving - No buisness in the Preparative but to Answer the Queries & appoint Representatives
Aunt Stanton saild this mornig for NYork & has had to all appearance a fine Wind. -*

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 July 21, Friday: Hans Christian Ørsted published his findings of April 21st in the Annales de Chimie et de Physique, Paris.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 21st of 7th M / Rode to Portsmouth this mornig on buisness of society. took Uncle Stantons horse & Waggon & carried with me Elizabeth & Mary - Dined & took tea At Uncle Peter Lawtons, & went to several other places - the Chief buisness that I went on was to see Susanna Brownell who was absent at Bristol.

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 July 23, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 7 M / Last evening went to Connanicut to attend Meeting there today which to me was a good season for which I desire to be thankful lodged & ate at Jos Greenes - The little meeting there is near to my best feelings. - May they increase in right things. -

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 July 27, Thursday: Giacomo Meyerbeer was elected a member of the Accademia Filarmonica in Bologna.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 7th M 1820 / In our first meeting a few words was spoken by a friend while sitting, not to satisfaction & J Dennis was engaged in a short testimony to pretty good satisfaction & the meeting ended pretty well. -
In the last the buisness was conducted in a brotherly manner & harmony prevailed with the exception of the friend alluded to in the first meeting, who made some personal reflections & offered some abuse to an aged friend which I hope the Overseers will attend too & the poor deluded man brought to a right sense of his State & condition. - Joseph Greene, Geo Dennis & Asa Sherman Dined with us. -*

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August 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 8th M / This Morning rode to [Portsmouth](#) to Attend The Select Quarterly Meeting with Father Rodman. – it was a season of favor, tho' much deep waiding was exsperienced on account of the State of things among us, but unity & love prevailed to the consolation of some who are at times ready to faint. – Dined at Uncle Peter Lawtons & came home. –

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August 3, Thursday: Simon Mayr read his study of Franchinus Gaffurius to the Ateneo, Bergamo. This was the initial portion of a projected book on various people. He would be prevented from completing the work by illness and death.

President James Monroe instructed that the Africans of the [negrero Antelope](#) were to be held in Savannah by US Marshal John H. Morel until the white people could come to agreement on their destiny.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Again went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Large, the first appearance was from a young Woman from Lynn in supplication much to dissatisfaction – Then a short lively testimony from Thos Anthony, the rest of the service fell chiefly to our dear friend & Brother Charles Osborn. he had much also to communicate in the last meeting & visited the womens meeting – We dined at Uncle Peters after which Sister Ruth & Eleanor Lawton & myself went on towards [Providence](#) in the Waggon & reached James maxwells in [Warren](#) before night. Sister Ruth & I with the view of attending the School committee & Eleanor to enter as Nurse in the Yearly Meeting school

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August 4, Friday: At Stirling in Scotland a judge of the "[Radical War](#)" treason delivered himself of the remark "To you Andrew Hardie and John Baird I can hold out little or no hope of mercy" because "as you were the leaders, I am afraid that example must be given by you."

HANGING

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day proceeded to [Providence](#) & reached the School House about 10 OClock, after landing the Young Women, I rode into town on a little buisness with Natl. Watson of Salem & returned to [Moses Browns](#) & dined where I found G Osborn & several other friends whom I loved, their company was very pleasant. – After dinner we went up to the School House & attended to the concerns that came before us in the capacity of School Committee, much weight



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was manifest among us & right concern for the wellfare of the institution. – Ruth & I returned to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged. –next morning being 7th day we returned to the school House to attend to some unfinished buisness of yesterday, staid to dinner & dined with the Schollars after which we left them & rode home & got to [Newport](#) before 9 OClock in the evening. –

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August 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 8 M / Our morning Meeting was pretty well attended Father Rodman was concerned in Testimony – Jeremiah Austin as is now not a member of Society was present & undertook to preach to us – We heard The Bell, but alas where is the pomgranate, which tastes & smells pleasantly. –

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August 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 8th M 1820 / Our Meeting was silent & to me a season of leaness, arising perhaps chiefly from a want of timely care on my part, tho' I labor'd to get my mind settled. –

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August 13, Sunday: Field Marshall William Carr Beresford, Duke of Elvas, administrator of Portugal, sailed for Brazil to visit Dom João, the absent king.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 8 M / This morning as I went into the meeting House Yard I found a number of Men & boys standing round our frd David Buffum in a manner which induced me to believe that something had happened to him on going up I found his horse as he was taking him out of the carriage in Kicking off the flies had hit his leg & it was bleeding most profusely. They had put a handkerchief round it & soon his son David came up & carried him home. The heat of the Weather & his time of life excites no Small concern for his wellfare – Our Meeting was Silent & a season of thoughtfulness to me tho' not so much of the Life as I desired Afternoon meeting rather small people seem to dislike very warm as well as very cold weather to turn out to meeting in –father Rodman & Aunt A Carpenter out to see D Buffum, found his leg severely hurt but it appears to be a flesh wound & with proper care may do well, tho' so severe a hurt is always dangerous at the age of 76. –

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August 17, Thursday: The trial to prove the infidelities of Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbützel, Princess of Wales](#), so that [King George IV](#) might divorce her, began with her riding in triumph to the House of Lords in a state carriage through cheering throngs, graciously waving to all and sundry. Among the 258 peers assembled there were two (at least) with whom she had had intimate relations. The issue of her name being in the weekly liturgy of the Anglican Church was a major complication. The husband could not bring proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court because he did not have the required “clean hands.” He attempted to secure a Bill of Pains and Penalties but the queen was virtually acquitted by the House of Lords because the bill passed only by a slender majority. As far as many of the peers were concerned, the issue was not who was dirty but who was dirtiest:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 8 M / At Meeting J Dennis was concerned in a short testimony —

Our fr D Buffum remains confined with a sore leg which does not get much better, tho' it is supposed it is doing as well as can be expected

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August 20, Sunday: [Charles DeWolf](#) (3) died.



(What a pleasant smile he had on his face when he sat for this painting. He was perhaps whiling away the time by making a mental calculation of how much he might be able to get for your great-great-great-great-grandmother on the open market.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 8th M 1820 / In the Mornng Meeting J Dennis was concerned in testimony – In the Afternoon silent. –

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August 24, Thursday: A Constitutionalist insurrection against the Bragança dynasty began among liberal army officers in Oporto, Portugal. A rebel junta was set up in the city led by Brigadier António da Silveira Pinto da Fonseca.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24 of 8 M / Silent Meeting, the forepart of it was a season of solid quiet to my mind, but got disturbed with some rovinings & towards the close was favord to feel a solemn covering restored. – No buisness in the preparative meeting but to approve Representatives
Aunt Stanton arrived from NYork this Afternoon*

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August 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25th of 8 M 1820 / This Afternoon With J L Taylor rode over the Beeches to the late residence of Benjamin Gardiner after his Clock to repair, on our way thither we Stopped at the Marked Rocks about which Storys (& storys they are) is told of the Devil beheading a Squaw &c here many people have cut their names with the Date of the Year. I remarked some as far Back as the Year 1740 & many of a later date, among them is the Name of



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Thos Rotch as far back as 1785 when he was probably on a visit to this Island, he is yet living but many are gone hence to be seen of men no more. -These Rocks & the names cut on them gave rise to many reflections. They have been visited by many for pleasure who have since seen great trouble & paid the debt of Nature & now only their names remain, perchance to revive them in the recollection of some of their friends who may hapen to visit them & remember that they once knew them. I once when a boy, was at these rocks before, & cut my name, but it is not now to be found, it was cut shallow & time has effaced it - After the buisness was done we went upon - we took a Walk on the east ridge of the hanging rocks, they are a great curiosity, & my mind in the course of my walk exclaimed "GREAT & MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS", & on observing some of the clefts that were once probably attatched to the Mass, but fallen off by some great convulsion of nature, well may we ADD "Thy ways are past finding out - On the farm of the late Benj Gardiner is an old family burying Ground, in which are laid the family of Smiths to whom the land once belonged. I noticed a very large & thick Tomb Stone which covers Phillip Smith & his Wife Mary - he Died in 1700 aged 67 Years & she 1709 aged 57 Years We then rode home by the way of Green End & had a pleasant Afternoon. -

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August 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 8th M 1820 / In the Mornng Meeting, father Rodman had a few words by way of testimony & it was a pretty solid time - In the Afternoon we were silent

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August 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 8 M / This Afternoon carried Aunt Stanton & Nancy Warren in the Waggon to [Portsmouth](#). went to Clarke Chases & walked round to view the Farm Some Apples & Pears rearly ripe & the appearance of a considerable quantity. The went to Uncle Thurstons & took tea. -

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August 31, Thursday: Radical leader Major Rafael de Riego made a triumphal entry into Madrid in support of the 1812 constitution.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 8 M / This mornng took the Waggon & carried father Rodman & Sister Eliza & John to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. In the first meeting J Dennis said a few words but with me life was low. The buisness of the last, was pretty well conducted & in my feelings life rose in a very pleasant &



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*comfortable degree for which continued evidence of Divine favor
I desire to be thankful - We dined at Rich Mitchells*

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September 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 9th M 1820 / Our Morning Meeting was well Attended
& a favor'd season Hannah Dennis was very lively & sweet in
testimony & father Rodman appeared in a few words. -In the
Afternoon Silent, & pretty Solid. -*

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September 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 9th of 9 M / This Afternoon took the Waggon & with My
H, John & Aunt Stanton rode to [Portsmouth](#) & took tea with our
Aged Cousin Elizabeth Chase. The Afternoon was pleasant & the
time was spent pleasantly, but my mind was occupied much in
retrospection, on my past visits at the House when the family
were all alive & together, but now how changed? Soon we shall
all be changed, soon all consigned to the Silent grave & may we
so live while here, as to be received into happiness in the World
to come. -*

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A news item relating to the development of ELECTRIC WALDEN technology:

- François Arago presented the findings of the Danish physicist Hans Christian Ørsted to the French Academy in Paris.



"If you wish to make an apple pie from scratch,
you must first invent the universe."

- [Carl Sagan](#)



September 7, Thursday: During a Lake Erie storm two lake vessels were forced to tie up at the new pier being built by Samuel Wilkeson at Buffalo Creek, New York (later the Buffalo River). The pier would hold.

The Attorney-General of England rested His Majesty's case against Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) in the House of Lords. She responded by sailing down the Thames in her state barge. An estimated 200,000 people viewed the procession.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7th of 9th M / Father Rodman delivered a short testimony
at Meeting. - To me it was a season of great poverty. I know not
when I have passed a meeting so destitute of good*



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*Joseph Sansom of Philadelphia was at Meeting he is a great
traveller & published several works. –*


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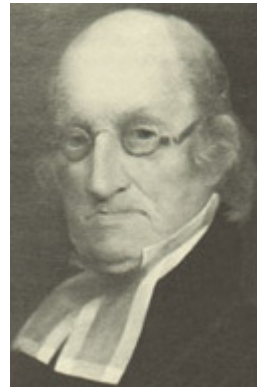
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When the wooden [Concord Town School](#) had burned down the previous December 31st,  the Corinthian Lodge of local Freemasons had volunteered to pay \$400 toward the cost of replacing it, on condition that a private staircase would be provided to an upper floor that would be reserved for their activities. The new building, of brick, dedicated on this day by the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#), sported a bell cupola (two other, outlying, new schoolhouses were also being dedicated on this day).

I wish you to realize that it is your indispensable duty to govern your children.... I do not say you must be severe. There will be no need of severity, if you begin discipline seasonably and pursue it with wisdom and prudence. But they must be made to obey you. If you do not know how to govern your children, and to command their fear and love, it is high time you should learn. And I would there were schools for this purpose. I believe they would be highly beneficial.



Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons


The ground floor of this building would house the town school preparing local students for college until,



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in 1851,  it would be moved across the square into the new Town Hall.


The classroom was constructed like an amphitheater. The ceiling was ten feet high and, in the center, running from the door to the master's desk at the opposite end, was an aisle. On either side the floor rose toward the wall on an inclined plane, on which were four rows of benches, ten seats to a row, so that the master was surrounded by students on three sides. The northwest half was the girls' side and the boys sat on the southeast, forty students on each side. The scholars used wooden desks of the classic schoolroom type – lidded, bolted to the floor, and attached to the seat in front. The master's desk stood on a platform sixteen inches high, facing the students. Near this, on the floor, was an old heating stove. The room was lit with oil lamps.

 September 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 9 M / In the morning Meeting Father Rodman was concerned in a short well connected & pretty lively testimony In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was twice on her feet engaged in a lively pertinent testimony in which Gospel Authority was demonstrated & both to me were good Meetings. –

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 September 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

 *4th day 13th of 9 M / This Afternoon took John & with Mother & Aunt Stanton went to Connanicut & took tea with Cousin Mary Howland, Cousin Abigail Casey was there & a pleasant Afternoon it was - After tea John & I came home & left Mother & Aunt Stanton to stay a few Days –*

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 September 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 9th M 1820 / Silent Meeting. our frd D Buffum attended, the first time since his leg was hurt. –

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 September 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17 of 9th M / In the Morning Meeting Hannah Dennis was large in testimony, Jonathon was also engaged in testimony & D Buffum closed the Service with his usual lively manner, it seemed as if there was much concern manifested, for the Churches Wellfare & Oh that it may increase among us. -- In the Afternoon Silent but the Meeting closed under a good degree of life to my feelings. –

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September 20, Wednesday: Red-haired but nearly bald Colonel Josiah “The Prairie Chicken” Snelling laid the cornerstone of a massive new fort, to be called “Fort St. Anthony,” at the confluence of the Mississippi River and the St. Peter’s River overlooking Pike Island in what eventually would become Minnesota. Construction would require six years.



Rochesterville, New York’s Methodist Episcopal Church opened and Abelard Reynolds was named 1st trustee.

Two hundred and forty-one additional deaths from [yellow fever](#) were recorded in Savannah.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 9 M / Our meeting today was small & silent to me
a season of some oppression. –
John remains very poorly. I hardly know what to think of his*





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case. —

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September 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 9th M / On first day night John seemed quite unwell, Yesterday had quite a fever & today seems to be no better, we are administering medicine under the Doctors direction & must wait the results

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September 22, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 9 M / John Still remains very poorly, but in The aggregate I dont know but he had had a better day than yesterday

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September 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 9 M / John seems Better today, his case has excited much anxiety in our minds

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September 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 9 M / John Seeming yet better. Went this morning to Connanicut to attend that Meeting as a committee Member It was an hard season but after All my struggle was favord at last with the precious incomes of life. Dined with Jos Greenes, then went up & set a little while with cousin's Howland & Casey - & came across the ferry home

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September 28, Thursday: Birth of Friedrich Engels.

Thomas Whiting died at the age of 72.

Thomas Whiting [of [Concord](#)], grandson of the Rev. John Whiting by his son Thomas Whiting, Esq., was born October 3, 1748, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1775. He taught the grammar-school in [Concord](#) several years, and was afterwards a merchant here [in Concord]. He died September 28, 1820, aged 72.²⁶⁸

268. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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Widerschein D.639, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Schlechta, was published in the Taschenbuch zum geselligen Vergnügen, Leipzig.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

9 M 28 1820 5th day / Our Monthly Meeting this Day held in town was a season of favor. – In this first meeting father Rodman & J Dennis were concerned in short testimonials & in the last the business was conducted in love & condescension – We had a number of our [Portsmouth](#) friends to dine with us. –

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October 1, Sunday: A member of the Harris family drowned at Pigeon Cove, Rockport, Gloucester.

The 1st constitutional parliament for [Naples](#) met.

Fanny and [Felix Mendelssohn](#) entered the Berlin Singakademie as altos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 10th M 1820 / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum & father Rodman were both engaged in testimony – In the Afternoon father was twice engaged. – both to me were seasons of favor for which I desire to be thankful. – With Lewis L C Clarke went out to David Buffums, took tea & spent the evening with him–

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October 4, Wednesday: Carl Maria von Weber performed before the King and Queen of Denmark at Fredriksborg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Sister Mary to attend meeting – Wm T Potter & Mary Anthony were married it was a Silent Solemn Meeting & the Marriage was as orderly Solemnized as any I ever attended. – it is now over 32 years since I have seen a marriage in [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House when Isaac Chase was married to his first wife I was about 7 years old & well remember going to meeting with Aunt Patty Gould & Sitting with her, recollect of seeing them Stand up & when the certificate was signing She went up, signed it herself & asked cousin John to write my name on it. I also recollect that Elizabeth Mott preached, & of going home with them & being at the Wedding. -- Ah! many changes since that day, many have since sunk to the Silent grave & gone hence to be seen & scarcely to be remembered by men any more & many also, have since been married myself among the number & been called into the field of action to fill up my allotment in civil & religious activity & soon also shall I be



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among those numbered with the Dead. May the change be happy

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October 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 10th M 1820 / Our Meeting was silent & a pretty good one to me. -

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October 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 10th M / "In the midst of life we are in Death" those words involuntarily & spontaneously rushed on my mind this evening as I heard of the decease of Ann McCoy at Savannah Georgia at the age of 17 Years. She spent a few weeks at board with Aunt Nancy Carpenter in the summer of 1819. we became acquainted with her & from the apparant Amiableness of her disposition & engaging deportment with the honesty of her heart really endeared her to our feelings we parted with regret & feelings of brotherly & sisterly affection. -

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October 8, Sunday: General Jean-Pierre Boyer, who in 1818 had taken control over the southern part of Haiti, was able to take over the whole of that black and creole nation when Henri Christophe, King Henry I, semi-paralyzed and losing control over the Creole forces, shot himself with a silver bullet in order to avoid an approaching army of Congos.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 10th M / Our meetings were both Silent & to me seasons of Some life. - with my H & John spent the evening at Wm Lee's. -

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➡ October 12, Thursday: [Theodora Goujand DeWolf](#) was born in Bristol, Rhode Island to General [George DeWolf](#) and [Charlotte Patten DeWolf](#) (a volume of her poems, STRAY FANCIES, would privately circulate).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 10th M / Our meeting was Silent but a season of favor – The Select Meeting held at the close of the first was small, several of the members are sick & the family of several others. – in Addition to which the Wind was high which prevented the two who live on Connanicut from coming over. it however was a time in which the cementing love of Christ was renewedly extended in the hearts of the brethren The Queries answers with their usual clearness

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➡ October 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 10 M / Our forenoon was a quiet sweet & very solid one too towards the close D Buffum & H Dennis were engaged in very lively & precious testimonys, & I have no doubt had a solemnizing affect on many minds -- In the Afternoon it was very rainy meeting was very small but to me a season of some favor

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➡ October 16, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 10 M 1820 / This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) with My H & attended the funeral of her Aunt Sarah Almy & widow of Job Almy & daughter of our late worthy friend & Gospel Minister Isaac Lawton. The setting (excepting a few words spoken by an individual which were not very savory to me) was silent & solemn. -We took tea at Uncle P Lawtons & came home –

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➡ October 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 10th M / Our Meeting was small but a sweet



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*refreshing time to some, for which we ought to be duly thankful
-Hannah Dennis was engaged in prescious testimony -
No buisness in the last (Preparative) but the Answers to the
Queries*


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 October 22, Sunday: [Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 8th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22nd of 10 M / Our Mornng Meeting was well attended & a
solemn covering was witnessed soon after it was settled.
Hannah Dennis was largely & solemnly engaged in testimony.
Father Rodman & Jonathon were also concerned in short
communications & it proved a season of uncommon favor. - In the
Afternoon we were silent but a season of solemnity & favor for
which I desire to be thankful - Oh that Zions banks may be
enlarged & her Stakes Strengthened.*

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 October 24, Tuesday: John Milton Cheney submitted his response to a problem in Analytic Geometry, on a sheet of paper 21 x 29 ³/₄ inches, in partial fulfilment of the requirements for a [Harvard College](#) A.B. degree to be issued in 1821.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 24th of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) this morning to Carry
the Masons to work on Uncle Stantons farm-house. The ride was
very pleasant, but gave me a hard head Ach thro' the remainder
of the Day. -*

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 October 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 25 of 10 M / This Morning Aunt Anna Carpenter was taken
in Ague fits which were succeeded by a heavy fever & she remains
very poorly this evening. I fear every Attack will be her last
-& should she be removed her loss will be great to many & very
particularly to the poor to whom she is a Kind benefactor*

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 October 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th 10th M 1820 / This morning with my H & Sister Mary
Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, in the
first Hannah Dennis was concerned in a lively sweet testimony -
In the last the buisness was conducted in a good degree of
brotherly love & harmony - We Dine at Uncle Thurstons. -
At this meeting a legacy of One Hundred Dollars left by Mary*



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Tillinghast was accepted & the appointment of her Trustees confirmed, the interest of which is to be applied to the keeping up the graves in becoming decent order &c in the Upper burying ground in friends meadow field where her remains are laid. David Buffum Jr David Rodman & myself were appointed to the trust & I am in hopes to be able to see that ground in more reputable order that it has ever been

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October 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29th of 10th M / How uncertain are all things here, & how necessary for us to be prepared for disappointments, a fresh & striking instance of this occurred last evening - In the Afternoon Br Isaac took the Horse & rode to [Portsmouth](#) to give some directions to the masons that were at Work on Uncle Stanton's farm & [word in fold] returned about dark. The Horse having performed [?with] his usual alacrity & in apparent good health, but as soon as he was released from the Waggon he manifested signs of distress, laid down & rolled [?] continued in increasing agony for about two hours & an half when he Died. - This occurrence to me is afflicting having been in the habit of feeding & taking care of him since Uncle Stanton bought him, that I became much attached to him & he [next two pages repeat on microfilm] to me, the exercise of waiting on him & riding him in the Waggon was very useful & I believe has contributed to my health this summer & to have the poor dumb Animal snatched so suddenly away feels distressing, the poor children both Isaacs & mine all seem afflicted, but so it is, he is gone & we have the loss, & may it teach us Wisdom, may it teach me not to place my dependance on terrestrial things, & learn me to bear Greater disappointments. -
Our meetings to me were seasons of mixture, tho some favor was witnessed, both were silent.*

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October 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 10th M 1820 / I expect to set out this Afternoon for Somerset with my H & Sister Elizabeth to Attend the Quarterly Meeting which commences there tomorrow. I go under depression, I wish not to dwell on outward circumstances, but leave the past & press forward to do the best I can. The prayer of my spirit is Oh Lord help us. go with them that go; & stay with them that stay. -We lodged at Uncle Peter Lawtons in [Portsmouth](#) & in the evening was favored with a comfortable degree of resignation & the prospect a head quite Brightened. - rose early on the 4th day morning & set out about day light our horse being rather weak did not reach Somerset till about 10 O'clock stopped at Wm Reads & procured quarters for Hannah & Elizabeth & went to the meeting house unharnessed the horse &



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went into a neighboring house & rested a few minutes, then to meeting which was a favor'd season & very comforting to my drooping mind. it was a time of remarkable solemnity & the love of the brotherhood was very conspicuous --

I returned & dined at Wm Reads who are very kind & hospitable to friends thho' not members, & offeredd to Keep us thro' the Meeting. This was a comfort as were were much of Strangers in Somersett, after dinner walked with L Clarke up to Daniel Braytons where I had a little of the company of Moses Brown & several of our dear Brothers & sisters, among whom was Anne Almy & Sarah Greene. - returned to Wm Reads took tea & lodged. -

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November 2, Thursday: Succession of the deacons of Lincoln.²⁶⁹

Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
Benjamin Brown	Aug. 20, 1747.	April —, 1753.	—.
Joshua Brooks	April 18, 1749.	June 26, 1768.	80.
John Gove	April 18, 1749; was in office about 40 years.		
Samuel Farrar	Dec. 28, 1763.	April 18, 1783.	75.
Joshua Brooks, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1763.	March 8, 1790.	70.
Edmund Wheeler	May 6, 1784.	June 1, 1805.	74.
Samuel Farrar	May 6, 1784.	Sept. 19, 1829.	93.
Eleazer Brooks	Nov. 6, 1794.	Nov. 9, 1806.	80.
John Hartwell	April 9, 1804.	Nov. 2, 1820.	73.
Thomas Wheeler	Sept. 2, 1805.		
James Farrar	April 27, 1812.		
Eleazer Brooks	April 27, 1812.		

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day Went to meeting, the first was a season of remarkable favor Thos Anthony Obadiah Davis, Anne Almy & Hannah Dennis were concerned in testimony in which Divine Authority was evidently

269. Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;... Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 Henry Thoreau would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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manifest & if there were any opposers TRUTH went over their heads to the rejoicing the heart of many present - Ruth Davis concluded in supplications. -- The Authority & dignity of the first was remarkably preserved in the last meeting & the buisness was transacted in much harmony tho' in one instance there was a Small appearance of that which was not quite right. - Othniel Foster from S Kingstown Moy [Monthly] Meeting was appointed to the Station of an Elder & an excellent general Epistle from London Yearly Meeting for the present Year was read to the satisfaction & comfort of Friends - Dined & Wm Reads, much exercised about going to Providence to attend the School committee to be held there on Sixth day but after a while the prospect of home rather brightened & we set out for the ferry intending to cross over, but the boat having gone & our turn not likely to be the next, several being in waiting we concluded to unharness & stay with Wm Slaid & his wife who Kindly invited us so to do, we were soon joined by Jonathon & Hannah Dennis & spent the evening very pleasantly, my mind now & then adverting to Providence. -

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November 3, Friday: Cuenca, Ecuador declared its independence.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day Morning after breakfast was again much exercised about Providence & I was almost ready to turn about & set my face thitherward, but after again weighing the subject, the prospect a little Went off, but Jonathon & Hannah Dennis having a mind to go back about a quarter of a mile to pay a religious visit to Nathan Slaid, a young man lately disowned My H & I concluded to go with them after which I still felt more easy to come home - we accordingly crossed the ferry, stoped at Fall River & oated our horse, view'd the Fall of Water & went into one of the Factorys & afterward set a clock a going for a man who was desirous of it, we proceeded on our journey & got to Uncle Saml Thurstons by 2 OClock, - refreshed ourselves & horse & got home before sunset, & found all things as well as we left them. My Mother& friends well & above all the testimony, that John & had been a good & obedient boy to his Aunt Ruth in whose care he was left.

This visit has been a Season of much instruction to my feelings, & I trust of some religious improvement & enlargement, for which I desire to be thankful

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November 4, Saturday: Daniel Boone's death was being reported:

Savannah. The fever continues to rage in this city with unabated fury. It is conjectured that only 2000 or 2500 persons remain in it. The amount of those who have left it on account of the sickness, is estimated at 6000.

Col. Daniel Boone. The decease of this celebrated man was erroneously announced some years ago—but the latest St. Louis papers state that he died at Charette village, on the Missouri, on the 26th of Sept. in the ninetieth year of his age.—When his death was made known to the general assembly of the new state, it was resolved that the members should wear crape on the left arm for the space of 20 days, and to adjourn for that day, in respect to his memory.

We have already, in the 4th vol. of the WEEKLY REGISTER, page 33, given a long account of col. Boone, and shall no doubt be furnished with some additional particulars to complete his biography.—He was the first settler of Kentucky, a great state now containing from 6 to 700,000 inhabitants—he penetrated its wildernesses in 1775; and in 1799 removed to and settled upon the Missouri. He soon after discovered the country now known by the name of “Boon’s Lick,” which is perhaps the most prosperous part of the new state. Until the last two years of his life he enjoyed much health; when more than eighty years old, he was a keen huntsman, and made many extensive excursions in pursuit of game, in places far distant from the usual tread of white men.

Carl Maria von Weber and his wife Caroline Brandt returned to Dresden after a successful concert tour of Germany.



November 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 10 M [date error] 1820 Our meetings both forenoon & Afternoon were pretty well attended & in the mornng Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony - seasons of some favor to me -

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November 7, Tuesday: President James Monroe was re-elected. The “era of good feeling” would continue.

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November 10, Friday: After a “trial” requiring more than two months, a vote was taken upon the 3d reading of the bill against Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) in the House of Lords. The bill was approved 108-99, a margin so small that the government would not dare to introduce it in the House of Commons. The court lawyers needed to abandon the petition of [King George IV](#) to prevent his wife from becoming queen consort of England by divorcing her — against her fitness her husband the monarch-designate had sought to submit mere court gossip, chatter that under the law amounted only to the flimsiest of hearsay evidences and turned out to be in its entirety inadmissible. British street crowds greeted the news with cheers and there would follow three days of nationwide spontaneous celebration.²⁷⁰



The Reverend [Barnard Hanbury](#) and [George Waddington](#) arrived at Wady Halfa, above the 2d cataract of the Nile River, and were provided by the Turkish army with five dromedary camels, one too few for their party of six. They were advised, however, that it would be an easy and pleasant 8-day hike to Dôngola.

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November 11, Saturday: The Reverend [Barnard Hanbury](#) and [George Waddington](#) set off from Wady Halfa in the direction of Dôngola, in search for the ruins of Meroe. In their party were a young Irishman named James Curtin, a man from Malta named Giovanni Fiamingo, his teenage cousin Giuseppe Fiamingo, and a black slave.

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[Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) was acquitted. The Manchester Observer would comment that “The Queen owes her deliverance ... solely to the IMTERPOSITION OF THE PEOPLE. She remains Queen of England by the choice of the people ... the people have overawed the parliament, and have preserved the rights of the Queen inviolate by the menace of their vengeance.” The people celebrated that night, smashing windows and firing pistols into the air, and Cobbett estimated that across the nation some 50,000 guns must have been discharged in celebration. Churches were invaded and clergy insulted. The police and military found it necessary to read the Riot act in more than a dozen towns.

270. She would fall ill after being barred from her husband’s coronation at Westminster Abbey and would die on August 7, 1821, so, you might say, the royal’s little problem eventually solved itself.



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 November 12, Sunday: [William Hayley](#) died at Felpham. He left no children.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 12th of 11th M 1820 / Our Meeting was very small being a severe Storm of Snow & Rain & the walking nearly over shoes in snow & water A few words were spoken by J Dennis - Three Women were all that gathered & one of them not a Member. -- In the Afternoon eight men were all that met & two of them not members, we were silent but I trust the promise was in degree fulfilled, "Where two or three are met in my name there am I" -

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 November 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 11th M / Our Meeting was silent some life was experienced in my mind, & it was comfortable, have also been favored thro' the day, for which I desire to be thankful. - Rec'd this Afternoon an interesting letter from my fr John Heald of Ohio -

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 November 18, Saturday: Land was sighted south of the South Shetlands, by the sailors of the sloop *Hero* under 21-year-old Captain Nathaniel B. Palmer of Stonington, Connecticut. (This sloop was part of a sealing expedition organized by Captain Benjamin Pendleton. After a period this land would be recognized as the Antarctic Peninsula.)

Liverpool was unable to send the bill against [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) on to the Commons because "it would have been perilous to persevere in passing it in the present state of public feelings."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 11th M / Our venerable friends David Buffum & Wife spent the Afternoon & took tea with us with Aunt A Carpenter & Mary Chase. - I intended to have gone to Connanicut this Afternoon So as to have been at meeting there tomorrow, but as our above said frds DB & wife never made us but one Afternoon visit before & considering it may be that they will never together make us another I felt most easy to omit crossing the ferrys this Afternoon & run the risk of a Passage tomorrow morning

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 November 19, Sunday: Austria, Prussia, and Russia issued the Protocol of Troppau. They bound themselves together against liberal revolutions, peaceful or otherwise.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 19th of 11th M / Rose in season this morning & after breakfast went to the ferry to try to get a Passage to Connanicut but the wind was small & a head & no other passenger there, concluded to give up the prospect – Both our Meetings were Silent, & Seasons of some favor to me tho' of not much abounding – on the whole was satisfied with being at home as D Buffum & J Dennis were Absent, which left our Seats more vacant than was desirable.

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November 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 11th M 1820 / Our Meeting was a season of some favor to my mind. Father Rodman & Jonathon Dennis delivered short testimonys. – In the last Preparative Overseers were agreed in & three names forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting —

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November 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25th of 11th M / This Afternoon went to Connanicut with Jonathon Dennis & lodged at Jos Greenes –

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November 26, Sunday: After a successful initial performance in October in Oedenburg (Sopron), Franz Liszt appeared in a noon concert in Pressburg (Bratislava). Both concerts were arranged by Liszt's father, Adam, who timed this performance to coincide with a meeting of the Hungarian Diet, when many important notables were in the city. The mostly upper-class audience was delighted and impressed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day attended Meeting there which was about as large as usual – a Season of some favor Jonathon had a few words, comfortable to those who were low in their minds, & of encouragement in general & I thought appropriate to the State of the meeting, at the close it was mentioned that would be the last meeting held there by the committee this season & I believe we parted in love. After dinner we crossed the ferry in season to attend our Afternoon Meeting.

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November 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 11th M / Our first meeting was silent with me the Life was low. – In the last we had considerable buisness & in my low estate it fell to my lot to do the writing for the day & got along tollrably to my own satisfaction – We had Uncle & Aunt Thurston & Uncle P Lawton to dine with us.


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 December 3, Sunday: Maometto II, a drama by Gioachino Rossini to words of della Valle, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, [Naples](#), but was not well received.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 12 M 1820 / Several of our friends went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of our fr Susannah Freeborn, which made the rising seats thin - The London Epistle was read in the Morning & in the Afternoon father Rodman bore a short testimony. -


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 December 7, Thursday: Louis Spohr and his wife arrived in Paris for the 1st time. There he would meet Cherubini and produce a new violin concerto.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 12 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended by its numbers Tho' some were absent who I should rather have been present. It was silent, to me a season of feelings. -

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 December 10, Sunday: [Adelaide Amelia Louisa Theresa Caroline of Saxe-Coburg Meiningen](#) gave birth to Elizabeth Georgiana Adelaide Hanover in London (the infant would die on March 4th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 11 M [date error] / In the forenoon Meeting Jonathon & Hannah delivered short testimonys - Afternoon silent both seasons of some favor to me but experienced barraness also, so the exsp was mingled. -

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 December 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 12 M 1820 / I have rarely ever been Sicker in my life than from last first day night till this Afternoon when I think I am better - Was taken with cold shivers, fever & sore throat which Ulcerated on both Sides, distress in my head & all my system, but thro' favor am now better, & perhaps tomorrow may be out & about. -
Of course did not attend meeting today*

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 December 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 12th M / I have been so little out of the house in the course of the last week, that in the present Air it looked



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improper for me to go to meeting today - This Afternoon I was on the point of going but at last gave it up. - I desire to be thankful for my many favors. Oh! Lord quicken me heart, renewedly quicken my heart towards Thee.

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December 21, Thursday: The Canandigua Lake [canal](#) committee recommended a 19 1/2-mile route that would require 23 locks and cost \$68,000. The Ontario Canal Company was formed. Virginia took control of the James River and Kanawha Canal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 12 M / Silent meeting & to me a season of some favor. - I feel renewedly concerned to labor in my mind, for a renewal of life & strength. How does the times call for deep indwelling of spirit that we may be ready at all times to give an Answer of Hope that is within us. -

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December 24, Sunday: Having inspected the peculiar Ethiopian antiquities which they had come to inspect, the Reverend [Barnard Hanbury](#) and [George Waddington](#) began to retrace their steps.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 12 M / Our meetings both Small & Silent, some favor experienced, but on the whole the Spring of life was low. Oh the need for those whose lot it is to go in & out before The People, to have their minds covered with a covering of the Lords Spirit I often feel the need of This. my heart is affected with a sense of my short comings. -

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December 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12th M 1820 / I calculated to go this morning to Portsmouth attend our Monthly Meeting & got in readiness, but when the Stage Coach came along it was so late I concluded we could not get there till about half an hour past the time of Meeting & so gave out with regret, not only on account of the Duty I feel of being with The brethren, but particularly so at this time as there was some buisness to come before The Meeting in which I felt concerned. - Br David Rodman was appointed Clerk & for this peice of devotion in him, to the concerns of Society I feel thankful on his behalf & desirous that it may prove a means of his still further enlargement in usefulness to Society

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December 30, Saturday: Bishop John England arrived in Charleston from [Ireland](#). His diocese would consist of small groups of [Catholics](#) scattered across North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and a portion of Florida. In the South he would, of course, offer separate Mass and Vesper services for persons of color.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 30th of 12th M / I am this day 39 Years of Age,
& am sensible of it, & feel the necessity of greater dedication
of heart, yet am in hopes my Spiritual account is no worse than
last Year
This Afternoon recd a pleasant letter from Uncle Stanton. –
Took tea with my H & John at Br John Rodmans. –*

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December 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 31st of 12 M 1820 / Here endeth the last day of the Year.
– At Meeting this forenoon our aged friend D Buffum delivered a
testimony in Gospel Authority & shone bright on the last day of
the Year. The Meeting was large. – Left Meeting in the Afternoon
to attend the funeral of Thos E Hazard an old acquaintance.²⁷¹
he died at his House at [South Kingstown](#) & was brought to [Newport](#)
& buried in the Easton burying ground near the beach. –*

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould

“Stack of the Artist of Kouroo” Project

271. This was not the “Nailer Tom” Hazard who wrote the famous journal, but one of the other Thomas Hazards of South Kingstown.



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January 1, Monday: Midshipman [George Back](#) was promoted to Lieutenant.

[John James Audubon](#) made himself a new-year's promise that he was gonna paint all of 99 birds in not more than 99 days. He hired some market hunters to bring him dead specimens of various interesting species, stiffing them back up into more or less imaginary naturalistic poses by inserting strong wires inside their flesh. The backgrounds for such naturalistic paintings his student Joseph Mason would add for him, or he would hire others to create for him in bulk.



During this year he and Joseph Mason would go to New Orleans in order to raise funds to continue to travel, and in order to send money back home to his wife Lucy, he would paint on commission and would teach students.

Portuguese troops in Belem, Brazil rebelled and set up a liberal government.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 1st M 1821 / News in Town This morning of the Death of James Burrell Senator in Congress from this State — This may be justly considered a great public loss, few so good men go to Congress, he had in this & former Sessions distinguished himself as a friend to the cause of the Abolition



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of Slavery, & is worthy of double Honor. -²⁷²



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1821. The Court of Common Pleas was then in session at Providence, and on Monday morning, the 1st of January, Gen. Bridgham, in behalf of the Bar, and as President of the General Bar meeting, rose and addressed the Court in the most feeling and impressive manner, on this melancholy event [the death, late in the previous year, of James Burrill, Jr. U.S. Senator from this State]. To which Chief Justice Martin responded in a brief and appropriate notice of the deceased, and in respect to his memory the Court then adjourned. At a General Bar Meeting assembled on the 3d, Resolutions expressive of grief and the highest respect to the memory of the deceased were passed, and Hon. Tristram Burges was appointed to deliver an eulogy on the 15th January - on which day, the members of the bar, and a great portion of the citizens, formed a procession, and marched to the First Congregational Church, where a most impressive and eloquent eulogy was pronounced by Mr. Burges, and solemn dirges and funeral ceremonies were performed. The auditory was bathed in tears, and the speaker himself was so strongly affected, that utterance was sometimes difficult. The newspapers at Washington, and letter writers there to papers in other places, laid their partisan feelings to rest, and spoke in the most respectful terms of his character as a man, a lawyer and a statesman. Mr. Burrill was born in this town in the year 1772; graduated at the University here in 1788; at the age of 19, was admitted to the bar, and at 25 elected Attorney General, which office held sixteen years, and resigned in 1814. In October of that year he was elected a member of the General Assembly, and was soon after chosen Speaker of that body, and continued as such while he held a seat in the House, but from which he was soon after transferred to the bench of the Supreme Judicial Court,

272. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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as Chief Justice. In February, 1817, he was elected Senator to Congress, and before the expiration of half his constitutional term, was carried to the silent grave. He was a fine belles lettres scholar, and eminent lawyer, and able statesman. He was remarkably domestic in his habits, home was the cynosure of his delights, and there he was beloved and honored.



January 4, Thursday: The selectmen of Concord, New Hampshire were authorized to cooperate with the selectmen of the nearby community of Boscawen to repair or rebuild the bridge across the Contoocook River near John Chandler's, with Concord paying half the expense.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 1st M / A Small but favor'd Meeting, Jonathon Dennis appeared in a short but good testimony.

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January 7, Sunday: [Henry Gilman Prichard](#) had very recently been born, son of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#) — but on this day this infant died.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 1 M / It was an uncommonly driving Snow Storm. Meeting in the morning was very small & no woman attended nor was it fit that any should the funeral of Benjamin Sherman which was to have gone to meeting was deferred till tomorrow — In the Afternoon only Six Men attended which (I think) is the smallest Meeting I ever attended Yet in both, to my mind a good degree of The Ancient promise to the "Two or Three" was experienced, for which I desire to be thankful.

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January 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 9th of 1 M / This morning between 5 & 6 O'clock, I was called up to assist in performing one of the last offices for my friend & old respectable neighbour VALENTINE WIGHTMAN who left time about half an hour before, In the 88th Year of his age, he has lived about 20 years in this neighbour hood & was an intimate friend of my father's he sustained the character of an honest man & was greatly esteemed by a numerous circle of friends here & many with whom he transacted business Abroad

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January 11, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st M 1821 / Our first meeting to me was a season of uncommon favor for which I desire to be thankful - In the last (Select) the Solemnity of the first was in good measure



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*preserved under which Solemn covering we were favord to transact
the usual buisness that comes before us. –
This Afternoon attended the funeral of our old neighbour
Wightman*

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January 12, Friday: The New York legislature began purging Federalists from the government.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 1st M 12th / Again this morning called to the house of
Mourning last evening about a quarter before 8 OClock Esther
Bowen wife of Stephen Bowen departed this life. – Spent a few
moments in sympathy with Stephen & her Sister who arrived a few
days before her decease from Danvers – proffered my Services or
advice with respect to the funeral, which was concluded to be
on first day at the Meeting House in the forenoon. —*

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January 14, Sunday: Lieutenant [John Franklin](#)'s party ventured in two canoes from Fort Enterprise down the Coppermine River to the sea, and then along the coast as far east as Bathurst Inlet. Running low on supplies, the party then ventured across the barren tundra in the general direction of Fort Enterprise. Lieutenant [George Back](#) went ahead to search for natives, found some, and sent them to the main group with supplies. Ten men died before the supplies arrived.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 1st M / The funeral of Esther Bowen was this
forenoon & tho' the day was very stormy the Meeting was very
pretty full & it proved a season of favor & Solemnity not soon
to be forgotten, our frd D Buffum & Father Rodman were engaged
in public testimony, I Thought with life & Authority. –*

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January 18, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 18 of 1 M / Considering the much Snow on The ground Our
meeting was well attended both by Male & female & a good time
it was – J Dennis & father Rodman bore short but pertinent
testimonys*

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January 21, Sunday: New-York's North (Hudson) River froze over.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 1st M / Our Morning Meeting was well attended
Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis had short but lively testimonys
In the Afternoon we were Silent, but as many as usual attended*



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in the Afternoon. -

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January 28, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 1 M / Our morning Meeting was pretty well attended, father Rodman appeared in testimony & in the Afternoon Silent meeting - both were pretty good Meetings to me -

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January 30, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 1st M 1821 / Set out this morning for [Providence](#) to attend our apporaching Quarterly Meeting - We went in a Sleigh over the Stone bridge & Sleids ferry our company Isaac Mitchell, David Rodman, Elizabeth Rodman, Mary Williams & Mary Chase. - we dined at Fairfax alias Scra [? right hand margin obscured] Town & reached [Moses Brown](#)'s by tea time where we were kindly received & lodged. -

At the different Meetings which I attended my mind was favord with a good degree of that life which crow[ns] our assemblys & tho' there was Some little of the "bitter herbs w?" the Passover" yet Truth gained the Victory. - In the Meeting for buisness I was appointed assistant Clerk. Th[is] Seemed to me like a Season Somewhat out of Season, ab[out] fifteen years ago I was solicited to accept the same appointment & at that time could I have given up to I believe I should have been in my place & been serviceable, I record this that whoever may read ma[y?] be willing while young to render Such service as they are thought capable of by their friends in the Season of their usefulness. This I believe is the way to become Shining lights, by thus giving up they will grow in usefulness to their own peace & comfort & the satisfaction of their friends, thereby Subservng the Cause of the great Master. -

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February 2, Friday: A Bucktail caucus nominated Martin Van Buren for the federal Senate.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On Sixth day I went to the [School House](#) & spent two long sittings with the [School committee](#) which proved to me a Season of exercise. but am disposed to think all will work together for good & feel encouraged that the institution is in a prosperous State - In the evening returned to Browns & the next morning Our company took the Sleigh & set it on a pair of Coach Wheels kindly lent us by [Moses Brown](#) They reached home at Noon on First day



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but I returned on 7th day in the Mail Stage. –

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February 4, Sunday: Frederick Goddard Tuckerman was born in [Boston](#) to Sophia May and Edward Tuckerman, a local merchant.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 2 M 1821 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in testimony - in the Afternoon Silent Meeting - to me they were seasons of Some encouragement. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



February 8, Thursday: Franz Schubert's song "Sehnsucht" to words of Schiller was performed for the initial time, in the Musikverein, Vienna.

Enactment of bylaws for the Social Library of [Concord](#), Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8th of 2nd M / Our meeting was a comfortable Season, Some [of? left hand margin obscured] four young females attended who are not members, whose countenances bespoke solidity & reverance - Father Rodman [in] a short testimony - In sitting down [this] evening & feeling after the Witness of Truth & life in my own mind, I have humbly to acknowledge [the?] renewings of it in my own heart, it has risen [to] my encouragement, & furnished renewed evidence [that] I am not forsaken. - Oh Blessed be the Name of the Lord, that notwithstanding the many short [com]ing & sometimes backslidings of my rebellious heart [he is] still near, & visits, he renews the touches of his love to my comfort. –

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February 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 2nd M 1821 / Father Rodman & Jona Dennis were both engaged in public testimony in the mornng Meeting & in the Afternoon Silent. After the last Meeting went with J Dennis to visit James Goddard Son of Thos Goddard who lays very low in a [consumption](#). our visit seemed to be acceptable to him & was very comfortable to us. The evident peaceful frame of his mind & the Solemnity felt on sitting down with him, warranted the belief that Holy help was near –

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February 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 15th of 2nd M / At Meeting a Short testimony from Jona Dennis. – it is a little remarkable that the first thing that occurred to my mind on waking this morning was the Passage of Scripture which he mentioned Vizt - "Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way, By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

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Mr. Meigs of the United States House of Representatives again made a proposal in regard to the evil of human enslavement and in regard to the persistence of the international slave trade:

"Whereas slavery, in the United States, is an evil, acknowledged to be of great and increasing magnitude, ... therefore,
"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of devoting five hundred million acres of the public lands, next west of the Mississippi, as a fund for the purpose of, in the
"First place; Employing a naval force, competent to the annihilation of the slave trade," etc. Question to consider decided in the affirmative, 63 to 50; laid on the table, 66 to 55. HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress, 2d session, page 238; ANNALS OF CONGRESS, 16th Congress, 2d session, pages 1168-70.



February 18, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18th of 2nd M / Father Rodman & David Buffum were both engaged in testimony in the forenoon Meeting, & in the Afternoon both were Silent. –
Rec'd this morning From my F Thos Thompsons of Liverpool [who assisted Paul Cuffe when Cuffe first arrived, friend with whom Paul Cuffe stayed in 1811, 9th month just before leaving England] a Pacquet containinng a letter from him dated the 28th of 11th M last George Bishops New England Judged and address by Thos Shillito to Friends in England & Ireland & a Manuscript Book in the hand writing of Griffeth Given entitled "A Collection of some Papers writt By DANIEL GOULD & MADE PUBLIC in order to Promote Piety & good Works By G O & T C The circumstance of this Ancient & (to me) valuable manuscript comeing into my Possession [is] quite remarkable & on this wise, many years ago when I was a lad I used to visit my much loved cousin Bathsheba Gould who lived then at Middletown in the family of her Brother Thomas Gould in my visits to her she used to amuse me & ot[her] of her young relations with Anecdotes of our venerable predecessor Daniel Gould & would read to us some of The Papers, which were his & among them two letters from Griffith Owen to him, in one of which. dated 30th of 1 M 1714 was contained information that "he & Thomas Chalkley had perused his papers, sorted & placed them with titles to each & had written a preface, & that Friends in Philadelphia being Slow & backward in Printing & their Printer not an Artist, he had concluded to send it to Great Britain to be printed & had ordered*




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mony there to be paid for them if he approved of it. -having got them transcribed fair in a Book." This information I treasured & pondered in my mind till at length cousin Bathsheba gave me the letters & having become acquainted with Thos Thompson by letter thro' the introduction of Wm Rickaman & understanding he was an Antiquarian I copyed the whole of the foregoing letter & sent to him in quiring if he had any knowledge of the Book therin mentioned, & to my joy & Astonishment he sent me the Identical manuscript as popyed [copyed?] by Griffith Owen it appears from some cause to have been overlooked [-?] to the printing, but carfully preserved in the original Manuscript, & to me is a valuable acquisition.

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 February 22, Thursday: US Marshal John H. Morel reported that he at that time held 212 Africans of the negrero Antelope (one had disappeared, one had been "judicially discharged," and 44 had died).

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Dr. Abiel Heywood was administered an oath in regard to the Concord Social Library.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1821 / The travelling is very bad, & I felt afraid to go with any one in a Chaise & considerd it improper for me to be at The expence of one alone, so I concluded to omit going to Portsmouth to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held there. - In the Afternoon attended the funeral of James Goddard son of Thomas on the Point
Father Rodman was engaged in testimony & it proved a pretty solid opportunity - he [James Goddard] was not member of society, but being descended from friends bury in our ground & according to our custom.*

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 February 23, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 2 M 1821 / This evening Sally Brown spent with us, & to me it was an agreeable time - Oh that she & I too were more religiously devoted. -

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The "rapid consumption" mentioned by Shelley -the last stage of the tuberculosis he had caught from tending his brother Tom Keats in the previous year - resulted in John Keats's death at the age of 25 in a small room overlooking the Spanish Steps in Rome.

"Bring me the candle," he called to Brown, with whom he was staying, "and let me see this blood." He looked at the bright red spot on his pillow and then, his excitement and intoxication gone, he said calmly, "I know the colour of that blood. It's



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arterial blood.... That blood is my death warrant."



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Famous Last Words:



"What school is more profitably instructive than the death-bed of the righteous, impressing the understanding with a convincing evidence, that they have not followed cunningly devised fables, but solid substantial truth."

— A COLLECTION OF MEMORIALS CONCERNING DIVERS DECEASED MINISTERS, Philadelphia, 1787



"The death bed scenes & observations even of the best & wisest afford but a sorry picture of our humanity. Some men endeavor to live a constrained life — to subject their whole lives to their will as he who said he might give a sign if he were conscious after his head was cut off — but he gave no sign Dwell as near as possible to the channel in which your life flows."

—Thoreau's JOURNAL, March 12, 1853

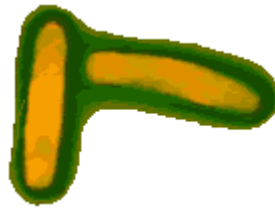
1821	John Keats	dying of TB in Rome	"Severn ... I am dying ... I shall die easy ... don't be frightened ... be firm and thank God it has come."
1825	Phebe Walker Bliss	died in Concord	"Don't call Dr. Ripley his boots squeak so, Mr. Emerson used to step so softly, his boots never squeaked."
	Emerson Ripley		
1826	Thomas Jefferson	died at 12:50PM	"Is it the 4th? —Ah."
1826	John Adams	died at 5: 30PM — Jefferson actually had, in Virginia, predeceased him	"Thomas Jefferson still surv..."
1830	King George IV	early one morning in Windsor Castle	"Good God, what is this? — My boy, this is death."
1832	Sam Sharpe	being hanged after an unsuccessful slave revolt on the island of Jamaica	"I would rather die on yonder gallows than live in slavery."
... other famous last words ...			



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Here is Keats's deathmask:





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➡ March: According to a comet list published in Boston in 1846, attributed to Professor Benjamin Peirce (the fingernail in the photo belongs to Brad Dean, who rooted out this information in the Harvard stacks):

No.	Date.	Greenwich M. S. T. of Peri- helion Passage.	Longitude of Ascend- ing Node.	Longitude of Peri- helion.	Angle betw. Perihelion and Node.	Inclination.	Perihelion Distance.	Eccentric- ity.	Period of Revolution.	Directio	Name of Computer.
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133	1819	Nov. 20.24484	77 39 54	67 44 45	350 4 51	9 1 16	0.892559	0.6867458	4.810	D	Encke.
134	1821	Mar. 21.21198	49 8 35	240 0 10	169 8 25	73 20 0	0.0922882			R	Rumker.
		Mar. 21.53656	49 5 13	239 53 42	169 11 31	73 33 7	0.0918232			R	Rosenberger.
135	1822	May 23.56388	177 1 31	193 26 47	343 34 44	53 48 36	0.502736			R	Encke.
E	1822	May 23.56388	177 1 31	193 26 47	343 34 44	53 48 36	0.502736	0.8445479	3.318	D	Encke.
136	1822	July 16.03382	98 14 50	220 17 15	237 57 35	37 43 4	0.84612			R	Heiligenstein.
137	1822	Oct. 23.99639	93 10 58	271 53 23	181 17 35	52 39 7	1.1433992	0.9914768	1550	R	Encke.
		23.80102	93 5 50	271 59 45	181 6 5	52 40 41	1.146091	0.9823022	1817	R	Rumker.
138	1823	Dec. 9.43750	303 25 25	274 55 5	98 30 20	76 12 6	0.2267453			R	Nicolai.
139	1824	July 11.511	134 40 29	60 31 12	231 2 37	54 34 19	0.591263			R	Rumker.
140	1824	Sept. 29.06645	279 37 53	4 53 15	85 15 22	54 35 32	1.049835			D	Encke.
141	1825	May 30.353	20 38 4	273 25 7	107 12 57	58 35 58	0.9020186			R	Rumker.
142	1825	Aug. 18.71105	193 17 5	10 35 21	177 18 16	89 41 47	0.8834712			D	Clausen.
143	1825	Dec. 10.68187	216 3 23	319 6 50	256 56 33	33 32 39	1.240849	0.9953690	4386	R	Hansen.
		10.77845	216 5 6	318 49 2	257 16 4	33 31 3	1.045837	0.9562464	152	R	Rumker.
B	1826	May 18.96231	251 46 6	110 11 19	218 25 13	13 33 15	0.902430	0.7470093	6.737	D	Gambert.
144	1826	Apr. 21.977	180 197 56	40 117 19	33 279 22	53 40 0	26 2.007902	1.0089597		D	Nicolai.
145	1826	Apr. 29.03904	40 48 51	36 7 51	4 41 0	5 17 2	0.1881167			D	Nicolai.
146	1826	Oct. 8.95224	44 25 42	58 7 38	13 41 56	25 57 18	0.85281			R	Cluver.
147	1826	Nov. 18.41206	235 27 10	155 3 20	80 23 50	90 37 50	0.0268914			D	Argelander.
148	1827	Feb. 4.92144	184 46 47	33 49 14	150 57 33	77 35 35	0.50652			R	Cluver.
149	1827	June 7.84112	318 29 10	297 50 24	20 38 46	43 38 45	0.808154			R	Heiligenstein.
150	1827	Sept. 11.69286	149 57 56	251 15 57	258 41 59	54 4 42	0.1378433	0.9992730	2611	R	Heiligenstein.
151	1830	April 9.30062	206 38 28	212 11 44	5 23 16	21 16 28	0.9214454			R	Cluver. [Mayer.
										D	Haedenkampff and

SKY EVENT

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 3rd M 1821 / Silent & to me a solid good meeting
The number was rather smaller than usual owing to the bad
Walking. -

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➡ March 4, Sunday: Elizabeth Georgiana Adelaide Hanover died at the age of three months.

Eusebio Bardaji y Azara replaced Joaquin Anduaga Cuenca as the Spanish 1st Secretary of State.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st 4 of 3 M / Silent meetings & to me Poverty was my Portion
in both

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➡ March 8, Thursday: In the Musikverein of Vienna, "Gruppe aus dem Tartarus," a song by Franz Schubert to words of Schiller, was performed for the initial time.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 3rd M / Oh! for a growth in Grace & knowledge of



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the Truth, both in myself & others. —

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March 11, Sunday: Daniel Dennis of Gloucester, 47 years of age, drowned at sea.

Sardinian liberals issued a manifesto calling for the unification of [Italy](#).



A [negrero](#) flying the US flag, the *Esencia*, master Brown, on its only known Middle Passage, delivered a cargo of 113 Africans at Matanzas, Cuba.

THE MIDDLE PASSAGE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 3rd M / Our meetings were well attended. In the forenoon D Buffum, Father Rodman & J Dennis were engaged in testimony & in the Afternoon Father again had a short communication

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March 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 3rd M / Our meeting was a season of some comfortable feelings, but in some parts of it, it was difficult to tell whether strength or weakness predominated. -- In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Mary Wanton widow of the late John E Wanton & a distant relation of Mine on the side of my Mother, her Age was 92 Years & about 11 Months Her maiden name was Bull & was great grand daughter of the late Governor Henry Bull She was a member of society, & has lived with her Son in Law Daniel Lyman for some Years in the Town of Johnson & their died on the 12th inst & was brought down here to be buried with her husband & Son Gideon who both lay in our burying ground. [Gideon had been engaged in the [international slave trade](#)] The sitting was a Solid time & father Rodman delivered a short testimony. —

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March 16, Friday: Carlo Felice of Sardinia forced Carlo Alberto to renounce the throne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16th of 3rd M 1821 / This forenoon Uncle & Aunt Stanton arrived with their Baggage, intending to settle on their Farm in [Portsmouth](#) — This Afternoon I went on board the Packet (Ann Maria) that brought them & sailed round the North end of the Island thro' the Stone Bridge afterwhich we Anchored under Goulds Island & Staid all night. in the night it blowed hard at SE & I Slept but little, next Morning (7th day) after breakfast we run down to the farm & laid the sloop on shore & got all




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things into the house early in the Afternoon. I slept there with Uncle & next morning (1 day [Sunday]) came home but not in season to get to Meeting, & in the Afternoon, I felt unwell with a cold & fatigue & staid at home

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 March 22, Thursday: The Inquisition was abolished in Portugal. The Banco de Lisboa was established.

[Hector Berlioz](#) received a *Bachelier es lettres* (the baccalaureate degree) at Grenoble.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 3 M / Silent Meeting – Poverty my portion, but had some satisfaction in a labor to obtain life. –


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 March 23, Friday: Austrian troops entered [Naples](#) to restore King Ferdinando to absolutism, sparking widespread uprisings.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 3rd M / Wrote this forenoon to cousin Lewis L Clarke & in the letter was favored to address Cousin Hannah & her daughters Hannah & Mary Ann much to my own satisfaction.

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 March 25, Sunday: Some sources say that on this day Greece gained its independence. Other sources say that on this day sporadic, unconnected uprisings occurred in Greece against Turkish rule.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 3rd M / Our meetings were Seasons of some favor. In the Morning Father Rodman delivered a short sweet good testimony – Silent in the Afternoon. –

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 March 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26th of 3rd M / This Morning took John in the Waggon & went out & visited Auncle & Aunt Stanton in Their new habitation, found them as comfortably settled as could be expected for the time, but they begin to miss the Society of the City, & probably will feel lonesome till the summer sets in, & time wears out those attachments which they have long had to more Social 7 buisy scenes – after tea we rode home. –

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March 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 3rd M 1821 / Various circumstances have conspired to renew in my mind a conviction which I have been long under Vizt the Religion is the only & alone thing that can sustain the mind thro' the Losses & crosses, visissitudes & disappointments, attendant on the Passage thro' time, to what else have we to flee when the mind is reduced to any streight, it is not, situation, money or friends, for all these fail, & are naught but the Everlasting Truth is a sure basis to build on it is a sure & certain hiding place, on which all the Righteous in every Age of the World have built on & fled too, & found Safty. here the beseting things of time have no effect, for the mind knows a rest a Hope beyond them, & Oh Saith my soul may this Rest & Hope be my Portion

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March 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 3 M / Our first meeting was a season of some favor D Buffum engaged in a lively testimony - The last (Monthly) we had considerable buisness, & some exercise was experienced in transacting it, but on the whole I trust it was not an unprofitable Meeting to me

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April 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 4 M 1821 / Our Morning Meeting was large & favord, Anne Dennis deliverd a short but acceptable testimony - In the Afternoon The funeral of our Ancient friend Mary Sisson widow of Edward Sisson went to meeting which was large & attended with uncommon solemnity. D Buffum was first engaged in a very sweet & lively testimony, he was followed by Hannah Dennis, & then Jonathon & Hannah concluded in solemn reverend Supplication to the throne [at the bottom left of the page "a most us-"] of Grace for help & preservation thro' visissitudes of time - & the Meeting closed under as solemn a covering as I ever felt - The Corpse was interd in the upper ground in the Medow field by the side of her late husband - She was the daughter of old James Chase & a woman much respected by friends & others -

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April 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 4th M 1821 / I have finished transcribing the Manuscript sent me by Thos Thompson of Liverpool that was written by my great great Grandfather DANIEL GOULD, a Certificate & epistle which he rec'd from friends in Maryland, and also to write some little account of his Life & make a few extracts from his Journal. -- & if I can complete all this to



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my Mind, I think to send it to the Meeting for Sufferings, to see if they will not think it best to publish it. –

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April 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 4 M / Our meeting was silent, & to me rather a dull season, particularly so as I was laboring under an hard cold & Cough – After Meeting The committee in care of the Jamestown Meeting met & concluded to open a meeting there the insuing season. –

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April 8, Sunday: Austrian forces defeated the Piedmontoise followers of Carlo Alberto at Novara west of Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 4 M / Our Meetings were both Silent but seasons of precious favor to me. – the women's side of the house was thin, as it rained hard most of the day – My desires are that Zion may yet arise & shine in her ancient splendor, & for this has been the travel of my spirit this day together with the preservation of mine own Soul. – There are generally a goodly number attends our Meeting who sit quietly & seem to know a better feeding place than that of Words

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April 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 4th M 1821 / Our first meeting was a solid opportunity. Abigail Sherman spoke a short testimony also Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged in short lively communications – The Select Meeting which followed was a Season of Search, & some weighty considerations proposed. –

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April 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13th of 4 M / This Afternoon Went out of Town on buisness intending to stay some days – lodged at Pardon Browns where I went to clean his Clock – Next morning finding myself unwell, finished my buisness & returned home in the Afternoon & found Uncle Stanton had sent in for my H & John to spend the Day, & stay all night, & finding the exercise of Walking had much relieved my back which was very lame, I took a Chaise & went out again, & got to Uncle Stantons fofore tea time, where we lodged. –

Next Morning being First Day we went to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting where



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we found Sarah Tucker who appeared twice in Testimony & a few words were spoken by Anne Dennis & a precious Meeting it Was. Sarah I thought was favord to speak to the States of some present in a remarkable manner. – We returned & dined at Uncle Stantons spent the Afternoon & rode home. –

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April 19, Thursday: In an attempt to develop a remote coal area, the British Parliament passed a bill to build a steam rail line from Darlington to Stockton-on-Tees.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 4th M / I feel this morning my mind quickened & enlivened with desires for preservation & enlargement – at last a dull meeting & so we see times & seasons are not at our command

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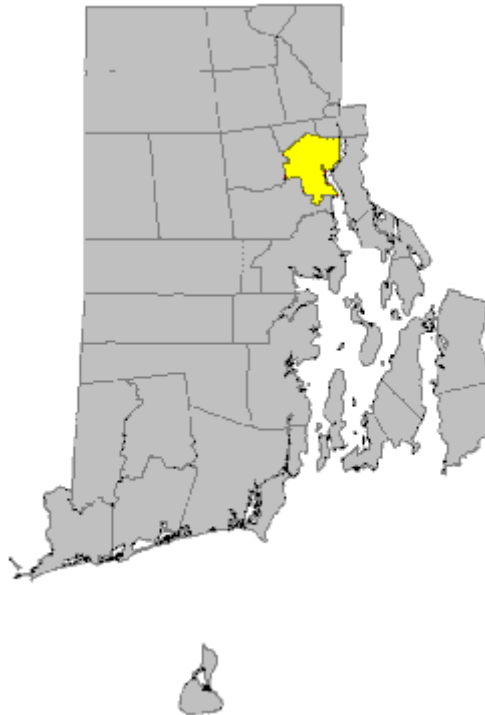
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April 22, Easter Sunday: James [Burrill Curtis](#) was born in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to the newlywed couple George Curtis and Mary Elizabeth Burrill Curtis.



In response to unrest in his Romanian lands and a massacre of Turks by Greeks in the Morea, the Ottoman sultan ordered that the Ecumenical Patriarch Gregorios be hanged in front of his palace in Constantinople. The Archbishops of Adrianople, Thessalonika, and Tirnovo were also hanged. There would follow widespread massacres of Christians by Turks in Thessaly, Macedonia, and Anatolia.

In the Karntnertortheater of Vienna, Franz Schubert's male vocal quartet "Die Nachtigall" to words of Unger was performed for the initial time.

King Joao of Portugal appointed Dom Pedro as his regent in Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 4 M / Our Meetings were well attended. In the Morning D Buffum just lifted the latch for Sarah Tucker who followed in a very pertinent & well Authorised testimony at two different Standings – In The Afternoon She was again concerned in a short but lively testimony - Henry Gould & John T Nichols set the evng with us.

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April 23, Monday: A Polonaise in A_b by [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) was performed for the initial time, by the composer and his teacher, Wojciech Zywny.

Francisco de Paula Escudero replaced Eusebio Bardaji y Azara as First Secretary of State of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23rd of 4th M 1821 / This Afternoon our fr Sarah Tucker finished her family visits in This town, but did not make a general visit in [Newport](#) her concern laying chiefly to those who had familys particularly of young children - Father Rodman accompanied her about Town - In [Portsmouth](#) & [Middletown](#) her visits were more general - & all to good satisfaction - It is cause of thankfulness that The father of Mercies is moving on the hearts of his servants to labor in the Vineyards & May this labor of love prove to his honor - may the good seed be sown, take root downward & spring upward & produce an hundred fold.-

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April 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 4th M / This Afternoon went with Dr Hazard to take a ride. - We went to visit my Aged cousin Elizabeth Chase Spent the time & took tea with her - during this visit my mind dwelt much on Old times a degree of pleasure & pain Attending

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[Daniel Webster](#) appealed to the Senate of Massachusetts that they not impeach his client, Judge James Prescott.²⁷³

Mr. President, the case is closed! The fate of the respondent is in your hands. It is for you now to say, whether, from the law and the facts as they have appeared before you, you will proceed to disgrace and disfranchise him. If your duty calls on you to convict him, let justice be done, and convict him; but, I adjure you, let it be a clear, undoubted case. Let it be so for his sake, for you are robbing him of that for which, with all your high powers, you can yield him no compensation; let it be so for your own sakes, for the responsibility of this day's judgment is one which you must carry with you through life. For myself, I am willing here to relinquish the character of an advocate, and to express opinions by which I am prepared to be bound as a citizen and a man. And I say upon my honor and conscience, that I see not how, with the law and constitution for your guides, you can pronounce the respondent guilty. I declare that I have seen no case of wilful and corrupt official misconduct, set forth according to the requisitions of the constitution, and proved according to the common rules of evidence. I see many things imprudent and ill-judged; many

273. Edwin P. Whipple's THE GREAT SPEECHES AND ORATIONS OF DANIEL WEBSTER WITH AN ESSAY ON DANIEL WEBSTER AS A MASTER OF ENGLISH STYLE (Boston: Little, Brown, 1879).



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things that I could wish had been otherwise; but corruption and crime I do not see.

Sir, the prejudices of the day will soon be forgotten; the passions, if any there be, which have excited or favored this prosecution will subside; but the consequence of the judgment you are about to render will outlive both them and you. The respondent is now brought, a single, unprotected individual, to this formidable bar of judgment, to stand against the power and authority of the State. I know you can crush him, as he stands before you, and clothed as you are with the sovereignty of the State. You have the power "to change his countenance and to send him away." Nor do I remind you, that your judgment is to be rejudged by the community; and, as you have summoned him for trial to this high tribunal, that you are soon to descend yourselves from these seats of justice, and stand before the higher tribunal of the world. I would not fail so much in respect to this honorable court as to hint that it could pronounce a sentence which the community will reverse. No, Sir, it is not the world's revision which I would call on you to regard; but that of your own consciences, when years have gone by and you shall look back on the sentence you are about to render. If you send away the respondent, condemned and sentenced, from your bar, you are yet to meet him in the world on which you cast him out. You will be called to behold him a disgrace to his family, a sorrow and a shame to his children, a living fountain of grief and agony to himself.

If you shall then be able to behold him only as an unjust judge, whom vengeance has overtaken and justice has blasted, you will be able to look upon him, not without pity, but yet without remorse. But if, on the other hand, you shall see, whenever and wherever you meet him, a victim of prejudice or of passion, a sacrifice to a transient excitement; if you shall see in him a man for whose condemnation any provision of the constitution has been violated or any principle of law broken down, then will he be able, humble and low as may be his condition, then will he be able to turn the current of compassion backward, and to look with pity on those who have been his judges. If you are about to visit this respondent with a judgment which shall blast his house; if the bosoms of the innocent and the amiable are to be made to bleed under your infliction, I beseech you to be able to state clear and strong grounds for your proceeding. Prejudice and excitement are transitory, and will pass away. Political expediency, in matters of judicature, is a false and hollow principle, and will never satisfy the conscience of him who is fearful that he may have given a hasty judgment. I earnestly entreat you, for your own sakes, to possess yourselves of solid reasons, founded in truth and justice, for the judgment you pronounce, which you can carry with you till you go down into your graves; reasons which it will require no argument to revive, no sophistry, no excitement, no regard to popular favor, to render satisfactory to your consciences; reasons which you can appeal to in every crisis of your lives, and which shall be



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able to assure you, in your own great extremity, that you have not judged a fellow-creature without mercy.

Sir, I have done with the case of this individual, and now leave it in your hands. But I would yet once more appeal to you as public men; as statesmen; as men of enlightened minds, capable of a large view of things, and of foreseeing the remote consequences of important transactions; and, as such, I would most earnestly implore you to consider fully of the judgment you may pronounce. You are about to give a construction to constitutional provisions which may adhere to that instrument for ages, either for good or evil. I may perhaps overrate the importance of this occasion to the public welfare; but I confess it does appear to me that, if this body give its sanction to some of the principles which have been advanced on this occasion, then there is a power in the State above the constitution and the law; a power essentially arbitrary and despotic, the exercise of which may be most dangerous. If impeachment be not under the rule of the constitution and the laws, then may we tremble, not only for those who may be impeached, but for all others. If the full benefit of every constitutional provision be not extended to the respondent, his case becomes the case of all the people of the Commonwealth. The constitution is their constitution. They have made it for their own protection, and for his among the rest. They are not eager for his conviction. They desire not his ruin. If he be condemned, without having his offences set forth in the manner which they, by their constitution, have prescribed, and in the manner which they, by their laws, have ordained, then not only is he condemned unjustly, but the rights of the whole people are disregarded. For the sake of the people themselves, therefore, I would resist all attempts to convict by straining the laws or getting over their prohibitions. I hold up before him the broad shield of the constitution; if through that he be pierced and fall, he will be but one sufferer in a common catastrophe.



April 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 4th M / This Afternoon Walked out to Uncle Stantons & lodged - Next Morning Rode with Aunt Patty to Meeting it being Monthly Meeting - In the first Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively sweet testimony of encouragement & Sarah Tucker was concerned in a Truly Apostolic testimony which strengthened (I have no doubt) The hearts of Many brethren - Mine did rejoice to feel renewed spring of gospel love flow to the people & a very good meeting it Was. - The buisness of the last meeting went on well - A proposition was made from the Select Committee to add some suitable friends as Elders which after being considered, a committee was appointed to consider of The Subject & report such names as they might think suitable. - Returned & dined at Uncle Stantons sister Ruth with us - & after dinner Uncle Sent his waggon to bring us home. -

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April 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 4th M 1821 / Yesterday Afternoon I went to Conannicut & lodged last Night at Cousin Joseph Greenes - Attended Meeting there, it being the first held there this season. it was Father Rodmans & Ruth Mitchells turn to go, but they both being unwell, I went in their stead - it was a large Meeting & a good solid one - Mary Weedon delivered a short testimony

Dined at Joseph Greenes & returned in season to attend Afternoon Meeting at home - in which Jons Dennis & Hannah Dennis bore a short testimony

It has been as day of some favor to me. -

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May 1, Tuesday: At the Tuileries in Paris, Blanche de Provence, ou La cour de fees, an opera by Luigi Cherubini, Adrien Boeildieu and three others to words of Theaulon de Lambert and de Rance, was performed for the initial time.

Samuel Phillips Prescott Fay was appointed as Judge of Probate.

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THE 1ST TUESDAY IN MAY WAS THE ANNUAL
“MUSTER DAY,” ON WHICH ALL THE ABLEBODIED
WHITE MEN OF A TOWN WERE SUPPOSEDLY
REQUIRED TO FALL INTO FORMATION, WITH THEIR
PERSONAL FIREARMS, TO UNDERGO THEIR
ANNUAL DAY OF MILITARY TRAINING AND MILITIA
INDOCTRINATION.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 5 M 1821 / Our friends have this forenoon gone to attend The Quarterly Meeting at Greenwich - every circumstance considered I felt most easy to Stay at home tho' I trust my concern for the good cause is not decreased yet considering that I have attended five Quarterly Meetings in Succession & thereby have expended more time & money than I can afford, I believe it was best at this time to omit going - Often at these meetings has my strength been renewed & my



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understanding enlarged & it is my testimony that it is worth while to devote as much time to them as we can consistently the faces of our friends revive us, love is increased by an intercourse with them, & thus are helped & are helpful to others.

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May 2, Wednesday: Carl Maria von Weber and his spouse Caroline Brandt arrived in Berlin from Dresden for the premiere of Der Freischutz.

Les Arts rivaux, a scene lyrique by Adrien Boieldieu and Berton to words of Chazet, was performed for the initial time, at the Hotel de Ville, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2 of 5 M / This has been a day of bustle & some confusion being the Annual State Election, but tho' I have been necessarily exposed to some of it, yet my mind has been in good measure abstracted & feel thankful that no accident has occurred in the course of it

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May 3, Thursday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave a concert in Berlin. While in the city, he would make the acquaintance of royal Kapellmeister Gasparo Spontini.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd 5th M 1821 / Oh! the poverty of our meeting this day – while I hope & trust there were some present that enjoyed the light of life, I have to lament my own nothingness

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May 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 5th M / Friends have returned from [Greenwich](#) & give a pretty favorable account of the Quarterly Meeting – Sister Ruth informs that a number of Friends remembered their love to us, which was comfortable – Also that Our Aged cousin Abigail Casey is very low & evidently drawing near the close of life. She sent her love to us probably for the last time. –

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May 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 5 M / Our Meetings were both Silent, to me seasons of some exercise, some favor & some leanness. –

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May 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*5th day 10th of 5 M / Silent Meeting - I have humbly to
acknowledge that I am poor. - Oh may light & life again arise. -*

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May 13, Sunday: [Issachar J. Roberts](#) was baptized by the Reverend William Martin in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 5 M / In the Morning a large Solid & favord Meeting
our Frd D Buffum was engaged in a weighty lively & pertinent
testimony on the Subject of Silent Meetings The dear old mans
shines bright & is remarkably green in old age. -Hannah Dennis
followed him in a corresponding testimony, sweet lively & in
Authority -
Silent in the Afternoon but a good Meeting Sister Elizabeth teek
tea & spent the evening with us.*

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May 14, Monday: Olympia, an opera by Gaspare Spontini to words of Dieulafoy and Briffaut, translated by Hoffmann, was performed for the initial time, in the Berlin Opera. The audience included Carl Maria von Weber, in town for the premiere of Der Freischutz. This was the German version of Olympie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 14th of 5 M / Attended the funeral of Nancy Dennis the
sitting was solid & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & to
my feeling pertinent testimony. -- She was once a member of our
Society & was buried after our manner & in our burying place
near the Meeting house by the side of her Mother Lydia Dennis
Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from my unknown frd Thos Thompson
of Liverpool [Friend Stephen had never met him in
person, but must have known of him through [Paul Cuffe](#)]
dated 31 of 3 M last wherein he acknowledges the receipt of my
letter & several Books & manuscripts, sent him some time past. -*

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May 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17th of 5th M 1821 / At Meeting Jona Dennis was engaged
in a Shroort testimony. - it was a season of exercise to me,
& I hope to some proffit. -*

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May 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20th of 5th M / Proving await me. The Prayer of my Soul
is for preservation. - I long to attain to that State of
Christian experience wherein the things which perplex vex &
grieve can have no assendency*



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Our Meetings were both Silent & I thought favord - The Morning meetitng was very full, & the Afternoon larger than common, in some measure owing to their being no meetings at two of the other Meeting houses in town.-

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May 24, Thursday: Piaui adhered to the liberal government of Belem, Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 5 M / Our meeting was about as usual for size, was solid & comfortable to my mind - To some present I have no [known?] it was a Season of baptism, of proffitable Baptism. - Jonathon Dennis was concerned in a short testimony. -

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May 27, Sunday: Charles Griffin of Gloucester, 23 years of age, died in Batavia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 5 M / Our founnoon meeting was a season of precious favour to my mind. - Hannah Dennis was concerned in a sweet & lively testimony - on the subject of Samuels going to anoint a king from the house of Jesse, first the oldest tallest & best looking, came before him, which proved not to be the one & so in succession till it went thro' the family till it came to the youngest who was young & ruddy in countenance - this contrary to appearance & expectation proved to be the one on whom royal dignaty Was to be confered. here She drew the contrast between a Specious religion, goodly in appearance, but not of the right stamp. - & that which was meek & lowly & more likely to be overlooked but of the true kind & recommended to us to be inward in our minds that we might come to the true discernment between thing & thing - Father Rodman enlarged on her Subject shewing the liability of human judgement in matters of religion - had Samuel attended to his first impression when he exclaimed that "Surely the Lords anointed was before him." he would have erred & anointed the wrong person, thereby involving himself & the nation in much affliction &c. - Hannah concluded in Solemn supplication - In the Afternoon we were Silent, but a solid Good meeting, & as in the morning several attended who are not usual attendants of our meetings - After Meeting I took John & went out to D Buffums & took tea with him & his wife.

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May 31, Thursday: Formal dedication of the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in [Baltimore](#), the first [Roman Catholic](#) cathedral in the USA. The construction, designed by [Benjamin Henry Latrobe](#), had begun in 1806.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th M 31st 1821 5th day / In our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this Day Anne Greene appeared in testimony with much sweetnes - there were two other short testimonys of the Authority for which I can say but little - In the last we had considerable buisness & among it was the weighty appointment of a female Elder which resulted (I trust) to her encouragement & (I hope) & believe to the satisfaction of the Meeting. - Ruth Mitchell, Adam Anthony & Doctor Wadswroth dined with us. - This evening between 7 OClock DIED JONATHON ALM, Town Clerk, Aged 76 years he had been Town Clerk about 20 years

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June 2, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 6 M 1821 / This Afternoon attended the funeral of my Old friend JONATHON ALMY, he was a pleasant companion & I loved him much & shall miss him for a long time, in his Office he was affable & kind, & having frequent reason to go to the Town Clerks office I became intimate with him - my mind was more than commonly affected at his funeral. - This Afternoon Sister Mary came down to have a tooth pulled, in which she suffered much which --tul my sympathy [word obscured by spine]

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June 3, Sunday: Gigar Iyasu replaced Iyoas II Hezqeyas as Emperor of Ethiopia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 6th M 1821 / Our Meeting was large this morning & D Buffum was engaged in a lively & powerful testimony - In the Afternoon it was well attended & Silent. - A very considerable number meets with us who are not members, & I trust they, or many of them, come from religious motives, & I trust know how to enjoy a Silent meeting. -

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June 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 6th M / Felt my self under the necessity this mornng to leave my buisness & go with Doctor Hazard, out to Uncle Stantons, he has been quite unwell for some time & required bleeding. - the operation affected him much & made him very sick




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& faint but before we left him This Afternoon he was about & quite Smart. –

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 June 7, Thursday: A group of Greek landowners declared itself the government of the Peloponnesus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 7th of 6M / I was sorry to be detained from meeting this day, but having buisness of a peculiar nature that could not be defer'd, submitted with reluctance to my situation – Those who were at meeting said it was a precious season & that short testimonys were deliverd by Father Rodman & Abigail Robinson. –

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 June 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 6th M / Our Yearly meeting begins at [Portsmouth](#) this morning. I went out last night to Uncle Stantons & Lodged –Our Select meeting was a Season of favor Our frd Stephen Grellet was engaged in much Gospel love to point out many christian experiences & Doctrines to the consolation of many present & I supposed a few were disturbed at Some things he Said. – After Meeting I returned & dined dat Uncle Stantons & in the After Meeting rode home in the Rain & got much weter than I have been in many years –

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 June 10, Sunday: There was a major fire in Bridgetown on the island of Barbados.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 6th M 1821 / The Morning Meeting was large as usual – The first I could not approve being of J S & of a spirit that stands for condemnation. – After some time Hannah Field was engaged in a precious testimony & Stephen Grellett was very large & Truth rose over all, by his testimony, soon after which The Meeting closed. –

In the Afternoon the Meeting was interrupted in the forepart of it by two unsavory appearances, at least they were unseasonable & I believe did no good – next Hannah Field was concerned in a well Authorised & skilfull testimony then Deborah Otis in Supplication, & Mary Allen in a Baptising testimony concluded the Meeting

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 June 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / The Meeting opened under a very solemn covering David



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Buffum appeared in a very reverend & impressive testimony - his opening was, where the Apostles received an injunction to tarry in Jerusalem untill they were endued with Power from on high. - Then Stephen Grellett in a solemn & very Baptising prayer, & the meeting under that covering proceeded to buisness & went thro' the usual service, in conducting which Some little Spirits Shewed themselves, but Truth rose above all & held dominion thro' all. - it is a season of deep trial & exercise in society, but I trust Zion will arise & shine & her Ancient beauty will be more & more conspicuous to people & Nations. - In the Afternoon we were again troubled as last Year with Jeremiah Austin, a disowned member from [Nantucket](#), he came and took his seat & persisted in Sitting but After a while by persuasion went out. - After which S Grellett addressed the meeting in a very Solemn manner on the subject of Watchfulness least we also become castaways, alluding to Jeremiah who had once stood well in society - The Answers to the queries excited many remarks from many exercised friends, & tho' the wormwood was again dispenced, yet Truth bore the dominion, & there was renew'd cause to trust in Israels Shepperd, who will never forsake his humble dependant ones, not leave his Church without faithful Pillars to Support it The Meeting adjourned till 4 OClock tommorrow Afternoon

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June 12, Tuesday: [Egypt](#) annexed the Sudan.

Ontario [Canal](#) Company subscriptions reached \$20,000.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / The Select Meeting was a season wherein a portion of Affliction was dispenced, but Truth was in dominion to the comfort & encouragement of Many hearts, Some of whom are in great travel [travail] for the prosperity of Zion. - The Meeting at large in the Afternoon was a memorable time - The usual buisness was transacted, & tho' a wrong spirit was manifested by J Harris. - yet "TRUTH The everlasting Truth was over all above all & as G Fox said "On atop". -

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June 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / The meeting at large did not meet this forenoon but the Select meeting did at 8 OClock & closed about Noon under fresh evidences of the Mighty power of Truth. In the Afternoon the Meeting for the members at large gathered at the 3rd hour & concluded the buisness before it in which the same life & Authority continued, the same wrong spirits appeared, particularly when the epistles were under consideration yet they



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were allways promptly met & laid, no rising was Successful & in every Setting we had fresh evidences of the Mighty power of Truth, for which according to my measure I desire to ascribe Thanksgiving & praise where it is alone due.

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June 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / In our Public meeting (with the exception of a spurious offering in the forepart) Truth rose into dominion by the preaching of our Beloved Brother Stephen Grellett & when he sat down a most solemn covering was felt over the Meeting - after a space - Hannah Field appeared in a very lively testimony & the meeting closed soon after a short but well adapted testimony from Benjamin Fry

The Meeting was Smaller than usual in consequence of its being a very rainy day. -

After dinner we parted with nearly all our friends that have constituted our family thro' the Yearly Meeting who were - Rowland Greene & his daughter Phebe and Freelove & Son Elisha from Plainfield - Daniel Howland & Thomas Anthony, from [Greenwich](#) - Stephen Oliver, Micajah Collins Pratt, Isiah Chase, Sarah Collins from Hopkinton

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June 15, Friday: The guard in the King's Mews mutinied in support of Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / My Mother, Cousin Molly Howland & Cousin Hannah Gardiner Spent the Afternoon with us - we also had a call from Micajah Collins & wife who remain in Town, expecting to be here on first day. - Stephen Grellett Attends a meeting at [Warren](#) this Afternoon & expects to return to [Portsmouth](#) & attend meeting there next first Day

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June 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 6th M 1821 / Our frd Micajah Collins attended both Meetings with us - in the Morning he was engaged in a lively & useful testimony, also in the Afternoon tho' the gospel key did not rise as in the forenoon yet I believe many hearts were Sensibly baptized & particularly among the Youth. -


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 June 18, Monday: [James Elliot Cabot](#) was born.

At 7PM, Carl Maria von Weber's romantic opera Der Freischutz to words of Kind after Apel and Laun was performed for the initial time, at the opening of the rebuilt Berlin Schauspielhaus. In the audience was an interested 12-year-old, [Felix Mendelssohn](#). Within the following two years, Der Freischutz would be staged in all the important theaters of Germany.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


2nd day 18th of 6th M / This morning I went with Micajah to visit -ty Carpenter & Avis Howland - & Wm Lee & his hopeful while where he had much useful matter to communicate - his wife Dined with us & set the Afternoon at A Robinsons & my [H] with them. they went to R. Mitchells to lodge

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 June 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 21 of 6 M 1821 / Our meeting was short & Silent, & to me a season of some poverty. - Before Meeting attended the funeral of John Dennis son of John Dennis a young man who was unfortunately drowned on 3rd day Afternoon

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 June 23, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23rd of 6 M / Sally Porter has just left us to return to her home at Narragansett & from thence is to set out with her son for the State of Tennasee where She expects to Spend the residue of her days. - She is an old friend & acquaintance of my mother & aunt Stantons, her Maiden name was Johnson & is related to the family of Malbons - it was affecting, particularly to Mother & Aunt Stanton to part with her, not expecting to meet again in this life, but part we must & soon must take the solemn & final change as to all things here

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 June 24, Sunday: South American forces under [Simón Bolívar](#) defeated Spanish and Loyalist troops at Carabobo on Lake Maracaibo, insuring the independence of Venezuela.

[Sophia Elizabeth Thoreau](#)'s 2d birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 6 M / Our meetings were both well attended In the forenoon D Buffum & in the Afternoon Father Rodman, were engaged in short testimonies - Took tea at Father Rodmans, & in the eveng called to see Mary



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Williams. —

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June 25, Monday: Konzertstück J.282 for piano and orchestra by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Berlin. During this program Weber accompanied the renowned French violinist Alexandre Boucher in his Variations on a Norwegian Air but, after beginning, Boucher motioned Weber to stop playing and went on a lengthy bizarre riff. When he found himself unable to segue back from this he covered by dropping his violin, embracing Weber and shouting “Ah grand maitre! que j’aime, que j’admire!” — one of the high moments of low comedy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25th of 6th M / We have frequent warnings of the uncertainty of time, Some of them very sudden & Awful This Afternoon our neighbour Henry Moores daughter Harriet was brought south from [Providence](#) a corpse whither she went in usual health & was taken in a fit & died [in?] a few days Aged about 14 Years. —

Some days ago a man from beyond [Providence](#) came down with his wife & took quarters at the Widow Billings in the Wanton House, a few nights After his Wife was taken in a fit & lays very low. —

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June 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 6th M 1821 / Rode this mornng to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting — Stpoed at Uncle Peter Lawtons - At meeting Anne Dennis - Jonathon Dennis - Hannah Dennis & D Buffum all delivered testimonies — & I dont know but on the whole it was a pretty good Meeting, tho’ in my mind the stream of life did not rise as it sometimes does.—

The buisness in the last meeting went on to good satisfaction - the brethren Harmonising together -

My H being with me we Dined at Uncle Thurstons took tea at Uncle Stantons & on our way home we Stoped at Uncle R Mitchells, so in the course of the day having visited four Uncles, by marriage - got home about Dark. —

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July 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 7th M 1821 / In the forenoon Hannah Dennis & father Rodman were engaged in short testimonys - In the Afternoon Abigail Robinson was concerned in a short communication being the language of encouragement, & was very Sweet to my feelings - Tho’ I did not think what she said was immediately applicable to me yet it met me on such ground, that her language was intelligable to my feelings

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Our national birthday, the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 17th birthday.

Since President James Monroe was ill, the Executive Mansion was closed to the public. At a ceremony held at the Capitol, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams read aloud from an original copy of the [Declaration of Independence](#). In Philadelphia, 90-year-old Timothy Matlack, the man who "wrote the first commission" for General George Washington, was chosen to be the one to read aloud that [Declaration](#).

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



Silvestre Pinheiro Ferreira became Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

News of the demise of [Napoléon](#) reached London. After the report of the panel of 15 peers, the government introduced a bill in the House of Lords, "Pains and Penalties 1820," that would deprive Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#) of the title of Queen Consort and dissolve her marriage with [King George IV](#) on account of her alleged adultery. Caroline would joke, with friends, that indeed she had once committed adultery, with the husband of a Mrs. Fitzherbert.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 7 M / This has as usual been a day of noise in Town, but with all I have not learned any accident has taken place. - We have had our Cousins John Mary & Edwin Casey with us for a day or two from [Greenwich](#)

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July 5, Thursday: [John Thoreau, Jr.](#)'s 7th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 7M / Our Meeting was nearly silent, & to me it was a very dull hard time, but dull as it was, I did indeavour to maintain the warfare & at times over come the enemy - This Afternoon attended the funeral of Betsy Buffum

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July 7, Saturday: Emma, ou La promesse imprudente, an opera comique by Daniel Francois Esprit Auber to words of Planard, was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 7 M / This Afternoon Rode with Aunt M Stanton to her house in [Portsmouth](#) & lodged -

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July 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Rode to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting with Aunt Stanton It was a season of close conflict in my mind & some help was witnessed - Mary Hicks & Anne Dennis appeared in short testimonials - Returned to Dine at Uncle Stanton's, spent the Afternoon & finding my stay necessary, till too late to come home, Staid all night & on @nd day Morning came home -

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July 12, Thursday: After Lima had been abandoned by the Spanish, Don José Francisco de San Martín paraded his army into the city to the cheers of its populace. He would soon lay claim to the title "Protector del Perú" and sponsor a declaration of independence from Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 7th M 1821 / Our first meeting was a season of favor tho' the number was small yet life did freely flow & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively testimony at two different standings - After the close of it the SELECT MEETING met, the buisness was conducted with weight, tho' life was rather row [low] we had the company of Abigail Robinson which is the first time She has ever met in Select meeting Since I have been a member of it, it was pleasant that her health would admit of her being with us today. -

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July 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7th M / Both meetings were silent, & I am inclined to think the precious life was generally low. - In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis went to Coasters Harbour & had a meeting with the Poor at the Assylum. -

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July 19, Thursday: The delayed coronation banquet for [King George IV](#), "[George the Fourth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith,](#)" was finally staged in Westminster Hall. Although the coronation of [King George III](#) had cost only about £10,000, this one would sum up to about £243,000. His squat official wife, Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbützel, Princess of Wales](#), had returned to England for the occasion but was not welcome at his coronation. She would be turned away at 6AM dressed to the nines at the doors to the East Cloister of Westminster Abbey, then at the doors to the West Cloister, and then at the main entrance to Westminster Hall itself. The king had hired a bunch of bodybuilders and attired them in page costumes, and this group under the command of the champion pugilist Gentleman Jackson was charged to stand sturdily in blockage of her path. Bayonets were held under her chin and the Deputy Lord Chamberlain had the doors closed in her face. She then proceeded to a door near Poet's Corner, where she was persuaded to desist and rode away in her carriage to the jeers of onlookers: "Back to Pergami!" She went home and after a dinner party which she spoiled by copious weeping, took a dose of milk



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of magnesia and some drops of laudanum and went off to bed. The monarch would refuse to recognize her as his Queen and would oblige the British ambassadors to ensure that monarchs in foreign courts did the same. By royal command Caroline's name would be omitted from the Book of Common Prayer, the liturgy of the Church of England.



When the monarch would seek a divorce, however, he would be warned that any divorce proceedings might well involve the publication of sordid details relating not only to the Queen's extensive series of adulteries, but also to the King's. The monarch would spend most of his later reign in seclusion at Windsor Castle. Numerous statues of him would be erected during his reign (a bronze on horseback by Sir Francis Chantrey in Trafalgar Square, for instance, and another outside the Royal Pavilion in Brighton), and such statues would hold still and remain silent and represent considerable improvements on the presence of the actual royal personage.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 7 M / Our Meeting was a silent comfortable time
In the last (preparative) we had no buisness but what [was]
usual. — This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) to Uncle Saml
Thurstons — I was under appointment to visit Hannah Brown (late*



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Lawton) for marrying out of the order of society - Jethro Mitchell & I went together & before we got thro' it was too late to come home so I lodged at Jethro's & 6th day Mornng walked home before breakfast. -

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July 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 7 M 1821 / Yesterday towards night with my wife crossed the ferry to Connanicut to take our turn in the committee to attend the Meeting lodged at Cousin J Greenes & was very unwell in the night, but this morning felt better & went to Meeting which was a season of some favor, but most of the time it was under suffering that I came at any thing that I desired. -Dined at J ? Greenes & after dinner he kindly brought us across in his little boat.

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July 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 7 M / have had much lowness & discouragement of mind for several days. -

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July 26, Thursday: Russia severed relations with the Ottoman Empire due to the latter's refusal to guarantee the safety of its Christian subjects.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 7 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day was in a good degree comfortable, in the first Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony - In the last our buisness went on pretty well-
A request was sent forward by [Portsmouth](#) Preparative meeting from ADam Anthony to be admitted to membership -
Jos Greene, P Lawton Saml & Anne Dennis dined with us -*

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July 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 7 M / Our Meetings were both Silent & hardly as large as usual & both were poor & weak as respected myself - Between Meetings was called to the house of Patience Tucker who had just deceased - no other of the Funeral committee being handy I had to make arrangements for the funeral - & as the house was so very small where she lived thought with the advice of several friends that it was best to meet at the Meeting house tomorrow at ? Oclock - [obsured -]

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August 1, Wednesday: [Samuel Kneeland, Jr.](#) was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the 1st son of the merchant Samuel Kneeland (May 8, 1794-) and Nancy Burt Johnson Kneeland. The infant was cross-eyed. He would be educated at Boston Latin School.

Friends and members of the Protestant Episcopal Church met at 5PM in a Raleigh, [North Carolina](#) home and agreed to form a congregation to be known by the name of "Congregation of Christs [*sic*] Church." They elected a 5-member Vestry that included John Haywood, State Treasurer of North Carolina, as Senior Warden, John Louis Taylor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, as Junior Warden, and William Henry Haywood, Jr., later a United States Senator, as Clerk.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 8 M 1821 / Rode in the Stage this mornig to [Portsmouth](#) & -?[obscured] the Select Quarterly Meeting - Dined at Uncle R Mitchells came home with Uncle Stantons Waggon & returned with H & John & lodged at Uncle Stantons. -

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August 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 8th M 1821 / Our First Meeting was large & in a degree favourd, but the Service was hurt by injudicious appearances of those who were real well wishers to the cause. - In the last the buisness went on well & I hope Truth lost no ground - Returned at Uncle Stantons Dined & lodged - & on 6th day Morning came home. -

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August 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 8 M / Morning Meeting silent, to me a season of leanness, but was favoured to labor - In the Afternoon Ruth Meely a friend from Vermont formerly Ruth Fish of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony.- Siste Ruth took tea & set the evening & gave us a pleasant account of her journey to [Providence](#) to attend the School committee

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August 7, Tuesday: At 10:25PM Lady [Caroline Amelia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Princess of Wales](#), inconvenient wife of [King George IV of England](#) who had been ailing ever since being barred in the previous November from his coronation in Westminster Abbey, finally died at Brandenburg House of an intestinal obstruction which may have been cancer. She had reached the age of 53. Right up to the end she had been being spied upon and reported upon by agents of the king. The king was aboard his yacht when he received the news, and retired to his cabin for the remainder of the day. The people, who would not be required by the government to officially mourn, again rallied to her. "she's dead, great Caroline is dead.... The Rose of England is no more." Crowds assembled to witness her funeral procession and insist upon a proper route for it, so the English monarch had his Life Guards fire into the crowds — despite two deaths the public refused to disperse.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 8 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon with Zacheus Chase, lodged at Uncle Stantons - 4th day morning Walked to Meeting, went across the Land & stoped at Richd Sissons & on my way our to the rode passed by the old Sisson House which I believe is the only one on the Island that has leaden windows Sashes & dimond glass - was caught in a shower of Rain & stoped at ? Sissons & saw his mother aged 86 Years, a sociable, pleasant & intelligent old woman. - At Meeting which was a solid[?] time, Ruth Meely engaged in testimony, to the consolation of many minds present. - Dined at Uncle Thurstons & in the Afternoon had an opportunity with Adam Anthony in consequence of his request to be admitted to membership - Took tea with Adam & in the eveng he brought me home in his Chaise

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August 9, Thursday: The first building of Amherst Academy was dedicated by an address by [Noah Webster](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 8 M 1821 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & a very comfortable season it was, for my share of which I desire to be thankful - Hannah Dennis was very lively & large in testimony - father Rodman was also engaged in a short & pretty lively testimony. -

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August 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 8 M 1821 / Our meetings were both solid - D Buffum in the forenoon & father Rodman in the Afternoon deliver'd short testimonials - After meeting in the Afternoon by request of Geo [?] Hazard set out with his son Alfred to go to Plainfield in Connecticut to place him at Rowland Greenes school The first night we lodged at Uncle Stantons. 2nd day [Monday] morning rose early & reached Benj Pearces at the Toll gate in [Portsmouth](#) & took breakfast then crossed [Bristol](#) ferry & rode to [Warren](#) where we fed our horse, then went on to [Providence](#) & reached [Moses Brown](#)'s



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& lodged - 3rd day Morning proceeded on our journey stoped at several places to rest, & reached Sterling to dinner then went on & reached Rowlands House by the middle of the Afternoon - found it a pleasant situation, & the people also very pleasant within doors

Lodged there & on 4th day Morning, left my charge - & proceeded homewards, suffering much with the heat - dined at Fishes tavern in Scituate - then came -[obscured] & got into town in season to take a dish of tea at Obadiah Browns, walked round [Providence](#) to transact a little buisness & then rode out to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged, spending the evening in his very interesting company - 5th day Morning went up to the Yearly Meeting School & spent a little time very satisfactorily with the Superintendent & teachers, then came on to [Warren](#) and Dined & in the Afternoon reached home

This little journey has been in a good degree proffitable to me - my views have been extended, I have seen a greater extent of inland country than I ever did before, - it was the first time, & may be the only time I ever shall be in the State of Connecticut. - The Scenerey of the country has afforded an abundant theme for reflection & much beyond my theme of contemplation. - but according to my measure, I endeavour'd to proffit by it - In & about [Providence](#) I met with some of my friends that I love, & whose company is proffitable, so that altho' there has been no pecuniary benefit, yet is has been no loss. -

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August 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 8 m 1821 / This morning visited my Uncle Benjamin Gould who is in the 87th Year of his Age & so very low as to be apparantly near the close of life, hourly his dissolution may be expected. In consequence of an old family difficulity I have not been in the habit of visiting him since I was a boy & was afraid visiting him at this late period when he is so low as to speak but in a whisper, would disturb him. - but on going into the room, I found he looked quiet appeared to know me & on my inquiring of him how he did he answered in a whisper in his usual reply, that he was "meagre" - on sitting with him I felt a degree of quietude (tho not wholly free from exercise) yet a hope was raised in my heart that his peace was made. - on parting with he he squeezed my hand. -

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August 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 8 M / Mary Morton was engaged in testimony in the forenoon & father Rodman in the Afternoon --After meeting in the Afternoon with Job Sherman visited J-[obscured] Mason



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aged 84 Years. he is a seventh day [Baptist](#), & very Sweet & lively in spirit. I dont know when I have visited any old man that seemed more quiet in spirit & being with him, did raise in my mind strong desires that my last days might be as tranquil as his. –

In a thunder gust last evening two men were drowned near Rose Island, a boat went off this Afternoon to look for them but found only their boat. One was Elisha Billington of this town & the other Simmons of Connanicut. –

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August 20, Monday: A meeting was held at Canandaigua's Mill's Hotel to discuss the building of a [canal](#) linking Canandaigua Lake with the [Erie Canal](#). John C. Spencer, James D. Bemis, Asa Stanley, Dudley Marvin, William H. Adams were appointed to study a route.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 8 M 1821 / Between 11 & 12 OClock at night Uncle BENJAMIN GOULD departed this life In the 87th Year of his Age, he was the oldest child of my Grandfather James Gould & Martha his wife - he is all the own Uncle I ever knew, there was another brother by the name of Joseph but he died before I was born. –

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August 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 8 M / Attended the funeral of Uncle Benjamin Gould, it was a solid sitting of Friends - silent & concluded to satisfaction. - his remains were decently interred in the Burying ground near friends Meeting House, where his last wife several of his children his Father & Mother & his grandfather Stanton are all buried. - After the funeral we returned home with cousin Henry & took tea in company with David Buffum & wife, Jonathon Dennis & wife & severl others. –

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August 23, Thursday: Three songs by Franz Schubert were published by Cappi and Diabelli, Vienna as his op.6: "Memnon" and "Antigone und Oedip" to words of Mayrhofer, and "Am Grabe Anselmos" to words of Claudius.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 8 M / Silent but comfortable Meeting – in the Preparative meeting we had no buisness. – - In the Afternoon the committee met & Adam Anthony at our House, on the subject of his request which was[?] solid & satisfactory, & we agreed on a report to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting
My mind in the investigation of Adams application has been concerned to[?] feel after true judgement where by we may be



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*satisfied both with [obscured] his[?] and our own Conduct –
Whoever is engaged rightly in the concerns in society will find
frequent need of deep dipping –*

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August 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 8 M 1821 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman
delivered a short but impressive testimony on the subject of
death. – Silent in the Afternoon. – After meeting took a walk
with John over to the Point & called in a few moments to see A
Robinson & Mary Morton. –*

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August 30, Thursday: The New York state constitutional convention began in Albany.

Franz Schubert's female chorus Der 23. Psalm, translated by Moses Mendelssohn, was performed for the initial time, in the Gundelhof, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30 of 8 M / Rose early & with my H rode to [Portsmouth](#)
to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting on the way went down to Uncle
Stantons of which circumstance I was glad as Aunt would not have
been able to get to meeting without our assistance as Uncle was
lame & The boy not at home
At the first meeting Anne Dennis appeared in a few words follow'd
by Mary Morton Hannah Dennis & Ruth Mealy all well adapted &
pertinent & I thought it a pretty good meeting – In the last
Adam Anthony was received into Membership – & Several other
subjects of weight & importance came before us, some of them
occasioned close exercise, but on the whole I considerd truth
gained the Victory & the meeting closed pretty well – We returned
with Aunt Patty & dined, & then rode home*

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September 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 2nd of 9th M 1821 / In the forenoon Father Rodman & in the
Afternoon Mary Morton & Hannah Dennis were engaged in short
testimonys. – Poverty in both Meetings were my portion. –
In the evening called at D Williams to see Wm R Thurston & his
wife from NYork, but finding they were not at home, went down
to Sally Eastons where we found them, & his wife to be appeared
an amiable intersting & religious woman. –*

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September 6, Thursday: After his retirement and after the deaths of his wife, a son, and a daughter, the Reverend [Vicesimus Knox II](#) had resided upon the Adelphi Terrace in London.



At this point he died of an obstruction of the bowels in the 69th year of his age, while paying a visit to one of his two surviving sons, the Reverend Thomas Knox, in Tonbridge in Kent where this son had succeeded him as headmaster at the Tonbridge School. His remains would be deposited in the chancel of the parish church on the 13th and eventually a memorial would be positioned there:

**TO THE MEMORY OF
VICESIMUS KNOX, D.D.
MASTER OF TUNBRIDGE SCHOOL, AND RECTOR OF RUNWELL AND
RAMSDEN CRAYS IN ESSEX.
BORN DEC. 8, 1752. — DIED, SEPT. 6, 1821.**

**A SOUND DIVINE,
AN ELEGANT AND PROFOUND SCHOLAR,
A POLISHED AND POWERFUL WRITER,
AN ELOQUENT, ZEALOUS, AND PERSUASIVE PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL,
HE EMPLOYED HIS HIGH ENDOWMENTS
TO THE GLORY OF GOD,
AND THE MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL IMPROVEMENT OF MAN.
ANXIOUS EVER TO ADVANCE THE HAPPINESS OF HIS FELLOW-CREATURES,
UPON THE PUREST PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN PHILANTHROPY,
WITH A LOFTY SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE,**



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**AND A RARE DISINTERESTEDNESS IN CONDUCT,
HE DISREGARDED THE ORDINARY OBJECTS OF WORLDLY AMBITION,
AND SHEWED HIMSELF ON ALL OCCASIONS
THE ENEMY OF PUBLIC ABUSES,
THE FRIEND OF CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY,
THE OPPONENT OF OFFENSIVE WAR,
THE PROMOTER OF PEACE,
AND THE ADVOCATE OF ALL THE CLAIMS OF HUMANITY.**

“HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 of 9 M / Our Meeting was larger than usual a number
of Strangers were present some that were & some that were not
Members. – Jonathon & Hannah Dennis both delivered short
testimonies – & I thought it was a pretty good meeting. –*

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September 9, Sunday: There was a hurricane at the islands of Antigua and St.Barths in the Caribbean. Warner,



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New Hampshire experienced a severe tornado which is said to have commenced near Lake Champlain. This phenomenon passed over Lake Sunapee and through a portion of New London and Sutton, and entered that part of Warner called the Gore not far from the base of Kearsarge Mountain. The barn of William Harwood was carried away, and the homes of M.F. Goodwin, J. Ferrin, and Abner Watkins were damaged. Ferrin's barn was ripped to pieces and Watkins's barn lost its roof. A stone weighing six hundred pounds moved several feet. At the home of Daniel Savory, his 72-year-old father Samuel and the women who were present were upstairs attempting to secure an open window when the tornado lifted the building and whirled it. The bodies of six of the family would be recovered from the wreckage. Samuel Savory's brains had been dashed out. His wife Elizabeth was badly injured by the debris. Daniel Savory's wife Mary had severe bruises, and her infant in arms did not survive. The nearby house of Robert Savory was also lost, and all eight members of the family were hurt to one degree or another. John Palmer, half a mile away, saw the cloud coming, too late, and would relate that it looked like an inverted funnel. The buildings of Peter Flanders were torn apart, and the Flanders infant was very severely injured. A Miss Anna Richardson was killed. The buildings of Deacon Joseph True, in the corner of Salisbury, New Hampshire, were demolished and the entire family buried in chimney bricks. The deacon's life was saved when a huge timber stuck endways into the ground within two feet of the place in which he was standing, because then the wreckage falling upon that upright piece protected him from being crushed. He was able to dig his family out from under more than a foot of crushed bricks. The oven had just been heated and the brick wreckage he removed was so hot that his fingers burned to the bone. At the end, the



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tornado passed again into Warner, tearing down another barn and passing over a pond in such manner as to draw its waters noticeably up at its center. The tornado then played itself out in a quarter of the woods bordering on what would become Webster, New Hampshire.

William C. Redfield of Connecticut would follow a portion of the path of this hurricane on foot, and would notice that in some places where trees had been knocked over, they had been knocked over toward the southeast, whereas elsewhere some fruit trees and some corn plants had been knocked down toward the northwest. He correctly inferred therefore, in the Ben-Franklin manner, that these hurricanes must be of the nature of whirlwinds. (Other meteorologists of the time, however, would disagree, insisting that because hurricanes were driven by convection forces, the general movement of air in a hurricane must be upward rather than at a horizontal angle.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 9th M 1821 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman & in the Afternoon D Buffum had short but lively testimonies & to me the Afternoon (particularly) was a season of some favor, for which I desire to be thankful
Oh the leanness of my spirit of late. -*

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September 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 9 M / Attended the funeral of John Goddards Child about 14 Months old - it was to me a season of favor, it seemed a little like the removal of the Vale, or a change from a state of leanness to a state of sweet tenderness, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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September 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 9 M / Our Meeting was to me rather an unsettled season but a degree of favor was experienced - A few words by J Dennis - At 2 O'clock the committee in care of the Request of John A Wardsworth met at our house, which was a solid interesting opportunity - After which I rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Benjamin & Niobe Marshall who arrived just before Meeting time on a visit to their father & Mother, we got there in season to return before dark. - Aunt Patty had gone to take a ride with Ellen, but Uncle was at home & highly pleased to see his children & grandchild -

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September 16, Sunday: Tsar Alyeksandr of Russia claimed the west coast of North America from the Bering Sea to latitude 51° north. He further banned foreign ships from coming within 185 kilometers of the coast.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th of 9th M / Our Morning Meeting was large & favord
- Mary Morton was first engaged in a lively testimony, her*



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*opening was [obscure] ist the Devil & he will flee from us & was favord to shew the -ration of the divine principle, the way to escape temptation & finally land safe in the kingdom of heaven -The Hannah Dennis was large in testimony & much favord on the general subjects of religion - Then David Buffum pointed out the operations of truth & endeavoured to turn our minds to the principle, from the outward to the inward Stating that we [-] ed must talk about religion, must bubbly [?] theory we [-] no more about religion than we did about a country [-]rewing a map, but the way to have a correct understanding was to go & see the country, so with religion, doctrine & theory would answer no better purpose but we must come to the experimental part, to feel it in our selves & obey its leadings & directions & concluded with saying what an Awful thing it would be should the language be applicable to any "The summers is past & the harvest is ended & we are not gathered "Then Hannah Dennis rose & very feelingly addressed the Aged particularly & concluded with a few words to the Middle aged & the Youth. -
In the Afternoon we had a short but lively testimony from father Rodman. -
In the evening I visited my cousins, Peggy & Hannah Gould. -*

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September 20, Thursday: Captain Hezekiah Weatherbee [Wetherbee] got married with Grace E. Baker [Billings].

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 9 M 1821 / Silent Meeting. - & in The last there was some buisness - Jm Wilbour reported as having married out of the order of Society. -

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September 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 9 M / Silent meeting in the forenoon - in the Afternoon a few words from father Rodman. -

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September 27, Thursday: Augustin de Iturbide entered Mexico City in triumph after his Mexican forces defeated Spanish troops.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 9 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was this day held in town. The first was a season of some favor, Anne Dennis was concerned in a few words - Anne Greene followed in a communication of some length & father Rodman closed in a short testimony - in the last Meeting we had but little buisness & The Meeting closed at a little past on OClock Uncle Saml Thurston &



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Aunt Stanton Dined with us, after which My H & John went out with Aunt Stanton intending to Spend a few days on a visit to them -

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September 29, Saturday: The Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music, compiled by Lowell Mason, was announced in the leading American music journal, The Euterpeiad.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29th of 9 M 1821 / Towards night Cousin Henry Gould took me to [Portsmouth](#) in his Chaise as far as black Sam's Corner & I walked from thence down to Uncle Stanton's, & staid all night

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September 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

Next Morning took Aunt Patty my H & John in the Waggon & went to meeting - Abigail Sherman & Anne Dennis said a little & I thought it was a pretty good meeting - returned & dined at Uncle Stanton's & in the Afternoon returned home, rode part of the way & walked a part of the way, leaving Hannah & John to complete their visit.

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October 5, Friday: The publication of twelve Monferrinas for piano op.49 by Muzio Clementi was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Greek rebels captured Tripolitza in the Morea and massacred the Turks living there.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 10th M 1821 / On buisness of the Estate of the late Mary Tillinghast, I went this Morning to the Island of Prudence. We took Quarters at Saml Pearces[?], & on 7th day evening about a 1 / 2 past 7 OC after we had finished our buisness & got our supper we got on board the boat & by Moon light had a pleasant Sail down the river & got home before bed time. -

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October 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 10th M / Both our Meetings were Silent, but pretty well attended - to me they were seasons of great poverty & need, Oh! that it was a season of more life, but I hope not to be in a State I am now in for any great length of time. -

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October 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 10th M / Our Meeting was a season of some favor to me Father Rodman & Anned Dennis delivered short testimonies- The Select Meeting was a season of depression as to life

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October 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 10 M / This Afternoon to Connanicut to take my turn as one of the committee to attend the Meeting there. lodged at cousin Greenes - Next Morning went to Meeting, the tide was so high that I had to wade across the bridge & this reminded me of the primitive going [-] meeting - The Meeting was a favord time to me & after Dining at Joseph Greenes crossed the ferry & came home -

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October 18, Thursday: [John Wedderburn Halkett](#) was in Montréal as an executor of the estate of Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk, when he was confronted in front of his hotel by a couple of former North West Company employees. Angry at what he had written about their activities in Canada, they threatened him with a horsewhip, whereupon he had them arrested. As a precaution he then armed himself with a brace of pistols. That evening he was attacked with a whip by Jasper Vandersluys and struck twice, whereupon he shot Vandersluys. Wounded, Vandersluys would get him charged with “assault with the intent to kill” — but that charge would then be dropped.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 10 M 1821 / Our meeting was a season of no small suffering as we sat in the Middle part & The weather was very cold & raw A few words were spoken by Father Rodman, after which the opportunity soon closed

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October 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 10th M / Our Mornng Meeting seemed to be a remarkably solid season, soon after we were settled, life rose in my mind, & I thought spread - Mary Morton was engaged in a very lively solid & pertinent testimony
In the Afternoon we were favoured with a good degree of the Mornings Solidity & some reverences & the Meeting closed in Silence. -*

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[Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

In England they are hardened by long unquestioned custom to survey with indifference this odious spectacle [of political corruption]. Indeed I know not what of malignant crime, of dark enormity, or wide-spread wickedness would startle the public mind there. I am proud and thankful when I contrast this with the uncontaminated innocence of my own country and it is this comparative purity joined to the energy of a youthful people still free from the complicated difficulties of an old government which constitutes the distinction and promise of this nation [the USA].




 October 25, Thursday: The Kyrie and Gloria from the Missa Solemnis by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) were performed for the initial time, in the Landstandischer Saal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 10th M / Last evening Uncle Stanton sent his Waggon in & with My H & John went to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at his House - This forenoon we went to Meeting - In the first, father Rodman spoke a little which to me was Savory, & it was a pretty good meeting - In the last which was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting we had considerable buisness, attended with exercise, but Truth rose over all & had dominion over all wrong things - John A Wadsworth was recd into membeership, & Holder C Weeden & Abby Anthony proposed their intentions of Marriage - After Meeting which held pretty late in consequence of considerable buisness -we Rode back to Uncle Stantons & again lodged, as there was not time for the Carriage to come to Town & return -

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 October 26, Friday: [Hector Berlioz](#) received a passport for domestic travel at the Grenoble Town Hall. Before the month was out, he would use it to travel to Paris to study the art of medicine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

This 6 day Uncle Brot us home.

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 October 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day, 28th of 10th M / Our Meetings were well attended Solid & good, in the forenoon father Rodman was concerned in testimony

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Perhaps thy lot in life is higher
Than the fates assign to me
While they fulfil thy large desire
And bid my hopes as visions flee
But grant me still in joy or sorrow
In grief or hope to claim thy heart
And I will then defy the morrow
Whilst I fulfil a loyal part.

MEMORY SKETCH OF MARTIN GAY, BY EMERSON

In his Journal for 1821



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- in the Afternoon J Dennis & Mary Morton were concerned - We set the evening at father Rodmans, Mary Morton was also there -

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November 1, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) arrived in [Pisa](#). (The Gambas had preceded him during August.)

When the Lake Erie Steamboat Company's Great Lakes steamer *Walk-in-the-Water*, 1st steamship to have plied the Great Lakes waterways on a regular schedule, ran aground during a storm in Lake Erie off Buffalo, there were no injuries. Judge Samuel Wilkinson made a deal with a representative of the steamboat company: he would see to it that the boat was freed by May 1st of the following year or forfeit \$150 for each day that deadline was missed, whereas if that deadline was met, the company would commission the building of a new boat in Buffalo.

TIMELINE OF ACCIDENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th M 1st 1821 / Our meeting was very small owing to its being a Stormy day & the Quarterly Meeting that is now Sitting at Swansey. - to me it was a season of wading but by keeping under the exercise & a pretty close watch (for me) I thought the meeting was favord in closing solidly. - It would have been greatful to have been able to go to the Quarterly meeting & from thence to [Providence](#) to meet with the School committee, but So is my way hedged about, in such away that much travelling is not proper for me - may, I however cultivate in my mind a spirit of gratitude for favors vouchsafed & humbly hope for more.

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November 4, Sunday: In Weimar, [Felix Mendelssohn](#) met [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) for the initial time. In spite of the vast difference in their ages, over the following couple of weeks the two would forge a strong friendship. Felix had brought several songs by his sister Fanny on Goethe texts — the poet was delighted and would in gratitude compose a poem for Fanny. Also present was the Weimar Kapellmeister, [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 11th M / Our Meetings were both Silent & small, the day being rainy. - to me seasons of wading, but some help experienced, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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November 8, Thursday, evening: Captain Jackson's brig *Cobbesecontee* had sailed that morning from Havana for Boston. He had only proceeded about four miles from Moro Castle when brought to by a vessel with about 30 pirates. Captain Jackson had noticed their sloop at Regla the day before. These Cubans took the personal items of the captain and his mate, stripping them nearly naked. They broke a large broadsword across the captain's back and stabbed him through his thigh so that he almost bled to death. After they beat the mate, he was [hanged](#) under the maintop. From the cargo were obtained three bales of cochineal and six boxes of cigars. Captain Jackson would confirm a report brought by other American sailors who had been brought to grief in Havana, that some of the local whites were openly countenancing these acts of [piracy](#) against US citizens — as a gesture of retaliation against US interference with the Cuban [slave](#) trade.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day of 11 M / Our Meeting was small - a considerable portion of those who generally attend were absent at David Buffums where Sarah Sherman has lain very ill for some weeks & while the Meeting was sitting today She expired - She was a [-]lid [solid?, words obscured by binding crease] young woman & tho' all the forepart of her illness she was deprived of her mental powers, but a few days previous to her death she came to her understanding & expressed her reconciliation to the Solemn Change -

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THE WEST INDIA PIRATES

CONTAINING ACCOUNTS OF THEIR ATROCITIES, MANNERS OF LIVING, &C., WITH PROCEEDINGS OF THE SQUADRON UNDER COMMODORE PORTER IN THOSE SEAS, THE VICTORY AND DEATH OF LIEUTENANT ALLEN, THE INTERESTING NARRATIVE OF CAPTAIN LINCOLN, &C.²⁷⁴



Those innumerable groups of islands, keys and sandbanks, known as the West-Indies, are peculiarly adapted from their locality and formation, to be a favorite resort for pirates; many of them are composed of coral rocks, on which a few cocoa trees raise their lofty heads; where there is sufficient earth for vegetation between the interstices of the rocks, stunted brushwood grows. But a chief peculiarity of some of the islands,

274. THE PIRATES OWN BOOK, OR AUTHENTIC NARRATIVES OF THE LIVES, EXPLOITS, AND EXECUTIONS OF THE MOST CELEBRATED SEA ROBBERS, by Charles Ellms (Portland: Published by Sanborn & Carter; Philadelphia: Thomas, Comperthwait, & Co., 1837. This would be republished in 1842 by A. and C.B. Edwards of New-York & Philadelphia, and in 1844 in Portland by Sanborn & Carter, and in 1855 by A. and C.B. Edwards of New-York, and in 1924 by Marine res. of Massachusetts, and in 1996 by Random House of New York.)



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and which renders them suitable to those who frequent them as pirates, are the numerous caves with which the rocks are perforated; some of them are above high-water mark, but the majority with the sea water flowing in and out of them, in some cases merely rushing in at high-water filling deep pools, which are detached from each other when the tide recedes, in others with a sufficient depth of water to allow a large boat to float in. It is hardly necessary to observe how convenient the higher and dry caves are as receptacles for articles which are intended to be concealed, until an opportunity occurs to dispose of them. The Bahamas, themselves are a singular group of isles, reefs and quays; consisting of several hundred in number, and were the chief resort of pirates in old times, but now they are all rooted from them; they are low and not elevated, and are more than 600 miles in extent, cut up into numerous intricate passages and channels, full of sunken rocks and coral reefs. They afforded a sure retreat to desperadoes. Other islands are full of mountain fastnesses, where all pursuit can be eluded. Many of the low shores are skirted, and the islands covered by the mangrove, a singular tree, shooting fresh roots as it grows, which, when the tree is at its full age, may be found six or eight feet from the ground, to which the shoots gradually tend in regular succession; the leaf is very thick and stiff and about eight inches long and nine wide, the interval between the roots offer secure hiding places for those who are suddenly pursued. Another circumstance assists the pirate when pursued. – As the islands belong to several different nations, when pursued from one island he can pass to that under the jurisdiction of another power. And as permission must be got by those in pursuit of him, from the authorities of the island to land and take him, he thus gains time to secrete himself. A tropical climate is suited to a roving life, and liquor as well as dissolute women being in great abundance, to gratify him during his hours of relaxation, makes this a congenial region for the lawless.

The crews of pirate vessels in these seas are chiefly composed of Spaniards, Portuguese, French, Mulattoes, Negroes, and a few natives of other countries. The island of Cuba is the great nest of pirates at the present day, and at the Havana, piracy is as much tolerated as any other profession. As the piracies committed in these seas, during a single year, have amounted to more than fifty, we shall give only a few accounts of the most interesting.

In November 1821, the brig Cobbessecontee, Captain Jackson, sailed from Havana, on the morning of the 8th for Boston, and on the evening of the same day, about four miles from the Moro, was brought to by a piratical sloop containing about 30 men. A boat from her, with 10 men, came alongside, and soon after they got on board commenced plundering. They took nearly all the clothing from the captain and mate – all the cooking utensils and spare rigging – unrove part of the running rigging – cut the small cable – broke the compasses – cut the mast's coats to pieces – took from the captain his watch and four boxes cigars



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– and from the cargo three bales cochineal and six boxes cigars. They beat the mate unmercifully, and hung him up by the neck under the maintop. They also beat the captain severely – broke a large broad sword across his back, and ran a long knife through his thigh, so that he almost bled to death. Captain Jackson saw the sloop at Regla the day before.

Captain Jackson informs us, and we have also been informed by other persons from the Havana, that this system of piracy is openly countenanced by some of the inhabitants of that place – who say that it is a retaliation on the Americans for interfering against the Slave Trade.

About this time the ship Liverpool Packet, Ricker, of Portsmouth, N.H., was boarded off Cape St. Antonio, Cuba, by two piratical schooners; two barges containing thirty or forty men, robbed the vessel of every thing movable, even of her *flags*, rigging, and a boat which happened to be afloat, having a boy in it, which belonged to the ship. They held a consultation whether they should murder the crew, as they had done before, or not – in the mean time taking the ship into anchoring ground. On bringing her to anchor, the crew saw a brig close alongside, burnt to the water's edge, and three dead bodies floating near her. The pirates said they had burnt the brig the day before, and *murdered all the crew!* – and intended doing the same with them. They said "look at the turtles (meaning the dead bodies) you will soon be the same." They said the vessel was a Baltimore brig, which they had robbed and burnt, and murdered the crew as before stated, of which they had little doubt. Captain Ricker was most shockingly bruised by them. The mate was hung till he was supposed to be dead, but came to, and is now alive. They told the captain that they belonged in Regla, and should kill them all to prevent discovery.

In 1822, the United States had several cruisers among the West-India islands, to keep the pirates in check. Much good was done but still many vessels were robbed and destroyed, together with their crews. This year the brave Lieutenant Allen fell by the hand of pirates; he was in the United States schooner Alligator, and receiving intelligence at Matanzas, that several vessels which had sailed from that port, had been taken by the pirates, and were then in the bay of Lejuapo. He hastened to their assistance. He arrived just in time to save five sail of vessels which he found in possession of a gang of pirates, 300 strong, established in the bay of Lejuapo, about 15 leagues east of this. He fell, pierced by two musket balls, in the van of a division of boats, attacking their principal vessel, a fine schooner of about eighty tons, with a long eighteen pounder on a pivot, and four smaller guns, *with the bloody flag nailed to the mast*. Himself, Captain Freeman of Marines, and twelve men, were in the boat, much in advance of his other boats, and even took possession of the schooner, after a desperate resistance, which nothing but a bravery almost too daring could have overcome. The pirates, all but one, escaped by taking to their boats and jumping overboard, before the Alligator's boat reached them. Two



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other schooners escaped by the use of their oars, the wind being light.

Captain Allen survived about four hours, during which his conversation evinced a composure and firmness of mind, and correctness of feeling, as honorable to his character, and more consoling to his friends, than even the dauntless bravery he before exhibited.

The surgeon of the Alligator in a letter to a friend, says, "He continued giving orders and conversing with Mr. Dale and the rest of us, until a few minutes before his death, with a degree of cheerfulness that was little to be expected from a man in his condition. He said he wished his relatives and his country to know that he had fought well, and added that he died in peace and good will towards all the world, and hoped for his reward in the next."

Lieutenant Allen had but few equals in the service. He was ardently devoted to the interest of his country, was brave, intelligent, and accomplished in his profession. He displayed, living and dying, a magnanimity that sheds lustre on his relatives, his friends, and his country.

About this time Captain Lincoln fell into the hands of the pirates, and as his treatment shows the peculiar habits and practices of these wretches, we insert the very interesting narrative of the captain.

The schooner Exertion, Captain Lincoln, sailed from Boston, bound for Trinidad de Cuba, Nov. 13th, 1821, with the following crew; Joshua Bracket, mate; David Warren, cook; and Thomas Young, Francis De Suze, and George Reed, seamen.

The cargo consisted of flour, beef, pork, lard, butter, fish, beans, onions, potatoes, apples, hams, furniture, sugar box shooks, &c., invoiced at about eight thousand dollars. Nothing remarkable occurred during the passage, except much bad weather, until my capture, which was as follows: -

Monday, December 17th, 1821, commenced with fine breezes from the eastward. At daybreak saw some of the islands northward of Cape Cruz, called Keys - stood along northwest; every thing now seemed favorable for a happy termination of our voyage. At 3 o'clock, P.M., saw a sail coming round one of the Keys, into a channel called Boca de Cavolone by the chart, nearly in latitude 20° 55' north, longitude 79° 55' west, she made directly for us with all sails set, sweeps on both sides (the wind being light) and was soon near enough for us to discover about forty men on her deck, armed with muskets, blunderbusses, cutlasses, long knives, dirks, &c., two carronades, one a twelve, the other a six pounder; she was a schooner, wearing the Patriot flag (blue, white and blue) of the Republic of Mexico. I thought it not prudent to resist them, should they be pirates, with a crew of seven men, and only five muskets; accordingly ordered the arms and ammunition to be immediately stowed away in as secret a place as possible, and suffer her to speak us, hoping and believing that a republican flag indicated both honor and friendship from those who wore it, and which we might expect even from Spaniards.



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But how great was my astonishment, when the schooner having approached very near us, hailed in English, and ordered me to heave my boat out immediately and come on board of her with my papers. – Accordingly my boat was hove out, but filled before I could get into her. – I was then ordered to tack ship and lay by for the pirates' boat to board me; which was done by Bolidar, their first lieutenant, with six or eight Spaniards armed with as many of the before mentioned weapons as they could well sling about their bodies. They drove me into the boat, and two of them rowed me to their privateer (as they called their vessel), where I shook hands with their commander, Captain Jonnia, a Spaniard, who before looking at my papers, ordered Bolidar, his lieutenant, to follow the Mexican in, back of the Key they had left, which was done. At 6 o'clock, P.M., the Exertion was anchored in eleven feet water, near this vessel, and an island, which they called Twelve League Key (called by the chart Key Largo), about thirty or thirty-five leagues from Trinidad. After this strange conduct they began examining my papers by a Scotchman who went by the name of Nickola, their sailing master. – He spoke good English, had a countenance rather pleasing, although his beard and mustachios had a frightful appearance – his face, apparently full of anxiety, indicated something in my favor; he gave me my papers, saying "take good care of them, for I am afraid you have fallen into bad hands." The pirates' boat was then sent to the Exertion with more men and arms; a part of them left on board her; the rest returning with three of my crew to their vessel; viz., Thomas Young, Thomas Goodall, and George Reed – they treated them with something to drink, and offered them equal shares with themselves, and some money, if they would enlist, but they could not prevail on them. I then requested permission to go on board my vessel which was granted, and further requested Nickola should go with me, but was refused by the captain, who vociferated in a harsh manner, "No, No, No." accompanied with a heavy stamp upon the deck. When I got on board, I was invited below by Bolidar, where I found they had emptied the case of liquors, and broken a cheese to pieces and crumbled it on the table and cabin floor; the pirates, elated with their prize (as they called it), had drank so much as to make them desperately abusive. I was permitted to lie down in my berth; but, reader, if you have ever been awakened by a gang of armed, desperadoes, who have taken possession of your habitation in the midnight hour, you can imagine my feelings. – Sleep was a stranger to me, and anxiety was my guest. Bolidar, however, pretended friendship, and flattered me with the prospect of being soon set at liberty. But I found him, as I suspected, a consummate hypocrite; indeed, his very looks indicated it. He was a stout and well built man, of a dark, swarthy complexion, with keen, ferocious eyes, huge whiskers, and beard under his chin and on his lips, four or five inches long; he was a Portuguese by birth, but had become a naturalized Frenchman – had a wife, if not children (as I was told) in France, and was well known there as commander of a first rate



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privateer. His appearance was truly terrific; he could talk some English, and had a most lion-like voice.

Tuesday, 18th. — Early this morning the captain of the pirates came on board the Exertion; took a look at the cabin stores, and cargo in the state rooms, and then ordered me back with him to his vessel, where he, with his crew, held a consultation for some time respecting the cargo. After which, the interpreter, Nickola, told me that "the captain had, or pretended to have, a commission under General Traspelascus, commander-in-chief of the republic of Mexico, authorizing him to take all cargoes whatever of provisions, bound to any royalist Spanish port — that my cargo being bound to an enemy's port, must be condemned; but that the vessel should be given up and be put into a fair channel for Trinidad, where I was bound." I requested him to examine the papers thoroughly, and perhaps he would be convinced to the contrary, and told him my cargo was all American property taken in at Boston, and consigned to an American gentleman, agent at Trinidad. But the captain would not take the trouble, but ordered both vessels under way immediately, and commenced beating up amongst the Keys through most of the day, the wind being very light. They now sent their boats on board the Exertion for stores, and commenced plundering her of bread, butter, lard, onions, potatoes, fish, beans, &c., took up some sugar box shocks that were on deck, and found the barrels of apples; selected the best of them and threw the rest overboard. They inquired for spirits, wine, cider, &c. and were told "they had already taken all that was on board." But not satisfied they proceeded to search the state rooms and forcastle, ripped up the floor of the later and found some boxes of bottled cider, which they carried to their vessel, gave three cheers, in an exulting manner to me, and then began drinking it with such freedom, that a violent quarrel arose between officers and men, which came very near ending in bloodshed. I was accused of falsehood, for saying they had got all the liquors that were on board, and I thought they had; the truth was, I never had any bill of lading of the cider, and consequently had no recollection of its being on board; yet it served them as an excuse for being insolent. In the evening peace was restored and they sung songs. I was suffered to go below for the night, and they placed a guard over me, stationed at the companion way.

Wednesday, 19th, commenced with moderate easterly winds, beating towards the northeast, the pirate's boats frequently going on board the Exertion for potatoes, fish, beans, butter, &c. which were used with great waste and extravagance. They gave me food and



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drink, but of bad quality, more particularly the victuals, which was wretchedly cooked. The place assigned me to eat was covered with dirt and vermin. It appeared that their great object was to hurt my feelings with threats and observations, and to make my situation as unpleasant as circumstances would admit. We came to anchor near a Key, called by them Brigantine, where myself and mate were permitted to go on shore, but were guarded by several armed pirates. I soon returned to the Mexican and my mate to the Exertion, with George Reed, one of my crew; the other two being kept on board the Mexican. In the course of this day I had considerable conversation with Nickola, who appeared well disposed towards me. He lamented most deeply his own situation, for he was one of those men, whose early good impressions were not entirely effaced, although confederated with guilt. He told me "those who had taken me were no better than pirates, and their end would be the halter; but," he added, with peculiar emotion, "I will never be hung as a pirate," showing me a bottle of laudanum which he had found in my medicine chest, saying, "If we are taken, that shall cheat the hangman, before we are condemned." I endeavored to get it from him, but did not succeed. I then asked him how he came to be in such company, as he appeared to be dissatisfied. He stated, that he was at New Orleans last summer, out of employment, and became acquainted with one Captain August Orgamar, a Frenchman, who had bought a small schooner of about fifteen tons, and was going down to the bay of Mexico to get a commission under General Traspelascus, in order to go a privateering under the patriot flag. Capt. Orgamar made him liberal offers respecting shares, and promised him a sailing master's berth, which he accepted and embarked on board the schooner, without sufficiently reflecting on the danger of such an undertaking. Soon after she sailed from Mexico, where they got a commission, and the vessel was called Mexican. They made up a complement of twenty men, and after rendering the General some little service, in transporting his troops to a place called ----- proceeded on a cruise; took some small prizes off Campeachy; afterwards came on the south coast of Cuba, where they took other small prizes, and the one which we were now on board of. By this time the crew were increased to about forty, nearly one half Spaniards, the others Frenchmen and Portuguese. Several of them had sailed out of ports in the United States with American protections; but, I confidently believe, none are natives, especially of the northern states. I was careful in examining the men, being desirous of knowing if any of my countrymen were among this wretched crew; but am satisfied there were none, and my Scotch friend



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concurred in the opinion. And now, with a new vessel, which was the prize of these plunderers, they sailed up Manganeil bay; previously, however, they fell in with an American schooner, from which they bought four barrels of beef, and paid in tobacco. At the Bay was an English brig belonging to Jamaica, owned by Mr. John Louden of that place. On board of this vessel the Spanish part of the crew commenced their depredations as pirates, although Captain Orgamar and Nickola protested against it, and refused any participation; but they persisted, and like so many ferocious bloodhounds, boarded the brig, plundered the cabin, stores, furniture, captain's trunk, &c., took a hogshead of rum, one twelve pound carronade, some rigging and sails. One of them plundered the chest of a sailor, who made some resistance, so that the Spaniard took his cutlass, and beat and wounded him without mercy. Nickola asked him "why he did it?" the fellow answered, "I will let you know," and took up the cook's axe and gave him a cut on the head, which nearly deprived him of life. Then they ordered Captain Orgamar to leave his vessel, allowing him his trunk and turned him ashore, to seek for himself. Nickola begged them to dismiss him with his captain, but no, no, was the answer; for they had no complete navigator but him. After Captain Orgamar was gone, they put in his stead the present brave (or as I should call him cowardly) Captain Jonnia, who headed them in plundering the before mentioned brig, and made Bolidar their first lieutenant, and then proceeded down among those Keys or Islands, where I was captured. This is the amount of what my friend Nickola told me of their history.

Saturday, 22d. — Both vessels under way standing to the eastward, they ran the Exertion aground on a bar, but after throwing overboard most of her deck load of shocks, she floated off; a pilot was sent to her, and she was run into a narrow creek between two keys, where they moored her head and stern along side of the mangrove trees, set down her yards and topmasts, and covered her mast heads and shrouds with bushes to prevent her being seen by vessels which might pass that way. I was then suffered to go on board my own vessel, and found her in a very filthy condition; sails torn, rigging cut to pieces, and every thing in the cabin in waste and confusion. The swarms of moschetoës and sandflies made it impossible to get any sleep or rest. The pirate's large boat was armed and manned under Bolidar, and sent off with letters to a merchant (as they called him) by the name of Dominico, residing in a town called Principe, on the main island of Cuba. I was told by one of them, who could speak English, that Principe was a very large and populous town, situated at the head of



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St. Maria, which was about twenty miles northeast from where we lay, and the Keys lying around us were called Cotton Keys. – The captain pressed into his service Francis de Suze, one of my crew, saying that he was one of his countrymen. Francis was very reluctant in going, and said to me, with tears in his eyes, "I shall do nothing but what I am obliged to do, and will not aid in the least to hurt you or the vessel; I am very sorry to leave you." He was immediately put on duty and Thomas Goodall sent back to the Exertion.

Sunday, 23d. – Early this morning a large number of the pirates came on board of the Exertion, threw out the long boat, broke open the hatches, and took out considerable of the cargo, in search of rum, gin, &c., still telling me "I had some and they would find it," uttering the most awful profaneness. In the afternoon their boat returned with a perough, having on board the captain, his first lieutenant and seven men of a patriot or piratical vessel that was chased ashore at Cape Cruz by a Spanish armed brig. These seven men made their escape in said boat, and after four days, found our pirates and joined them; the remainder of the crew being killed or taken prisoners.

Monday, 24th. – Their boat was manned and sent to the before-mentioned town. – I was informed by a line from Nickola, that the pirates had a man on board, a native of Principe, who, in the garb of a sailor, was a partner with Dominico, but I could not get sight of him. This lets us a little into the plans by which this atrocious system of piracy has been carried on. Merchants having partners on board of these pirates! thus pirates at sea and robbers on land are associated to destroy the peaceful trader. The willingness exhibited by the seven above-mentioned men, to join our gang of pirates, seems to look like a general understanding among them; and from there being merchants on shore so base as to encourage the plunder and vend the goods, I am persuaded there has been a systematic confederacy on the part of these unprincipled desperadoes, under cover of the patriot flag; and those on land are no better than those on the sea. If the governments to whom they belong know of the atrocities committed (and I have but little doubt they do) they deserve the execration of all mankind.

Thursday, 27th. – A gang of the pirates came and stripped our masts of the green bushes, saying, "she appeared more like a sail than trees" – took one barrel of bread and one of potatoes, using about one of each every day. I understood they were waiting for boats to take the cargo; for the principal merchant had gone to



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Trinidad.

Sunday, 30th. – The beginning of trouble! This day, which peculiarly reminds Christians of the high duties of compassion and benevolence, was never observed by these pirates. This, of course, we might expect, as they did not often know when the day came, and if they knew it, it was spent in gambling. The old saying among seamen, “no Sunday off soundings,” was not thought of; and even this poor plea was not theirs, for they were on soundings and often at anchor. – Early this morning, the merchant, as they called him, came with a large boat for the cargo. I was immediately ordered into the boat with my crew, not allowed any breakfast, and carried about three miles to a small island out of sight of the Exertion, and left there by the side of a little pond of thick, muddy water, which proved to be very brackish, with nothing to eat but a few biscuits. One of the boat’s men told us the merchant was afraid of being recognized, and when he had gone the boat would return for us; but we had great reason to apprehend they would deceive us, and therefore passed the day in the utmost anxiety. At night, however, the boats came and took us again on board the Exertion; when, to our surprise and astonishment, we found they had broken open the trunks and chests, and taken all our wearing apparel, not even leaving a shirt or pair of pantaloons, nor sparing a small miniature of my wife which was in my trunk. The little money I and my mate had, with some belonging to the owners, my mate had previously distributed about the cabin in three or four parcels, while I was on board the pirate, for we dare not keep it about us; one parcel in a butter pot they did not discover. – Amidst the hurry with which I was obliged to go to the before-mentioned island, I fortunately snatched by vessel’s papers, and hid them in my bosom, which the reader will find was a happy circumstance for me. My writing desk, with papers, accounts, &c., all Mr. Lord’s letters (the gentlemen to whom my cargo was consigned) and several others were taken and maliciously destroyed. My medicine chest, which I so much wanted, was kept for their own use. What their motive could be to take my papers I could not imagine, except they had hopes of finding bills of lading for some Spaniards, to clear them from piracy. Mr. Bracket had some notes and papers of consequence to him, which shared the same fate. My quadrant, charts, books and bedding were not yet taken, but I found it impossible to hide them, and they were soon gone from my sight.

Tuesday, January 1st, 1822 – A sad new-year’s day to me. Before breakfast orders came for me to cut down the Exertion’s railing and bulwarks on one side, for their



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vessel to heave out by, and clean her bottom. On my hesitating a little they observed with anger, "very well, captain, suppose you no do it quick, we do it for you." Directly afterwards another boat full of armed men came along side; they jumped on deck with swords drawn, and ordered all of us into her immediately; I stepped below, in hopes of getting something which would be of service to us; but the captain hallooed, "Go into the boat directly or I will fire upon you." Thus compelled to obey, we were carried, together with four Spanish prisoners, to a small, low island or key of sand in the shape of a half moon, and partly covered with mangrove trees; which was about one mile from and in sight of my vessel. There they left nine of us, with a little bread, flour, fish, lard, a little coffee and molasses; two or three kegs of water, which was brackish; an old sail for a covering, and a pot and some other articles no way fit to cook in. Leaving us these, which were much less than they appear in the enumeration, they pushed off, saying, "we will come to see you in a day or two." Selecting the best place, we spread the old sail for an awning; but no place was free from flies, moschetoës, snakes, the venomous skinned scorpion, and the more venomous santipee. Sometimes they were found crawling inside of our pantaloons, but fortunately no injury was received. This afternoon the pirates hove their vessel out by the Exertion and cleaned one side, using her paints, oil, &c. for that purpose. To see my vessel in that situation and to think of our prospects was a source of the deepest distress. At night we retired to our tent; but having nothing but the cold damp ground for a bed, and the heavy dew of night penetrating the old canvass – the situation of the island being fifty miles from the usual track of friendly vessels, and one hundred and thirty-five from Trinidad – seeing my owner's property so unjustly and wantonly destroyed – considering my condition, the hands at whose mercy I was, and deprived of all hopes, rendered sleep or rest a stranger to me.

Friday, 4th. – Commenced with light winds and hot sun, saw a boat coming from the Exertion, apparently loaded; she passed between two small Keys to northward, supposed to be bound for Cuba. At sunset a boat came and inquired if we wanted anything, but instead of adding to our provisions, took away our molasses, and pushed off. We found one of the Exertion's water casks, and several pieces of plank, which we carefully laid up, in hopes of getting enough to make a raft.

Saturday, 5th. – Pirates again in sight, coming from the eastward; they beat up along side their prize, and commenced loading. In the afternoon Nickola came to us, bringing with him two more prisoners, which they had



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taken in a small sail boat coming from Trinidad to Manganeil, one a Frenchman, the other a Scotchman, with two Spaniards, who remained on board the pirate, and who afterwards joined them. The back of one of these poor fellows was extremely sore, having just suffered a cruel beating from Bolidar, with the broad side of a cutlass. It appeared, that when the officer asked him "where their money was, and how much," he answered, "he was not certain but believed they had only two ounces of gold" – Bolidar furiously swore he said "ten," and not finding any more, gave him the beating. Nickola now related to me a singular fact; which was, that the Spanish part of the crew were determined to shoot him; that they tied him to the mast, and a man was appointed for the purpose; but Lion, a Frenchman, his particular friend, stepped up and told them, if they shot him they must shoot several more; some of the Spaniards sided with him, and he was released. Nickola told me, the reason for such treatment was, that he continually objected to their conduct towards me, and their opinion if he should escape, they would be discovered, as he declared he would take no prize money. While with us he gave me a letter written in great haste, which contains some particulars respecting the cargo; – as follows: –

January 4th, 1822.

Sir, – We arrived here this morning, and before we came to anchor, had five canoes alongside ready to take your cargo, part of which we had in; and as I heard you express a wish to know what they took out of her, to this moment, you may depend upon this account of Jamieson for quality and quantity; if I have the same opportunity you will have an account of the whole. The villain who bought your cargo is from the town of Principe, his name is Dominico, as to that it is all that I can learn; they have taken your charts aboard the schooner Mexican, and I suppose mean to keep them, as the other captain has agreed to act the same infamous part in the tragedy of his life. Your clothes are here on board, but do not let me flatter you that you will get them back; it may be so, and it may not. Perhaps in your old age, when you recline with ease in a corner of your cottage, you will have the goodness to drop a tear of pleasure to the memory of him, whose highest ambition should have been to subscribe himself, though devoted to the gallows, your friend,
Excuse haste. NICKOLA MONACRE.

Sunday, 6th. – The pirates were under way at sunrise, with a full load of the Exertion's cargo, going to Principe again to sell a second freight, which was done readily for cash. I afterwards heard that the flour only fetched five dollars per barrel, when it was worth at



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Trinidad thirteen; so that the villain who bought my cargo at Principe, made very large profits by it.

Tuesday, 8th. – Early this morning the pirates in sight again, with fore top sail and top gallant sail set; beat up along side of the Exertion and commenced loading; having, as I supposed, sold and discharged her last freight among some of the inhabitants of Cuba. They appeared to load in great haste; and the song, "O he oh," which echoed from one vessel to the other, was distinctly heard by us. How wounding was this to me! How different was this sound from what it would have been, had I been permitted to pass unmolested by these lawless plunderers, and been favored with a safe arrival at the port of my destination, where my cargo would have found an excellent sale. Then would the "O he oh," on its discharging, have been a delightful sound to me. In the afternoon she sailed with the perough in tow, both with a full load, having chairs, which was part of the cargo, slung at her quarters.

Monday, 14th. – They again hove in sight, and beat up as usual, along-side their prize. While passing our solitary island, they laughed at our misery, which was almost insupportable – looking upon us as though we had committed some heinous crime, and they had not sufficiently punished us; they hallooed to us, crying out "Captain, Captain," accompanied with obscene motions and words, with which I shall not blacken these pages – yet I heard no check upon such conduct, nor could I expect it among such a gang, who have no idea of subordination on board, except when in chase of vessels, and even then but very little. My resentment was excited at such a malicious outrage, and I felt a disposition to revenge myself, should fortune ever favor me with an opportunity. It was beyond human nature not to feel and express some indignation at such treatment. – Soon after, Bolidar, with five men, well armed, came to us; he having a blunderbuss, cutlass, a long knife and pair of pistols – but for what purpose did he come? He took me by the hand, saying, "Captain, me speak with you, walk this way." I obeyed, and when at some distance from my fellow prisoners, (his men following) he said, "the captain send me for your wash" I pretended not to understand what he meant, and replied, "I have no clothes, nor any soap to wash with – you have taken them all," for I had kept my watch about me, hoping they would not discover it. He demanded it again as before; and was answered, "I have nothing to wash;" this raised his anger, and lifting his blunderbuss, he roared out, "what the d – l you call him that make clock? give it me." I considered it imprudent to contend any longer, and submitted to his unlawful



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demand. As he was going off, he gave me a small bundle, in which was a pair of linen drawers, sent to me by Nickola, and also the Rev. Mr. Brooks' "Family Prayer Book." This gave me great satisfaction. Soon after, he returned with his captain, who had one arm slung up, yet with as many implements of war, as his diminutive wicked self could conveniently carry; he told me (through an interpreter who was his prisoner.) "that on his cruize he had fallen in with two Spanish privateers, and beat them off; but had three of his men killed, and himself wounded in the arm" – Bolidar turned to me and said, "it is a d – n lie" – which words proved to be correct, for his arm was not wounded, and when I saw him again, which was soon afterwards, he had forgotten to sling it up. He further told me, "after tomorrow you shall go with your vessel, and we will accompany you towards Trinidad." This gave me some new hopes, and why I could not tell. They then left us without rendering any assistance. – This night we got some rest.

Tuesday, 15th. The words "go after tomorrow," were used among our Spanish fellow prisoners, as though that happy tomorrow would never come – in what manner it came will soon be noticed.

Friday, 18th commenced with brighter prospects of liberty than ever. The pirates were employed in setting up our devoted schooner's shrouds, stays, &c. My condition now reminded me of the hungry man, chained in one corner of a room, while at another part was a table loaded with delicious food and fruits, the smell and sight of which he was continually to experience, but alas! his chains were never to be loosed that he might go and partake – at almost the same moment they were thus employed, the axe was applied with the greatest dexterity to both her masts and I saw them fall over the side! Here fell my hopes – I looked at my condition, and then thought of home. – Our Spanish fellow prisoners were so disappointed and alarmed that they recommended hiding ourselves, if possible, among the mangrove trees, believing, as they said, we should now certainly be put to death; or, what was worse, compelled to serve on board the Mexican as pirates. Little else it is true, seemed left for us; however, we kept a bright look out for them during the day, and at night "an anchor watch" as we called it, determined if we discovered their boats coming towards us, to adopt the plan of hiding, although starvation stared us in the face – yet preferred that to instant death. This night was passed in sufficient anxiety – I took the first watch.

Saturday, 19th. – The pirate's largest boat came for us – it being day-light, and supposing they could see us, determined to stand our ground and wait the result. They



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ordered us all into the boat, but left every thing else; they rowed towards the Exertion – I noticed a dejection of spirits in one of the pirates, and inquired of him where they were going to carry us? He shook his head and replied, "I do not know." I now had some hopes of visiting my vessel again – but the pirates made sail, ran down, took us in tow and stood out of the harbor. Bolidar afterwards took me, my mate and two of my men on board and gave us some coffee. On examination I found they had several additional light sails, made of the Exertion's. Almost every man, a pair of canvas trousers; and my colors cut up and made into belts to carry their money about them. My jolly boat was on deck, and I was informed, all my rigging was disposed of. Several of the pirates had on some of my clothes, and the captain one of my best shirts, a cleaner one, than I had ever seen him have on before. – He kept at a good distance from me, and forbid my friend Nickola's speaking to me. – I saw from the companion way in the captain's cabin my quadrant, spy glass and other things which belonged to us, and observed by the compass, that the course steered was about west by south, – distance nearly twenty miles, which brought them up with a cluster of islands called by some "Cayman Keys." Here they anchored and caught some fish, (one of which was named *guard fish*) of which we had a taste. I observed that my friend Mr. Bracket was somewhat dejected, and asked him in a low voice, what his opinion was with respects to our fate? He answered, "I cannot tell you, but it appears to me the worst is to come." I told him that I hoped not, but thought they would give us our small boat and liberate the prisoners. But mercy even in this shape was not left-for us. Soon after, saw the captain and officers whispering for some time in private conference. When over, their boat was manned under the command of Bolidar, and went to one of those Islands or Keys before mentioned. On their return, another conference took place – whether it was a jury upon our lives we could not tell. I did not think conscience could be entirely extinguished in the human breast, or that men could become fiends. In the afternoon, while we knew not the doom which had been fixed for us, the captain was engaged with several of his men in gambling, in hopes to get back some of the five hundred dollars, they said, he lost but a few nights before; which had made him unusually fractious. A little before sunset he ordered all the prisoners into the large boat, with a supply of provisions and water, and to be put on shore. While we were getting into her, one of my fellow prisoners, a Spaniard, attempted with tears in his eyes to speak to the captain, but was refused with the answer. "I'll have nothing to say to any prisoner, go into the boat." In



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the mean time Nickola said to me, "My friend, I will give you your book," (being Mr. Colman's Sermons,) "it is the only thing of yours that is in my possession; I dare not attempt any thing more." But the captain forbid his giving it to me, and I stepped into the boat – at that moment Nickola said in a low voice, "never mind, I may see you again before I die." The small boat was well armed and manned, and both set off together for the island, where they had agreed to leave us to perish! The scene to us was a funereal scene. There were no arms in the prisoners boat, and, of course, all attempts to relieve ourselves would have been throwing our lives away, as Bolidar was near us, well armed. We were rowed about two miles north-easterly from the pirates, to a small low island, lonely and desolate. We arrived about sunset; and for the support of us eleven prisoners, they only left a ten gallon keg of water, and perhaps a few quarts, in another small vessel, which was very poor; part of a barrel of flour, a small keg of lard, one ham and some salt fish; a small kettle and an old broken pot; an old sail for a covering, and a small mattress and blanket, which was thrown out as the boats hastened away. One of the prisoners happened to have a little coffee in his pocket, and these comprehended all our means of sustaining life, and for what length of time we knew not. We now felt the need of water, and our supply was comparatively nothing. A man may live nearly twice as long without food, as without water. Look at us now, my friends, left benighted on a little spot of sand in the midst of the ocean, far from the usual track of vessels, and every appearance of a violent thunder tempest, and a boisterous night. Judge of my feelings, and the circumstances which our band of sufferers now witnessed. Perhaps you can and have pitied us. I assure you, we were very wretched; and to paint the scene, is not within my power. When the boats were moving from the shore, on recovering myself a little, I asked Bolidar, "If he was going to leave us so?" – he answered, "no, only two days – we go for water and wood, then come back, take you." I requested him to give us bread and other stores, for they had plenty in the boat, and at least one hundred barrels of flour in the Mexican. "No, no, suppose to-morrow morning me come, me give you bread," and hurried off to the vessel. This was the last time I saw him. We then turned our attention upon finding a spot most convenient for our comfort, and soon discovered a little roof supported by stakes driven into the sand; it was thatched with leaves of the cocoa-nut tree, considerable part of which was torn or blown off. After spreading the old sail over this roof, we placed our little stock of provisions under it. Soon after came on a heavy shower of rain which penetrated the canvas,



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and made it nearly as uncomfortable inside, as it would have been out. We were not prepared to catch water, having nothing to put it in. Our next object was to get fire, and after gathering some of the driest fuel to be found, and having a small piece of cotton wick-yarn, with flint and steel, we kindled a fire, which was never afterwards suffered to be extinguished. The night was very dark, but we found a piece of old rope, which when well lighted served for a candle. On examining the ground under the roof, we found perhaps thousands of creeping insects, scorpions, lizards, crickets, &c. After scraping them out as well as we could, the most of us having nothing but the damp earth for a bed, laid ourselves down in hopes of some rest; but it being so wet, gave many of us severe colds, and one of the Spaniards was quite sick for several days.

Sunday, 20th. — As soon as day-light came on, we proceeded to take a view of our little island, and found it to measure only one acre, of coarse, white sand; about two feet, and in some spots perhaps three feet above the surface of the ocean. On the highest part were growing some bushes and small mangroves, (the dry part of which was our fuel) and the wild castor oil beans. We were greatly disappointed in not finding the latter suitable food; likewise some of the prickly pear bushes, which gave us only a few pears about the size of our small button pear; the outside has thorns, which if applied to the fingers or lips, will remain there, and cause a severe smarting similar to the nettle; the inside a spongy substance, full of juice and seeds, which are red and a little tartish — had they been there in abundance, we should not have suffered so much for water — but alas! even this substitute was not for us. On the northerly side of the island was a hollow, where the tide penetrated the sand, leaving stagnant water. We presumed, in hurricanes the island was nearly overflowed. According to the best calculations I could make, we were about thirty-five miles from any part of Cuba, one hundred from Trinidad and forty from the usual track of American vessels, or others which might pass that way. No vessel of any considerable size, can safely pass among these Keys (or "Queen's Gardens," as the Spaniards call them) being a large number extending from Cape Cruz to Trinidad, one hundred and fifty miles distance; and many more than the charts have laid down, most of them very low and some covered at high water, which makes it very dangerous for navigators without a skilful pilot. After taking this view of our condition, which was very gloomy, we began to suspect we were left on this desolate island by those merciless plunderers to perish. Of this I am now fully convinced; still we looked anxiously for the pirate's boat to come according



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to promise with more water and provisions, but looked in vain. We saw them soon after get under way with all sail set and run directly from us until out of our sight, and we *never saw them again!* One may partially imagine our feelings, but they cannot be put into words. Before they were entirely out of sight of us, we raised the white blanket upon a pole, waving it in the air, in hopes, that at two miles distance they would see it and be moved to pity. But pity in such monsters was not to be found. It was not their interest to save us from the lingering death, which we now saw before us. We tried to compose ourselves, trusting to God, who had witnessed our sufferings, would yet make use of some one, as the instrument of his mercy towards us. Our next care, now, was to try for water. We dug several holes in the sand and found it, but quite too salt for use. The tide penetrates probably through the island. We now came on short allowances for water. Having no means of securing what we had by lock and key, some one in the night would slyly drink, and it was soon gone. The next was to bake some bread, which we did by mixing flour with salt water and frying it in lard, allowing ourselves eight quite small pancakes to begin with. The ham was reserved for some more important occasion, and the salt fish was lost for want of fresh water. The remainder of this day was passed in the most serious conversation and reflection. At night, I read prayers from the "Prayer Book," before mentioned, which I most carefully concealed while last on board the pirates. This plan was pursued morning and evening, during our stay there. Then retired for rest and sleep, but realized little of either.

Monday, 21st. — In the morning we walked round the beach, in expectation of finding something useful. On our way picked up a paddle about three feet long, very similar to the Indian canoe paddle, except the handle, which was like that of a shovel, the top part being split off; we laid it by for the present. We likewise found some konchs and roasted them; they were pretty good shell fish, though rather tough. We discovered at low water, a bar or spit of sand extending north-easterly from us, about three miles distant, to a cluster of Keys, which were covered with mangrove trees, perhaps as high as our quince tree. My friend Mr. Bracket and George attempted to wade across, being at that time of tide only up to their armpits; but were pursued by a shark, and returned without success. The tide rises about four feet.

Tuesday, 22d. — We found several pieces of the palmetto or cabbage tree, and some pieces of boards, put them together in the form of a raft, and endeavored to cross, but that proved ineffectual. Being disappointed, we set



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down to reflect upon other means of relief, intending to do all in our power for safety while our strength continued. While setting here, the sun was so powerful and oppressive, reflecting its rays upon the sea, which was then calm, and the white sand which dazzled the eye, was so painful, that we retired under the awning; there the moschetoos and flies were so numerous, that good rest could not be found. We were, however, a little cheered, when, in scraping out the top of the ground to clear out, I may say, thousands of crickets and bugs, we found a hatchet, which was to us peculiarly serviceable. At night the strong north-easterly wind, which prevails there at all seasons, was so cold as to make it equally uncomfortable with the day. Thus day after day, our sufferings and apprehensions multiplying, we were very generally alarmed.

Thursday, 24th. – This morning, after taking a little coffee, made of the water which we thought least salt, and two or three of the little cakes, we felt somewhat refreshed, and concluded to make another visit to those Keys, in hopes of finding something more, which might make a raft for us to escape the pirates, and avoid perishing by thirst. Accordingly seven of us set off, waded across the bar and searched all the Keys thereabouts. On one we found a number of sugar-box shooks, two lashing plank and some pieces of old spars, which were a part of the Exertion's deck load, that was thrown overboard when she grounded on the bar, spoken of in the first part of the narrative. It seems they had drifted fifteen miles, and had accidentally lodged on these very Keys within our reach. Had the pirates known this, they would undoubtedly have placed us in another direction. They no doubt thought that they could not place us on a worse place. The wind at this time was blowing so strong on shore, as to prevent rafting our stuff round to our island, and we were obliged to haul it upon the beach for the present; then dug for water in the highest place, but found it as salt as ever, and then returned to our habitation. But hunger and thirst began to prey upon us, and our comforts were as few as our hopes.

Friday, 25th. – Again passed over to those Keys to windward in order to raft our stuff to our island, it being most convenient for building. But the surf on the beach was so very rough, that we were again compelled to postpone it. Our courage, however, did not fail where there was the slightest hopes of life. Returning without it, we found on our way an old top timber of some vessel; it had several spikes on it, which we afterwards found very serviceable. In the hollow of an old tree, we found two guarnas of small size, one male, the other female.



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Only one was caught. After taking off the skin, we judged it weighed a pound and a half. With some flour and lard, (the only things we had except salt water,) it made us a fine little mess. We thought it a rare dish, though a small one for eleven half starved persons. At the same time a small vessel hove in sight; we made a signal to her with the blanket tied to a pole and placed it on the highest tree – some took off their white clothes and waved them in the air, hoping they would come to us; should they be pirates, they could do no more than kill us, and perhaps would give us some water, for which we began to suffer most excessively; but, notwithstanding all our efforts, she took no notice of us.

Saturday, 26th. – This day commenced with moderate weather and smooth sea; at low tide found some cockles; boiled and eat them, but they were very painful to the stomach. David Warren had a fit of strangling, with swelling of the bowels; but soon recovered, and said, "something like salt rose in his throat and choked him." Most of us then set off for the Keys, where the plank and shooks were put together in a raft, which we with pieces of boards paddled over to our island; when we consulted the best plan, either to build a raft large enough for us all to go on, or a boat; but the shooks having three or four nails in each, and having a piece of large reed or bamboo, previously found, of which we made pins, we concluded to make a boat.

Sunday, 27 – Commenced our labor, for which I know we need offer no apology. We took the two planks, which were about fourteen feet long, and two and a half wide, and fixed them together for the bottom of the boat; then with moulds made of palmetto bark, cut timber and knees from mangrove trees which spread so much as to make the boat four feet wide at the top, placed them exactly the distance apart of an Havana sugar box. – Her stern was square and the bows tapered to a peak, making her form resemble a flat-iron. We proceeded thus far and returned to rest for the night – but Mr. Bracket was too unwell to get much sleep.

Monday, 28 – Went on with the work as fast as possible. Some of the Spaniards had long knives about them, which proved very useful in fitting timbers, and a gimblet of mine, accidentally found on board the pirate, enabled us to use the wooden pins. And now our spirits began to revive, though *water, water*, was continually in our minds. We now feared the pirates might possibly come, find out our plan and put us to death, (although before we had wished to see them, being so much in want of water.) Our labor was extremely burdensome, and the Spaniards considerably peevish – but they would often



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say to me "never mind captain, by and by, Americana or Spanyola catch them, me go and see 'um hung." We quitted work for the day, cooked some cakes but found it necessary to reduce the quantity again, however small before. We found some herbs on a windward Key, which the Spaniards called Spanish tea. – This when well boiled we found somewhat palatable, although the water was very salt. This herb resembles pennyroyal in look and taste, though not so pungent. In the evening when we were setting round the fire to keep of the moschetoës, I observed David Warren's eyes shone like glass. The mate said to him – "David I think you will die before morning – I think you are struck with death now." I thought so too, and told him, "I thought it most likely we should all die here soon; but as some one of us might survive to carry the tidings to our friends, if you have any thing to say respecting your family, now is the time." – He then said, "I have a mother in Saco where I belong – she is a second time a widow – to-morrow if you can spare a scrap of paper and pencil I will write something." But no tomorrow came to him. – In the course of the night he had another spell of strangling, and soon after expired, without much pain and without a groan. He was about twenty-six years old. – How solemn was this scene to us! Here we beheld the ravages of death commenced upon us. More than one of us considered death a happy release. For myself I thought of my wife and children; and wished to live if God should so order it, though extreme thirst, hunger and exhaustion had well nigh prostrated my fondest hopes.

Tuesday, 29th. – Part of us recommenced labor on the boat, while myself and Mr. Bracket went and selected the highest clear spot of sand on the northern side of the island, where we dug Warren's grave, and boxed it up with shooks, thinking it would be the most suitable spot for the rest of us – whose turn would come next, we knew not. At about ten o'clock, A.M. conveyed the corpse to the grave, followed by us survivors – a scene, whose awful solemnity can never be painted. We stood around the grave, and there I read the funeral prayer from the Rev. Mr. Brooks's Family Prayer Book; and committed the body to the earth; covered it with some pieces of board and sand, and returned to our labor. One of the Spaniards, an old man, named Manuel, who was partial to me, and I to him, made a cross and placed it at the head of the grave saying, "Jesus Christ hath him now." Although I did not believe in any mysterious influence of this cross, yet I was perfectly willing it should stand there. The middle part of the day being very warm, our mouths parched with thirst, and our spirits so depressed, that we made but little progress during the remainder of this day, but in the evening were employed



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in picking oakum out of the bolt rope taken from the old sail.

Wednesday, 30th. – Returned to labor on the boat with as much vigor as our weak and debilitated state would admit, but it was a day of trial to us all; for the Spaniards and we Americans could not well understand each other's plans, and they being naturally petulant, would not work, nor listen with any patience for Joseph, our English fellow prisoner, to explain our views – they would sometimes undo what they had done, and in a few minutes replace it again; however before night we began to caulk her seams, by means of pieces of hard mangrove, made in form of a caulking-iron, and had the satisfaction of seeing her in a form something like a boat.

Thursday, 31st. – Went on with the work, some at caulking, others at battening the seams with strips of canvas, and pieces of pine nailed over, to keep the oakum in. Having found a suitable pole for a mast, the rest went about making a sail from the one we had used for a covering, also fitting oars of short pieces of boards, in form of a paddle, tied on a pole, we having a piece of fishing line brought by one of the prisoners. Thus, at three P.M. the boat was completed and put afloat. – We had all this time confidently hoped, that she would be sufficiently large and strong to carry us all – we made a trial and were disappointed! This was indeed a severe trial, and the emotions it called up were not easy to be suppressed. She proved leaky, for we had no carpenter's yard, or smith's shop to go to. – And now the question was, "who should go, and how many?" I found it necessary for six; four to row, one to steer and one to bale. Three of the Spaniards and the Frenchman claimed the right, as being best acquainted with the nearest inhabitants; likewise, they had when taken, two boats left at St. Maria, (about forty miles distant,) which they were confident of finding. They promised to return within two or three days for the rest of us – I thought it best to consent – Mr. Bracket it was agreed should go in my stead, because my papers must accompany me as a necessary protection, and my men apprehended danger if they were lost. Joseph Baxter (I think was his name) they wished should go, because he could speak both languages – leaving Manuel, George, Thomas and myself, to wait their return. Having thus made all arrangements, and putting up a keg of the least salt water, with a few pancakes of salt fish, they set off a little before sunset with our best wishes and prayers for their safety and return to our relief. – To launch off into the wide ocean, with strength almost exhausted, and in such a frail boat as this, you will



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say was very hazardous, and in truth it was; but what else was left to us? – Their intention was to touch at the Key where the Exertion was and if no boat was to be found there, to proceed to St. Maria, and if none there, to go to Trinidad and send us relief. – But alas! it was the last time I ever saw them! – Our suffering this day was most acute.

Tuesday, 5th. – About ten o'clock, A.M. discovered a boat drifting by on the southeastern side of the island about a mile distant. I deemed it a providential thing to us, and urged Thomas and George trying the raft for her. They reluctantly consented and set off, but it was nearly three P.M. when they came up with her – it was the same boat we had built! Where then was my friend Bracket and those who went with him? Every appearance was unfavorable. – I hoped that a good Providence had yet preserved him. – The two men who went for the boat, found it full of water, without oars, paddle, or sail; being in this condition, and about three miles to the leeward, the men found it impossible to tow her up, so left her, and were until eleven o'clock at night getting back with the raft. They were so exhausted, that had it not been nearly calm, they could never have returned.

Wednesday, 6th. – This morning was indeed the most gloomy I had ever experienced. – There appeared hardly a ray of hope that my friend Bracket could return, seeing the boat was lost. Our provisions nearly gone; our mouths parched extremely with thirst; our strength wasted; our spirits broken, and our hopes imprisoned within the circumference of this desolate island in the midst of an unfrequented ocean; all these things gave to the scene around us the hue of death. In the midst of this dreadful despondence, a sail hove in sight bearing the white flag! Our hopes were raised, of course – but no sooner raised than darkened, by hearing a gun fired. Here then was another gang of pirates. She soon, however, came near enough to anchor, and her boat pushed off towards us with three men in her. – Thinking it now no worse to die by sword than famine, I walked down immediately to meet them. I knew them not. – A moment before the boat touched the ground, a man leaped from her bows and caught me in his arms! *It was Nickola!* – saying, "Do you now believe Nickola is your friend? yes, said he, *Jamieson* will yet prove himself so." – No words can express my emotions at this moment. This was a friend indeed. The reason of my not recognizing them before, was that they had cut their beards and whiskers. Turning to my fellow-sufferers, Nickola asked – "Are these all that are left of you? where are the others?" – At this moment seeing David's grave – "are they dead then? Ah! I suspected it, I know what you were put here



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for." As soon as I could recover myself, I gave him an account of Mr. Bracket and the others. — "How unfortunate," he said, "they must be lost, or some pirates have taken them." — "But," he continued, "we have no time to lose; you had better embark immediately with us, and go where you please, we are at your service." The other two in the boat were Frenchmen, one named Lyon, the other Parrikete. They affectionately embraced each of us; then holding to my mouth the nose of a teakettle, filled with wine, said "Drink plenty, no hurt you." I drank as much as I judged prudent. They then gave it to my fellow sufferers — I experienced almost immediate relief, not feeling it in my head; they had also brought in the boat for us, a dish of salt beef and potatoes, of which we took a little. Then sent the boat on board for the other two men, being five in all; who came ashore, and rejoiced enough was I to see among them Thomas Young, one of my crew, who was detained on board the Mexican, but had escaped through Nickola's means; the other a Frenchman, named John Cadett. I now thought again and again, with troubled emotion, of my dear friend Bracket's fate. I took the last piece of paper I had, and wrote with pencil a few words, informing him (should he come there) that "I and the rest were safe; that I was not mistaken in the friend in whom I had placed so much confidence, that he had accomplished my highest expectations; and that I should go immediately to Trinidad, and requested him to go there also, and apply to Mr. Isaac W. Lord, my consignee, for assistance." I put the paper into a junk bottle, previously found on the beach, put in a stopper, and left it, together with what little flour remained, a keg of water brought from Nickola's vessel, and a few other things which I thought might be of service to him. We then repaired with our friends on board, where we were kindly treated. She was a sloop from Jamaica, of about twelve tons, with a cargo of rum and wine, bound to Trinidad. I asked "which way they intended to go?" They said "to Jamaica if agreeable to me." As I preferred Trinidad, I told them, "if they would give me the Exertion's boat which was along-side (beside their own) some water and provisions, we would take chance in her." — "For perhaps," said I, "you will fare better at Jamaica, than at Trinidad." After a few minutes consultation, they said "you are too much exhausted to row the distance of one hundred miles, therefore we will go and carry you — we consider ourselves at your service." I expressed a wish to take a look at the Exertion, possibly we might hear something of Mr. Bracket. Nickola said "very well," so got under way, and run for her, having a light westerly wind. He then related to me the manner of their desertion from the



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pirates; as nearly as I can recollect his own words, he said, "A few days since, the pirates took four small vessels, I believe Spaniards; they having but two officers for the two first, the third fell to me as prize master, and having an understanding with the three Frenchmen and Thomas, selected them for my crew, and went on board with orders to follow the Mexican; which I obeyed. The fourth, the pirates took out all but one man and bade him also follow their vessel. Now our schooner leaked so bad, that we left her and in her stead agreed to take this little sloop (which we are now in) together with the one man. The night being very dark we all agreed to desert the pirates – altered our course and touched at St. Maria, where we landed the one man – saw no boats there, could hear nothing from you, and agreed one and all at the risk of our lives to come and liberate you if you were alive; knowing, as we did, that you were put on this Key to perish. On our way we boarded the Exertion, thinking possibly you might have been there. On board her we found a sail and paddle. We took one of the pirate's boats which they had left along-side of her, which proves how we came by two boats. My friend, the circumstance I am now about to relate, will somewhat astonish you. When the pirate's boat with Bolidar was sent to the before mentioned Key, on the 19th of January, it was their intention to leave you prisoners there, where was nothing but salt water and mangroves, and no possibility of escape. This was the plan of Baltizar, their abandoned pilot; but Bolidar's heart failed him, and he objected to it; then, after a conference, Captain Jonnia ordered you to be put on the little island from whence we have now taken you. But after this was done, that night the French and Portuguese part of the Mexican's crew protested against it; so that Captain Jonnia to satisfy them, sent his large boat to take you and your fellow prisoners back again, taking care to select his confidential Spaniards for this errand. And you will believe me they set off from the Mexican, and after spending about as much time as would really have taken them to come to you, they returned, and reported they had been to your island, and landed, and that none of you were there, somebody having taken you off! This, all my companions here know to be true. – I knew it was impossible you could have been liberated, and therefore we determined among ourselves, that should an opportunity occur we would come and save your lives, as we now have." He then expressed, as he hitherto had done (and I believe with sincerity), his disgust with the bad company which he had been in, and looked forward with anxiety to the day when he might return to his native country. I advised him to get on board an American vessel, whenever an opportunity



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offered, and come to the United States; and on his arrival direct a letter to me; repeating my earnest desire to make some return for the disinterested friendship which he had shown toward me. With the Frenchman I had but little conversation, being unacquainted with the language.

Here ended Nickola's account. "And now" said the Frenchman, "our hearts be easy." Nickola observed he had left all and found us. I gave them my warmest tribute of gratitude, saying I looked upon them under God as the preservers of our lives, and promised them all the assistance which my situation might enable me to afford. — This brings me to,

Thursday evening, 7th, when, at eleven o'clock, we anchored at the creek's mouth, near the Exertion. I was anxious to board her; accordingly took with me Nickola, Thomas, George and two others, well armed, each with a musket and cutlass. I jumped on her deck, saw a fire in the camboose, but no person there: I called aloud Mr. Bracket's name several times, saying "it is Captain Lincoln, don't be afraid, but show yourself," but no answer was given. She had no masts, spars, rigging, furniture, provisions or any thing left, except her bowsprit, and a few barrels of salt provisions of her cargo. Her ceiling had holes cut in it, no doubt in their foolish search for money. I left her with peculiar emotions, such as I hope never again to experience; and returned to the little sloop where we remained till —

Friday, 8th — When I had disposition to visit the island on which we were first imprisoned. — Found nothing there — saw a boat among the mangroves, near the Exertion. Returned, and got under way immediately for Trinidad. In the night while under full sail, run aground on a sunken Key, having rocks above the water, resembling old stumps of trees; we, however, soon got off and anchored. Most of those Keys have similar rocks about them, which navigators must carefully guard against.

Monday, 11th — Got under way — saw a brig at anchor about five miles below the mouth of the harbor; we hoped to avoid her speaking us; but when we opened in sight of her, discovered a boat making towards us, with a number of armed men in her. This alarmed my friends, and as we did not see the brig's ensign hoisted, they declared the boat was a pirate, and looking through the spy-glass, they knew some of them to be the Mexican's men! This state of things was quite alarming. They said, "we will not be taken alive by them." Immediately the boat fired a musket; the ball passed through our mainsail. My friends insisted on beating them off: I endeavored to dissuade them, believing, as I did, that the brig was a Spanish man-of-war, who had sent her boat to ascertain



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who we were. I thought we had better heave to. Immediately another shot came. Then they insisted on fighting, and said "if I would not help them, I was no friend." I reluctantly acquiesced, and handed up the guns – commenced firing upon them and they upon us. We received several shot through the sails, but no one was hurt on either side. Our boats had been cast adrift to make us go the faster, and we gained upon them – continued firing until they turned from us, and went for our boats, which they took in tow for the brig. Soon after this, it became calm: then I saw that the brig had us in her power. – She manned and armed two more boats for us. We now concluded, since we had scarcely any ammunition, to surrender; and were towed down alongside the brig on board, and were asked by the captain, who could speak English, "what for you fire on the boat?" I told him "we thought her a pirate, and did not like to be taken by them again, having already suffered too much;" showing my papers. He said, "Captain Americana, never mind, go and take some dinner – which are your men?" I pointed them out to him, and he ordered them the liberty of the decks; but my friend Nickola and his three associates were immediately put in irons. They were, however, afterwards taken out of irons and examined; and I understood the Frenchmen agreed to enlist, as they judged it the surest way to better their condition. Whether Nickola enlisted, I do not know, but think that he did, as I understood that offer was made to him: I however endeavored to explain more distinctly to the captain, the benevolent efforts of these four men by whom my life had been saved, and used every argument in my power to procure their discharge. I also applied to the governor, and exerted myself with peculiar interest, dictated as I trust with heartfelt gratitude – and I ardently hope ere this, that Nickola is on his way to this country, where I may have an opportunity of convincing him that such an act of benevolence will not go unrewarded. Previous to my leaving Trinidad, I made all the arrangements in my power with my influential friends, and doubt not, that their laudable efforts will be accomplished. – The sloop's cargo was then taken on board the brig; after which the captain requested a certificate that I was politely treated by him, saying that his name was Captain Candama, of the privateer brig Prudentee of eighteen guns. This request I complied with. His first lieutenant told me he had sailed out of Boston, as commander for T.C. Amory, Esq. during the last war. In the course of the evening my friends were taken out of irons and examined separately, then put back again. The captain invited me to supper in his cabin, and a berth for the night, which was truly acceptable. The next morning after breakfast, I with my



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people were set on shore with the few things we had, with the promise of the Exertion's small boat in a day or two, – but it was never sent me – the reason, let the reader imagine. On landing at the wharf Casildar, we were immediately taken by soldiers to the guard house, which was a very filthy place; thinking I suppose, and even calling us, pirates. Soon some friends came to see me. Mr. Cotton, who resides there brought us in some soup. Mr. Isaac W. Lord, of Boston, my merchant, came with Captain Tate, who sent immediately to the governor; for I would not show my papers to any one else. He came about sunset, and after examining Manuel my Spanish fellow prisoner, and my papers, said to be, giving me the papers, "Captain, you are at liberty." I was kindly invited by Captain Matthew Rice, of schooner Galaxy, of Boston, to go on board his vessel, and live with him during my stay there. This generous offer I accepted, and was treated by him with the greatest hospitality; for I was hungered and he gave me meat, I was athirst and he gave me drink, I was naked and he clothed me, a stranger and he took me in. He likewise took Manuel and my three men for that night. Next day Mr. Lord rendered me all necessary assistance in making my protest. He had heard nothing from me until my arrival. I was greatly disappointed in not finding Mr. Bracket, and requested Mr. Lord to give him all needful aid if he should come there. To Captain Carnes, of the schooner Hannah, of Boston, I would tender my sincere thanks, for his kindness in giving me a passage to Boston, which I gladly accepted. To those gentlemen of Trinidad, and many captains of American vessels, who gave me sea clothing, &c., I offer my cordial gratitude.

I am fully of the opinion that these ferocious pirates are linked in with many inhabitants of Cuba; and the government in many respects appears covertly to encourage them.

It is with heartfelt delight, that, since the above narrative was written, I have learned that Mr. Bracket and his companions are safe; he arrived at Port d'Esprit, about forty leagues east of Trinidad. A letter has been received from him, stating that he should proceed to Trinidad the first opportunity. – It appears that after reaching the wreck, they found a boat from the shore, taking on board some of the Exertion's cargo, in which they proceeded to the above place. Why it was not in his power to come to our relief will no doubt be satisfactorily disclosed when he may be so fortunate as once more to return to his native country and friends.

I felt great anxiety to learn what became of Jamieson, who, my readers will recollect, was detained on board the Spanish brig Prudentee near Trinidad. I heard nothing from him, until I believe eighteen months after I reached home, when I received a letter from him, from Montego Bay, Jamaica, informing me that he was then residing in that island. I immediately wrote to him,



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and invited him to come on to the United States. He accordingly came on passenger with Captain Wilson of Cohasset, and arrived in Boston, in August, 1824. Our meeting was very affecting. Trying scenes were brought up before us; scenes gone forever, through which we had passed together, where our acquaintance was formed, and since which time, we had never met. I beheld once more the preserver of my life; the instrument, under Providence, of restoring me to my home, my family, and my friends, and I regarded him with no ordinary emotion. My family were delighted to see him, and cordially united in giving him a warm reception. He told me that after we separated in Trinidad, he remained on board the Spanish brig. The commander asked him and his companions if they would enlist; the Frenchmen replied that they would, but he said nothing, being determined to make his escape, the very first opportunity which should present. The Spanish brig afterwards fell in with a Columbian Patriot, an armed brig of eighteen guns. Being of about equal force, they gave battle, and fought between three and four hours. Both parties were very much injured; and, without any considerable advantage on either side, both drew off to make repairs. The Spanish brig Prudentee, put into St. Jago de Cuba. Jamieson was wounded in the action, by a musket ball, through his arm, and was taken on shore, with the other wounded, and placed in the hospital of St. Jago. Here he remained for a considerable time, until he had nearly recovered, when he found an opportunity of escaping, and embarking for Jamaica. He arrived in safety at Kingston, and from there, travelled barefoot over the mountains, until very much exhausted, he reached Montego Bay, where he had friends, and where one of his brothers possessed some property. From this place, he afterwards wrote to me. He told me that before he came to Massachusetts, he saw the villainous pilot of the Mexican, the infamous Baltizar, with several other pirates, brought into Montego Bay, from whence they were to be conveyed to Kingston to be executed. Whether the others were part of the Mexican's crew, or not, I do not know. Baltizar was an old man, and as Jamieson said, it was a melancholy and heart-rending sight, to see him borne to execution with those gray hairs, which might have been venerable in virtuous old age, now a shame and reproach to this hoary villain, for he was full of years, and old in iniquity. When Jamieson received the letter which I wrote him, he immediately embarked with Captain Wilson, and came to Boston, as I have before observed.

According to his own account he was of a very respectable family in Greenock, Scotland. His father when living was a rich cloth merchant, but both his father and mother had been dead many years. He was the youngest of thirteen children, and being, as he said, of a roving disposition, had always followed the seas. He had received a polite education, and was of a very gentlemanly deportment. He spoke several living languages, and was skilled in drawing and painting. He had travelled extensively in different countries, and acquired in consequence an excellent knowledge of their manners and customs. His varied information



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(for hardly any subject escaped him) rendered him a very entertaining companion. His observations on the character of different nations were very liberal; marking their various traits, their virtues and vices, with playful humorousness, quite free from bigotry, or narrow prejudice.

I was in trade, between Boston and Philadelphia, at the time he came to Massachusetts, and he sailed with me several trips as my mate. He afterwards went to Cuba, and was subsequently engaged in the mackerel fishery, out of the port of Hingham, during the warm season, and in the winter frequently employed himself in teaching navigation to young men, for which he was eminently qualified. He remained with us, until his death, which took place in 1829. At this time he had been out at sea two or three days, when he was taken sick, and was carried into Cape Cod, where he died, on the first day of May, 1829, and there his remains lie buried. Peace be to his ashes! They rest in a strange land, far from his kindred and his native country.

Since his death I have met with Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, who was Commercial Agent in Trinidad at the time of my capture. He informed me that the piratical schooner Mexican, was afterwards chased by an English government vessel, from Jamaica, which was cruising in search of it. Being hotly pursued, the pirates deserted their vessel, and fled to the mangrove bushes, on an island similar to that on which they had placed me and my crew to die. The English surrounded them, and thus they were cut off from all hopes of escape. They remained there, I think fourteen days, when being almost entirely subdued by famine, eleven surrendered themselves, and were taken. The others probably perished among the mangroves. The few who were taken were carried by the government vessel into Trinidad. Mr. Stewart said that he saw them himself, and such miserable objects, that had life, he never before beheld. They were in a state of starvation; their beards had grown to a frightful length, their bodies, were covered with filth and vermin, and their countenances were hideous. From Trinidad they were taken to Kingston, Jamaica, and there hung on Friday, the 7th of February, 1823.

About a quarter of an hour before day dawn, the wretched culprits were taken from the jail, under a guard of soldiers from the 50th regiment, and the City Guard. On their arrival at the wherry wharf, the military retired, and the prisoners, with the Town Guard were put on board two wherries, in which they proceeded to Port Royal Point, the usual place of execution in similar cases. They were there met by a strong party of military, consisting of 50 men, under command of an officer. They formed themselves into a square round the place of execution, with the sheriff and his officers with the prisoners in the centre. The gallows was of considerable length, and contrived with a drop so as to prevent the unpleasant circumstances which frequently occur.

The unfortunate men had been in continual prayer from the time they were awakened out of a deep sleep till they arrived at that



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place, where they were to close their existence.

They all expressed their gratitude for the attention they had met with from the sheriff and the inferior officers. Many pressed the hands of the turnkey to their lips, others to their hearts and on their knees, prayed that God, Jesus Christ, and the Virgin Mary would bless him and the other jailors for their goodness. They all then fervently joined in prayer. To the astonishment of all, no clerical character, of any persuasion, was present. They repeatedly called out "*Adonde esta el padre,*" (Where is the holy father).

Juan Hernandez called on all persons present to hear him – he was innocent; what they had said about his confessing himself guilty was untrue. He had admitted himself guilty, because he hoped for pardon; but that now he was to die, he called God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost, the Virgin Mary, and the Saints, to witness that he spoke the truth – that he was no pirate, no murderer – he had been forced. The Lieutenant of the pirates was a wretch, who did not fear God, and had compelled him to act. Juan Gutierrez and Francisco de Sayas were loud in their protestations of innocence.

Manuel Lima said, for himself, he did not care; he felt for the old man (Miguel Jose). How could he be a pirate who could not help himself? If it were a Christian country, they would have pardoned him for his gray hairs. He was innocent – they had both been forced. Let none of his friends or relations ever venture to sea – he hoped his death would be a warning to them, that the innocent might suffer for the guilty. The language of this young man marked him a superior to the generality of his companions in misfortune. The seamen of the *Whim* stated that he was very kind to them when prisoners on board the piratical vessel. Just before he was turned off, he addressed the old man – "*Adios viejo, para siempre adios.*" – (Farewell, old man, forever farewell.)

Several of the prisoners cried out for mercy, pardon, pardon. Domingo Eucalla, the black man, then addressed them. "Do not look for mercy here, but pray to God; we are all brought here to die. This is not built for nothing; here we must end our lives. You know I am innocent, but I must die the same as you all. There is not any body here who can do us any good, so let us think only of God Almighty. We are not children but men, you know that all must die; and in a few years those who kill us must die too. When I was born, God set the way of my death; I do not blame any body. I was taken by the pirates and they made me help them; they would not let me be idle. I could not show that this was the truth, and therefore they have judged me by the people they have found me with. I am put to death unjustly, but I blame nobody. It was my misfortune. Come, let us pray. If we are innocent, so much the less we have to repent. I do not come here to accuse any one. Death must come one day or other; better to the innocent than guilty." He then joined in prayer with the others. He seemed to be much revered by his fellow prisoners. He chose those prayers he thought most adapted to the



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occasion. Hundreds were witnesses to the manly firmness of this negro. Observing a bystander listening attentively to the complaints of one of his fellow wretches, he translated what had been said into English. With a steady pace, and a resolute and resigned countenance, he ascended the fatal scaffold. Observing the executioner unable to untie a knot on the collar of one of the prisoners, he with his teeth untied it. He then prayed most fervently till the drop fell.

Miguel Jose protested his innocence. – “*No he robado, no he matado ninguno, muero inocente.*” – (I have robbed no one, I have killed no one, I die innocent. I am an old man, but my family will feel my disgraceful death.)

Francisco Migul prayed devoutly, but inaudibly. – His soul seemed to have quitted the body before he was executed.

Breti Gullimillit called on all to witness his innocence; it was of no use for him to say an untruth, for he was going before the face of God.

Augustus Hernandez repeatedly declared his innocence, requested that no one would say he had made a confession; he had none to make.

Juan Hernandez was rather obstinate when the execution pulled the cap over his eyes. He said, rather passionately – “*Quita is de mis ojos.*” – (Remove it from my eyes.) He then rubbed it up against one of the posts of the gallows.

Miguel Jose made the same complaint, and drew the covering from his eyes by rubbing his head against a fellow sufferer.

Pedro Nondre was loud in his ejaculations for mercy. He wept bitterly. He was covered with marks of deep wounds.

The whole of the ten included in the death warrant, having been placed on the scaffold, and the ropes suspended, the drop was let down. Nondre being an immense heavy man, broke the rope, and fell to the ground alive. Juan Hernandez struggled long. Lima was much convulsed. The old man Gullimillit, and Migul, were apparently dead before the drop fell. Eucalla (the black man) gave one convulsion, and all was over.

When Nondre recovered from the fall and saw his nine lifeless companions stretched in death, he gave an agonizing shriek; he wrung his hands, screamed “*Favor, favor, me matan sin causa. O! buenos Christianos, me amparen, ampara me, ampara me, no hay Christiano en asta, tiara?*” (Mercy, mercy, they kill me without cause. – Oh, good Christians, protect me. Oh, protect me. Is there no Christian in this land?)

He then lifted his eyes to Heaven, and prayed long and loud. Upon being again suspended, he was for a long period convulsed. He was an immense powerful man, and died hard.

A piratical station was taken in the Island of Cuba by the U.S. schooners of war, Greyhound and Beagle. They left Thompson’s Island June 7, 1823, under the command of Lieuts. Kearney and Newton, and cruised within the Key’s on the south side of Cuba, as far as Cape Cruz, touching at all the intermediate ports on the island, to intercept pirates. On the 21st of July, they came to anchor off Cape Cruz, and Lieut. Kearney went in his boat to



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reconnoitre the shore, when he was fired on by a party of pirates who were concealed among the bushes. A fire was also opened from several pieces of cannon erected on a hill a short distance off. The boat returned, and five or six others were manned from the vessels, and pushed off for the shore, but a very heavy cannonade being kept up by the pirates on the heights, as well as from the boats, were compelled to retreat. The two schooners were then warped in, when they discharged several broadsides, and covered the landing of the boats. After a short time the pirates retreated to a hill that was well fortified. A small hamlet, in which the pirates resided, was set fire to and destroyed. Three guns, one a four pounder, and two large swivels, with several pistols, cutlasses, and eight large boats, were captured. A cave, about 150 feet deep, was discovered, near where the houses were, and after considerable difficulty, a party of seamen got to the bottom, where was found an immense quantity of plunder, consisting of broadcloths, dry goods, female dresses, saddlery, &c. Many human bones were also in the cave, supposed to have been unfortunate persons who were taken and put to death. A great many of the articles were brought away, and the rest destroyed. About forty pirates escaped to the heights, but many were supposed to have been killed from the fire of the schooners, as well as from the men who landed. The bushes were so thick that it was impossible to go after them. Several other caves are in the neighborhood, in which it was conjectured they occasionally take shelter.

In 1823, Commodore Porter commanded the United States squadron in these seas; much good was done in preventing new acts of piracy; but these wretches kept aloof and did not venture to sea as formerly, but some were taken.

Almost every day furnished accounts evincing the activity of Commodore Porter, and the officers and men under his command; but for a long time their industry and zeal was rather shown in the *suppression* of piracy than the *punishment* of it. At length, however, an opportunity offered for inflicting the latter, as detailed in the following letter, dated Matanzas, July 10, 1823. "I have the pleasure of informing you of a brilliant achievement obtained against the pirates on the 5th inst. by two barges attached to Commodore Porter's squadron, the Gallinipper, Lieut. Watson, 18 men, and the Moscheto, Lieut. Inman, 10 men. The barges were returning from a cruise to windward; when they were near Jiguapa Bay, 13 leagues to windward of Matanzas, they entered it - it being a rendezvous for pirates. They immediately discovered a large schooner under way, which they supposed to be a Patriot privateer; and as their stores were nearly exhausted, they hoped to obtain some supplies from her. They therefore made sail in pursuit. When they were within cannon shot distance, she rounded to and fired her long gun, at the same time run up the bloody flag, directing her course towards the shore, and continuing to fire without effect. When she had got within a short distance of the shore, she came to, with springs on her cable, continuing to fire; and when the barges



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were within 30 yards, they fired their muskets without touching boat or man; our men gave three cheers, and prepared to board; the pirates, discovering their intention, jumped into the water, when the bargemen, calling on the name of 'Allen,' commenced a destructive slaughter, killing them in the water and as they landed. So exasperated were our men, that it was impossible for their officers to restrain them, and many were killed after orders were given to grant quarter. Twenty-seven dead were counted, some sunk, five taken prisoners by the bargemen, and eight taken by a party of Spaniards on shore. The officers calculated that from 30 to 35 were killed. The schooner mounted a long nine pounder on a pivot, and 4 four pounders, with every other necessary armament, and a crew of 50 to 60 men, and ought to have blown the barges to atoms. She was commanded by the notorious Diablero or Little Devil. This statement I have from Lieut. Watson himself, and it is certainly the most decisive operation that has been effected against those murderers, either by the English or American force."

"This affair occurred on the same spot where the brave Allen fell about one year since. The prize was sent to Thompson's Island."

A British sloop of war, about the same time, captured a pirate schooner off St. Domingo, with a crew of 60 men. She had 200,000 dollars in specie, and other valuable articles on board. The brig Vestal sent another pirate schooner to New-Providence.



November 11, Sunday (October 30th Old Style²⁷⁵): [Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevski](#) was born at Moscow's hospital for the poor.

At a musical gathering in [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#)'s home in Weimar, visiting musicians played through [Felix Mendelssohn](#)'s Piano Quartet in D, led by his teacher Carl Friedrich Zelter. Goethe, who had heard the 7-year-old [Mozart](#), stated that Mendelssohn's accomplishment at such a young age bordered "on the miraculous."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 11th M / Our morning meeting was a solemn favord season - Hannah Dennis first appeared in Supplication -then father Rodman in a lively testimony - then Hannah followed in a communication lively & pertinent & Solemn. & I thought the meeting closed with rather uncommon weight - In the Afternoon we were Silent but it appeared to me there was a good degree Of favor vouchsafed. -

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275. Although Russia had moved the start of its year to January 1st as of 1700, it would not switch over from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar until February 14, 1918 (New Style). Hence they refer to the Revolution of 1917 as their October Revolution despite the fact that it did not break out until November 7th New Style (October 25th Old Style).



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November 15, Thursday: Billy Williams died of the beating he had received with an iron bar at the hands of fellow convict [Samuel Green](#) on November 8th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 11 M 1821 / Silent meeting, but a season of Some favor to me - for which I desire to be thankful

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November 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 11 M / Last evening rode out to Uncle Stantons & Lodged - This morning rode to Meeting with Aunt Patty, which to me was a Season of uncommon favor to me - soon After I took my seat my mind became centered in solid reflection & life rose in which I was made sensible that, the same power which did in the days of Israel of old, exalt itself in the mountains, could also be exalted in the valleys, now as in those days, & much encouragement rose in my mind for which I desire to be thankful Anne Dennis & Abigail Sherman bore short testimonies & Hannah Dennis was much favored in testimony - After Meeting I went to see my cousin Elizabeth Chase which is the first time I have seen her since Her mother died - After tea I walked home. -

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Franz Schubert's song "[Der Wanderer](#)" to words of Georg Philipp Schmidt von Lübeck was performed for the initial time, in the Gasthof "zum Römischen Kaiser" of Vienna.

Ich komme vom Gebirge her,
Es dampft das Tal, es braust das Meer,
Ich wandle still, bin wenig froh,
Und immer fragt der Seufzer, wo?

Die Sonne dünkt mich hier so kalt,
Die Blüte welk, das Leben alt,
Und was sie reden, leerer Schall,
Ich bin ein Fremdling überall.

Wo bist du, mein geliebtes Land,
Gesucht, geahnt, und nie gekannt?
Das Land, das Land so hoffnungsgrün,
Das Land, wo meine Rosen blühn;

Wo meine Freunde wandelnd gehen,
Wo meine Toten auferstehen,
Das Land, das meine Sprache spricht,
Das teure Land — hier ist es nicht. —

Ich wandle still, bin wenig froh,
Und immer fragt der Seufzer, wo?
Im Geisterhauch tö'nt's mir zurück,
"Dort, wo du nicht bist, ist das Glück."



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November 27, Tuesday: Three songs of Franz Schubert were published by Cappi and Diabelli, Vienna as his op.7: "Die abgebluhte Linde" and "Der Flug der Zeit" to words of Szechenyi, and "Der Tod und das Madchen" to words of Claudius.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 11 M / Yesterday I recd from my friend Thos Thompson a Packet containing a number of printed pamphlets & Manuscripts which were very acceptable. he also inclosed a small engraved likeness of George Fox with two lines of his hand writing pasted on the bottom of it - Also a view of Swarthmore hall the residence of Judge Fell & after his Marriage with his widow the residence of George Fox. - These views occasioned much serious reflection & feeling - For tho' we know "the Spirit of a man is not in the Picture of a man" nor is the picture of his house when he is Dead, - yet so striking a likeness of so great a man, in the best sense of the word great - can but call to our recollection his great services in his masters cause while on earth, & excite in our hearts fervant desires that we may so live as to be invested with the same spirit, with which he was - bound to the Same great & holy cause, in all humility & fear - in looking on the view of his residence as it stood in the year 1818 at which time it was deliniated in the presence of Thos Thompson My mind could but go back & trace some of the deep trials & sufferings that he with perhaps many of his brethren passed thro' at that place, also the many prescious & heavenly seasons of Divine favor & power which they enjoyed

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November 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 11th M 1821 / Our Monthly Meeting this day held in Town was pretty large. There was a considerable Shew of young friends whose company is always pleasant & I have no doubt adds to the weight of the meeting - In the first, to [two] females young in the ministry offered a few words - In the last we had considerable buisness, which I thought was conducted with good order, & some encouragement, tho' in my own particular in neither Meeting, life rose to that height, that I have sometimes experienced. - B Freeborn Sarah Fowler Anne Anthony Wait Lawton & Adam Anthony Dined with us
After Meeting recd a letter from my Venerable friend [Moses Brown](#)*

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December 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 12 M 1821 / Our Meeting was Silent & favour'd this Morning - Father Rodman & Abigail Sherman were concerned



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in short but suitable testimonys – As to my own particular [I was?] favoured to desire good & a little was vouchsafed, but Oh [of la-?]te how have I been in the barren desert, with little more [priv] iledge than to see the goodly land – May I yet live [to] pass over Jordan & partake of the promise – this I find is the State of many & may I not give out by the Way

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December 6, Thursday: The South Orkney Islands were claimed for Great Britain.

Incidental music to von Kleist's play Prinz Friedrich von Homburg by Heinrich August Marschner was performed for the initial time, in Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 12th M 1821 / A short communication from H Dennis, & to me a Season of some favor at Meeting –

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December 9, Sunday: William Brisbane, who owned a rice and cotton plantation called Milton Lodge on the Ashley River near Charleston, South Carolina, having no son who might inherit, had adopted [William Henry Brisbane](#), a son of his alcoholic brother Adam Fowler Brisbane (the family was calling William Henry by his middle name, Henry, to distinguish him from an elder brother also adopted and also named William). On this day when William Brisbane died, his adopted son William Henry Brisbane inherited a large number of slaves.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 12 M / Morning Meeting full & favord with solid quick & lively testimony from D Buffum & the London Epistle was read – Afternoon, Solid & quiet & tho' I labord was unable to feel the circulating of that life in my own mind, which crowns our Assemblies –

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December 12, Thursday: Gustave Flaubert was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 12 M / A pretty good meeting & pretty well attended tho' a stormy Day A few words from J Dennis–

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December 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 12 M / Our Meeting was a very solid good one, soon after taking my seat on centering the mind inward, I found life to spring up to no small degree of Consolation – Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & good testimony – After the




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meeting broke, spoke to a young man to relieve my mind of an exercise which I felt towards him - my message appeared to be received with tenderness & apparant conviction of the justness of my remarks - which afforded hope to my mind that he may yet be rightly restored to society. - In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent & to me a good one - Took John & went out to D Buffums & took tea & set the evening. -

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 December 20, Thursday: Michael Martin, who had robbed Major John Bray in Medford, was [hanged](#) at [Boston](#)'s and Cambridge's Lechmere Point. (An accomplice known as "Captain Lightfoot" had been able to escape, and would reside for many years incognito in Brattleboro, Vermont, not dying until 1835.)

[H. Heine](#) (the "H" at this point still stood for "Harry" rather than "Heinrich") made his debut as a poet with *GEDICHTE VON H. HEINE* (Berlin: in der Maurerfchen Buchhandlung, 1822; this included one of his most famous poems "Zwei Grenadiere" which reflected his admiration for [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 20th of 12th M / Our Meeting was a pretty solid one & silent - life seemed rather low in my own particular, but being favor'd with an evidence that favour was not withheld I desire to be thankful. -

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 December 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 12 M / Our Morning Meeting was large & I dont know but it may be called a favor'd time - D Buffum & Father Rodman were engaged in testimony & Hannah Dennis in Supplication - In the Afternoon, Father had a few words to communicate. & the Meeting was pretty well attended -

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 December 27, Thursday: At a benefit for Gioachino Rossini in the Teatro San Carlo, [Naples](#), attended by the king, royal family, ministers, and many members of the nobility, the composer's cantata La riconoscenza to words of Genoino was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 12 M 1821 / Last evening rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle Stanton, lodged at his House & found my Mother in pretty good health - This morning walked to meeting - the first was Silent & tho' I believe generally a pretty dull time yet my mind was in some good degree favour'd, at least with some feelings of a right kind - In the last (Monthly) our buisness went on pretty well. - among the concerns that came before us was the pleasant & encouraging circumstance of a request for membership



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from Eliza P Burrington wife of John Burrington of [Portsmouth](#).
– Dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & Walked home –

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December 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th M 30th 1821 / I am this day forty Years of Age -It has been to me a rather hard day - when I first awoke in the morning I endeavoured to center my mind & get it fixed on good but turn which way I would it seemed hard & the tempter near - Was favoured to labor in the Meeting which was silent yet unable to deale the predominance of that which I desired - In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & favourd testimony which suited my State & in the evening the clouds seemed da little to break away Times & seasons are not at our command, indeed I find by experience They are not at mine, but may I labor more ardently -my life is fast spending, & my desire is to be prepared for the great Change –

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Secretary of State John Quincy Adams proposed to Canning of Great Britain that the fleets of the two powers might usefully co-operate off the coast of Africa in the suppression of the [international slave trade](#). The government of Great Britain would promptly accept.

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Whatever England's motives were, it is certain that only a limited international Right of Visit on the high seas could suppress or greatly limit the slave-trade. Her diplomacy was therefore henceforth directed to this end. On the other hand, the maritime supremacy of England, so successfully asserted during the Napoleonic wars, would, in case a Right of Search were granted, virtually make England the policeman of the seas; and if nations like the United States had already, under present conditions, had just cause to complain of violations by England of their rights on the seas, might not any extension of rights by international agreement be dangerous? It was such considerations that for many years brought the powers to a deadlock in their efforts to suppress the slave-trade.

At first it looked as if England might attempt, by judicial decisions in her own courts, to seize even foreign slavers.²⁷⁶ After the war, however, her courts disavowed such action,²⁷⁷ and the right was sought for by treaty stipulation. Castlereagh took early opportunity to approach the United States on the matter, suggesting to Minister Rush, June 20, 1818, a mutual but strictly limited Right of Search.²⁷⁸ Rush was ordered to give him assurances of the solicitude of the United States to suppress the traffic, but to state that the concessions asked for appeared of a character not adaptable to our institutions.

Negotiations were then transferred to Washington; and the new

276. For cases, see *1 Acton*, 240, the "Amedie," and *1 Dodson*, 81, the "Fortuna;" quoted in U.S. Reports, *10 Wheaton*, 66.

277. Cf. the case of the French ship "Le Louis": *2 Dodson*, 238; and also the case of the "San Juan Nepomuceno": *1 Haggard*, 267.

278. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1819-20, pages 375-9; also pages 220-2.



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British minister, Mr. Stratford Canning, approached Adams with full instructions in December 1820.²⁷⁹

Meantime, it had become clear to many in the United States that the individual efforts of States could never suppress or even limit the trade without systematic co-operation. In 1817 a committee of the House had urged the opening of negotiations looking toward such international co-operation,²⁸⁰ and a Senate motion to the same effect had caused long debate.²⁸¹ In 1820 and 1821 two House committee reports, one of which recommended the granting of a Right of Search, were adopted by the House, but failed in the Senate.²⁸² Adams, notwithstanding this, saw constitutional objections to the plan proposed by Canning, and wrote to him, December 30: "A Compact, giving the power to the Naval Officers of one Nation to search the Merchant Vessels of another for Offenders and offences against the Laws of the latter, backed by a further power to seize and carry into a Foreign Port, and there subject to the decision of a Tribunal composed of at least one half Foreigners, irresponsible to the Supreme Corrective tribunal of this Union, and not amendable to the controul of impeachment for official misdemeanors, was an investment of power, over the persons, property and reputation of the Citizens of this Country, not only unwarranted by any delegation of Sovereign Power to the National Government, but so adverse to the elementary principles and indispensable securities of individual rights, ... that not even the most unqualified approbation of the ends ... could justify the transgression." He then suggested co-operation of the fleets on the coast of Africa, a proposal which was promptly accepted.²⁸³ The slave-trade was again a subject of international consideration at the Congress of Verona in 1822. Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, and Prussia were represented. The English delegates declared that, although only Portugal and Brazil allowed the trade, yet the traffic was at that moment carried on to a greater extent than ever before. They said that in seven months of the year 1821 no less than 21,000 slaves were abducted, and three hundred and fifty-two vessels entered African ports north of the equator. "It is obvious," said they, "that this crime is committed in contravention of the Laws of every Country of Europe, and of America, excepting only of one, and that it requires something more than the ordinary operation of Law to prevent it." England therefore recommended: -

1. That each country denounce the trade as piracy, with a view of founding upon the aggregate of such separate declarations a general law to be incorporated in the Law of Nations.

279. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 395-6.

280. HOUSE DOCUMENT, 14th Congress 2d session, II. No. 77.

281. 15th Congress 1st session, pages 71, 73-78, 94-109. The motion was opposed largely by Southern members, and passed by a vote of 17 to 16.

282. One was reported, May 9, 1820, by Mercer's committee, and passed May 12: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 497, 518, 520, 526; 16th Congress 1st session, pages 697-9. A similar resolution passed the House next session, and a committee reported in favor of the Right of Search: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 1064-71. Cf. HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 476, 743, 865, 1469.

283. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 397-400.



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2. A withdrawing of the flags of the Powers from persons not natives of these States, who engage in the traffic under the flags of these States.

3. A refusal to admit to their domains the produce of the colonies of States allowing the trade, a measure which would apply to Portugal and Brazil alone.

These proposals were not accepted. Austria would agree to the first two only; France refused to denounce the trade as piracy; and Prussia was non-committal. The utmost that could be gained was another denunciation of the trade couched in general terms.²⁸⁴



December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 12 M 31 / The Old Year runs out & with it many [you]th
[?] come to a conclusion of my particular acquaintance
May it be a warning. May it be a fresh incitement to greater
dedication*

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould

“Stack of the Artist of Kouroo” Project

284. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1822-23, pages 94-110.



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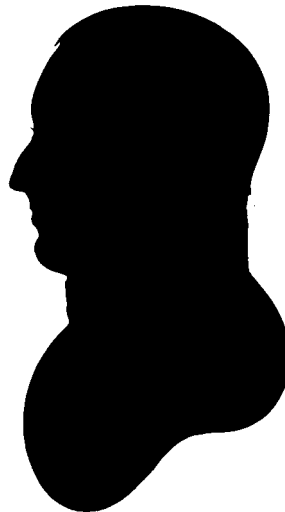
January 1, Tuesday: At Piada, near the ancient city of Epidaurus, the National Assembly of Greece adopted a constitution. Corinth was named the provisional capital of Greece and Alexandros Mavrokordatos became nominal president.

Furthering the work of the African Institution, publication of [Friend Luke Howard](#)'s A WORD TO THE SONS OF AFRICA (London: Printed and sold by W. Phillips).

HOWARD PUBLICATIONS

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 1 M 1822 / I enter the New Year with rather better feelings than I closed the old one, — but I am yet poor & weak & under various discouragements²⁸⁵



*4th day 2nd of 1 M / This day recd a letter from Benj Dix which closes a concern between us of four years standing Namely - The settlement of the Estate of Asa Brooks on which I Administerd & he being Attorney to Matthew Brooks the buisness was transacted thro' him, & while I have to acknowledge his gentleman like treatment in all [crossed out] respects, it was truly cordial to my feelings to find I have enjoyed his entire confidence & Approbation in a protracted settlement of four Years & now closed in harmony & good feelings on both Sides the question. —
- "his concluding clause in his letter dated 26 ult is this - As this letter will probably close our buisness respecting this estate, I cannot close without giving you, & your family my*

285. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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*respect & esteem, & that your Son may be a Comfort to the Family
& a blessing to society."*



January 6, Sunday: [William Jackman](#) was baptized in Dittisham, Dartmouth, Devonshire.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 1 M / In the morning meeting David Buffum was engaged in a lively pertinent & good Testimony, to the efficacy of the divine principle in Man, his opening was "Know ye not that Jesus Christ is in You except you are reprobates", & I have no doubt the truth was renewedly established in many minds present. – In the Afternoon Father Rodman was concerned in a short tesatimony which I believe had its weight, but life was lower in my mind in the Afternoon than in the Morning. –



January 7, Monday: 1st printing in the Hawaiian Islands.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 7t of 1 M 1822 / John has appeared to be very sick ever since last 6th day, we know not whither it one of his old turns of fever or whither it is the Measles
2nd day 7th of 1 M / It seems confirmed that John has the Measles as today there seems to be a considerable eruption on the skin but does not come out Kindly. –*

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January 8, Tuesday: Still convinced that Portugal had not properly proved its claim, Richard Wyly Habersham, US District Attorney for Georgia, appealed the [negrero Antelope](#) case again, this time to the US Supreme Court.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Ramon Lopez Pelegrin replaced Francisco de Paula Escudero as Spain's First Secretary of State.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 1 M / John Measles seems to be out this morning pretty generally

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January 10, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 1 M / Johns Measles has turned & he seems to be getting along pretty well tho' still quite Sick –

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January 12, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 12th of 1 M / This Afternoon Aunt Stanton came to Town & being under an appointment to be at [Portsmouth](#) I went with her & stayed at her house & found my Mother well she has been there Sometime & expects to Stay all Winter

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 January 13, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Morning - Walked to Meeting - when I got to the road it snowed so fast & looked so much like a fixed Storm that my mind was thrown into much indecision & was almost inclined to come home, but finally [-]reed to go to meeting. - Abigail Sherman said a few words & to me it was a good meeting. - After meeting went to Jos Fishes & Dined then met the other members of the committee at John Burringtons whose Wife [—] requested to become a member with Friends. The oppotunity was a satisfactory one & a season of some encouragement to my mind - After which I returned to Freeborns on foot & got into the Chaise with Aunt E Thurston & carried her home, then went down to Uncle Stantons & lodged & this (2nd day [Monday]) Morning walked home & weather was very cold but as there was not much Snow on the ground came tolerably comfortably [--] John & his Mother as well as when I left them

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 January 17, Thursday: [Elizabeth Hallett Prichard](#) was born, daughter of [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of [Concord](#).

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 1 M 1822 / Our first meeting was pretty well attended considering it was a very cold Day. Father Rodman was concerned in a short but sound & I thought appropriate testimony -

In the Select Meeting which followed, My Mind was in rather a dry State, but was glad to find it was not so with all - D Buffum was engaged to make a few seasonable remarks. - My H was prevented attending in consequence of a hevvy cough & sore throat -

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 January 20, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 1 M / Our morning Meeting was a good one & I thought generally favourd - Hannah Dennis was three times engaged in lively testimony - In the Afternoon we were Silent & a good degree of Solemnity was experienced to cover the Meeting. The walking was bad & the Old Womens quarter entirely empty, but the young womens afforded a comfortable appearance



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Sister Mary took tea & spent the evening with us

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January 24, Thursday: Jose Gabriel de Silva y Bazan, marques de Santa Cruz replaced Ramon Lopez Pelegrin as Spain's First Secretary of State.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 1 M / Silent Meeting - Some remarks made in the Preparative Meeting from several on some of the Answers to the Queries —

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January 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 1 M / In the forenoon D Buffum was uncommonly lively in testimony, on the uncertainty of time, Hannah Dennis was also engaged twice in a few words. - & the meeting was a Solemn one. - In the Afternoon it was Stormy & the walking wet & but one Woman attended & She not a Member. - This I think was no encouragement to her & may afford matter for reflection to some who are members. -

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January 30, Wednesday: Ramon Lopez Pelegrin replaced Jose Gabriel de Silva y Bazan, marques de Santa Cruz as Spain's First Secretary of State.

[Brister Freeman](#), former [slave](#), died of "fever and age" at the age of 78. In his final months he had been loaned "a pair of sheets, and woolen bed quilt" by Concord's Female Charitable Society, which noted in its records that he was "sick." Freeman's burial place is listed as [Concord](#) but of course it would have cost money to mark the spot with a stone.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal that his wife, Friend Hannah Rodman Gould, had offered him an adequate explanation for Quaker quietism, to wit, this world with its web of alluring interests is the abode of Satan, and a place of temptation:

4th day 30th of 1 M / A Difficulty about a Worldly concern between Several individuals having been in agitation, in which my mind has been exercised, & that pretty much since yesterday - It called fourth this remark from my wife - She observed that "the time had been, when she did not see why the World Should stand first in the Trio of our potent enemies, as the 'World the Flesh & the Devil', but the longer she lived the more she was confirmed, that it would be out of place anywhere else" - It is indeed the most promonent forerunner, & sets the devil at work in some, in whom it would seem as if more of an overcoming had been experienced but alas some object is turned up, which touches the interest, & Satan steps in & agravates the case, by stirring up evil surmisings, then to detraction, till the breach



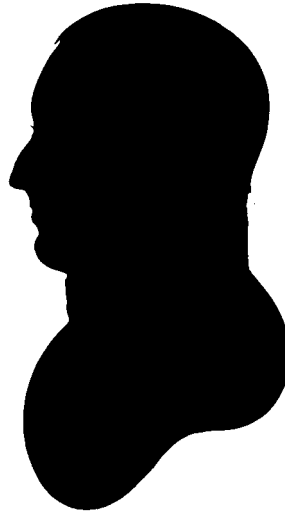
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is sufficiently widened for him to effect his purposes, by laying waste & destroying love & harmony, & introducing that in which his dominion consists, Hatred Strife & every evil thing – May his power be averted

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 January 31, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st M (5th day) 1822 / Our first Meeting was a season of some conflicts but when past the Middle I felt the oppression to go off & Truth arise & go over "wrong things, & a solid weighty frame ensued which continued in good measure thro' the last Meeting - towards the close of the first A Sherman was concerned in a short & respectable testimony & I thought was the best evidence of Authority I had ever heard from her. – In the last Meeting there was considerable buisness, & it seemed to to take an active part in it - & on reflection feel pretty well satisfied, & I dont know but I may say, relieved, by my service. – Dr.Ja Wadsworth dined with us –

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 February 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 2 M 1822 / Have been employed most of today in [sett]ling an unpleasant difference between a Beloved friend & several others, & had the satisfaction to see receipts in full [of?] all accounts given. – for a Small concern, (that is) not [to] exceed \$20 – it seemed pregnant with as much mischief as any case I have known in some time, – but the bone of contention being removed, I hope the unpleasant effects may cease.

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February 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 2 M 1822 / This Morning our friend David Buffum was engaged in a very living testimony wherein he particularly addressed the young & rising generation & it was a precious & favoured meeting – Silent & a pretty good time to me in the Afternoon –

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February 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 2 m / This morning took passage in the Stage & rode to [Providence](#) – Dined at Hortons tavern in [Bristol](#) & reached [Moses Browns](#) about 4 OC PM, it was a Snow Storm most of the Day Spent the evening with MB in very interesting conversation & lodged there. –

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February 5, Tuesday: The brutal and rebellious Albanian ruler Ali Pasha of Janina (Ioannina, Greece) was murdered by agents of Ottoman Sultan Mahmud II. His head was sent to the Sultan in Constantinople

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Rode with [Moses Brown](#) to the Yearly Meeting School House & spent the Day there it being the day of the Meeting of the subcommittee – We visited the schools & found the Girls particularly in good order & in a state of improvement. – the boys tho' doing pretty well would admit of improvement. Dined at the Boys table & returned to M Browns to tea & Lodge. – in the evening arrived most of our R Island friends & found a welcome assylum under the roof of our Ancient friend abovementioned. –

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February 6, Wednesday: The seagoing 3-masted [Chinese](#) junk [Tek Sing](#) sank on a reef of the Belvidere Shoals in the South China Sea, in the Gaspar Strait between the islands of Bangka and Belitung, with approximately 1,600 passengers and 200 crewmembers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Morning rode to town with [Moses](#) in the sleigh & attended Select Meeting – We had not long been quietly Seated, before Benj. Shaw a young man of a Ranting spirit came in & took his Seat & tho' previously Kindly & affectionatley invited to retire, but he refused & we were obliged to carry him out by main Strength, letting his limbs hang as nerveless as a dead man, he was placed on the Step of the door, but afterwards he made an attempt to come in, when the doors were fastened --



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This circumstance so unsettled my mind that I scarcely had any enjoyment of the Meeting tho' quiet was generally restored & we were favoured to transact the Affairs of our department of the Church, with a good degree of solemnity - the meeting sat longer than usual. - Dined at O Browns - then called on a woman by the name of Anna Power & her Sister Ruth Marsh on buisness for the Marsh family in this town - then went out to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged. -

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February 7, Thursday: An English East Indiaman vessel, captain James Pearl, was able to take aboard about 190 of the numerous floaters from the [Tek Sing](#) (another smaller vessel was able to take aboard 18 of the floaters, but the balance of the [Chinese](#) victims would of necessity be left to drown).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day - After Breakfast Walked to Town when I got into the Yard, was informed that Benj Shaw who has been disowned by Lynn Moy [Monthly] Meeting for his disorder, had taken his seat at the head of our Meeting - I went in & found it so, several [-spoke?] to him & invited him to take a low seat & I among the rest - but all to no effect, he obstinately insisted in keeping his seat - most of the friends [-]note were consulted & all agreed that it would have a very pernicious effect to allow him to sit so by encouraging him to disturb his friends - [Obadiah Brown](#) stood up & spoke to that effect, when it was concluded to take him by the Arm & carry down, which it fell to my lot to do, assisted by Adam Comstock, a friend well qualified to manage him - while we were doing this Alanson Potter a friend of his own spirit, said he had no unity with what was doing, but we quietly & as Silently as Possible persisted, after he had, been removed, under pretence of being uncomfortable from the heat of the Stove he wanted to remove his seat & Adam followed him & again took his seat by his side - After the meeting was settled & the people quiet, James S tt stood up & reflected on friends, at having given way to a Spirit of War - & Grasa Haniford a friend also of the Ranting Spirit from Cape Elizabeth in one of the lower Quarterly Meetings, stood up twice & cast reflections on friends - After which, quiet seemed to be restored & Micajah Collins was engaged in a living & powerful testimony which had a great reach on the Audience - Then Obadiah Davis had considerable to say & was measurable favoured, after which - G Haniford said a little in the same temper as at first & B Shaw attempted to rise but was prevented by Adam Comstock - When the Meeting broke - After the shutters were Let down B Shaw kept his seat, The Meeting was informed that an individual was present who was not a member & he was requested to with draw by a friend appointed to the oversight of Meetings from the Select Meeting, but he kept his seat & after considerable entreaty from several friends it appeared that he was determined not to go out thereupon Adam



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*Comstock & Wm Jenkins took him & carried him gently out & the Meeting proceeded on the buisness with its usual Dignity & firmness. -notwithstanding, several interruptions from G Haniford & J Scott - but the Meeting ended in the Authority, & I believe Truth was exalted. -
I dined at [O Browns](#) - spent the forepart of the eveng & took tea at Wm Jenkins - then with [-] Rodman walked out to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged.-*

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February 8, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day - Feeling my mind released from attending the [-] School committee, I went into town & took passage in the Carriage with Isaac Mitchell & came home, [-] to find my family & friends Well.
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February 9, Saturday: Panama was incorporated into New Granada as the Department of the Isthmus.

Invaders under General Jean Pierre Boyer arrived in Santo Domingo to overthrow the newly founded Republic and unite the island of Haiti.²⁸⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 2 M 1822 / This Afternoon Nathaniel Watson of Salem Arrived from [Providence](#) where he had been attending the Quarterly Meeting - on a visit to [some?] frineds in this Town. he is an agreeable well engaged friend, & very intelligent in his manners. -

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286. According to AN OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE TRIALS OF SUNDRY NEGROES, CHARGED WITH AN ATTEMPT TO RAISE AN INSURRECTION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA..., prepared in this year by Lionel H. Kennedy and Thomas Parker and printed in Charleston NC by James R. Schenck: confirming one of the worst fears of the white citizenry of Charlestown, a black captured at the collapse of the Denmark Vesey revolt had confessed before execution that Vesey had read to him newspaper reports relating to Haiti.



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February 10, First Day: Chief among the “New Lights” of New England was [Friend](#) Mary Newhall, who had accused the [Quaker](#) elders of a “dead formality” and had been informed by these elders that she was no longer welcome to speak in her New Bedford meeting. This group included a young cordwainer, Benjamin Shaw, who averred their intention to be to “pull the old order down, for they were a stiff, arbitrary set.” A committee of elders had met with him, he had rebuffed them, and he had been [disowned](#). On this First Day, Benjamin Shaw sought to seat himself in the raised seats at the front of the Lynn, Massachusetts meetinghouse in which traditionally the ministers and elders of the meeting positioned themselves. After an unseemly scuffle he was ejected, and then the elders held him at the town’s poorhouse until late in the evening.

Read about this “New Light” controversy:

THE “NEW LIGHTS”

Read about the impact this controversy would have on [Waldo Emerson](#) (according to his own evaluation):

FREDERICK B. TOLLES

When Carl Maria von Weber left Dresden for Vienna, he was sufficiently worried about his health to leave a farewell note for his wife in a sealed envelope — in case he did not return.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 10th of 2 M / In our Mornng Meeting D Buffum was engaged
in short but uncommonly lively pertinent & pithy testimony the
Afflictions of this life which reached Several present
In the Afternoon we were Silent - In the eveng [—sin] Henry
Gould & his Wife visited us -*

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February 11, Monday: Am Geburtstag des Kaisers for solo voices, chorus and orchestra by Franz Schubert to words of Deinhardstein, was performed for the initial time, in Vienna’s Theresianum.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 11th of 2 M 1822 / We had the company of Nath Watson to
Dinner - he improves on acquaintance*

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February 12, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 12 of 2 M / This Mornng N Watson set out for home he
leaves us in good fellowship & I believe his visit has been
strengthening & comforting to him & to us -
We had the company of Wm Robinson of New York to tea & to set
the evening with us. -*

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February 16, Saturday: Zelmira, a drama by Gioachino Rossini to words of Tottola after Dormont de Belloy, was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro San Carlo of Naples.

Francis Galton was born in Birmingham, England. The youngest of seven children born to Frances Anne Violetta Galton, the eldest daughter of Erasmus Darwin by a 2d marriage, and Samuel Tertius Galton, a banker, through his maternal grandfather he was half-cousin to Charles Darwin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 2 M / Rode the Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) with Cousin Henry Gould & Attended the funeral of Rebecca Sisson in the 42 Year of her Age She was the daughter of James Sisson & a neighbour & intimate friend of Aunt Stanton The Sitting at the funeral was attended with uncommon solemnity. Death in the House, her Brother Peleg in the same House very low & not expected to live, & a Sister buried on 5th day last the Day that Rebecca Died. The Measles was the foundation of all their sickness which left them in declines -Hannah Dennis was engaged in Solemn testimony & Jonathon spoke to Satisfaction. - Poor old James Sisson the father seemed greatly bowed in affliction, having followed two children to the grave in a week & another in a state of doubtful recovery - After taking tea at Uncle Stantons, where I found mother well & comfortable, we rode home before dark -

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February 17, 1st Day morning: Friend John Alley, Jr. appeared at the [Quaker](#) meetinghouse in Lynn still wearing his sword, and moved to seat himself in one of the high seats traditionally reserved for recognized ministers and elders. Friend Isaac Basset grabbed him about the waist pinning his arms to his side while several others cut the belt of the sword and pulled it away. He, Friend [Jonathan Buffum](#), Friend Benjamin Shaw, and several other “New Lights” then managed to seat themselves in the high seats, some of them by clambering over the main benches in the meetinghouse. The elders of the meeting quickly brought that morning meeting for worship to a close.

At the afternoon meeting for worship, these “New Light” Quakers again seated themselves in the ministers’ section. Friend Isaac Basset invited them to come down and when they accused him of being disorderly, accused them of being the ones who were being disorderly. He gave a signal and three Friends seized Friend Benjamin Shaw, and carried him struggling from the building. Then Friend Jonathan Buffum was removed, and then Friend John Alley, Jr. The three were confined in a nearby house under guard and Friend Preserved Sprague, who had on other occasions behaved in a disruptive manner, was added to their number. There were shouts of “Mob! Mob!” and a deputy sheriff of the town appeared and read the riot act.

That evening a Salem sheriff would take custody of the four detained Quakers of Lynn.

Meanwhile on this day, in [Concord](#), Massachusetts, it was 18 days subsequent to the death of [Brister Freeman](#), and his grandson John Freeman for whom he had been providing, an 8-year-old whose father was long gone and whose mother had died a year and a half earlier, also succumbed — apparently of neglect.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 17th of 2nd M 1822 / In the forenoon Father Rodman was engaged in a short lively testimony. - Afternoon Silent - both meetings were rather small in consequence of the walking - both to me were seasons of but little life -

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February 21, Thursday: There was an annular/total [eclipse](#) of the sun (#7219) from Hudson Bay to Seattle.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 2nd M 1822 / A Violent Stormy day & hevly rain, which raised the brooks so high that only four women could get to meeting they rode. - The Meeting was silent - The preparative meeting I thought was remarkably well conducted & it was a season of quiet & some favor. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



February 22, Friday: The Legislature of Massachusetts instituted a Fire Society for the settlement at [Boston](#) and proposed a vote in regard to whether it ought to incorporate itself as a city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 2 M / Mind much affected with Solemn accounts in Lynn & Salem - the Spirit of Ranterism appears to have [-]en to great height & the hearts of the faithful are almost ready to sink.

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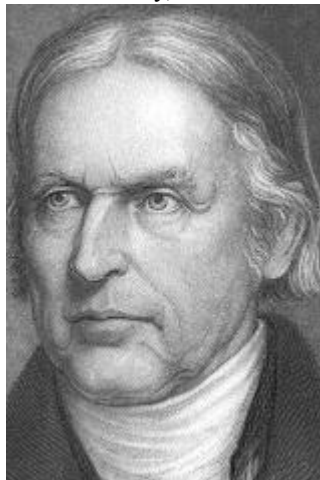
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February 24, Sunday: On this day a man colloquially known as “Bluebeard” was [hanged](#) for having burned ten of his wives. His last words were not “Hey, if you have to ask, you wouldn’t understand.”

Early in this year (and I suppose I might as well place this record here as elsewhere, since I do not have a precise date), [Adin Ballou](#) got married with Abigail Sayles. Abigail’s mother, a Universalist, lent him a copy of Elhanan Winchester’s DIALOGUES ON THE UNIVERSAL RESTORATION. This reading and debates with some Universalist neighbors challenged his assumptions about salvation. At a Universalist meeting in nearby Wrentham, Massachusetts that year, Adin, attending as a spectator, was introduced to his distant cousin Hosea Ballou 2d, the Universalist minister from Roxbury, Massachusetts, who encouraged him to seek fellowship



with the Universalists. After a period of study and prayer, Adin would post a letter to his distant cousin announcing his conversion to Universalism. The Christian Connexion would excommunicate him and his father would disinherit him.

(Adin would not marry multiple times and would not be burning any wives, so his name would never become quite so much a household word as Bluebeard’s has become.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 2 M / Our morning Meeting was pretty full, a solid [-]oured season - D Buffum was very lively in a short testimony Invitation "Come Brother come Sister let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the House of the God of Jacob." - Silent & pretty well attended in the Afternoon - This [-]ning finished & put a letter in the Office To Stephen Oliver of [-]em [?] requesting information respecting the difficulties that [-] it there

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February 28, Thursday: Francisco Martinez de la Rosa replaced Ramon Lopez Pelegrin as Spain’s First Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 2nd M / Yesterday Afternoon; We went to



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Portsmouth with [-] t Stanton who came on purpose to fetch us & lodged there

Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day was a quiet, large & favoured season - In the public Meeting H Dennis & Anne Dennis were engaged in public testimony - & The buisness went on with regularity & order - staid all night at Uncle Stantons & 6th day Morning rode home -

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March 3, Sunday: Rammohan Roy of [India](#) and the Reverend [Jared Sparks](#) of the First Independent Church of [Baltimore](#) began communication by letter. The Reverend Sparks's cut on what was going down was that "many lovers of truth are zealously engaged in rendering the religion of Jesus clear from corruptions."

Franz Schubert's song Geist der liebe D.747 to words of Mattheson was performed for the initial time, in the Redoutensaal of Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 3rd M 1822 / Both our Meetings were Silent & Seasons to some of mental suffering, in reflecting on the situation of some poor individuals who are under great delusion in several parts of this Yearly Meeting, but as a comforter, the language was underneath - "The Foundation remains sure, having this seal the Lord knows them that are his" -

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March 7, Thursday: Gilbert Close and Samuel Clisby, who had robbed Ezra Haynes in Cambridge Street, were taken to [Boston](#) Neck near the new city burying grounds and [hanged](#).²⁸⁷

Gioachino Rossini departed from Naples heading for Vienna, accompanied by Isabella Colbran and three male singers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 3 M 1822 / Our Meeting was Silent but a Solid good one, & favoured with the springing up of life, & for this privilege I feel thankful, while friends in some places are suffering under the disturbances of a ranterous & disorganising Spirit. - We had the company of Considerable portion of young people some of whose coutenances bespoke Solidity & reverance & were a Strength to their older brethren & sisters -

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287. Presumably the duly constituted authorities in Boston would have experienced no difficulty whatever in seeking out and retaining and remunerating the services of one or another Protestant reverend who was not so embarrassed by the death penalty as to be unwilling to mount the scaffold with the victim, and administer last rites.



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March 10, Sunday: Ellen Devereux Sewall was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts. In a reminiscence by Ellen's daughter Louise Osgood,²⁸⁸ we learn that Caroline Ward met and married Edmund Quincy Sewall while he was "studying divinity with Dr. Ripley at the Old Manse in [Concord](#).... After several years my [Louise Osgood's] grandfather [Edmund Quincy Sewall] was installed as the Unitarian minister in Scituate, where my mother [Ellen Devereux Sewall] grew up." Later, Ellen's grandmother Prudence Bird Ward (Mrs. Colonel Joseph Ward) would be a long-term boarder with the Thoreaus in Concord, and that at first she would be boarding there with both her daughters, Miss Prudence Ward and Caroline Ward (Ellen's mother).²⁸⁹

EZRA RIPLEY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 3rd M / In our Morning Meeting Hannah Dennis appeared in testimony & in the Afternoon father Rodman was engaged in the Same way - Meetings were to me seasons of Some Barraness as to life but an exercise was maintained. -

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March 12, Tuesday: L'esule di Granata, a melodramma semiserio by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Romani, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 3rd M / Last week the Superior Court set in this town & was most of the time occupied in trying two Awful case of Rape. - One Man was cleared & the other (James Cook) was this morning Sentenced to be hanged. - This is an Awful crisis indeed & tho' I am far from wanting him hanged - Yet I am also far from wanting Him again let loose on Society & am willing to exert my small influence to get his punishment commuted

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March 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13th of 3rd M 1822 / Saw this evening in the Salem Gazette the Notice of the decease of LYDIA DEAN wife of Wm Dean and daughter of Wm Rotch of [New Bedford](#) - This is affecting News - She died last first day 10th inst -

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March 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 3rd M / Our Meeting was a comfortable Season, -

288. Louise Osgood Koopman, "The Thoreau Romance," *The Massachusetts Review*, Autumn 1962 (IV:1), page 60.

289. There is therefore at least a possibility, if not a likelihood, that the young lady to whom Henry Thoreau would propose marriage, Ellen, had been conceived as the result of a seduction occurring right there in the Thoreau home.



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We had the company of our Fr Wm Almy of [Providence](#) who was engaged in a Doctrinal & truly Orthodox testimony & Hannah Dennis closed in short pertinent communication much to satisfaction - we also had some precious young women present several others who were not members, who I hope were strengthened by the opportunity.

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March 17, Sunday: The French government forbade sale of newspapers not approved in advance by official press censors.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 3rd M / Morning meeting to me was a dull time, tho' I trust others faired better than myself In the afternoon a little more bright - tho' a havy cold upon me - Silent Meetings Have several times called to see Jacob Lopez who is very low of a Perisnumony & not expected to continue the night thro' when I left him at 9 OClock this evening -

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March 18, Monday: The Preparative Meeting recommended to the [New Bedford](#) Monthly Meeting of the [Religious Society of Friends](#) that Friend Mary Newhall be [disowned](#) (eventually the bodies of the local New Lights would be allowed to be buried in the meeting's cemetery, although surrounded by a fence to distinguish these ones as disowned).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) commented about the lonely state of the sole remaining [Jew](#) of [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Moses Lopez:

2nd day 18 of 3 M / Last night at half past 11 OClock JACOB LOPEZ died - he & his Brother Moses were the only Jews to have lived in Newport for a number of Years & no men have stood fairer as Moral honest men - They are old acquaintances of mine, they have often visited me in my shop & passed many hours in pleasant converstaion, & poor MOSES will now feel himself as he really is quite alone, & destitute of associates of his own religious views - I visited him this morning & found him in affliction



March 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 3rd M / A Meeting of but little life to me, but not altogether so destitute as at some other times. - Silent meeting In the evening visited David Williams who has been [xxxx] Days confined to the house by indisposition. -

1st day [Sunday] 31st of 3rd M 1822 / Our Meetings were both Silent except a short offering towards the close of the Morning sitting



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*Mind occupied on various subjects, & relieved in some good degree from an exercise which has been prevalent in consequence of difficulties among friends at Lynn & Salem. – The case depending having been tried in a Court – Friends were Succesful in establishing our order, & the Truth was put in dominion over a ranterous & undisciplined & unsound Spirit which had got into some individuals
We set the evening with our cousins Anne & Mary Gould. –*

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 April 4, Thursday: Maria Szymanowska offered her 2d concert in St. Petersburg, at Philharmonic Hall.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 4th M 1822 / Silen Meeting & to me a season of some favour

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 April 7, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 4 M / This morning being sent for by a man in Middletown who is very sick, to write a Will for him concluded it was best to leave Meeting & go. – which I accordingly did, & finished it by dinner time, & then went to [Portsmouth](#) & set the remainder of the day at Uncle Stantons. – Staid all night and 2nd day [Monday] morning rode home in his Waggon. –

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 April 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 4th M / Our Meeting was a season of favor a short testimony by Father Rodman. – At the close of it our Select Meeting was held which was to me a remarkably Solemn time, but I have to regret or at least I am inclined to fear that I did not do all the I ought to have done in it –

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 April 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 4th M 1822 / [day's designation obscured by **binding through 29th of 4th M**] Watched last night with Old Benj Reynolds took a nap this morning & attended Meeting all day with less inconvenience than I ever recollect after sitting up – felt a little heft[?] in my system but not sleepy & was favord beyond my expectations. – both meetings silent except a few words toward the close in the Afternoon*

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April 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 18th of 4th M / At Meeting a few words from Anne Dennis,
& to me it was a season of favor – In the Preparative Meeting
the Queries were all answered. – felt my mind engaged to make
up a few remarks on the subject of detraction, & also on the
subject of plainness, which afforded me Satisfaction*

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April 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 4 M / Our Meetings were both Silent, & to me
Seasons of poverty & Stripedness, tho' in the Afternoon I
thought a little favor was experienced –*


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 April 25, Thursday: For having killed Billy Williams in the yard of the Massachusetts State Prison, [Samuel Green](#) was [hanged](#) on the [Boston Neck](#) gallows tree.²⁹⁰



(no gallows now, just a traffic light)

The survivors of the initial settlement on swampy Sherbro Island arrived at Cape Mesurado and began to build a new American Colonization Society settlement. A white representative of the Society was governing the colony, although eventually there would arise objections to the authoritarianism of a white Methodist missionary, the Reverend Jehudi Ashmun, who would replace Dr. Ayres as the ACS governing representative.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 4th M / With my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting, stoped at Uncle Thurstons. – In the first Meeting was favored a little – two female appearances in the Ministry

In the last Meeting tho' I laboured to get into the life & center down to the gift, yet it lay so low & my efforts was so paralised that I could not attain to what I desired & took but little share in the buisness Dined at Uncle Stantons – then rode Home –

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 April 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

28th of 4 M / Our Meetings very small in consequence of hevvy rain [?] silent & as respects myself, I must acknowledge that I

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[-] miserably poor. - this was no small affliction to me as thee
[-] ting fell to my care, those to whome the care usually falls
were absent.

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April 29, Monday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave a concert in Konigsberg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*29th of 4 M / This Afternoon Attended the funeral of CHARLES
FEKE [-] ted last 5th day Afternoon. I was one of the bearers
to this very benevolent man who was buried in Friends Ground,
having [-] in the general a very exemplary man thro' life &
when he [- to any Meeting attended our, but the latter part of
his [—] he was constantly engaged in buisness as an Apothecary
his means were not very abundant yet Many times & oft' has [—
] benevolent hand made the heart of the widow & orhpan Sing for
joy -*

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April 30, Tuesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#), and Edward and Jane Williams, moved to San Terenzo on the Bay of Lerici.

[Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave another concert in Konigsberg, improvising on the organ of the Burgkirche (thus ended his only tour of Russia).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 30th of 4th M 1822 / This Morning sent John out to Uncle
Stantons to stay during Election Week - And at 9 OClock with my
wife & other Friends, went on board the [Greenwich](#) Packet to
attend the Quarterly Meeting - we arrived in [Greenwich](#) a little
past Noon & went up to Updikes Tavern & dined. - Then called
a little while at cousin Wanton Caseys where we left our things
& walked out to Daniel Howlands & took tea where we met several
of our friends, soon after we got there David Buffum & several
others came, which made them too full of lodgers, & D Buffum
& my H & myself with John Greene went over to Thos Howlands,
& lodged*

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May 1, Wednesday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

The peace of Europe of right belongs to the perfection of its police. There is no such mixture of disagreeable truth, in the quiet of our own nation. The entire internal repose of this country owes nothing to vigorous restriction or armed law. The spirit of the people is peace, & the sword at its side is for ornament rather than use.

John Phillips became [Boston](#)'s 1st Mayor.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day This morning Walked again to [Greenwich](#) - took quarters with cousin Wanton - & went to Select Meeting which was a season of quiet, but I believe no great flow of life tho' a sense of thankfulness was felt undebr a sense of unity among the brethren.-

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May 2, Thursday: Maria Szymanowska performed before the Russian royal family at the Noblemen's Club in Moscow.

In a [duel](#) between the Duke of Buckingham and the Duke of Bedford on account of some disparaging remarks that had been made by the Duke of Bedford, the Duke of Buckingham fired and missed, whereupon the Duke of Bedford discharged his pistol into the air. The antagonists then shook hands.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day - came on the Quarterly Meeting at large - In the first Meeting Thos Anthony & Wm Almy appeared in good solid testimonys, then Thos in Solemn reverend supplication, in which I thought life & power rose into dominion, & certainly my feelings were in a better state than they had been for sometime, having been much in poverty & leanness for some weeks - After a short testimony from Betsy Purinton the Meeting closed & we proceded to the Usual buisness, which was transacted in harmony & good order, & I believe many minds were thankful they were present. - At early candle light John Wilbour appointed a Meeting for the inhabitants of [Greenwich](#), which was attended pretty largely & friends who were there from other Meetings also attended - John was much favored to open the Truths of the Gospel to the people -D Buffum said a few words, lively & powerful & Ruth Meely concluded in Solemn supplication -

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May 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Morning at 7 OClock we got on board the Packet & in two hours were at home & found all well

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May 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 5 M 1822 / What a poor bleak barran thing I have been for a long time – poor Meetings today – a small appearance from a woman fr in the Morning –

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May 8, Wednesday: What would soon become the most popular song in America, “Home Sweet Home,” was first performed on the stage of the Covent Garden Theatre in London. It was part of a play *CLARI, OR, THE MAID OF MILAN*, by John Howard Payne.

An ice ship, *The Spring*, arrived in the Thames with some 300 tons of ice for the London market, in blocks of 20 hundredweight which had been cut from a fjord about a hundred miles north of Trondhjem on the Norwegian coast. (This was in fact the second such delivery but the first is not as well documented.)

Publication of the Quintet for Piano and Strings op.87 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

The Liszt family departs Raiding to move to Vienna where Franz may pursue serious musical study. They were being funded by several Hungarian noblemen from Pressburg (Bratislava).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] 8th of 5th M / A small spring of life this morning

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May 9, Thursday: Four songs by Franz Schubert were published by Cappi and Diabelli, Vienna as his op.8: *Der Jungling auf dem Hugel* to words of Huttenbrenner, and *Sehnsucht, Erlafsee* and *Am Strome*, all to words of Mayrhofer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] 9th of 5 M / To me a good Silent Meeting tho' when I went [obscured] my great leanness & weakness were my companions.

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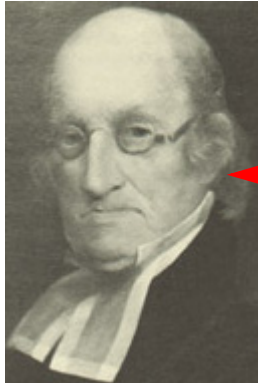
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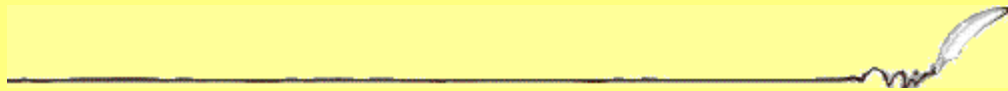


May 12, Sunday: “My manner was not such as to satisfy myself.” The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown, Massachusetts exchanged pulpits for the day with the [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) of Concord. His prooftext for the [Concord](#) morning service was John 14:6 and his topic was “The Way, the truth, and the Life.” His prooftext for the afternoon service was Romans 14:12 and his topic was “On the Accountability of God.”



[Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal (a crossed out entry):

I have a nasty appetite which I will not gratify.



(We may wonder for how many minutes he was able to hold out.)

[Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)’s boat, the *Don Juan*, arrived.

Gaetano Donizetti’s drama *La zingara* to words of Tottola was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro Nuovo, Naples. The composer would remark “the public was certainly not stingy with compliments.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] day 12 of 5 M / A favoured Meeting this morning H
Dennis was [obscured] afed in a lively testimony – In the
Afternoon rather lean to m

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May 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] 16th of 5 M / Our Meeting was rather small. –

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May 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] day 19th of 5 M / This morning rose early & with father
Rodman went to Connanicut to attend the Meeting which commenced
there this day to be continued thro’ the summer. – we set out
by [-] OClock & had a good wind till we passed Rose Island when
we had nearly flat Calm the tide running strong swept us down



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to the dumplings, there were a number of passengers on board & among them Wm B Rotch, son of Benjamin Rotch, most of us went on shore in a litt [- & by that means for to meeting in good Season which to me was a time of favour & some trial, we dined at Jos Greenes, & returned in the Afternoon -

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May 21, Tuesday: At some point subsequent to the 20th, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) authored "The Triumph of Life."

[Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) received, courtesy of the composer, a copy of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Meeresstille un gluckliche Fahrt, a cantata composed to [Goethe](#)'s words.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day [sic] 21st of 5 M 1822 / Our Meetings were both Silent & to me pretty good seasons in comparrison with some meeting that I have sat in of late. - & my heart was in measure thankful for the favour. -
After tea walked with Sister Ruth out to David Buffum Jr to see their little son Benjamin who is very ill with the Quincy or Putrid sore throat -
Sister Ruth staid to Watch - with John & his cousin Richard I walked to Tomany Hill & then returned*

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May 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[obscured] ay 23rd of 5 M / Meeting was pretty well attended, the weather being [obscured] rd several aged friends were present who cannot get otr [obscured] common. - we Sat in Silence, to me it was a season of labour & some reward was experienced, but alas I have but little to say for myself - it is & has been for [obscured] long time but a low time with me. - Cousin Hannah Gardiner dined with us & took tea after which she & my H went over to Abigail Shermans to set the evening. -

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May 27, Monday: Nurmahal, oder Das Rosenfest von Kaschmir, a lyrisches Drama mit Ballet by Gaspare Spontini to words of Herklots after Moore, was performed for the initial time at the Royal Opera House, Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27th of 5th M / Early this morning Benjamin, son of D Buffum Jr departed this life aged 3 years 7 Months & about 15 day [Thursday]s. - It is an afflicting event particularly as it was a very fine child. - The removal was Sudden & till within a few hours unexpected. - May it teach Survivers the uncertainty of time -



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I sympathize with them, remembering the loss of our little Caleb

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May 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 5th M / Attended the funeral of the abovementioned Child which was large, & a Solid favoured Season to some minds - J Dennis in Short testimony & Hannah in supplication

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May 30, Thursday: Peter Prioleau, a mulatto house slave, betrayed the Denmark Vesey conspiracy, allegedly one of the most elaborate slave plots on record, involving thousands of blacks in Charleston, South Carolina and vicinity. During the ensuing two months, authorities would be arresting 131 persons of color, of whom 37 would hang and 32 be condemned to exile, plus 4 whites, who would be fined and imprisoned.



On May 30th, 1822, a "faithful and confidential slave" disclosed to the Intendant of Charleston, S. C., that, on Sunday evening, June 16th, the slaves had determined to rise in rebellion against the whites, "set fire to the Governor's house, seize the Guard-house and Arsenal, and sweep the town with fire and sword, not permitting a white soul to escape." Of the supposed conspirators, one hundred and thirty-one were committed to prison, thirty-five executed, and thirty-seven banished. Of the six ringleaders, Ned Bennet, Peter Poyas, Rolla, Batteau, Jesse, and Denmark Vesey, all were slaves, except Vesey, who had been a slave thirty-eight years, a free man twenty-two years, having in 1800 purchased his freedom.

SERVILE INSURRECTION

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 5 M / Our first meeting was Silent - In the last there was considerable buisness which went on pretty well, in good Harmony. —

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June 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2nd of 6th M 1822 / In the morning Father Rodman had a few words to offer - in the Afternoon Anne Dennis was engaged in a short offering, & both to me were good Meetings. — particularly the Afternoon, which was a season of favor, to me, for which I desire to be thankful - After tea visited David Williams, [**grandfather of the above child and S G's clock-repair-maker-mentor**] who is in a poor state of health but may outlive many who appear more robust.*

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June 6, Thursday: At the fur-trading post on Michilimackinac Island in the strait between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, [Alexis St. Martin](#) was accidentally shot in the stomach (which would lead to [Dr. William Beaumont](#)'s studies on digestion).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 6th M 1822 / A Meeting of some favour for which I desire to be thankful for my measure. - J Dennis expressed a few words. -

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June 9, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

Upon a mountain-solitude a man instantly feels a sensible exaltation and a better claim to his rights in the universe. He who wanders in the woods percieves [sic] how natural it was to pagan imagination to find gods in every deep grove & by each fountain head. Nature seems to him not to be silent but to be eager & striving to break out into music. Each tree, flower, and stone, he invests with life & character; and it is impossible that the wind which breathes so expressive a sound amid the leaves - should mean nothing.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 6 M / Having been very unwell for some days, was bled this morning in my right Arm, which prevented my attending the morning Meeting - In the Afternoon Father Rodman & D Buffum were engaged in lively & pertinent testimony -

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June 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 6 M / We have been several days very buisy in preparing for the Approaching Yearly Meeting, it looks as if there will be a larger proportion of friends from other Yearly Meetings than common, & the weight falls heavily on the few friends in [Newport](#). - May our hands & hearts be strengthened, may we conduct wisely & skillfully, both in providing for our friends & in our movements in the concerns of the Church. -

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June 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 13th of 6 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended, Silent [&] solid. We had the company of our friends John Morton [&] Wife of Philadelphia who have come to pass the summer in this Town – In the Preparative meeting we processed the appointment of overseers & Henry Gould a new [-] was brought forward

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June 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 6 M / Friends have begun to come to attend the Yearly Meeting [a] number came last night from [Nantucket](#)

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June 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15th of 6 M / With my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Select [-]lry Meeting Stopped at Uncle Sam; Thurstons where I saw [&] became acquainted with our fr George Withey from England [our} Meeting was the largest Select Meeting I ever sat in & D Buffum thought it was the largest he had seen in that [--se] it was a solid time, tho' the seed was low under [-]ssion – Hannah Smith of Burlington opened the Service [in a] short but Solid testimony, & after a short but weighty [-] from G Withey. it [at] the proposal of D Buffum the Meeting proceeded to buisness, which was conducted with weight – We dined with Saml Thurston where we again had the Company of G Withey & found he improved on acquaintance – After dinner rode home & found some company

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June 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day / Our Meeting this morning was very large & tho' life was rather low, yet it was remarkably Solemn -the first appearance was Mary Slocum of NYork solemn & sweet -next Benj Rodman in a very unsound & unacceptable manner - next was Hannah Smith from Burlington in solemn & acceptable supplication. – Then Manassa Robins & tho' his communication was apparantly sound yet was not calculated for usefulness in a Meeting like that - after a pretty long silence the Meeting closed, after two hours sitting pretty satisfactorily. – In the afternoon there was as usual a very great crowd -after a little space a young Man spoke who I did not see hear or Know - & then after the Meeting had set an hour our fr George Withey from England was engaged in a truly Apostolic testimony of more than an hour, much to satisfaction & the meeting closed well.

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June 17, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / A solid covering was witnessed in the opening of the Meeting, lively & acceptable testimonys were [?] first by David Howland then David Buffum then Clarke Rodman [teacher who ran a school & father of SG's wife Hannah] & on motion of Sylvester Weeks the Meeting proceeded to buisness, which proceeded in usual course & many of the epistles & particularly the one from London was very pertinent to the State of the times - a little interruption was experienced by some untimely & impertinent remarks by BR & M Ruggles, but Truth was set over them & [?] that time no notice taken of them. -

2nd day Afternoon / The state of society was entered upon that excited much feeling, & some remarks, particularly of accounts from Sandwich & Salem, - which contained accounts of disunity sorrowful to hear which occasioned the appointment of a committee for general services [both meetings had been disrupted by the emergence of Ranters among them, ed] - The committee appointed last year on account of the Penobscot Indians reported, which excited many remarks, particularly from Rowland Greene [Archives has some of his transcribed papers, ed.]

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June 18, Tuesday: The state of Mississippi at this point consolidated its laws in regard to [slaves](#), free negroes, and mulattoes.

§ 2. Slaves born and resident in the United States, and not criminals, may be imported.

§ 3. No slave born or resident outside the United States shall be brought in, under penalty of \$1,000 per slave. Travellers are excepted. REVISED CODE OF THE LAWS OF MISSISSIPPI (Natchez, 1824), page 369.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day / our Select Meeting this morning at 8 OClock held four hours & an half & was a season of much exercise, the State of society as respects that branch of society was pretty fully gone into & many pertinent & living testimonys were delivered, particularly from George Withey, Christo[pher] Healy & others. -also some appearance of a wrong spirit in an individual or two -but Truth the everlasting truth stood its ground, & will stand its ground tho' [some?] men leave it - it is plainly to be discovered however effectively [?] its opposite may be dressed up, even tho' it may be painted like Zion & built like Zion, yet that the true stamp may be discovered from all false coins The Meeting at large met today at 4 OClock in the Afternoon & a short silence proceeded to buisness - the buisness transacted was attended with considerable debate & some trying circumstances, one of which was that of a friends requesting to



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[be] dismissed from the School committee & meeting for [?]
Sufferings who had stood long on both & been very servicable now
apparently from a disafection to Society withdrew [-] service -
- This circumstance was affecting - "as when a standard bearer
fainteth" -

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June 19, Wednesday: The republic of Columbia organized by General [Simón Bolívar](#) out of the territories now known as Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Panama was recognized by the US government.

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The United States recognized the Republic of Colombia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day / The Select Meeting met this morning at 8 O'clock after a short solemn sitting concluded, - Alice Rathbone was engaged in reverend Supplication - There is no meeting at [-] this morning to give time for the committee on general service to digest concerns, before them -

4th day Afternoon / The opening of our Meeting this Afternoon was singularly Solemn - An Aged man who made a grievous misstep in an unguarded speech which wounded himself & his friends very deeply - while the meeting was quiet & before any thing was said, he rose & in a solemn manner made an affecting acknowledgement. - which was very cordially received, with many expressions from different friends of their kind feelings towards him & again received him into fellowship - This was the most satisfactory circumstance of the Kind I ever Knew of, & I have no doubt will have great weight on many minds. -
But little buisness was presented as the committee on epistles were not ready to submit their essays to the consideration of the meeting. - So it was adjourned to the 8th hour tomorrow morning, & our Public Meeting put off till the 3rd hour in the Afternoon. -

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June 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / Our Meeting this morning was long & some bitter herbs were eaten, & on the whole I did not think it was crowned with that life which was felt in some of the former sittings. - burdens which some friends thought they had in some measure been relieved from, seemed to return, but I cannot think but Truth gained the victory - Many remarks & criticisms were made on the essays of epistles which I thought were unprofitable. -
In the public Meeting we had a very dull time indeed it might be said death reigned the meeting & but little was said - Mary Newhall was present, took the high seat by the side of Elizabeth Rodman & preached - which was an afflicting circumstance after



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all the trouble friends have had with her in Lynn. – [ranterism (Ed.)]

After dinner all our company left us, our family this year has consisted of Thos Anthony & his daughter Lydia, John Warren & his wife – Sarah & Catharine Collins – Mirriam Newhall, Martha Cobb – Stephen Oliver, Daniel Howland & Micajah [?] Pratt, who were all acceptable guests. –

I must not omit that we had the company of Our Venerable friend Moses Brown to dinner –

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June 22, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day / Our friends being all gone we feel lonesome tho' relieved from considerable bodily & mental exercise – Adna Heaton, Tristram Russel & John T Hallack took breakfast with us – & in the early part of the forenoon we had a pleasant call from our friend George Withey & his companion [?] Morris.

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June 23, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day / Our frd George Withey attended our Morning Meeting then the Afternoon was at Portsmouth – the Meeting in town was large & he preached a truly orthodox Sermon In The Afternoon Tristram Russell & Ruth Spencer were with us & exercised their gifts... – This seems to be the last of Yearly Meeting, & I hardly know what to say About it. – Trial awaits us, but I believe [?there?] is no trial so great, but to use a common expression – a plaster is made as great as the Sore. – We understand George was favoured at Portsmouth [tho'?] not so open in the ministry as in Newport Took tea at Father [Clarke] Rodmans after Meeting. –

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At approximately this point Denmark Vesey was captured.



June 27, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 6 M 1822 / This morning rode to Portsmouth with Sister Mary to attend The Monthly Meeting – Stopped at Uncle Thurstons – Meeting was silent – The buisness was transacted pretty well, & with a degree of satisfactory weight Dined at Uncle Stantons. –

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June 30, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:



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1st day 30th of 6 M / Silent meetings & both rather smaller than usual. -

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Our national birthday, Thursday the 4th of July: Hezekiah Prince Jr. lived in the small port town (for the coasting trade) of Thomaston, Maine, and in his journal of 1822-1828 (published by the Maine Historical Society in 1965) he described the July 4th celebrations there. A modest celebration this year was:²⁹¹

ushered in by the discharge of cannon ... the ringing of bells, and the halloos of the true Sons of Liberty.... The spirit and patriotism of '76 seamed still to flame in the breast of every citizen, especially the young who appeared very much animated. The few surviving veterans around us ... appeared to renew their age and glow with the same spirit which filled their breast in those ever to be remembered days.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

Judge Bushrod Washington announced that since Mount Vernon was his private property, he was no longer going to tolerate the celebrants who were in the habit of coming up the river to indulge themselves at annual "Steam-boat parties" and "eating, drinking, and dancing parties."

In Saratoga County, New York, 5,000 citizens and 52 authentic soldiers of the Revolution assembled at the field upon which General Burgoyne had surrendered on October 17, 1777.

In Nashville, Tennessee, after Governor William Carroll presented a sword to General Andrew Jackson, both these dignitaries made speeches.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 7 M / In the forenoon meeting Hannah Dennis appeared in supplication, then D Buffum in solemn impressive testimony. - Then Hannah Dennis & then Jonathon Dennis in testimony. - it was a solemn favoured testimony. - In the Afternoon the meeting was Silent & good -

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July 11, Thursday: Nicolas Maria Garelli Battifira replaced Santiago Usoz Mozi as Spanish First Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 7th / Select Meeting - In the first father Rodman spoke a little - both meetings were exercising to me a subject

291. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 18th birthday.



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before it that I could not be clear about so said nothing about it -

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July 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 7 M / Silent in the forenoon, & the Meeting small on the womens side in consequence of a hevy Rain
In the Afternoon larger, a short testimony from Father Rodman - both meetings were seasons of much reflection on the state of society - several young men in [Portsmouth](#) have departed from our principles in going to the Theatre, one in delivering an Oration & turning out under Military escort to go to the Meeting for that purpose. - This is cause for Mourning & sorrow. -*

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July 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 7 M 1822 / Mary Morton [-]ve a short but sweet & encouraging testimony to [-] few assembled. - No Buisness in the Preparative Meeting but Answering the Queries -

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July 21, Sunday: Augustin de Iturbide was crowned Emperor of [Mexico](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 7 M / In the forenoon Mary Morton Hannah Dennis Father Rodman & Jonathon Dennis were all concerend in testimony. - it was a good meeting & Truth was raised [-] to dominion in many Minds. - Silent in the Afternoon. - After Meeting went with my Wife & Sister Ruth to D Buffums & took tea.

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July 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 7 M / In our first Meeting David Buffum was very lively in testimony, on the Journey of the children of Israel [-]aiving the inferance that as they did it was necessary to get out right & persevere in the right way, least as they did, we get lost in the Wilderness & as nearly all [-] that generation did come short of the promised land... In the last meeting we had an exercising time no less than three young men reported from [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting for joining in the celebration of Independence - one of them delivered an Oration, another read the Declaration of Independence, the other assisted on the occasions & all of them has attended The Theatre - this is a sad [con]dition which calls for the prompt labour of



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July 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 7 M / Our Meeting this Morning was rather small in consequence of the Rain - Father Rodman was engaged in lively & I believe good testimony, & to me it was a season of favour for which I desire to be thankful - In the Afternoon we were Silent & solid.

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July 30, Tuesday: Der Wachtelschlag, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Sauter, was published in the Zeitschrift fur Kunst, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 7 M 1822 / Friends from S Kingston & [Greenwich](#) have passed through Town on their way to the Quarterly Meeting in [Portsmouth](#) - We had the company of Thos Howland & [/?] Anthony to Tea. -

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July 31, Wednesday: The provinces of Quito, Guyaquil and Cuenca became part of Gran Colombia.

A final public whipping was carried out in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31st of 7 M 1822 / This morning rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend The Select Quarterly Meeting went the west road & stoped at Uncle P Lawtons & after Meeting we returned there & dined - Took tea at Uncle Thurstons then went down to Uncle Stantons & lodged

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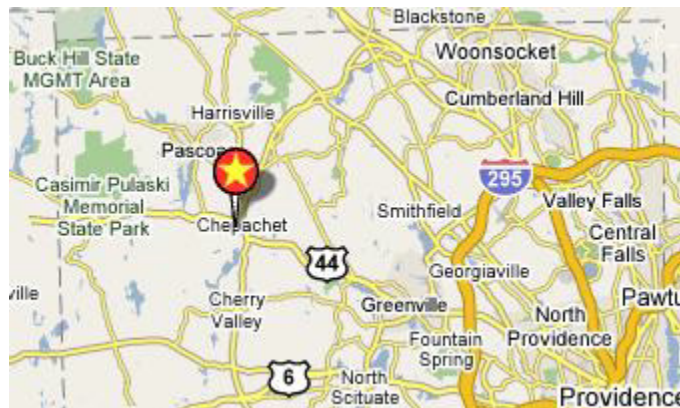
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A broadside had proclaimed the arrival of the talented 12-year-old Betty, The Learned Elephant in [Rhode Island](#). Little Bett appears to have been the 3d [elephant](#) to walk on the North American continent, the 1st having been the elephant brought to Salem from Mauritius in 1795 who would drink port and pick your pocket for pieces of bread, but would not allow herself to be ridden, and the 2d having been Big Bett. The 6,000 pound Betty made her appearance in [Chepachet](#) on this day, after having been walked in of course under cover of darkness. The admission fee to the tent was 12½ cents, with children under 12 at half price.



Stone-Ender in Chepachet





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August 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 8th M 1822 / Our Public Quarterly Meeting was a season of favour there was not a great deal of Preaching, but what there was appeared to be of a good quality - First Thos Anthony, then David Buffum & then Jabez Greene, & the Meeting closed after a short sitting - In the last Meeting buisness was conducted in a solid manner & among the concerns that came before us was the appointment of Obadiah Brown to the Station of an Elder by [Providence](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting, which was united with by the Quarterly Meeting. -

After Meeting we dined at Shadrack Chases & came home -

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August 8, Thursday: In a renovation of the [Quaker](#) meetinghouse in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Moses Brown](#) reported, “what was called the Negros Gallery” had been removed.



The questions of course arises, why specifically was it that this “Negros Gallery” was constructed in the first place — and why lately had it come to be disused, so that it might at this point be demolished?

The answer, I speculate, is going to be (after adequate research has been done — research which has not yet been begun), that the Quakers had had segregated seating in their meetinghouses, with their servants of color seated away from the white people in such a “Negros Gallery,” but that by the turn of the century these slaves had all been granted manumission documents, and were therefore no longer obligated to accompany their Quaker masters and mistresses to worship. When they made use of the meetinghouse, they made use of it in off hours when the white Quakers were not present, and so of course they no longer went up to the dilapidated “pigeon loft” but sat anywhere they pleased. My speculation would be that with freedom had come a decision to affiliate, not with these Quakers who as white racists were never ever going to accept anyone else as a whole and genuine human being (to my knowledge not one single person of color would ever be accepted as a convinced Friend during this period, despite numerous applications for such consideration), instead along color lines with one another in the African Methodist Episcopal denomination that had been set up in 1816.²⁹²

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 8 M / Our Meeting today was a pretty good one
Two appearances in the Ministry Vizt Father Rodman & Anne*



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Dennis. –

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August 13, Tuesday: Tsar Aleksandr of Russia forbade all secret societies including the Masons.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13th of 8 M / Jabez Greene from Cornwall in NYork State had spent the Afternoon & took tea with us - he is a friend in the ministry on a visit chiefly to his relations, & sailed this morning for home - he attends the particluar Meeting to which our late frd David Sands belonged - he appears to be sound in the faith & a tender spirited friend with which I felt good unity. –

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August 15, Thursday: After the two drownings on July 8th when the yacht had sunk during a squall off Livorno, the body of Edward Williams had been cremated on the 13th where it had come to the shore near Via Reggio, and the body of [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) had been cremated on the shore at Lericcio near Leghorn. On this day Edward John Trelawny described the occasion:

Three white wands had been stuck in the sand to mark the Poet's grave, but as they were at some distance from each other, we had to cut a trench thirty yards in length, in the line of the sticks, to ascertain the exact spot, and it was nearly an hour before we came upon the grave. Byron could not face this scene, he withdrew to the beach and swam off to the *Bolivar*. [Leigh Hunt](#) remained in the carriage. The fire was so fierce as to produce a white heat on the iron, and to reduce its contents to grey ashes. The only portions that were not consumed were some fragments of bones, the jaw, and the skull, but what surprised us all, was that the heart remained entire. In snatching this relic from the fiery furnace, my hand was severely burnt; and had anyone seen me do the act I should have been put into quarantine.

292. Subsequent to my writing the above, my suspicions have been confirmed by reading, in the autobiography of [William J. Brown](#), a grandson of one of the men manumitted by Friend [Moses Brown](#), that:

PAGE 25: Some attended the Congregational church, Rev. James Wilson, pastor; some attended the Methodist church; some attended the Episcopal church, Dr. Crocker, pastor; a few attended the Unitarian church, Rev. Mr. Cady, pastor; and a large number attended the First Baptist church, Dr. Gano, pastor. Some were members of each of the above named churches; the largest number, however, were Baptists, and belonged to the First Baptist Church, but many attended no church at all, because they said they were opposed to going to churches and sitting in pigeon holes, as all the churches at that time had some obscure place for the colored people to sit in.



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[Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft Shelley](#) would return to London, where she would reside briefly with her father [William Godwin](#) before taking her own lodgings nearby.

The English vessel *Orion*, Captain William A. Richardson, came to anchor at Yerba Buena in San Francisco Bay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 8 M / Our Meeting was a good one & pretty well [-tended]

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August 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16th of 8 M / Much fatigued in body & unfit for almost any thing - [-] morning about 2 OClock we were awoke by Fire on the Long Wharf 2 Houses & a Stable burned, & for a time the Town in great [danger] but were mercifully & miraculously preserved.
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August 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18th of 8th M 1822 / Our Meeting this forenoon was very full of solid countenances - Anne Dennis appeared in a short testimony, then Father Rodman, then Mary Morton in a communication attended with uncommon Gospel Power, & I have no doubt reached the witness of many hearts especially of the Youth whom she addressed particularly, feelingly & Affectionately - Then David Buffum appeared in a solemn impressive testimony & the meeting concluded under a precious covering
In the Afternoon the Meeting was small, a few words were delivered by Father Rodman -
At half past 2 OClock David Buffum, Hannah Dennis & Mary Morton went with a number of other friends to Coasters Harbour & had a Meeting at the Assylum with the Poor of the Town & the inmates of the House in general - Several of the Commissioners also attended, it proved (as I am informed) a season of great favour. Truth was exalted & our Society met with no loss but rose in the estimation of all who were there*

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August 20, Tuesday: At York Factory in Manitoba, [John Wedderburn Halkett](#) presided over a meeting of the Hudson Bay Company Northern Department council.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 8 M / Rode this Afternoon with Hannah Dennis to [Portsmouth](#) on a committee to visit a young man who had departed from the rules & principles of Society - It proved a hard labouring time, all the consolation we had was a consciousness of having discharged our duty faithfully towards him

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August 22, Thursday: King George IV began a visit to Scotland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 8 M / Life with me was low at Meeting yet I trust it was not so with all - a short testimony from father Rodman -



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No buisness in the Preparative Meeting

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By this point a new conception of what it meant to be an author was seizing the American mind, and this new conception, the conception of sole authorship and inspiration, was exposing [Thomas Jefferson](#), as the alleged perpetrator of our [Declaration of Independence](#), whose claims had always been regarded in some quarters as exaggerated and selfserving, to suspicions of plagiarism.²⁹³ John Adams therefore wrote to Timothy



Pickering²⁹⁴ pointing out that “there is not an idea” in that document that had not “been hackneyed in Congress for two years before.”



You inquire why so young a man as Mr. Jefferson was placed at the head of the committee for preparing a Declaration of Independence? I answer: It was the Frankfort advice, to place Virginia at the head of everything. Mr. Richard Henry Lee might be gone to Virginia, to his sick family, for aught I know, but that was not the reason of Mr. Jefferson's appointment. There were three committees appointed at the same time, one for the Declaration of Independence, another for preparing articles of confederation, and another for preparing a treaty to be proposed to France. Mr. Lee was chosen for the Committee of Confederation, and it was not thought convenient that the same person should be upon both. Mr. Jefferson came into Congress in June, 1775, and brought with him a reputation for literature,

293. Imagine a **slavemaster** being guilty of **plagiarizing** — this goes against the very Latin etymology of the word!

294. Charles Francis Adams ed. The Works of John Adams, Volume II, The Diary (1850).

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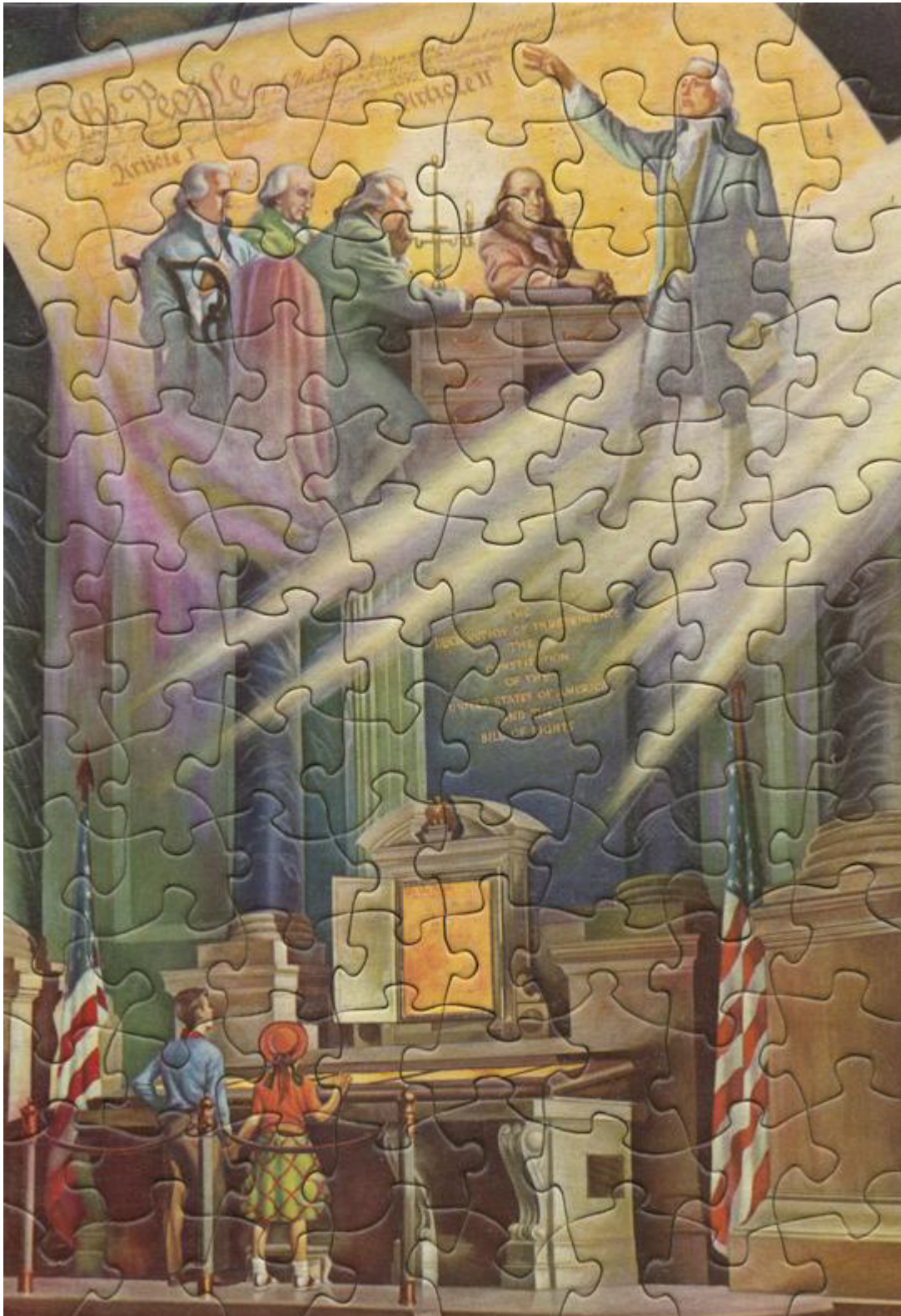
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science, and a happy talent of composition. Writings of his were handed about, remarkable for the peculiar felicity of expression. Though a silent member in Congress, he was so prompt, frank, explicit, and decisive upon committees and in conversation - not even Samuel Adams was more so - that he soon seized upon my heart; and upon this occasion I gave him my vote, and did all in my power to procure the votes of others. I think he had one more vote than any other, and that placed him at the head of the committee. I had the next highest number, and that placed me the second. The committee met, discussed the subject, and then appointed Mr. Jefferson and me to make the draft, I suppose because we were the two first on the list. The subcommittee met. Jefferson proposed to me to make the draft. I said, "I will not," "You should do it." "Oh! no." "Why will you not? You ought to do it." "I will not." "Why?" "Reasons enough." "What can be your reasons?" "Reason first, you are a Virginian, and a Virginian ought to appear at the head of this business. Reason second, I am obnoxious, suspected, and unpopular. You are very much otherwise. Reason third, you can write ten times better than I can." "Well," said Jefferson, "if you are decided, I will do as well as I can." "Very well. When you have drawn it up, we will have a meeting." A meeting we accordingly had, and conned the paper over. I was delighted with its high tone and the flights of oratory with which it abounded, especially that concerning Negro slavery, which, though I knew his Southern brethren would never suffer to pass in Congress, I certainly never would oppose. There were other expressions which I would not have inserted if I had drawn it up, particularly that which called the King tyrant. I thought this too personal, for I never believed George to be a tyrant in disposition and in nature; I always believed him to be deceived by his courtiers on both sides of the Atlantic, and in his official capacity, only, cruel. I thought the expression too passionate, and too much like scolding, for so grave and solemn a document; but as Franklin and Sherman were to inspect it afterwards, I thought it would not become me to strike it out. I consented to report it, and do not now remember that I made or suggested a single alteration. We reported it to the committee of five. It was read, and I do not remember that Franklin or Sherman criticized anything. We were all in haste. Congress was impatient, and the instrument was reported, as I believe, in Jefferson's handwriting, as he first drew it. Congress cut off about a quarter of it, as I expected they would; but they obliterated some of the best of it, and left all that was exceptionable, if anything in it was. I have long wondered that the original draft had not been published. I suppose the reason is the vehement philippic against Negro slavery. As you justly observe, there is not an idea in it but what had been hackneyed in Congress for two years before. The substance of it is contained in the declaration of rights and the violation of those rights in the Journals of Congress in 1774. Indeed, the essence of it is contained in a pamphlet, voted and printed by the town of Boston, before the



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first Congress met, composed by James Otis, as I suppose, in one of his lucid intervals, and pruned and polished by Samuel Adams."



August 25, Sunday: William Herschel died.

Antonio Salieri wrote to Prince Esterhazy asking him to support his young composition student Franz Liszt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 8 M 1822 / Our Meeting this Morning was unusually full several were present who do not commonly attend Our friend Mary Morton rose with the Text "All flesh is as grass. The grass withereth & the flower fadeth, but the Word of the Lord endureth forever" her testimony was a truly solemn one, impressing on all the necessity of obtaining that precious word which endureth forever. She addressed the Aged in particular very impressively - after which father Rodman had a short acceptable testimony & the Meeting closed after a very solmen Season -In the Afternoon Father had a short testimony The Meeting I think was a season of some favour. -
After Meeting - My H - Sister Ruth, John Wm Sherman & myself went out to Jon Dennis, took tea & set the evening quite interstingly, & I believe proffitably. -*

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August 29, Thursday: The final day of King George IV's visit to Scotland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 8 M / Last evening with my H rode to [Portsmouth](#) [to] attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held there today - We lodged at Uncle Stantons - This morning took Aunt & went to meeting in the Waggon. - It was a Solid good meeting to me & my mind does rejoice in a degree of humility at being able to record as such. I know not the time when the precious life was more the companion of my mind throughout Meeting - In the first Anne Dennis, Father Rodman, Hannah Dennis & A Sherman in succession bore testimonies & I thought all of them were fitting the states of some present - - In the last Meeting we had a larger portion of buisness than common & among it was the passing of a Young couple for Marriage vizt John A Wadsworth & Eliza [?] - We dined at Uncle Stantons, where we again had the company of Benjamin & Niobe Marshall, who expect to return to NYork in a few days - returned home towards Night & in the evening my Wife was very sick & faint- -

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August 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 30th of 8th M 1822 / We have had the company of our cousin Louisa Casey to lodge & spend this day with us also of Benja & Niobe Marshall at tea. -

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August 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31st of 8 M / With this day we end the Summer which to me has been a Summer of great incumbrance, as well as to my dear H who many days has been so unwell as not to be able to do the ordinary buisness of the day, but has yet kept about & gone on so currently as scarce any one would suppose any thing was the matter with her. It has also been a season of serious exercise & some enlargement in religious views. - I have suffered much inward leanness & Poverty & have known some aboundings in the life & spirit of religion, & may thankfully acknowledge, it is now my lot to feel the precious flowings of love & life in my heart in some good degree. - We have this forenoon parted with our friends Benjamin & Niobe who took passage in the Steam Boat for NYork - intending not to go into the City on account of the Fever now prevelent there, but to take lodgings at Harlem

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September 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 9th M 1822 / Our forenoon Meeting was large & solemn Hannah Dennis was first engaged in testimony then D Buffum & then Mary Morton, all in a lively & solemn manner, & H Dennis concluded in short but fervant supplication.- In the Afternoon Father Rodman H Dennis & J Dennis spoke a few words & the Meeting closed after a short but good sitting. -

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September 5, Thursday: An earthquake in Aleppo (Halab) in the Ottoman Empire kills 22,000 people.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 9 M / Meeting rather small but a season of some favour, tho' much incommoded by the noise of moving a small House in Tanner Street - a short testimony by Father Rodman

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September 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 9 M 1822 / Our forenoon meeting was again large & a solemn Season - Mary Morton was largely favoured in testimony. - Father Rodman said a little & D Buffum a little & the Meeting closed under a covering of weight



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*Silent but good Meeting in the Afternoon. –
We took tea at Father Rodmans in company with John Morton & his
wife. –*

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September 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12 of 9 M / To me our meeting was rather a poor time but
I trust others faired better. – Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis
were lively in testimony. –*

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September 15, Sunday: William Henry Ashley and Andrew Henry needed to establish a permanent fur trade in the upper Missouri River. They placed a notice in the St. Louis paper for 100 men, to be employed for one, two, or three years. Among those they hired would be the “mountain men” Mike Fink, Jed Smith, Jim Bridger, Will Sublette and one of his brothers, and Joe Walker (their Rocky Mountain Fur Company would dominate the industry until 1834, when control would be wrested from them by John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company).

The Friends silent worship in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) was visited by a “Jewes & her daughter,” who in the estimation of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was in need of the religious counsel and advice which Quakerism does offer:

*1st day 15th of 9th M / Our Meeting was not quite as full as
common but several was present who do not usually attend with
us & among them were a Jewes & her daughter by the name of Minis
from — who probably never attended a Meeting of Friends before.
-- It was a season of unusual favour, the solemnity before any
thing was said, was remarkable. – Anne Dennis rose & delivered
a short testimony, then Father Rodman in a short but lively,
impressive & pertinent communication which I have no doubt was
useful – he was followed [-] Hannah Dennis in like manner. I
have no doubt she reaching of some minds present, she concluded
by recommending Sacrifice, & rose a second time & said “not a
sacrifice of Heffers & calves of the Stall, but the sacrifice
of a broken & contrite spirit” – This I thought applied to many
& particularly the Jewes – Mary Morton concluded in Solemn
fervent supplication [-]all present, & the Meeting ended under
a very [-]ured covering –
In the Afternoon Hannah Dennis was engaged to address the
children particularly a considerable number of who were present
& on the whole it has been a day of favour & large experience
to me for which I desire to be humbly thankful –*

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September 16, Monday: Charles S. Crocker, of Southern Pacific fame, was born.

Howard Trask, who had escaped [hanging](#) for murder by having been found insane, attempted to kill two of the other prisoners with him in [Boston](#) jail, and then escaped from the jail. Due to decrepit conditions at the jail that had been revealed by this escape, the prisoners would be taken to more secure accommodations on Lechmere Point — where an unsuccessful attempt would be made to force them to generate power by walking a treadmill wheel.



(Pictured above is one that was in operation not for the generation of power but simply for punishment, at the Brixton House of Correction in 1821.)

George Canning became the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 9th M 1822 / Attended the funeral of Rebecca Goddard - daughter of Thos Goddard - the gathering was large & to me it was a season of precious favour - Mary Morton & Hannah



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Dennis were engaged in lively & pertinent testimonys.

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September 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 9 M / Silent Meeting & to me a good favoured Season for which I desire to be thankful
Set most of the evening at Abigail Robinsons in company with John & Mary Morton, D Williams & his daughter Mary –*

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September 22, Sunday: Portugal's initial Constitution.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22nd of 9 th M / Our Morning Meeting was a time of remarkable solemnity & favour during the Silent part of it – towards the close our frd D Buffum was engaged in a lively & pwoerful testimony wherein he endeavoured to excite to faithfulness & warn us of the consequence of unfaithfulness to the dictates of pure Wisdom –. In the afternoon Anne Dennis & Father Rodman were concerned in a few words. – Pretty good Meeting –
Set most of the evening at Abigail Robinsons in Company with John & Mary Morton & their Brother Wm Robinson. – When I returned home I found a letter from Thos Thompson with a portrate of Wm Allen of London for me & a large bundle of Books & Pamphlets from him for our Fr [Moses Brown](#), which Thos gave me liberty to open & peruse, which I did & found a very interesting collection, of Ancient things of that Kind. – but considering Moses great Age, I considerd it would be wrong in me to withhold them a moment from him, & accordingly bound them up again to be sent tomorrow Morning in the Packet to [Providence](#). –*

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September 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 9th M 1822 / This Afternoon departed this life Amy Buffum an old acquaintance & friend of My Mothers I went into the house about a quarter of an hour before she died & saw her breath her last – poor woman she had attained to the Age of about 75 Years & was several years previous to her death quite blind – her property was nearly run out, tho' she will have some thing left. – She was a member of Society, descended from a good stock of Friends, & tho' she did not in the forepart of her life stand well approved as a Friend but in the latter part of her life was more tender considerate & I hope has exchanged this



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life of evil & various afflictions for a better World –

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 September 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 9 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held this day in Town was a season of no common favour - In the first Meeting Mary Morton was engaged in public labour "Our fathers here are they & the Prophets do they live forever" from a text she took occasion to advert to the memory of [-] large body of friends who composed this Moy [Monthly] Meeting within the compas of her recollection, who are now gathered to Rest, from the sufferings & [tria?]ls which they underwent in support of testimonies given this society to bear. - & encouraged [-] who were now active in the concerns of society, [-]thfully to discharge their duty that they may obtain [—]r blessings in the Mansions of Peace. - she also [-ertly] addressed the Youth in a manner which I [-]y will be long remembered by some of them
In the mast Meeting, the buisness was conducted with more solid weight than common, tho' some exercising cases were before us. -*

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 September 29, Sunday: [Jean-François Champollion](#) was able to stand in the Royal Academy of Inscriptions in Paris and read out the names of more than 70 ancient [Egyptian](#) rulers, from their cartouches written in hieroglyphics. A stone that had been inscribed in three scripts, found in Rosetta, Egypt, and other such record stones, had provided the critical mass necessary for this breakthrough in linguistics.²⁹⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 9th M 1822 / A Very rainy Day - Small meetings & to me poor dull heavy seasons. - In the Afternoon H Dennis addressed the lads in a very suitable & appropriate manner on their behaviour in Meeting -

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 October 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 2nd of 10th M 1822 / This morning our Friends John & Mary Morton left us by the Steam boat for their home in Philadelphia. I did not see them when they went off but they both called to see us he yesterday & she the day before to take leave
Their company had been truly greatful to their friends, he had called & set a little while almost every day since he came with me in my shop. Now aged about 84 Years he evinces an increasing concern for the welfare of society & takes a lively interest in all its concerns -. from his far advance in life it is probable this is his last visit to this place, tho' he intends if his*

295. Needless to say, I am hoping that this textbase, some 10 GB of material never before assembled in such an accessible form, will provide the critical mass needed for some equivalent data-mining breakthrough. Every day I am in search for this breakthrough.



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*health is as good another year as it has been this, to come again
Next Season. -- His wife has attended our Meetings with great
acceptance as a Minister & May her labours be blessed -
This day John A Wadsworth & Elizabeth Mott were Married at
Portsmouth Meeting how[-] & I am informed by some that attended
that it was a season of favour - Ruth Mely was largely engaged
in testimony & Hannah Dennis in supplication - The Audience very
large & quiet -*

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October 3, Thursday: A new overture and a chorus, Wo sich die Pulse, by Ludwig van Beethoven were performed for the initial time, for the opening of the Josephstadttheater, Vienna, conducted by the composer. They were attached to Beethoven's Die Ruinen von Athen which has been adapted by Carl Meisl as Die Weihe des Hauses.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 3rd of 10th M 1822 / Our Meeting today was small & I
apprehend not that flow of life which is at seasons experienced,
it was however a pretty solid Sitting. -*

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October 5, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*7th day 5th of 10th M 1822 / This Morning went on board the
Packet [-] did not arrive in Providence till near Dark - went
immediately to the hospitable Mansion of my much valued friend
Moses Brown, who I found well & glad to see me. -*

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October 6, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*1st day Morning attended meeting at the School House. - returned
to Moses's to Dinner & took [-] sting again at the School House
in the Afternoon & [-]aid to tea with the Schollars - Lodged at
MB*

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October 7, Monday: The Mendelssohn family made a visit to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's home in Weimar. This was for Felix Mendelssohn the 2d meeting with the poet. Fanny played Bach and her Goethe songs for him. When Felix played the poet remarked "You are my David and if I am ever ill and sad, you must banish my bad dreams by your playing."

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning - Rode out to Thos Arnolds on buisness he not



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*being at home had to go a second time to meet [-].- Dined at MB
- then Walked to the School House & after sitting a little while
walked [-] town, visited mary Anthony, her husband not at home.
made several other calls, returned to the School House mset part
of the eveing, then returned to my very agreeable quarters &
spent the remainder of the evening. [-] pleasant conversation. -*

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October 8, Tuesday: The Galunggung volcano on Java erupted, sending mudflows that destroyed over 100 villages and killed more than 4,000.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day Morning as [-]re was but little prospect of getting home
by water took the Stage & came by land. -
The object of this visit was to attend the Subcommittee of the
Y Meeting School which I missed of as it met last week contrary
to my calculations - Also I had in view some other buisness which
I accomplished to satisfaction -*

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October 10, Thursday: It was ordered that [Boston](#)'s street corners be marked with street signs.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th of 10 M / Our Meeting was rather Small & to me a
[-] on of but little life, though I hope others faired better
[-] was silent. -*

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October 13, Sunday: William Sayward, Jr. of Gloucester died while at sea.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13th of 10 M / At the Morning meeting Father Rodman had
a short testimony in the Afternoon Anne Dennis & Hannah Dennis
said a few words - to me it was rather a dry season. - About 5
OCl this After Noon Died [-] Bowen wife of Jonathon, she was a
member of society & an exam[-] Friend & will be a loss to her
family & friends -*

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October 15: The first issue of the magazine The Liberal included George Gordon, Lord Byron's "Letters to the Editor of 'My Grandmother's Review'" and "The Vision of Judgement" (the latter of which would result in hostile reviews, and John Hunt's prosecution).

Obadiah Moses Brown, son of [Friend Moses Brown](#), died during his 51st year. He had bequeathed his library and a considerable sum of money to the Quaker Yearly Meeting School in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) on the creation of which he and his father had been for so many years laboring. Extracts from the will of Obadiah M.

**MOSES BROWN SCHOOL**

Brown dated March 28, 1814, and from the codicil to the said will dated October 14, 1822, relating to the "[Yearly Meeting School](#)" as a legatee, as copied from the official clerk's copy in the municipal records at the [Providence, Rhode Island](#) Town Hall by [Friend](#) John R. Kellam during October 2007:

.... (from the will:)

Item. I give to my honoured Father Moses Brown, as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting of Friends School Fund or to his Successor that may hereafter be appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings in the Capacity of the said School Committee, an annuity of three thousand Dollars, and hereby authorize and direct my Executors to pay the same in one Year after my Decease to the said Treasurer for the Time being weather [sic] the School be in operation or not. That the Sum be a part of the Fund of said Institution to be applied for the purpose of procuring an Establishment in Land, Buildings and furnishings the necessary accommodations paying the Salaries of Instructors and assistants, and also the Board of the Scholars and Family of the Institution / nearly similar to Friends Boarding Schools of the Yearly Meeting of New York at Nine Partners, or at Weston in Pennsylvania / wherein the Children members of our religious Society of Friends with such others as may be thought best to be admitted / may receive a religious and guarded Education free from the contaminating Influence of the vain fashionable World which leads young minds from the Simplicity of Truth, and that meek and quiet Spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom we profess to follow.



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Item. I also give / after the Decease of my Wife Dorcas Brown / the annuity of Three thousand Dollars more to the aforesaid Institution making up the Sum of Six thousand Dollars to be paid by my Executors in one year after the Decease of my Wife, and annually afterwards to the Treasurer of the said School Fund for the Time being for the purpose of supporting and perpetuating the Institution as aforesaid.

Item. I give all my Books and Maps to the Yearly Meeting School after the Decease of my Wife, or when the School shall be got under Way, providing she is consenting thereto how soon soever the School may be in operation.

.... (from the codicil:)

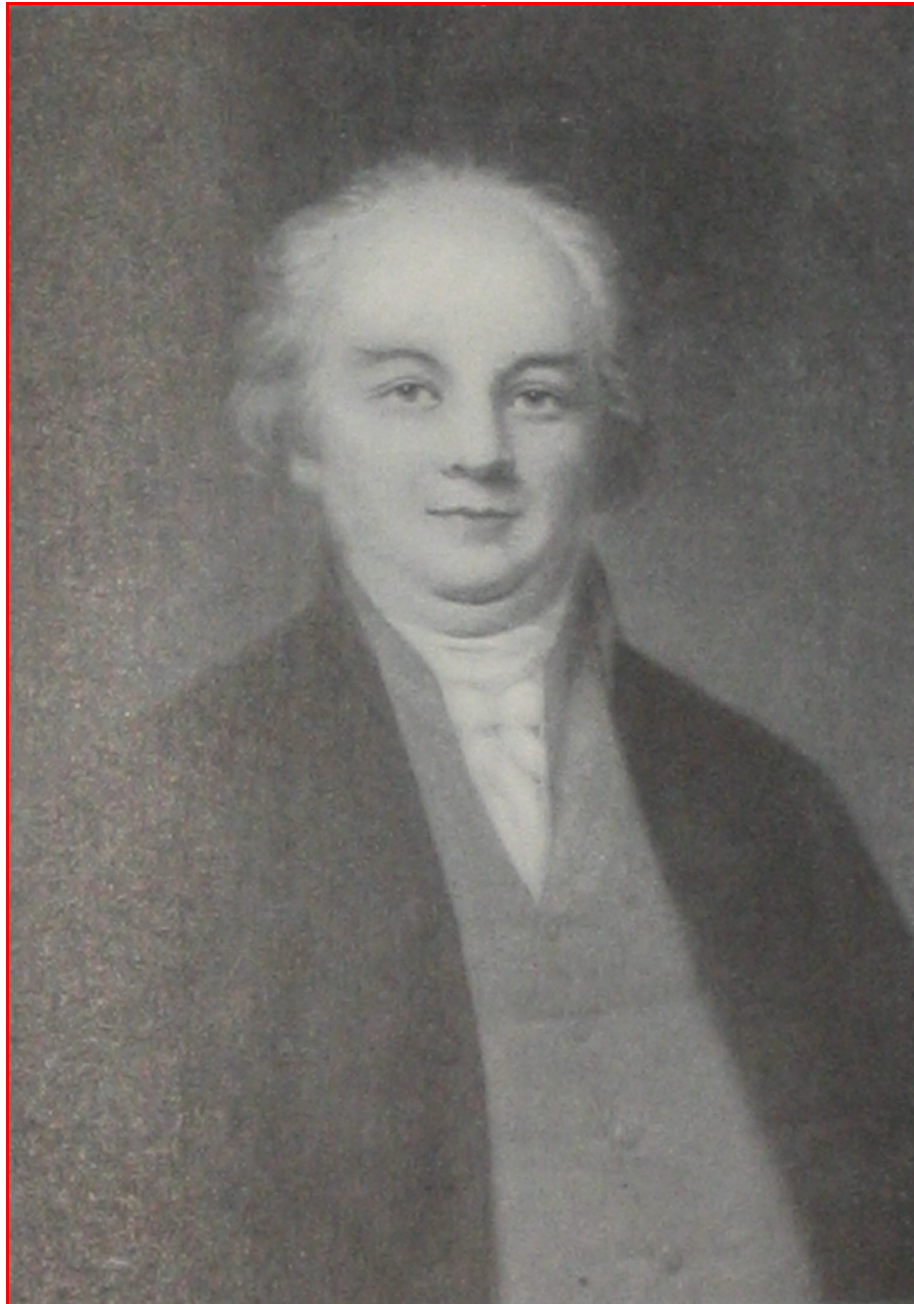
I hereby confirm the Legacy given in my Will for the use of the Yearly Meetings School, which was not then located, but now under successful operation in the Lot given by my Father for that purpose to the Institution there established to be and remain for the use of said Establishment forever.



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Friend Obadiah M. Brown

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) had commented on this in his journal:

*3rd day 15th of 10th M 1822 / Heard this morning of the Decease
of our Valued Friend Sylvester Weeks at his house in Cranston,*



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he has suffered a very painful illness of some obstruction in the Urine passages. – He was an Elder of Honorable standing in Greenwich Moy [Monthly] Meeting, & was an active member & particularly useful in the Quarterly & Yearly Meetings. – his loss to the Church will be great indeed. – I have also heard this Morning that our Frd Obadiah Brown of Providence is very ill & but little prospect of his recovering remains. – It is an Awful time in the Land Sickness in many places prevails & many deaths occur, & a number, where to all human appearance, a longer continuance in life might have been useful. – but The Lords time is the right & best time, & May I & may all cultivate a disposition to Say in sincerity "Thye will be done."
This Afternoon Attended the funeral of Sarah Bowen which went to the Meeting Houses & was a solid favour'd time Testimonys were in course thus Jonathon Dennis, David Buffum Anne Dennis & Hannah Dennis. – David & Hannah were particularly favour'd, & the solemnity of the Meeting was Kept up throughout

4th day 16th of 19th M / Heard this Afternoon of the decease of Our friend Obadiah Brown of Providence & that his Mortal remains were inter'd this day at Providence.

"In the Midst of life we are in Death," when I parted with him at his fathers Door a week ago last first day, little did either of us think it was a final separation. – He was a good man his great Wealth so far from puffing him up rather humbled him & his Charities & other usefulness will be a great loss indeed



October 17, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 10th M 1822 / Excepting a short Testimony from Father Rodman, Our Meeting was Silent – after which Our Select Meeting was held, it was a season of rather closer searcht than common, which induced me to see that it was a season of rather more proffit than common.

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October 20, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th 10 M / Our Meetings were seasons of favour – we had profitable testimonys in the forenoon from Father Rodman
In the Afternoon J Dennis & Father said a little & I thought[–]itly & that the meeting was a good one. –
Just before the close of the forenoon Meeting I was led out by T Hornsby to produce the Keys of the [–]s Synagogue to deposit therein the remains of Abraham [–], who died in Boston & just arrived. – After the [con?]lusion of the Afternoon Meeting he was interd in the [–]ws burying ground attended by a large concourse of citizens
This Afternoon was the funeral of a child of John Millenalty of Middletown, which I should have been glad to have attended, but



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for the Afternoon Meeting which I feel myself much bound too as it is generally much smaller than [-] the Morning & the funeral of Tours which I also felt [-] wish to attend.

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Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, and Prussia convened the Congress of Verona to continue the absolutist ideals of the Congress of Laibach of the previous year (this would go on into November). Present were the Emperor of Austria, the Tsar of Russia, the King of Prussia, and all the leaders of Italy with the exception of the Pope. The English delegates would point out that in seven months of the year 1821 no fewer than 21,000 Africans had been abducted as new slaves, and 352 vessels up to no good had appeared at African ports north of the equator. Despite the fact that only Portugal and Brazil were formally allowing the [international slave trade](#) to proceed unchecked, that traffic in human lives had been becoming more and more ubiquitous. They would point out that this had been defined as a crime by every nation of Europe and America save one, and that the ordinary operation of law was obviously unable to prevent it. The English delegates to the Congress of Verona would suggest that if each of the assembled nations were to separately denounce the trade as piracy, the result would be to create a collective rule of law that could then be incorporated into a "Law of Nations." They would also suggest that each nation prohibit foreign negrero vessels from sailing under its flag. They would also suggest that for so long as Portugal and Brazil were allowing the trade, none of their produce should be acceptable into international commerce. None of such proposals would be found acceptable. The congress would be able to agree only on vague generalities.

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Whatever England's motives were, it is certain that only a limited international Right of Visit on the high seas could suppress or greatly limit the slave-trade. Her diplomacy was therefore henceforth directed to this end. On the other hand, the maritime supremacy of England, so successfully asserted during the Napoleonic wars, would, in case a Right of Search were granted, virtually make England the policeman of the seas; and if nations like the United States had already, under present conditions, had just cause to complain of violations by England of their rights on the seas, might not any extension of rights by international agreement be dangerous? It was such considerations that for many years brought the powers to a deadlock in their efforts to suppress the slave-trade.

At first it looked as if England might attempt, by judicial decisions in her own courts, to seize even foreign slavers.²⁹⁶ After the war, however, her courts disavowed such action,²⁹⁷ and the right was sought for by treaty stipulation. Castlereagh took early opportunity to approach the United States on the matter, suggesting to Minister Rush, June 20, 1818, a mutual but strictly limited Right of Search.²⁹⁸ Rush was ordered to give him assurances of the solicitude of the United States to suppress the traffic, but to state that the concessions asked for appeared of a character not adaptable to our institutions. Negotiations were then transferred to Washington; and the new British minister, Mr. Stratford Canning, approached Adams with full instructions in December 1820.²⁹⁹

296. For cases, see *1 Acton*, 240, the "Amedie," and *1 Dodson*, 81, the "Fortuna;" quoted in U.S. Reports, *10 Wheaton*, 66.

297. Cf. the case of the French ship "Le Louis": *2 Dodson*, 238; and also the case of the "San Juan Nepomuceno": *1 Haggard*, 267.

298. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1819-20, pages 375-9; also pages 220-2.

299. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 395-6.



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Meantime, it had become clear to many in the United States that the individual efforts of States could never suppress or even limit the trade without systematic co-operation. In 1817 a committee of the House had urged the opening of negotiations looking toward such international co-operation,³⁰⁰ and a Senate motion to the same effect had caused long debate.³⁰¹ In 1820 and 1821 two House committee reports, one of which recommended the granting of a Right of Search, were adopted by the House, but failed in the Senate.³⁰² Adams, notwithstanding this, saw constitutional objections to the plan proposed by Canning, and wrote to him, December 30: "A Compact, giving the power to the Naval Officers of one Nation to search the Merchant Vessels of another for Offenders and offences against the Laws of the latter, backed by a further power to seize and carry into a Foreign Port, and there subject to the decision of a Tribunal composed of at least one half Foreigners, irresponsible to the Supreme Corrective tribunal of this Union, and not amendable to the controul of impeachment for official misdemeanors, was an investment of power, over the persons, property and reputation of the Citizens of this Country, not only unwarranted by any delegation of Sovereign Power to the National Government, but so adverse to the elementary principles and indispensable securities of individual rights, ... that not even the most unqualified approbation of the ends ... could justify the transgression." He then suggested co-operation of the fleets on the coast of Africa, a proposal which was promptly accepted.³⁰³ The slave-trade was again a subject of international consideration at the Congress of Verona in 1822. Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, and Prussia were represented. The English delegates declared that, although only Portugal and Brazil allowed the trade, yet the traffic was at that moment carried on to a greater extent than ever before. They said that in seven months of the year 1821 no less than 21,000 slaves were abducted, and three hundred and fifty-two vessels entered African ports north of the equator. "It is obvious," said they, "that this crime is committed in contravention of the Laws of every Country of Europe, and of America, excepting only of one, and that it requires something more than the ordinary operation of Law to prevent it." England therefore recommended: -

1. That each country denounce the trade as piracy, with a view of founding upon the aggregate of such separate declarations a general law to be incorporated in the Law of Nations.
2. A withdrawing of the flags of the Powers from persons not natives of these States, who engage in the traffic under the

300. HOUSE DOCUMENT, 14th Congress 2d session, II. No. 77.

301. 15th Congress 1st session, pages 71, 73-78, 94-109. The motion was opposed largely by Southern members, and passed by a vote of 17 to 16.

302. One was reported, May 9, 1820, by Mercer's committee, and passed May 12: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 1st session, pages 497, 518, 520, 526; 16th Congress 1st session, pages 697-9. A similar resolution passed the House next session, and a committee reported in favor of the Right of Search: HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 1064-71. Cf. HOUSE JOURNAL, 16th Congress 2d session, pages 476, 743, 865, 1469.

303. BRITISH AND FOREIGN STATE PAPERS, 1820-21, pages 397-400.



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flags of these States.

3. A refusal to admit to their domains the produce of the colonies of States allowing the trade, a measure which would apply to Portugal and Brazil alone.

These proposals were not accepted. Austria would agree to the first two only; France refused to denounce the trade as piracy; and Prussia was non-committal. The utmost that could be gained was another denunciation of the trade couched in general terms.³⁰⁴



October 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 10th M / Lucy Dow wife of Lorenzo was at meeting & [preac]hed a little, - the Meeting otherwise was Silent & a solid [-] -- In the Preparative Meeting in addition to the [usu]al buisness of answering The Queries - there was requests [-] certificates for two young men. -

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October 27, Sunday: Opening of a 280-mile segment of the [Erie Canal](#), between Rochester and Albany in upstate New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 10 M / Our Morning Meeting was a Solid good one [-]n Dennis & father Rodman appeared acceptable in [—]imony. - In the Afternoon to me it was a [-] roving time & but little benefit - Father was [-]n engaged in a few words. —

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October 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 10th M 1822 / This morning rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. The first Meeting was a season of some favour, tho' to me a low time & much depressed. -Several short testimonies were delivered. - In the last the depression continued, two young men were disowned & my feelings were such that I could not be very active in the buisness, tho' could not feel wholly clear of taking a small part. - Dined at Uncle Saml Thurstons & went down to Uncle Stantons took tead & lodged - next day attended to a little buisness & had to do & came home.-

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November 3, Sunday: [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#) sailed from Liverpool for the United States on a vessel that would encounter great difficulties, requiring more than two months for the crossing.



[Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Gratulations-Menuet was performed for the initial time, in Vienna for the nameday of Carl Friedrich Hensler, new director of the theater in Josephstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) became one of the overseers of the bequest of Friend [Obadiah M. Brown](#):

1st day 5th [error, 3d] of 11th M 1822 / Meetings nearly Silent & not very lively, tho' I thought the Afternoon was more favoured. -

Rec'd between Meetings a letter from our Ancient frd [Moses Brown](#) inclosing a copy of part of his son Obadiahs Will, by which I was informed that I was appointed a Trustee with twelve others to receive an Annuity of twelve Hundred Dollars to be distributed according to our discretion in Such benevolent purposes as might occur, particularly by recommending the printing of Such religious Books as May tend to the promulgation of our religious principles where they are but little known. - This Trust humbled my mind & desires were raised that we might be favoured to conduct according to the Will of the Donor & Honour of the Great Cause -

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November 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 11 M 1822 / Many friends have gone to Quarterly Meeting & our meeting was Small - & to me a very poor & destitute Season - tho' it seemed to me that others experienced a solemnity worth meeting together for Anne Dennis expressed a little in the




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 November 10, Sunday: At a meeting of the Philharmonic Society of London, the members vote to offer £50 to [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) for a new symphony.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 11th M 1822 / Yesterday towards night with my H & John Rode with Uncle Stanton to his House & lodged - This Mornng we went to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting, which to me was a rather poor one -. returned to dinner & in the afternoon left My Wife & John [at] Uncle Stantons to stay & make them a Visit of a few days - walked home. -

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 November 11, Monday: Hamdullah Abdullah Pasha replaced Hacı Salih Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 11 M / The day was Stormy & our Meeting small, a season of mental labour to me & a little solemnity experienced, for which I desire to be thankful

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 November 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


7th day 16th of 11 M / This forenoon Hannah & John returned from [Portsmouth](#) where they have been the Week past & I have kept house alone -

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 November 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 11th M / Some favour experienced at Meetings, but also much leanness & barrenness - D Buffum in the forenoon & Father Rodman in the Afternoon delivered testimonies

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 November 21, Thursday: Owing to political unrest the faculty of the Paris College of Medicine was dismissed and the college closed. [Hector Berlioz](#), a student for little more than a year, thus ended his regular studies of medicine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 11 M / At meeting my mind was favoured with [obscured] good degree of Solemnity & tenderness. - Father



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Rodman spoke twice & Jonathon Dennis once, I thought pertinently with pretty good savor. – No buisness in the Preparative Meeting. –

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November 28, Thursday: The Champlain [Canal](#) was extended through the village of Waterford.

An overture and five choral numbers for Den Sachsen-Sogn vermahlet heute, a festspiel by Robert, by Carl Maria von Weber, were performed for the initial time, to celebrate the wedding of Prince Johann of Saxony to Princess Amalie August of Bavaria, at the Dresden Hoftheater.

Valentine de Milan, a drame lyrique by Etienne-Nicolas Mehul to words of Bouilly and completed by Daussoigne-Mehul, was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 11 M ?? Our first Meeting was a good solid favoured time [obscured] mind was particularly so for which I desire to be thankful Jannah Dennis, Father Rodman Anne Dennis bore testimonues [obscured] I felt Unity with / – In the last Meeting we had considerable [obscured]ness & some of it trying – Several testimonies of Denial were [–act?]ed on against some who have been Disowned & the cutting out of members is always afflicting –

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November 29, Friday: Gioachino Rossini's cantata La Santa Alleanza to words of Rossi was performed for the initial time, in the Arena, Verona, commissioned by Prince Metternich for the Congress of Verona as a celebration of the Holy Alliance.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 11th M 1822 / This Afternoon Hannah Dennis & her daughter Anne Spent the Afternoon with us – & Jonathon joined us at tea & in the evening – This was a very pleasant visit & renewed the belief in my mind that it is good for brethren to Speak often together. – it renews fellowship, & brightens the chain of Friendship. –

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December 1, Sunday: The coronation of Peter I as constitutional emperor of Brazil.

Franz Liszt, now a piano student of Carl Czerny and a composition student of Antonio Salieri, offered his initial public concert in the Landstandischer Saal, Vienna. Liszt played the a minor piano concerto of [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#). The Allgemeine Zeitung would call him "a little Hercules...fallen from the clouds."

Dom Pedro, son of King Joao VI of Portugal, was crowned Emperor of Brazil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 12th M 1822 / Our Meeting was rather small in consequence of a hard Storm of Wind & rain, but both to me were seasons of uncommon favour - In the Morning we were Silent - In the Afternoon H Dannis was concerned in a Short but precious testimony

I can but render acknowledgemnts for this Days favour where they are alone due. - Oh that this day the beginning of Winter may prove as a forerunner of better days than I have experienced for some Weeks past. -

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December 5, Thursday: Concerto in a minor for piano and strings by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

5th day 7th [sic] of 12th M / Our Meeting was Silent & to me a Solemn favoured season for which I desire to be thankful - There are a number of interesting Boys who attend our meetings - today while sitting in Meeting they were a Subject of my reflections & best wishes they appear to be Sensible & some of them evince Seriousness in their deportment & particularly in meetings sit with grave attentive countenances. -

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December 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 12th M / In the Morning Meeting, soon after it was gathered, I felt a solemnity arise & remarkably Spread over the Meeting, in which I was favoured to partake to a degree of encouragement - D Buffum rose & observed "that from his advanced age & decrease of natural powers he had sometimes thought he might be excused from public experiences but feeling a concern to rest upon him, he believed it his duty to excite in the Minds of the people a Watchful State of Mind" & gave good evidence of Gospel Authority as did Hannah Dennis in two standings after him Our Afternoon Meeting was good & silent

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December 12, Thursday: Agustin de Iturbide declared himself Emperor of [Mexico](#) and was so recognized by the USA.

Jan Vaclav Vorisek underwent examination as one of nine candidates for the position of 2d court organist in Vienna (he was successful and would take up his duties in the following month).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 12th M 1822 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & it appeared to me was a good favourd time tho' some roving was my lot yet a comfortable portion of devotion was experieined. - Father Rodman bore a short but acceptable testimony. -

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December 15, Sunday: The 20-year-old [Nantucket Island](#) boatsteerer [Samuel B. Comstock](#) and his 18-year-old brother William and his 14-year-old brother George sailed under Captain Thomas Worth aboard the *Globe* out of [Martha's Vineyard](#), on its 4th whaling expedition. (On a previous voyage this whaler had been the 1st to take 2,000 barrels of oil.)

This voyage would evidently become very frustrating, for although the vessel initially proceeded east toward the Azore Islands and the Cape Verde Islands, in order to pick up the northeast trade winds and proceed toward Cape Horn and the Pacific Ocean and the whaling grounds there, Captain Worth would turn the ship south without stopping at any of these Atlantic islands for the refreshment and recreation of the crew. Ouch! -Then, after the vessel had rounded the Horn, Captain Worth would pass up another refreshment and recreation spot, Valparaiso on the coast of Chile. Ouch! -Then, when the vessel reached Hawaiian waters, Captain Worth would refuse to allow any of his crewmen to go ashore for their usual refreshment and recreation, but instead would have fresh supplies brought out to the ship at anchor. It was almost as if this young Captain Worth, on his first command, had other things to think about than the usual fun and games with eager little brown people!

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 12 M / Our Morning meeting to me was a season of [obscured]ing to me, but I have no doubt it was to many a time [obscured] savour, & appeared like it as much solemnity seemd spread in the gathering - J Dennis had a short testimony [-]er which was acceptable & D Buffum was largely [-]erned to speak of the State of Christendom as portray[ing] a corrupt state of things, when professing Christians [-] different nations engaged in War, are praying to the same God for success on their Arms. Christian pro[-]ing Ministers thus at the same time engaged -how [incon]sistent with the Doctrines & precepts of Jesus Christ [whos]e injunction was to love one another - In the Afternoon it was still to me a season of little proffit but was enabled to feel that Truth [was] prevalent amongst us - Father Rodman bore a short but acceptable testimony - & J Dennis was [eng]aged to recount the present favours of society & [con]trast it with the times of sufferings in the days [-] our valient Predicessors & endeavoured to excite the youth & others present to live near the Truth, the light [-] have, & be obedient



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December 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 12 M / In our Meeting today (which to me was solid & good) Hannah Dennis was engaged in a well Authorized testimony, attended with Life [in] buisness but to appoint Prepresentations in the Preparative Meeting

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December 22, Sunday: [Grindall Reynolds](#) was born in Franconia, New Hampshire.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was elected an honorary member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences, Stockholm.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day [sic] 22nd of 12 M 1822 / A pleasant Day & Meeting well Attended, & five testimonies delivered - some of them had a reaching effect on my Mind - but on the whole it was a season of leanness to me
Silent in the Afternoon, well attended & a little more life in my mind than in the morning*

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December 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 12 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage to attend the Monthly Meeting - D Buffum preached weightily in the first Meeting - In the last we had but little buisness & that little was transacted harmoniously
Dined at Uncle Stantons & lodged - next morning rode home in his Waggon. -*

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December 29, Sunday: [Henry Nelson Coleridge](#) (a son of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s brother James) began the recording of his famous uncle's table talk.

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Gioachino Rossini was received by King George IV at Brighton Court.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 12 M Meetings well attended, & solid good Seasons - Silent except a short offering in the morning by one young in



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December 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 12 M / This is my Birth day, I am now 41 Years of age. – Thus the great Wheel of time goes on. – I feel it, sensibly feel it. –

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[William Rounseville Alger](#) was born in Freetown, Massachusetts, the child of Nahum Alger and Catherine Sampson Rounseville Alger (possibly the birth was on the 28th rather than the 30th). This baby eventually would make itself the author of utterly unforgettable aphorisms, to be found now being quoted all over the internet:³⁰⁵

A crowd always thinks with its sympathy, never with its reason.

– William Rounseville Alger

We give advice by the bucket but take it by the grain.

– William Rounseville Alger

Fate is the friend of the good, the guide of the wise, the tyrant of the foolish, the enemy of the bad.

– William Rounseville Alger

The wealth of a soul is measured by how much it can feel; its poverty by how little.

– William Rounseville Alger



December 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31st of 12 M / With this day we close this Year, which has been an eventful Year in many respects – I have rec'd many favours from the Divine Hand to be thankful for, & thro' disobedience have much to repent of – My desires have been Strong this evening that my spirit may be quickened & my devotion to the right cause renew'd – Rec'd this Afternoon an interesting letter from my frd [Moses Brown](#). –

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305. [Horatio Alger, Jr.](#) is his more talented but much less widely known minister cousin.



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 January 1, Wednesday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) applied for the position of Imperial Court Composer.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 1st M 1823 / Began this Year with a sense of good covering my mind in a precious degree But Oh the Adversary how ready to devour all that is good & a season of conflict ensued, but at last felt a rising above the evil, so that the day closed more comfortably than I expected —³⁰⁶

In [Maryland](#), upon the death of the owner of John Thompson, Mrs. Wagar, her slaves had been divided among her children and grandchildren. At the turn of the year, with John having reached approximately 14 years of age, the slaves were taken to their new lives, the lot of John's family being to fall under the ownership of one George Thomas, a white man of local unsavory reputation:

New Year's, that sorrowful day for us, at length arrived. Each one weeping while they went round, taking leave of parents or children, for some children and parents were separated, as were also husbands and wives. Our meetings were now broken up, and our separation accomplished.... John Wagar claimed me by promise, as he said my grandmother gave me to him; and, consequently, bade me keep out of sight, when they came for my father's family. This I did by hiding myself until the rest were all gone. I did this willingly, as I did not want to go to Mr. Thomas. Indeed, I had rather forego the pleasure of being with my parents than live with him. So I remained behind.

I had lived securely upon the old plantation about three months, when one day I was sent on an errand, two or three miles from home. There I met Mr. Thomas, who said to me, "where are you going?" I answered his question, when he said, "You belong to me; come, go home with me." I told him I wished to return with my errand, but he said "No; go right home to my house, where your father and mother are. Don't you want to see your mother?" I replied that I did, for I was afraid to answer any other way. This Mr. George Thomas had married my old Mistress's daughter, and we fell to him in right of his wife. I went home with him with a heavy heart.

When John Wagar heard of this event, he said I belonged to him and should come back; but he could not accomplish his purpose in this, for being left to Mrs. Thomas, he could not hold me. He then tried to buy me, but my new master would not sell me, to him.

Soon after my arrival in the family, Mr. Thomas let me to one of his sons, named Henry, who was a doctor, to attend his horse.

This son was unmarried, lived a bachelor, and kept a cook and

306. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1815-1823: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 12 for August 24, 1815-September 25, 1823; Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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waiter. The cook belonged neither to him nor his father, but was hired. She was a good looking mulatto, and was married to a right smart, intelligent man, who belonged to the doctor's uncle. One night, coming home in haste, and wishing to see his wife, he sent me up stairs, to request her to come down. Upon going up, I found she was in a room with the doctor, the door of which was fast. This I thoughtlessly told her husband, who, upon her coming down a moment after, upbraided her for it. She denied it, and afterwards told the doctor, but not till I had gone to my mother, sick, up to the old man's plantation.

The doctor was a very intemperate man. As soon as his cook told him her story, he came to his father with the complaint, that I had left him without his consent; upon which his father told him to flog me. He ordered me out to the barn, when I was scarcely able to hold up my head, and had to be led by my brother.

Without saying what he wanted of me, he stripped off my clothes and then whipped me, beating me over the head until I became senseless, and life was nearly extinct. I was carried to my mother's quarters, where I lay five weeks, unable to move without assistance. When I finally recovered, I did not return to him, as he did not wish it, but remained with my mother four years.

My father was a very pious man, never complaining, but bearing every thing patiently, and praying for grace and fortitude to help him to overcome his trials, which he believed would one day be ended. He was a good servant and an affectionate parent. But new trials and sorrows soon broke upon this quiet family.

My sister, whose name I must not mention, as she is now in the North, and like myself, not out of danger, was old Mistress's house maid. She possessed both grace and beauty, and to-day, thank God, is a living monument in his temple. She was given to Mrs. Thomas as her maid, and was much prized, because a gift from her mother; but especially because she knew her to be a virtuous girl.

She had found it impossible to long keep a maid of this stamp, for none could escape the licentious passions of her husband, who was the father of about one-fourth of the slaves on his plantation, by his slave women. Mrs. Thomas strove every way to shield my sister from this monster, but he was determined to accomplish his brutal designs.

One day during his wife's absence on a visit to her friends, being, as he thought, a good opportunity, he tried to force my sister to submit to his wishes. This she defeated by a resistance so obstinate, that he, becoming enraged, ordered two of his men to take her to the barn, where he generally whipped his slaves; there to strip off her clothes and whip her, which was done, until the blood stood in puddles under her feet.

Upon his wife's return, Mr. Thomas told her that my sister had been whipped for neglect of duty. Of this Mrs. Thomas did not complain, as she had no objection to necessary floggings. But similar scenes occurring quite often, our Mistress began to suspect that sister was not in fault, especially as in her



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presence she never neglected her business, and these complaints only came during her absence. Besides, she knew well her husband's former practices, and at last began to suspect that these and my sister's pretended faults, were in some way connected. Accordingly, she began to question her maid concerning her offences, who, fearing to tell her plainly, knowing it would be certain death to her, answered in low and trembling terms, "I must not tell you, but you may know what it is all for. If I have done anything, Madam, contrary to your wishes, and do not suit you, please sell me, but do not kill me without cause. Old Mistress, your mother, who is dead, and I trust in heaven, took great pains to bring me up a virtuous girl, and I will die before I will depart from her dying counsel, given, as you well know, while we were standing by her dying bed."

These words so affected Mrs. Thomas, that she fainted and was carried to her bed, to which she was confined by sickness five or six weeks. Her husband's conduct still persisted in, finally caused her death, which occurred four years after.

Mistress told sister that she had best get married, and that if she would, she would give her a wedding. Soon after, a very respectable young man, belonging to Mr. Bowman, a wealthy planter, and reputed to be a good master, began to court my sister. This very much pleased Mistress, who wished to hasten the marriage. She determined that her maid should be married, not as slaves usually are, but that with the usual matrimonial ceremonies should be tied the knot to be broken only by death. The Sabbath was appointed for the marriage, which was to take place at the Episcopal Church. I must here state that no slave can be married lawfully, without a line from his or her owner. Mistress and all the family, except the old man, went to church to witness the marriage ceremony, which was to be performed by their minister, parson Reynolds. The master of Josiah, my sister's destined husband, was also at the wedding, for he thought a great deal of his man.

Mistress returned delighted from the wedding, for she thought she had accomplished a great piece of work. But the whole affair only enraged her unfeeling husband, who, to be revenged upon the maid, proposed to sell her. To this his wife refused consent. Although Mrs. T. had never told him her suspicions, or what nay sister had said, yet he suspected the truth, and determined to be revenged. Accordingly, during another absence of Mistress, he again cruelly whipped my sister. A continued repetition of these things finally killed our Mistress, who the doctor said, died of a broken heart.

After the death of this friend, sister ran away, leaving behind her husband and one child, and finally found her way to the North. None of our family ever heard from her afterwards, until I accidentally met her in the streets in Philadelphia. My readers can imagine what a meeting ours must have been. She is again married and in prosperity.



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The sovereign state of Alabama took action to dispose of various [slaves](#) who had been, in accordance with federal law, confiscated from their owners due to their having been imported illegally. Since this federal law against the international slave trade was of course not for the benefit of black people, but for the benefit of white people, these victims were of course to be forced to work for free by the state until they could be auctioned by the state to the highest bidder, with the net proceeds from such auctions to be sent of course directly into state coffers.

"An Act to carry into effect the laws of the United States prohibiting the slave trade."

§ 1. "*Be it enacted*, ... That the Governor of this state be ... authorized and required to appoint some suitable person, as the agent of the state, to receive all and every slave or slaves or persons of colour, who may have been brought into this state in violation of the laws of the United States, prohibiting the slave trade: *Provided*, that the authority of the said agent is not to extend to slaves who have been condemned and sold."

§ 2. The agent must give bonds.

§ 3. "*And be it further enacted*, That the said slaves, when so placed in the possession of the state, as aforesaid, shall be employed on such public work or works, as shall be deemed by the Governor of most value and utility to the public interest."

§ 4. A part may be hired out to support those employed in public work.

§ 5. "*And be it further enacted*, That in all cases in which a decree of any court having competent authority, shall be in favor of any or claimant or claimants, the said slaves shall be truly and faithfully, by said agent, delivered to such claimant or claimants: but in case of their condemnation, they shall be sold by such agent for cash to the highest bidder, by giving sixty days notice," etc. ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF ALABAMA, 1822 (Cahawba, 1823), page 62.

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January 2, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 1st M / Quite unwell with a heavy cold & unable to go to Meeting My H went the walking very bad & she has a hard cold – [added later that evening after he had drawn the usual lines under the entry?] Walter Nichols Died suddenly about 8 OClock this evening

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January 5, Sunday: By this point six Turkish assaults on Missolonghi, Greece had been repulsed.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 1st M / Meetings very small the walking so bad



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that it was unsuitable for any woman to Walk, two [-]ly at meeting this Afternoon & one in the morning & they [-] -Hannah Dennis in the forenoon was [-] in a few words to commemorate the goodness & mercy [-]d in favouring us, at seasons, with his comfortable [-]ence -Silent in the Afternoon

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January 7, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 1st M / Attended the funeral of Walter Nichols, he [-] an old acquaintance of my Parents - a diligent attender [-] our Meetings on first day with his family & was at meeting [-] usual health the first day previous to his decease, which [-] very sudden. he had been a few days unwell & was [-]an company but retired early to bed & soon after he [-]de down expired about 8 OClock in the evening of the 3 inst [-] father & Mother were members of our society & his mother an occasional preacher. -

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January 9, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 1 M / Father Rodman appear'd twice in testimony to satisfaction [-] a letter from [Moses Brown](#) requesting D Buffum, B Freborn & myself to [-] to [Providence](#) immediately to consult about the affairs of [Obadiahs](#) Will [-]volves me in a exercise - I know not how to go nor how to stay

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January 12, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12th of 1st M 1823 / Our Meeting this forenoon was pretty well attended & D Bufum engaged in a lively, pertinent testimony much to the satisfaction & I trust edification of many present In the Afternoon H Dennis & Father Rodman were engaged in short but good testimonies. -
This Morning Uncle Stanton sailed for NYork on a visit to his Daughter Niobe who is very Sick & not expected to continue long in this life.-*

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January 16, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 1st M / Our Select Meeting this day held was a season of some life, but on the whole a low time to me. -

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January 17, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 1 M / Having rec'd several pressing invitations to come to [Providence](#) with David Buffum & Benjamin Freeborn to consult on the important concerns relating to the Last Will & Testament of our friend [Obadiah Brown](#) desc. on considering the subject it appeared right to go. I accordingly set out this morning in the Stage with Dvd Buffum & arrived there in season found [Moses Browns](#) Sleigh in Town ready to carry us to his house. on the Way stoped at the School House. - 7th day rode to Wm Almy & in the Afternoon attended the funeral of Cary Spencers Wife an aged goodly friend -Wm Almy & his daughter Anne preached - after the funeral we all returned to [M Browns](#) & entered on the Buisness we went on. -

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January 19, Sunday: Jason Brown was born in Hudson, Ohio, the 2d child of John Brown and Dianthe Lusk Brown.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day attended Meeting in [Providence](#), the first time I ever attended that Meeting except at Quarterly Meeting times -In the forenoon D B preached & in the Afternoon Silent - we dined at J Congdons In the Afternoon we went to Wm Almys & lodged

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January 20, Monday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day returned to [M Browns](#) - spent the day together & lodged -3rd day - the Stage left me after attending to a little buisness in [Providence](#) returned to MB & spent the remainder of the day returned to [Providence](#) towards night & lodged at [-] Anthonys -



January 22, Wednesday: A secret treaty was signed at the Congress of Verona, by which France obtained a free hand to enter the Spanish Civil War and restore Fernando VII to his absolute throne.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day took the Stage & came home - The object & occurrences of this visit does not admit of full record, but I may acknowledge that I never found myself apparantly [-]e in my place, or returned with more peace
The appearance that there is a good reward for labour when rightly performed -- The visit [-] & I trust will be memorable to me as long as I live. -*

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January 23, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 1st M / At Meeting rather poor, but not as
Destitute as sometimes. - No buisness but the Queries in
Preparative Meeting. -*

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January 26, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26 of 1 M / At meeting in the forenoon a short testimony
[-] Father Rodman. - In the Afternoon - poor times to me
In the evening visited David Williams, who is sick [-]ry poor
way*

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Publication at Philadelphia (I. Ashmead & Co.) of [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami's](#) *DEUX MOTS SUR LES PROMENADES DE PARIS A LIVERPOOL ETC.* He began a voyage down the Ohio River, intending to follow it to its juncture with the Mississippi River and then head downriver for New Orleans, Louisiana. On the journey, however, he would become acquainted with United States Indian agent Lawrence Taliaferro, who was heading upriver on the Mississippi, and would conceive the project of exploring the headwaters of this great river.





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He and Taliaferro joined with Major Stephen H. Long and traveled upriver toward Fort St. Anthony.



January 27, Monday: The United States recognized the United Provinces in South America (Argentina) and the State of Chile, and President Monroe appointed the 1st US ambassadors to South America.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 1 M / My feelings have been much in sympathy with [-] afflicted particularly dear Sister E Rodman who this morning underwent a painful & trying surgical operation. - my heart [-] deeply for her indeed - And this eveing Aunt Hannah Gould put her Hip out of joint & had it [-] or attempted to be set - all which renders this day memorable in my feelings.

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[Benjamin West Ball](#) was born in [Concord](#), 1st child of Benjamin Ball with his 2d wife Mary Rogers Ball of Acton (they got married on February 18th of the previous year).



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His childhood and early youth were passed in his native town, and afterward in Groton, where he attended the Lawrence Academy, and was prepared for Dartmouth College. After completing his course he spent his time in cultivating the acquaintance and studying the philosophy of Emerson, his illustrious townsman. He wrote of himself later: "It was my good fortune to have lived in my boyhood and youth in such beautiful New England towns as Concord, Harvard, and Groton, almost under the shadow of Wachusset Mountain. If I have any of the *mens divinator* of a poet, it was kindled and nurtured by the scenery of those towns." In 1851 Mr. Ball published his first volume of poems, wholly Greek in thought and inspiration. He says he was almost a pagan at the time, — a Greek of the age of Pericles, — but became a modern under the influence of Carlyle, Macaulay, Tennyson, and Dickens. He studied law with the hero of Lowell's well known ballad, that

John P.
Robinson, *he* [who]
Says he won't vote for Guv'nor B.

After practicing law two years he was married to Miss Dollie S. Hurd, of Rochester, N.H., where he established his home. He was editor of a newspaper during the Frémont campaign of 1856, and afterward a Washington correspondent. He contributed to the "Atlantic Monthly" and other periodicals articles upon Greek history, poetry, and philosophy, and became known as an eminent scholar. The incidents of his life were few; and, as he said, his autobiography would only be a record of his mental development, — as he was a book-worm, a man of ideas. In 1892 a collection of Mr. Ball's poems was made and published, with an introduction by Frederick F. Ayer. To all intellectual men, and more especially to those who have been influenced by Greek culture, it is a volume of deep interest. It deals with the great problems of human existence, and lifts the minds of readers to the serene heights where Goethe and Emerson live. Ball is probably more purely philosopher than poet, and, without being precisely a pantheist, appears to incline to the views of Spinoza, the man of divinest, purest life in recent centuries. That he is more philosopher than poet is evidenced both by his chosen subjects and their treatment. In this he resembles Emerson. Both however vary their moods, and sometimes sing of the bright things of earth. Emerson gave us the fresh pictures of birds and blossoms in "May Day;" and Ball in "Morgenroth" an "Abendroth," in the "Crow-Caucus," the "Quail," the "August Crickets" and others, shows how intimate are the ties which bind him to Nature, and with what alert senses he walks abroad. Sometimes his blank verse seems to be merely prose, or like a poorly built wall, ready to tumble down; but there are few of his poems which are not pervaded with the immortal spirit. Why purely intellectual poetry is so little read is a problem. Landor, a great man and a great artist, is seldom quoted. After New England's immortal Five, few poets have a better claim than Ball. But, like an eagle, his flights are in the upper regions;



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and the bright and tuneful birds in the trees near by attract more attention. Certainly no one can read his poem in memory of Emerson, or that rather daring but suggestive dialogue between the Gods, without feeling his power of thought and nobility of expression.

Is Fame given to caprice? Perhaps not; and perhaps the drawback with Ball is in the want of sunlight in his nature. It is true he is seldom joyous; but on the other hand he is never morbidly sad, nor – what is worse – sentimentally melancholy. His verse is serious, as life is serious, – as the mighty past and the unknown future are serious. Within the limits of his temperament he is cheerful, and he often seeks to adorn his weighty thought with stately or glowing and inspiring words.

In person he is tall, broad-shouldered, with plain yet clear-cut and expressive features, and a look of quiet energy in his pale blue eyes. His large frame and resolute face might indicate a man to push his way, but in fact he is shy and retiring, and spends most of his time away from the busy world.



January 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 6th [?] M 1823 / Monthly Meeting in Town, the weather was pleasant & the Meeting pretty well attended - The first was nearly silent, except a short communication from J Dennis towards the close
The last was conducted pretty well, tho' we had some exercising cases to decide. -*

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Rammohan Roy's own press *Mirat-ul-Akhbar* published his 256-page book, FINAL APPEAL, in response to the "Christian" missionaries and their insistence on dogma at the expense of the moral content of their religion.

By a new United States statute, the federal regulations in regard to the capital crime of [piracy](#) were rendered perpetual, which is to say, they would remain in force indefinitely without any need to be periodically renewed (engaging in the [international slave trade](#) had for decades been categorized as a type of piracy).

"An Act in addition to 'An act to continue in force "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy,"' etc. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 510-14, 721, 789. For proceedings in Congress, see SENATE JOURNAL, 17th Congress, 2d session, pages 61, 64, 70, 83, 98, 101, 106, 110, 111, 122, 137; HOUSE JOURNAL, 17th Congress, 2d session, pages 73, 76, 156, 183, 189.



February 2, Sunday: Rossini's opera "Semiramade" premiered in Venice.

A cantata for the birthday of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was performed for the initial time.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 2 of 2 M 1823 / While setting at dinner today the subject of Drinking healths was casually introduced, & something was said by John rather favouring the Idea on which his Mother related an anecdote of her life which struck me forcibly & which I do not recollect to have heard before - She remarked on a certain time she was Dining at the table with John B Gilpin the British Consul in this Town at his House - when he asked her to drink a glass of Wine with him to King George, whose Birth day it was. - She told him No, she did not Drink healths. He then asked her why & wished a reason assigned. She then replied that she considered it frivolous & unnecessary [-] meaning, but in this case she could say {blot} "In my heart I wish well to King George & some of his subjects I know, & am acquainted with, & many that I do not know." Well he replied, I give you credit as a true descendant of George Fox. - She replied that she wished no greater honour - It occurred to me, how little need there is, of our evading or violating our religious testimonys, for where they are substantially held to, in the presence of those who are not of us, we are uniformly better respected in where there is a half or whole surrender of him to join with the vain fashions of the World There is certainly nothing gained by it, but to the contrary, we loose our own strength & sink in the estimation of observers. -
In the forenoon Hannah Dennis was engaged in a truly Authorized & Gospel testimony much to the comfort & help of the Meetings. - it was followed by two short testimonies that I did not think so much of

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February 3, Monday: [Spencer Fullerton Baird](#) was born.

Gioachino Rossini's melodramma tragico Semiramide to words of Rossi after Voltaire was performed for the initial time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice, with a very enthusiastic response (this was the last opera Rossini would write for Italy).



February 4, Tuesday: Massachusetts approved the creation of the [Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company](#).

Lake Chad was for the first time sighted by Europeans (Lieutenant [Hugh Clapperton](#) and Dr. [Walter Oudney](#)).³⁰⁷

The *Active* arrived at Honolulu on the island of Oahu bearing the family of the Reverend [William Ellis](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 2 M 1823 / Several of our friends have set out for [Providence](#) Quarterly Meeting this Morning - I feel [-]rey at staying behind & fear it will add no spiritual strength. -

307. They decided they would call it Lake Waterloo.



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Visited dear Sister Eliza Rodman in her room this morning, she is a poor sufferer & my heart is deeply interested for her - unless she recovers soon I fear her situation is very alarming

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February 5, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 2 M / The papers by Mail last night announced the close [-]er Niobe Marshall in this life on the 30th of last Month & her burial last first Day - This Morning Uncle Stanton [-]ned from NYork where he has been to witness the [dyi]ng scene of his daughter Niobe above said - It appears in a short interview with him that her end was triumphant [-]ppy - for three weeks previous she was engaged inviting[?] councel to her friends & connections - she requested [to be?] buried in Friends burying ground & friends attended her funeral & took the management of it - tho' she was a member [-of the ?] Presbyterian Meeting - early in life She was attatched [to fri?]ends & I have no doubt, had she kept her place & stood [-]ed to Divine requirings, would have belonged to our Society her whole life she loved friends, & never appeared to enjoy her [role?] in the society in which she had formed a connection

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February 6, Thursday: Maria Szymanowska performed in Kiev.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 2 M 1823 / Silent small & to me rather a poor Meeting - tho' I trust favour was dispensed to some present

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February 8, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 2 M / Most of our friends returned last evening from [Providence](#) Quarterly Meeting, & bring comfortable accounts of the progress of things there, a good degree of harmony prevailed in the deliberations of the Meeting & friends were comforted together in good measure - tho' accounts from Bedford is Somewhat afflicting respecting the State of Society there - Mary Newhall is there & impresses her public appearances on the Meeting & some who [crossed out] joins with her of whom better things might be expected.-

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February 9, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 2 M / Meetings nearly silent & rather dull Seasons



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Thoughts much on troubles at [New Bedford](#). –

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February 13, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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5th day 13 of 2 M / At meeting Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony addressed to the Youth, which was very cordial to my feelings. –



February 16, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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*1st day 16 of 2 M / D Buffum engaged in a solemn impressive testimony, exciting to Obedience. – Good Meeting
In the Afternoon small & rather lean. –*



February 20, Thursday: British sealer/explorer [James Weddell](#), aboard the brig Jane, fixes his position at 74° 15' S at 34° 16' 45" W in antarctic waters. This furthest south will not be bested until 1841.

Gretchen am Spinnrade D.118, a song by Franz Schubert to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikverein.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 2 M / Small Meeting & heavy - Mind much in sympathy with Friends at [New Bedford](#) where a serious difficulty exists - Mary Newhall is there which the State of things in the minds of Some there causes much ferment & distress among the faithful. - Have this & last evening Visited dear Sister Elizabeth Rodman in her shop, where I rejoice to find her comfortable & I am willing to hope on the way for recovery - The severe surgical operation She has undergone, excited my deepest sympathy & often involved me in deep distress on her account - while sitting with her I could feel no clear prospect that her health would ever be again established, but hope & desire is very strong on her account. –

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February 23, Sunday: A Symphony in D by Jan Vaclav Vorisek was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 2 M 1823 / Our Morning Meeting was pretty well attended & D Buffum was engaged in a very lively Sound pertinent testimony from the text "God who at sundry times in divers manners Spake in times past unto the fathers by the Prophets Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son who he hath appointed head of all things." &c - in the Afternoon the Meeting



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*was smaller, but a season of some favour –
This day about Dinner time Aunt PATTY GOULD in getting [ready?] to go down stairs, her took a turn & she fell Down & hurt her hip badly, we suppose it is put out of joint but nothing at present can be done with it, & she remains in a suffering condition. – so now in one house lays two poor old women with their hips our of joint - this is an awfully afflicted State both for them & their friends, but [-]ly love a train" & as I was thinking this Afternoon of a saying of Josephs Mitchells once in one of our public meetings "as one [- trial?] passes another comes." so that we need not be impatient & wish improperly to be exempt from suffering, for we know note what is to succeed present trials. –*

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February 27, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 2 M / Yesterday Rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage sleigh went to Uncle Stantons on buisness with him, - found them very comfortable – This morning walked thro' the field & over [to Widow?] Banks to Meeting. The first was to me a season of labour was favour'd to experience some favour, but not to the degree that I desired -- In the last Meeting (Monthly) I was [-] our'd to be faithful in the expression of a few words on [-] erval subjects which afforded Strength & peace, beyond what [I ha]ve witnessed in a Moy [Monthly] Meeting for some time – one [-] an was disowned for Marrying out - another was cons-[-]p in Membership who sent an acknowledgment for [-] me offense & a request for Membership was recd [-] Hannah Pearce daughter of Benjamin & a committee [--]ted to visit her on the Subject - Rode home [-] he Sleigh with Abraham Barker & Dined on the [-] at Richard Mitchells –

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March 2, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd M 2nd 1823 / Silent Meetings, low poor times to me, particularly the Afternoon – Aunt Patty Gould remains much as the week past a poor suffering old woman & I see no immediate prospect of her release, either by recovery or Death. –She has been a good woman all her days, zealous for the Truth & done much for Society both on committees & for about 20 Years of her life as overseer

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March 3, Monday: 25 English gentlemen created the London Greek Committee to raise money and volunteers for the Greek rebellion against Turkey.

The US federal government made an appropriate of \$50,000 for the suppression of the [international slave trade](#).

"An Act making appropriations for the support of the navy," etc.
"To enable the President of the United States to carry into effect the act" of 1819, \$50,000. STATUTES AT LARGE, III. 763, 764.



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March 6, Thursday: At the urging of the bride's mother, Elizabeth Oakes Prince, although still a teenager, and Seba Smith, the editor of a Portland weekly, were wed. From this point into 1838 Elizabeth Oakes Smith would manage the Smith household, which would include not only the members of the blood family but also the boarding apprentices and printers of their The Eastern Argus.



Waldo Emerson mused sophomoronically in his JOURNAL about the rights of man:

My brother Edward asks me Whether I have a right to make use of animals? I answer "Yes," ... the positive law of Necessity asserts our right. But the use of the sheep for clothing, the ox, the horse, & the ass, for beasts of burden is parallel to these [Arabian & his camel; Northern Islanders & their Whales], and their necessity though less seen is equally strong. "Increase & Multiply" said the Creator to Man; and caused all the brute creation to pass before him & receive [sic] their names in token of subjection. The use of these enables man to increase & multiply a thousand fold more rapidly, than would be practicable if he abstained from their use. Their universal application to our purposes & especially that remarkable adaptation that is observed in many instances of the Animal to the wants of the country in which he is found constitute the grand Argument on this side.

Franz Schubert's song Die abgebluhte Linde D.514 to words of Szechernyi was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikverein.

In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6 of 3 M / Our meeting small in consequence of bad
Walking & to me a low time -*

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March 9, Sunday: The cause of Claude-Henri de Rouvroy, Comte de Saint-Simon, the believer in human progress, the worshiper of the future, wasn't doing too well. In order to finance his metaphysical schemes he had been all over France attempting to extract large sums of money, like a thousand franks at a pop, from various industrialists he promised to respect afterward, and had gotten some money from some of them, and had just written off to a textile industrialist named Ternaux who had once made a donation, when he loaded a pistol with seven charges, pulled out his pocket watch and spent seven last minutes contemplating the proper organization of human society, and then attempted to blow out his own brains. Although the positive law of Necessity asserted his right to perform this act, he used up all seven bullets and only managed to blow out one of his eyes.

Although this is presumably a record of sorts for philosophical ineptitude, as a matter of principle the Guinness Book of World Records refrains from keeping score in the arena of philosophical ineptitude — so I suppose we'll never really know.³⁰⁸

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 3 M / In the forenoon Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively & excellent testimony - Silent Meeting in the Afternoon - - a low distressed day to me - in the evening visited David Williams who is very sick & without speedy help cannot remain in mutability. -his complaint is now evidently the Dropsy & I fear consumptive complaints attending it -

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March 13, Thursday: Michael Faraday read his paper "On Fluid Chlorine" to the Royal Society in London. He described how cold temperatures and pressure would liquefy a gas, chlorine.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly approved a [Delaware and Hudson Canal](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 3rd M / Silent Meeting & to me a season of favour, may I be thankful for it. -

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March 16, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 3rd M / Our Morning Meeting was long & silent till near the close when our venerable friend D Buffum rose & expressed "that to him it had been a season of favour & he believed many others present could acknowledge the same - then after a short impressive testimony from him (which I do not retain sufficiently to note the thread of) The meeting closed in a solid manner. - That It was a favoured season my heart fully responded, the arisings of life & mental supplication for help & preservation being vouchsafed to me in an unusual degree. - Silent & short meeting in the Afternoon, but solid & sweet. - In the Morning went to Aunt Patty Goulds & removed her from one bed to another, she is weak & low & cannot remain long in

308. The world being what it is, the publicity generated by this suicide attempt promptly brought in some funds for his cause.



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mutability. –

*In the evening visited David Williams who seems fast declining
in a Dropsy & I fear is also consumptive*

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March 20, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 3rd M 1823 / It was a severe Snow Storm & the
Meeting [-] Small - but four women were able to attend, but
Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively encouraging testimony to
the few who were gathered & I have no doubt it was a season of
general favour, tho' my mind was most of the time in a low state.
– No buisness in the Preparative Meeting. –*

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March 23, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 3 M / Silent Meetings. – In the Afternoon
attended [-] funeral of Priscilla, a widow whose name was
originally Louden & of a family of Loudens who were Friends, her
parents being buried in our ground, she was buried there also &
according to our manner - she was herself an attender of Friends
Meetings
This forenoon Died Sophia Waring Aged 36 Years the wife of Doctor
Waring & Daughter of the late Francis Malbone
She was a kind pleasant courteous Woman, has left [6? young?]
Children & having a passing acquaintance with her have felt
affected with her removal from time, so young in Years & leaving
so numerous a family of Children, The youngest only 3 or 4 Weeks
old. –*

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March 27, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 3 M / The forepart of the first Meeting was a
season of conflict to my mind but was favord with a comfortable
[-] lince before the conclusion tho' it did not end quite as well
as I could wish - about the Middle of the Meeting Father Rodman
was engaged in a Short but sound & very pertinent testimony
[-] my feelings –
In the last (Monthly) our buisness went on pretty well -
Hannah Pearce daughter of Benjamin of [Portsmouth](#) was recd
into Membership – Adam Anthony dined with us. –*

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March 30, Easter Sunday: John Maddox of the *Rebecca Ann* out of Gloucester drowned and his body was found on Master Mores Beach.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 30th of 3rd M / In the forenoon Meeting our friend Isaac Hammer from the State of Tennessee attended & was silent at the close of the meeting he requested more general notice & the Youth particularly invited but the Storm increasing to violence the meeting was smaller than in the morning, after a long silence he said [-]derable which was good & pertinent & H Dennis was also [-]ned to make a sweet addition. –
The several past days have been Days of Deep seriousness to me.
– I know not the particular time when a closer Baptism has awaited me – May all work for good & the dispensation be Sanctified*

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April 1, Tuesday: Omaggio pastorale, a cantata by Gioachino Rossini, was performed for the possibly the 1st time, in Treviso, for the unveiling of a memorial bust of Antonio Canova.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th M 1st 1823, 3rd of the Week This day recd from my valued friend & correspondent Thos Thompson of Liverpool a highly interesting Letter Dated 1st M 14th 1823, with Several Valued Pamphlets & a new edition of Stephen Crisps Sermons. – This letter seemed much like a Brook by the way, for my mind was under presure & by it was a little comforted & strengthened. –

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April 3: William Macy “Boss” Tweed, New-York political boss, was born.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 4th M / Silent short Meeting & some favour vouchsafed – but small on the Womens side in consequence of very Bad Walking. –

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April 6, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 4th M / The Morning Meeting was large & silent. – In the Afternoon father Rodman was engaged in public testimony much to my satisfaction & I have no doubt it had a lively impression on some minds present. –
In the evening Visited David Williams whose disorder increases on him & in all human probability will soon terminate his existance. – his state of mind is sweet & pleasant, loving & affectionate to his friends & deems their visits kind. – My mind was much affected with this visit to my old Master. – he has been a useful man in society – open & hosptiable in his house to strangers & friends who visit [Newport](#) & will be a great loss to us. –*

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 April 9, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 4 M / I have this morning Sealed up a package containing a letter &c to my frd Thos Thompson of Liverpool & sent it to NYork to be forwarded to him. – It has been of late to me a season of proving & close trial both on my own account & of others - my spirit has been closely exercised & I dont know but I may say deeply bowed for days together, & I hope the dispensation will be lastingly beneficial

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 April 12, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 4th M 1823 / I feel thankful to acknowledge renew'd favour this morning - tendering the heart & exciting precious sensations the father leaves me not in a barran unfriutful Wilderness

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 April 10, Thursday: Johann Baptist Jenger proposed that his friend Franz Schubert, despite his youth, be accepted as an honorary member of the Styrian Music Society at Graz. The proposal was accepted.

Franz Schubert wrote his publisher Cappi and Diabelli, accusing them of shady practices and severing relations.

Three songs by Franz Schubert were published by Sauer and Leidesdorf, Vienna as his op.20: Sei mir gegrusst to words of Ruckert, Frühlingsglaube, to words of Uhland, and Hanflings Liebeswerbung to words of Kind.

On approximately this day, Franz Liszt wrote in [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) conversation book:

I have often expressed the wish to Herr von Schindler to make your lofty acquaintance, and am rejoiced now to be able to do so. As I will give a concert on Sunday the 13th I most humbly beg you to grant me your exalted presence.

(Contrary to Liszt's own report, Beethoven would not attend — by this point there was no longer anything to gain from attending concerts because he had become almost totally deaf.)

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 4 M / This was our Select Meeting Day, it was to me a season of solemnity - my spirit was tendered, & brought into a proffitable dispensation of feeling - for which I desire to be thankful. - Oh that I may Keep more on the Watch against the enemy, that I may not suffer So much by his inroads on my heart.-

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
 April 13, Sunday: A second, revised constitution for Greece was adopted by the Second National Assembly in Astros of Kynouria.

Franz Liszt gave a large concert in the Redoutensaal, Vienna, playing music of [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#), Moscheles, and improvisations on themes suggested by the audience.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 4th M / A Day of much feeling & I trust of good feeling in our Morning Meeting we had much preaching in the following order Anne Dennis - J Dennis Hannah Dennis D Buffum & Hannah at a second standing. - I had no doubt of the good concern of any of them & some of it had the Kings seal on it, if I know his seal - In the Afternoon My mind was a little more unsettled but still a good degree of favour. - Oh that I may be thankful - My [may] I bow low under every renewal of Divine regard, & receive it in Mercy for the longer I live the more I feel that of our selves we Merit nothing Set Most of the evening at Wm Lees in company with M H Sister Ruth & Mary -

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 April 16, Wednesday: The United States navy was making brief landings along the coast of Cuba in this year, in pursuit of [pirates](#). The landing on this date was near Cayo Blanco.

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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th of 4M / This morning we went down to the head of the Long Wharf to meet the Steam Boat in which we were previously advised Micajah Collins & Isaac Bassett of Lynn [-]pected to be - at 10 O'clock the Boat arrived & we had just time to take our abovementioned friends by the hand [-] their way to N York & Philadelphia - Micajah expecting [-] attend the latter Yearly Meeting & spend most of the times visiting some Meetings particularly in Virginia - [-]eting. -

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 April 17, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 4th M / Silent & pretty good Meeting - In the



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Preparative meeting all the Queries were answered - & no other buisness accepted - I was inform'd that the women's meeting appointed a new Clerk Vist Ruth Dennis in the place of [-] Elizabeth Rodman who has served a number of Years

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April 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 4 M / Silent Meetings - The Morning was better than the Afternoon to me. - but in both things were at a low ebb in my feeling -

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April 24, Thursday: Simon Mayr's cantata La vita campestre was performed for the initial time, in Bergamo.

Eugene Scribes's "Le Menteur Veridique" premiered in Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 4th M / Attended Monthly Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) with sister Ruth - The first Meeting was a good one - David Buffum & Hannah Dennis were both engaged in very lively testimonies - in the last things went on pretty well, but not as well as at sometimes. - We dined at Uncle Stantons. -

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


April 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 4th M / Our Morning meeting was pretty well attended & a good solid time - Towards the close a short testimony by J Dennis. - Our frd Avis Keene attended in the Afternoon & notice being given the Meeting was well attended She was much favoured to reach & understand the State of our meeting & to me her testimony was truly cordial & have no doubt it will be remembered by many in days to come. -

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April 28, Monday: In accordance with the Congressional resolution of February 28th,  the President of the United States wrote to the government of Spain proposing an alliance to destroy the [international slave trade](#) (HOUSE DOCUMENT, 18th Congress, 1st session, VI. No. 119).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28th of 4th M / Avis Keene with her Sister Percival called this morning to see us, & paid a short but sweet visit - she dines at B Freeborns, & intends tonight for [Providence](#) - & expects to be at our Q Meeting at [Greenwich](#) where we may see



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her again. –

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 April 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


3rd day 29th of 4 M 1823 / This morning with my Wife went on board the Packet for [Greenwich](#) – our company consisted of 15 Friends & the Passage tho' rather long was pleasant – on our arrival We Walked out to Daniel Howlands Father Rodman & Henry Gould in company. – There we took tea & lodged

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 April 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day morning Walked to Town [[Greenwich](#)] & attended Select Meeting Dined at Abigail Prouds & after tea I met with the Trustees of [Obadiah Browns](#) benevolent fund which was our first Meeting – We lodged at cousin Wanton Caseys –

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 May 1, Thursday: Franz Liszt gave a homecoming concert in Pest after his triumphal trip to Vienna. He wore a national Hungarian costume. It was the 1st of what would be five performances in Pest this month.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 1 of 5 M – The Quarterly Meeting at large was a season of favour, tho' not without some unpleasant occurrences – after dining at cousin W Caseys I rode to [Providence](#) & lodged at [Moses Browns](#) –

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 May 2, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 5th M – Spent this day at the Boarding School & had two long & laborious Sittings of the School Committee returned to [Moses Browns](#) & lodged. –

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 May 3, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day went in to [Providence](#) & after several calls went on board the Packet & came home after a very pleasant passage –

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May 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 5th M 1823 / In our morning Meeting Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively testimony – Silent in the Afternoon Took tea at Father Rodmans & towards night called at David Williams found him much as when I saw him tho' a little weaker. –

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May 8, Thursday: “Home Sweet Home” was 1st sung (this happened in London).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 5th M / Silent Meeting & not a season of that sweet refreshment that I have sometimes experienced. – the fault was my own

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May 11, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 5 M Both Meetings silent except a few words by Anne Dennis in the forenoon. – Set the evening at Dorcas [-]ls with my H & Sister Ruth. –

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May 15, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 5 M / Silent Meeting, a season of much Poverty & weakness [-] When shall I be strong when shall I be better – [-] weeks ago my mind enjoyed precious favour for which I desire to be thankful & feel so now in that there is some evidence [-] all is not gone. –

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May 18, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 5 M / Our Morning meeting was large. There was no meeting at several other meetings in town which brought more than common to ours - D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were engaged in lively testimonies The former opened with "Opportunity lost [-] ver be regained" & the latter on the necessity of bearing the [-] Meeting was again well attended in the [-]noon father Rodman & J Dennis bore short testimonies.

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May 22, Thursday: Following his desire to travel, Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka made for the Caucasus, reaching Kharkov today.

The US House passed the protectionist Tariff of 1824.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22 of 5 M / A well attended Silent Meeting - my feeling
[-] very lively. - No buisness in the Preparative Meeting
My Mother & cousin Hannah Gardiner set the Afternoon & took tea
with us -*

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May 25, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#)'s 20th birthday.



John Luman Wakefield was born in or near Winsted in Litchfield County, Connecticut.

A Concerto in d minor for violin, piano and strings by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, privately, at the Mendelssohn residence in Berlin.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 5th M 1823 / Both Meetings were Silent, & to me
rather dull times. - I have nothing to boast in, it is a time
of leanness. - We took tea in family friendship & love at Father
Rodmans. -*

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May 29, Thursday: Anton Philipp Heinrich gave his 1st concert after arriving in [Boston](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 5 M / A Very rainy day & small Monthly Meeting
In the first Anne Dennis & Father Rodman bore short testimonies.
- Not much buisness & not much life in the last sitting.
Uncle P Lawton & Adam Anthony Dined with us*

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June 1, Sunday: [Henry Youle Hind](#) was born in Nottingham, England, 3d son of Sarah Youle Hind and Thomas Hind, a prominent manufacturer of lace (a younger brother would be the artist William George Richardson Hind, who would venture on explorations in the Canadian interior subsequent to the explorations of the older brother; what appears below is a chromolithograph based on a sketch by William, and depicts his brother Henry lounging in the lodge of Otelne of the Montagnai tribe on the coast of Labrador).



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 6th M 1823 / Our Morning Meeting was very large & favoured with a lively Gospel testimony from David Buffum. – In the Afternoon a young man who arrived from NYork in the Steam Boat came to Meeting about the Middle of the Meeting he rose & delivered a Zealous & Strenuous testimony which we hardly knew what to make of –

To me it was a favor'd sweet Meeting till he spoke, which threw me into an unsettled State – there was some good in what he Said, but a certain impetuous manner of speaking & being an entire stranger threw the mind into doubt of what he was. –

Took tea at D Buffums – & set the evening with my H at Cousin Anne & Mary Goulds. –

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June 2, Monday: Joaquim Pedro Gomes de Oliveira replaced Jose Antonio Faria de Carvalho Filipe Ferreira de Araujo e Castro as Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 2nd of 6 M / This Morning Had an opportunity with the Young man above alluded too, who proves to be Hull Barton a Nephew of Henry Hulls of Nine Partners - He appears to be a young man concerned for the promotion of Truth but needs an increase of experience in those things which he labours to establish - I felt favoured in the discharge of my Duty towards him as an Elder & believe he received my message Well. -

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June 3, Tuesday or June 4, Wednesday: The Blessingtons left Genoa.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 3rd [sic] of 6 M 1823 ?? The toil of Yearly Meeting commences, some have already come from NYork who expect to attend it -
I must acknowledge I feel no small weight & even depression at the approach of our Annual Meeting, but trusting in that Almighty power which has hitherto supported us, & carried us through, I desire not to foster a doubtful state. Indeed I have no need to, for where my dependance has been rightly placed, I have never known a failure of help. -*

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June 5, Thursday: A new law created provincial assemblies in Prussia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th [sic] of 6th M 1823 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended nearly all the members in ability of body to attend were there & those who were no - James Hazard from Cornwall State of NYork was there & laboured satisfactorily. -

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June 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 6 M / Silent Meetings & to me rather dull seasons Yearly Meeting approaches, & was it not for the confidence [-] feel in the Power of Truth to support & sustain thro' all [-]y over all, I must acknowledge my mind would be much more depressed at the prospect than it is - It is [-now?] a time in Society when the burden bearer fainteth, several of those who have attended the Y Meeting from my boyhood seem disaffected & there is much trouble [-]t in various Yearly Meetings, on account of a disorganizing spirit which has got up in the minds of some [-]t Doctrine & Discipline, at Salem Lynn & [New Bedford](#). This trouble mainly exists in this Quarter, but at [Phila?]delphia & some other places the difficulty is still greater [-] has seemed sometimes as if great indeed would be the [trial?] which awaits us. - But Ranterism has had its ups & downs from the Days of G



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Fox to the present time, - That spirit has exalted itself & judges down others, has many [-times?] previous to this day displayed its terrific Hydra [head?] but that spirit, which has ever stood above the [-] ills power, & held him in subjection, has never [failed? to be with those who rightly ask & seek for it -

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June 12, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 6 M 1823 / Our Meeting was a solid good time Hannah Dennis in the early part of it was impressed with the scripture "Bring ye all the tithes into the Storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house & prove me now therewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, & pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive of"

She did not repeat the whole passage, but encouraged us to dedication of heart that we might thereby merit the blessing. - Near the Close Anne Greene was engaged in a short testimony & the meeting soon closed. -

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June 13, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13th of 6th M / Henry Hull & his companion Wager Hull arrived in town from Wickford in season to Dine with us, soon after, they took a Chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#)

We had Several of our friends at tea among them were our frd David Buffum who accidentally fell in to take Thos Anthony home in his chaise & from thence to Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow. -

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June 14, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 6 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the opening of the Select Yearly Meeting - which was a season of tenderness & favour Henry Hull was first in a favored testimony. - H G Field[?] in supplication, follow'd in the course of the Meeting & a Baptising supplication at the close by Avis Keene We dined at Uncle Stantons, & came home finding much company in Town.

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June 15, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day From information that H Barton was in Town This morning, considerable exercise was felt lest he should attend meeting & disturb it by unsavory & intrusive communications, -which induced me to go to meeting early in order to meet him in the Yard & induce him to desist. - But he came not, so we had a large solid meeting & Truth reigned over us & was above all -Henry Hull stood nearly an hour & an half in a sound testimony for the [-truth?] as it is in Jesus Christ - he was followed [-] Mary B Allen to the same effect & the meeting [-] closed under a precious covering. -

In the Afternoon we had a most favoured meeting - Soon after it was settled and a little solemnity spread over it Henry Hull rose & delivered testimony to the Truth which was remarakably owned [by?] the great Master (I believe). - & was singularly [-sol?]emnizing to a very large collection who, sat (& stood as many did) much more quietly than is common for an Afternoon Meeting. - after him Deborah Otis was engaged in a short but lively & pertinent testimony Henry concluded in solemn fervant Prayer & after the Meeting closed under a most favourd covering I recollect of in the Afternoon Meeting. - At tea we had the company of Mary Allen & others, & in the evening a short silent [sitt]ing -- What rendered it more remarkable was the favour of the Meeting Hull Barton [& others?] of a ranterous disposition were present & [kept?] down by the power that was over them -

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June 16, Monday: King Willem I opened a shipyard, at Rotterdam-Antwerp.

Publication of the Diabelli Variations by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was announced.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Our Meeting this morning opened under a solemn [-]ing - David Buffum spoke first in a feeling & appropriate manner "Tarry ye at Jerusalem" &c followed by [-]man & Henry Hull, both Meetings were remarkably solid & favoured with solid weight which kept down [a?] loose spirit - & we have abundant cause to [-]t in the Sufficiency of Divine power to carry thro' all & [-] all - My heart was truly thankful for that favour.

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June 17, Tuesday: Scotsman Charles MacIntosh received a patent for his waterproof cloth he had been using to make raincoats.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day The Select meeting closed this forenoon, having in the



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course of it been favoured with the power & cementing love of Truth, which remarkably overshadowed it particularly so in the forepart of this last sitting. –

In the Afternoon the Meeting at large met at 3 O'clock. –The very important subject of obtaining an Act from the legislature of this state to quallify the Yearly Meeting to hold property & give discharges to those who bequeath it to them, was brought before the Meeting & largely discussed & after many remarks for & against it, it settled weightily on the Meeting that such an Act ought to be obtained & the one presented to the Meeting was refered for the reconsideration of the Meeting for Sufferings & they to apply on behalf of the Meeting to the Legislature to procure its being passed

This settled quietly & solidly & I believe to the general satisfaction of Friends, it is an important question, as many friends had doubts of the propriety of our being incorporated but many of those who were fully convinced of the propriety & necessity, when they fully heard the Substantial Arguments & reasons offered in its favour. –

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June 18, Wednesday: King Joao VI annulled the Portuguese constitution after protests against him over the loss of Brazil.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day The Morning Meeting was short, but favour'd with life & Authority. –

In the Afternoon which was the closing sitting, some exercise was felt. – but ended after a baptizing supplication from Wm James

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June 19, Thursday: Three songs by Franz Schubert to words of Mayrhofer were published by Sauer and Leidesdorf, Vienna as his op.21: Auf der Donau, Der Schiffer, and Wie Ulfru fischt.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Most friends left town today, all our company excepting Henry Hull & his companion Wager Hull went off in the Morning & they staid to attend the Meeting today & went to Connanicut The meeting today was large & tho' disturbed [by?] several unsavory, unseasonable appearances, yet in [–] of John Willis, James Hazard, John Mann & Henry Hull truth was exalted & would have ended well [but?] for the disturbance of Hull Barton, who as the meeting [–] went to preaching in a most vehement voice & [–] & gathered a Number round him in the little Meeting House, but was unable to gain a Settlement & he went off in confusion.



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— after railing against [friends?] for some minutes. -- Henry Hull left in the Afternoon for Connanicut intending to appoint a Meeting there tomorrow. —

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June 20, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Towards night Henry Hull returned from Connanicut having visited his relations & had a Meeting this forenoon, to his own satisfaction & those who attended. —

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June 21, Saturday?: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*All our friends left us this morning in the Steam Boat for New York. —
This has indeed been a season of great [—]tal exercise to me, perhaps the most so of any [I re]collect - Various have been the concerns of the Yearly Meeting in which my feelings have been greatly tested - Truth has had the victory over all - for which I desire to render my feeble tribute of gratitude [—]on who overrules for good, may my mind [—]ter in confidence in him*

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June 22, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 6th M 1823 / In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman, D Buffum & Hannah Dennis were engaged in Testimony - In the Afternoon Jonathon Dennis, Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis were engaged, - so that as to preaching we have had a large portion. — to me it was a season of favour & feel my self particularly proffited by a visit to D Buffums this evening, where I went after Meeting & took tea. - for all favours I desire to be thankful.

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June 25, Wednesday: Initially the [Declaration of Independence](#) document was being celebrated not as a guarantor of civil rights but merely as a solidarity document having to do with secession and danger and independence, in other words, with nationalistic chauvinism. It was, after all, a declaration of war, and how many declarations of war do you know of that become famous and are celebrated? It would not be until the 1850s that Abraham Lincoln would begin instead to mine the polite generalities of the introduction to the Declaration for the work they might do in support of individual rights — were we to begin to take these polite generalities seriously. In that vein, [Thomas Jefferson](#) responded on this day to a letter from John Winn, William C. Rives, Daniel M. Railey, John Ormond, Horace Branham, and George W. Nichols, refusing to provide them as requested with the date of his birth: “The only birthday I ever commemorate is that of our Independence, the Fourth of July.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 6th M 1823 / My Mind has for days & weeks been under the presure of a Concern, which has bourne with much weight. I feel desirous, & humbly beg in mental supplication that the thing may appear with greater brightness than it now does tho' it is on account of another whom I dearly love yet, I want to feel different. —

Have read this Afternoon a manuscript account of Joanna Hazard wife of Benjn of S Kingstown, who died 4th of 1st M 1820 Aged 24 Years, a view of her pious short life, & triumphant close, excited no small emotion in my heart. — I may acknowledge with gratitude the reading was proffitable

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June 26, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 6 M / All day yesterday I felt as if I should not go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Monthly Meeting today - but on waking this morning & recollecting that Sister Elizabeth Rodman had expressed a wish to attend, I began to cast in my mind if it was not my duty to carry her as my wife could not go, & tho' from a variety of circumstances the prospect looked heavy, yet on looking the subject over, I remembered our sacrifices [-]t cost us something, so I resolved to go, & set out under much depression, but while riding some favour was sweetly extended, my mind became led into feeling & sympathy with my dear sister & her prospect of Marriage, which hither to has been a subject of exercise to me on her account we stoped at Uncle Thurstons before meeting at meeting my mind was sweetly refreshed under a renewed sense of the arisings of Divine life which my soul did, according to my small measure love & felt thankful I was at Meeting — but little buisness presented & the meeting closed soon. — We dinner at Uncle Thurstons, then went down to Uncle Stantons & took tea which was a pleasant visit particularly to Eliza who was never there before. -- In Riding home my spirit was uncommonly bowed, & lead mentally & fervantly to supplicate for our preservation thro' the future walks of life, & my dear sister was brought doubly near me to my best feelings, & not a little affected by the prospect that it is the last time I shall

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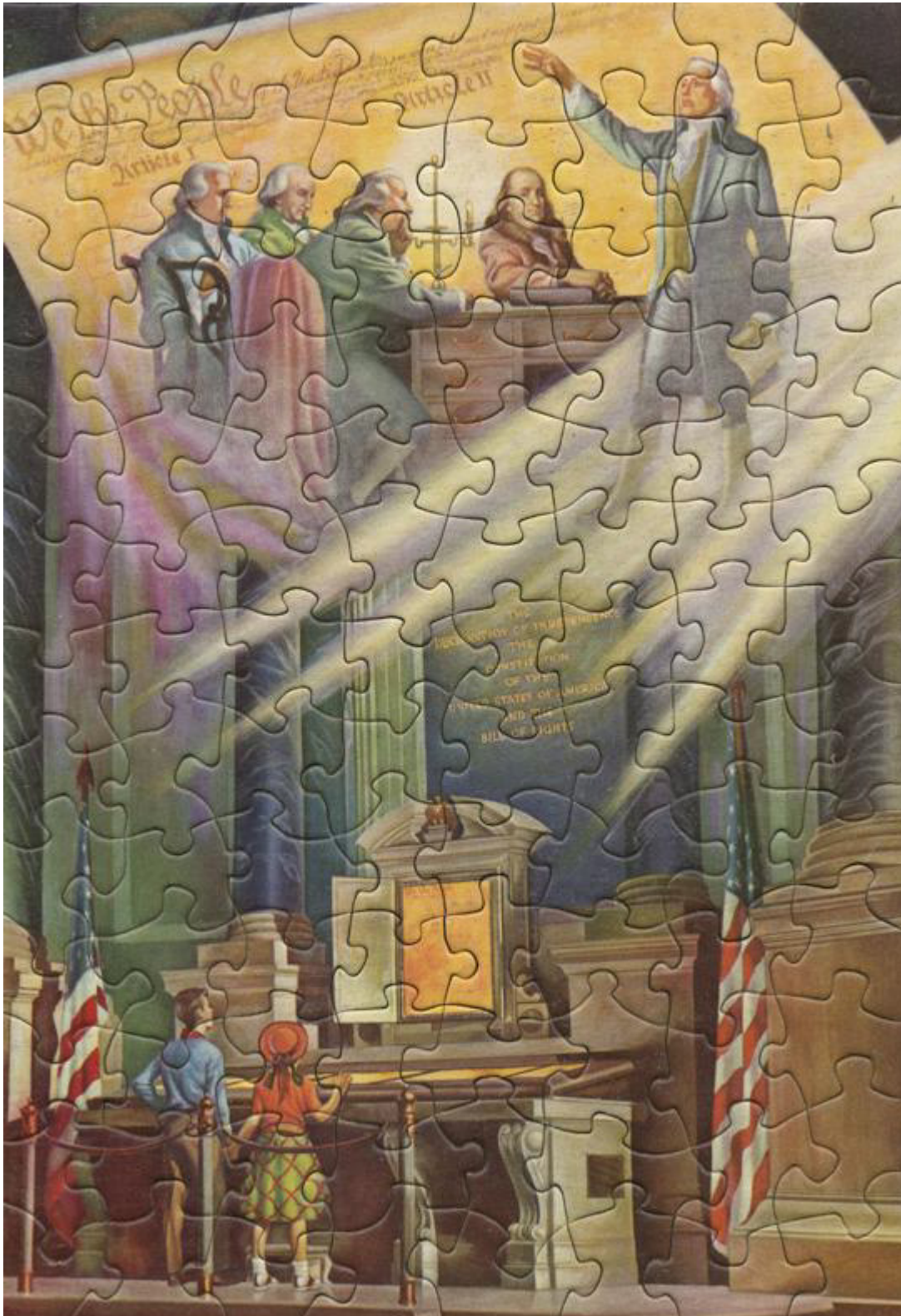
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–[possibly?] ride to [Portsmouth](#) with her, while she is Elizabeth Rodman. –

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June 29, Sunday: At Gloucester, Jonathan Parsons received notice that his son Jonathan Parsons, Jr. had died while at sea.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 6th M 1823 / Thought it not best to go to meeting today, I watched last night with my old master David Williams who is now very near the close of life & may [not?] continue the day through. –

DAVID WILLIAMS Died this evening at half past ten OClock Aged 54 Years & three Months to a day

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June 30, Monday: Maria Szymanowska performed in Poznan on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) asked [James Henry Leigh Hunt](#) to proceed with publication of DON JUAN Cantos XV-XVI “The Deformed Transformed” without waiting for Canto XVII.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 30th (2nd day) 1823 / This day concludes the Month & affords an opportunity of much reflection on the progress of life & brings into view many circumstances that has occur'd from the time of my first going to service, my apprenticeship with David Williams to the present time. – Tho' in the course of my living with him I had many deep, close & proving trials of flesh & spirit to pass thro', which arose from enemies within & without, yet I must now confess that I have no doubt they worked together for my good. – his pious care in keeping me close to Meetings in the Middle of the week, a thing which at first my nature rather rebelled against, yet in time I became reconciled to it & enjoyed many precious Seasons. – together with much other care & concern manifested for me, by him & his wife, very much contributed to keep me in the right way, & preserve me from much evil for which I desire to be thankful, & for which I shall revere their memory. – David Died last night about half past 10 OClock – he was not in the full posession of his mental powers. The night before when I watched with him, & before the close [he?] sank into a state of insensibility as to objects before him. – but while sitting by his bed, while reaon lasted, it was remarkable to observe the innocent state of his mind, & often expressed that the prospect of a close was made more easy to him than he could have expected. -- I attended his funeral & was one of the bearers, as I was also to his wife. – Many people attended & sat at his house in a very solid manner. C Rodman & J Dennis



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bore short testimonies. –

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July 3, Thursday: A Concerto in d minor for violin, piano and strings by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Schauspielhaus, Berlin.

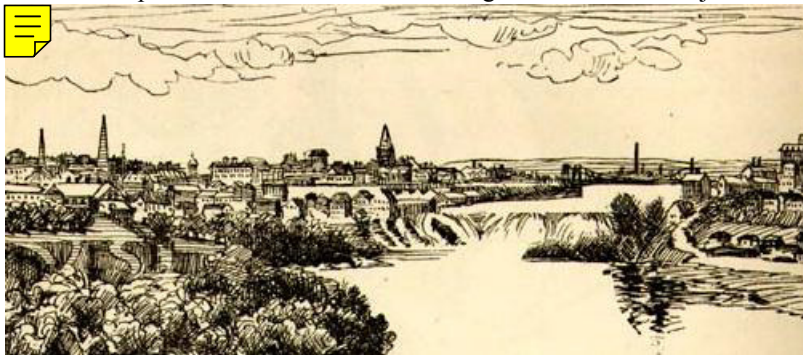
In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 7 M 1823 / Our Meeting was rather small but a season of favour to some – Father Rodman was engaged in a lively testimony. –

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July 6, Sunday: The visitors to Fort St. Anthony, Lawrence Taliaferro, Stephen H. Long, and [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#), and Mr. Say, Mr. Colhoun, and Mr. Keating, walked to the Falls of St. Anthony, the extremest limit of navigation on the Mississippi River. Since the water was only a couple of feet deep above the falls, some of them braced themselves against the stiff current and walked across slippery rocks to the island in the middle of the river, and then some of them retreated to the west bank while others ventured on across the remainder of the flow toward the east bank. The fools seem to have been able to get safely to the far shore only with some help from a soldier stationed at the government mills adjacent to the falls.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 7 M / Both Meetings were solid good ones to me – In the forenoon a Short lively testimony from Father Rodman – Afternoon Silent. –

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July 10, Thursday: Gael chaplains had existed for some time, but on this day they were made universal. They were obliged to receive the license of their bishop previous to assuming their office, and obligated to perform divine service on Sunday, Christmas-day, and Good Friday, and to keep a journal of their transactions with prisoners for the inspection of the justices.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 7 M / A solid good meeting – Father Rodman was engaged in a sweet & I apprehend a lively & well authorized



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July 13, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) embarked on the *Hercules*.

The date on the earliest grave in [Concord](#)'s New Burying-Ground. (The date on the oldest extant grave anywhere in Concord is 1677 and the date on the oldest extant grave in its West Burying-Ground is November 17, 1697.)

Burying-Grounds were laid out at an early period, but the date is unknown. The monument on the Hill Burying-Ground, containing the inscription, "JOSEPH MERRIAM, AGED 47 YEARS, DIED THE 20 OF APRIL, 1677," is the oldest in town. The oldest in the West Burying-Ground is that of Thomas Hartshorn, who died November 17, 1697. No other one appears there till 1713. The first person buried in the New Burying-Ground was Mrs. Anna Robbins, who died July 13, 1823, and the fact is properly noted on her monument. Beside these, tradition reports that the ground first used for interring the dead was on the hill easterly of the present one; but no traces of it can be discovered, if indeed one was ever there.³⁰⁹

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 7 M / The morning meeting was not quite as full on the Mens side of the House &[sic] common, which I have often noticed is the case in hay making time D Buffum & Hannah Dennis engaged in solemn weighty testimonys – Silent in the Afternoon till near the close when a testimony was delivered with the Authority of which I must suspend judgement -- Sister Elizabeth Rodman took tea with us & set the evening – feeling that the time is fast approaching when she will be separated from us, & take a New Name renderd the interview rather a serious cast. – Richard Rodman also came home with John & drank tea [–]re always pleased with his company – indeed I may say I am comforted with it, from a prospect [that?] if he continues to go on, as he seems to have been, he may make a useful man in the [–]& to society / –He has my hearty prayers for his welfare & so has all well inclined lads, and for him in particular my feelings are often much interested – he now seems hopeful & [sup]posed to conduct so as to insure the Esteem of his friends – & set value on it

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309. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835


(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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 July 17, Thursday: US Secretary of State John Quincy Adams informed the Russian minister in Washington, Baron Tuyl, that his government would not recognize any Russian territorial claims in North America.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 7th M 1823 / Silent Meeting & I thought a low time generally, at the close of it was held our Select meeting, which was attended with a little more life, tho' far from being lively - times & seasons are not at our command - this morning my feelings were such as induced me to hope for a good Meeting from the State of Mind I then enjoyed. -


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 July 19, Saturday: [Nahum Ball Onthank](#) was born in Holliston, Massachusetts. His father William Newton Onthank was (according to a descendant of this family) a carpenter and farmer.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 7 M / This morning took John, crossed both ferrys & went to Willet Carpenters in Boston Neck, after setting his Clock to going, we went to cousin Hannah Gardiners to dinner, after setting with her & her family we crossed to Connanicut went to Hazard Knowles's & cleaned his Clock in season to get to Joseph Greenes to lodge. -

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 July 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First Day after breakfast walked up to the Widow Mercy Weeden & from there went to Meeting, in the forepart of it my mind was wading in much leanness but towards the close life sprung up & to me the conclusion was satisfactory & solid. - we dined with Mercy Weeden - then walked up to John Carn[-] & from thence to the The old burying place of Friends where we spent some time - here I saw the Tomb stone of my Great Grand Father SAML CLARKE who died 18th of 10th M 1761 Aged 74 years 11 months & 26 days - having heard my mother speak frequently of him, rendered a visit to his grave interesting - also noticed the Grave of Walter Rodman, physician who died 20th of 7 M 1753 in the 34 Year of his age, & what struck me as remarkable was that I should happen to be at his grave exactly 70 years after his decease being on the 20th of 7 M 1823 - he was son of Doct [-] Rodman of [Newport](#) & married Rebecca Redwood afterwards the wife of Joseph Clarke own uncle to my mother & was own Uncle to my Wifes father C Rodman After our visit to this repository of the Dead we returned on foot to Joseph Greenes, after setting a while went over to Cousin Molly Howlands took tea & lodged. -

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July 21, Monday: The United States navy was making brief landings along the coast of Cuba in this year, in pursuit of [pirates](#). The landing on this date was at Cape Cruz.

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Maria Szymanowska performed in Carlsbad, Bohemia on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Rose early this morning & left cousin Howlands House before any of the family were up, went to Daniel Howlands & after rectifying his Clock, to the ferry, but finding the boat was not ready to Start went up to Caleb Weavers & took a bowl of Milk, returned, come over the ferry in Season to take a Dish of Coffee with my H -

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July 24, Thursday: [Slavery](#) was abolished in Chile.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 7 M 1823 / Two good testimonys at Meeting, the first by Hannah Dennis the other by Father Rodman. - In the [last?] the queries were answered & pertinent remarks made on [---] of them by D Buffum & J Dennis.-

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July 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [Sunday] 27th of 7th M / A good favoured meeting this Morning -[-] after taking my seat my mind was preciously [-]hed with the arisings of life - towards the close Father Rodman deliverd a short, good testimony which [-]werd the feelings of my mind --In the Afternoon Father Rodman again engaged in a few [-] & a pretty good Meeting. - With my wife, sisters Ruth & Mary -set the evening at the late residence of David Williams with his daughters Mary & Amy - Altho' some trials await me & has occurd in the course [of this?] day Yet I may acknowledge it to be a day of [-]ly favour - for which I dessire to be thankful

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July 31, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 7 M 1823 / Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis bore short testimonies, but good ones, in the first Meeting which was a Season of some favour in my mind. - In the last, we had a considerable buisness, but none out of the usual course, & all managed Harmoniously. Peter Lawton, Jn Holder, Mitchell Holder Weeden & Susan Anthony



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Dined with us. —

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August 3, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) arrived at Cephalonia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 8th M 1823 / Small Meeting in the Mornng in
consequence of Rain - but three good testimonies Father Rodman
D Buffum & H Dennis —In the Afternoon Father Rodman & H Dannis
were concerned to bear short testimonies*

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August 6, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6th of 8 M / This morning took Chaise & with my wife
rode to [Portsmouth](#) & Attended the Select Quarterly Meeting & in
the Afternoon the Meeting of Trustees of Obadiah Browns
Benevolent fund. — Lodged at Uncle Thurstons —*

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August 7, Thursday: Henry Elkison, a free black British sailor, was seized in Charleston. –Crimping, but in reverse. The sense of the situation was that the presence of free blacks in this port might give ideas to the local black slaves. Despite British protests even the US Supreme Court would fail to obtain his release.

It is believed that the drawing on the basis of which this illustration would be engraved, was made in this port of Charleston in which Henry Elkison was being seized, in about this year:



The print would be engraved and published by William Keenan (132 King Street, Charleston) based on a drawing by Charles Blacker Vignoles, an English army officer who had arrived in 1817, had served as assistant surveyor general of South Carolina, and was in this year returning to England. The city skyline is marked by the steeple of St. Michael's Church, to the left, and the cupola of St. Philip's Church, in the center, which would burn in 1835. Castle Pinckney is offshore to the far right. Race [slavery](#) is of course ubiquitous in the sketch, and utterly invisible.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day attended the Quarterly Meeting at large which was a favourd time – Thos Anthony D Buffum & James Hazard preached in rotation & Anna Jenkins appeard in supplication at the close of The Meeting – We Dined at Uncle Stantons & rode home. –

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August 10, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 8 M / In the forenoon The Meeting was Silent except that the London Epistle was read for the Year 1822 – In the Afternoon Silent & both Meetings measurably favourd. –

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➡ August 12, Tuesday: [Charles Henry Davis](#) had spent only two years at [Harvard College](#) when he enlisted in the US Navy as a midshipman.³¹⁰ Between sea cruises he would return to his *alma mater* for the study of mathematics.

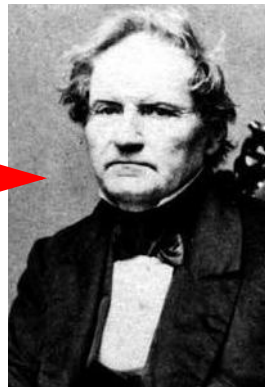
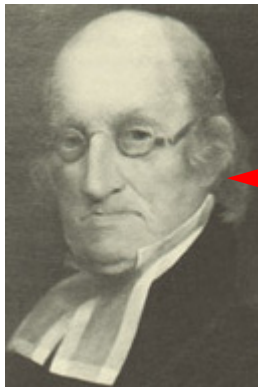
[Hector Berlioz](#)'s 1st essay appeared in [Le Corsaire](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12th of 8 M / I feel disposed to insert that this morning my mind has been favour'd with the fresh arisings of life to my comfort. – Tho' much occupied in outward concerns – I have taken a survey of my early life & the remembrance of divers of my companions, now numbered with the dead was preciouslly revived

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➡ August 17, Sunday: "I spoke too loudly in the forenoon." The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown exchanged pulpits for the day with the [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) of Concord. His prooftext for the [Concord](#) morning service was 1st Corinthians 3:19 and his topic was "The Wisdom of the World." His prooftext for the afternoon service was Amos 6:1 and his topic was "On Moral Unconcern."



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[–] day 17th of 8 M / Father Rodman & D Buffum were engaged in lively testimony in the Morning Meeting. In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent – Took tea [at] D Buffums. – Francis Shay of NewYork in compnay [-ith] whom we have had a few Days pleasant acquaintance, he appears to be a tender spirited young man & near as we can discover much of the right stamp upon [him].

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➡ August 1?: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[–] day 1? of 8 M / This forenoon Francis Shay took leave of [us] for [Providence](#) & this Afternoon Saml Wood of [Ne]wYork & Elijah Coffin came from Connanicut to [brin]g information of Jeremiah

310. Since this was the year of the Great Rebellion at Harvard, one may legitimately suspect that there may have been a reason for this abrupt alteration in young Davis's life trajectory.



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Hubbard's being their [there] [&] intending to be here tomorrow at a Meeting which [he] appointed at 5 OClock PM - They staid a little while & returned to Connanicut expecting to return tomorrow. -

[-d]ay 1? of 8 M / This Afternoon Sam Wood of NewYork & [Eli]jah Coffin of North Carolina came over from Connanicut to inform us that Our friend Jeremiah Hubbard was [-] & expected to attend a Meeting tomorrow Morning & another in [Newport](#) at 5OC in the Afternoon to be at [Portsmouth](#) on 4th day - We forwarded this immediately to [Portsmouth](#) & gave out the Meeting [at] Newport Accordingly.

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August 19, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

[-] day 19th of 8 M / Our friend Jeremiah Hubbard & his com[pan]ion Elijah Coffin - attended by Saml Wood & wife [??] [-] from Connanicut this Afternoon & After taking a dish of [tea] with us went to Meeting which was attended by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town, but not so large [as cou]ld be wished -it was a time of favour, rhw [word] was preached with good Authority & Jeremiah was [fav]oured in the conclusion in Solemn Supplication. -

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August 21, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21st of 8th M 1823 / Our friend Jeremiah Hubbard not feeling clear of [Newport](#), returned from [Portsmouth](#) last night to D Buffums & attended Meeting today general information being given - The Meeting was large, he was favoured to declare the Truth in the Ancient simplicity & soundness, with uncommon power & clearness. - his prayer exceeded any thing I have heard for years. -
He attended The Preparative Meeting & preached a little to the relief of my feelings -
Jonathon Nichols of Salem gave information of his intentions of Marriage with Sister Elizabeth Rodman as did also Welcome Cong[don] of [Providence](#) with Mary Dennis. -*

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August 24, Sunday, evening: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his [JOURNAL](#):

I rested this Sabbath day on the banks of the Quebog. Mr. Stone, a worthy Calvinist, who had been already recommended to my respect, by the hearty praises of my last-named landlord, preached all day, and reminded me forcibly of one of my idols, Dr. N. of Portland.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd [?] of 8 M / Silent Meeting in the forenoon, which was a solid time. - At the conclusion of it I rode with Richard Mitchell to his house & dined, from thence walked to Uncle Stantons to See my Mother who has been there some time & desirous to see me, which I thought a reason for leaving Meeting & which I did in some streightness of Mind - After tea Uncle sent the Waggon to bring me home, rode as far as John Woods where [-?] chaise [-?]ome, [-]oining up took me along the rest of the Distance Set the evening with My H & Sister Ruth at Abigail Robinsons. -

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August 28, Thursday: [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#) arrived at what he conjectured to be the source of the Mississippi River, as well as the Red River of the North, in what eventually would become the Minnesota Territory, naming the place Giulia after his deceased friend back in Italy, Giulia Spada dei Medici, and naming other lakes nearby after her eight children.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 8th M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting - went out the West Road stoped at Uncle Peter Lawtons - In the first Meeting [-] Dennis & Father Rodman bore short testimonies - [-] the last Jonathon Nichols of Salem published his intentions of Marriage with Sister Elizabeth Rodman & Welcome Congdon of [Providence](#) his intentions of marriage with Mary Dennis. - The young folk behaved with circumspection, their countenances bespeaking that [their] minds were impressed with the importance of the [-] State of life they were about to enter. - we dined at Uncle Thurstons, as did also Jonathon & Elizabeth, Father & Mother Rodman, David Buffum & wife, Brother David Rodman & his wife, & Sister Ruth & Mary Rodman. After dinner Rode down to Uncle Stantons & took tea with them, where I found My Mother ins usual health & spirits. - The Life of religion has been low with me today, but have made some [-ausens] after it, with a little success. -

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On approximately this day, [Waldo Emerson](#) wrote in his [JOURNAL](#):

Tuesday Morning I engaged Mr Bartlett to bring me to Mrs Shepard's.... After spending three days very pleasantly at Mrs Shepard's, among orators, botanists, mineralogists, & above all, Ministers, I set off on Friday Morning with Thos Greenough & another little cousin in a chaise to visit Mount Holyoke. How high the hill may be, I know not; for, different accounts make it 8, 12, & 16 hundred feet from the river. The prospect repays the ascent and although the day was hot & hazy so as to preclude a distant prospect, yet all the broad meadows in the immediate vicinity of the mountain through which the Connecticut [sic] winds, make a beautiful picture seldom rivalled. After adding our names in the books to the long list of strangers whom curiosity has attracted to this hill we descended in safety without encountering rattlesnake or viper that have given so bad fame to the place. We were informed that about 40 people ascend the mountain every fair day during the summer. After passing through Hadley meadows, I took leave of my companions at Northampton bridge, and crossed for the first time the far famed Yankee river.... In the afternoon I set out on my way to Greenfield intending to pass the Sabbath with George Ripley.... By the light of the Evening star, I walked with my reverend uncle [the Reverend Ripley], a man who well sustains the character of an aged missionary.... After a dreamless night, & a most hospitable entertainment I parted from Greenfield & through an unusually fine country, crossed the Connecticut (shrunk to a rivulet in this place somewhere in Montagu).... From Mr Haven's garret bed I sallied forth Tuesday mornng [sic] towards Hubbardston, but my cramped limbs made little speed. After dining in Hubbardston I walked seven miles farther to Princeton designing to ascend Wachusett with my tall cousin Thomas Greenough if I should find him there, & then set out for home in the next day's stage. But when morning came, & the stage was brought, and the mountain was a mile & a half away - I learned again an old lesson, that, the beldam Disappointment sits at Hope's door. I jumped into the stage & rode away, Wachusett untrod.... Close cooped in a stage coach with a score of happy dusty rustics the pilgrim continued his ride to Waltham, and alighting there, spent an agreeable evening at Rev. Mr Ripley's Home he came from thence the next morning, right glad to sit down once more in a quiet wellfed family - at Canterbury.

VENUS

GEORGE RIPLEY



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August 31, Sunday: French troops stormed and conquered the Trocadero and entered Cadiz. This would be enough to restore King Ferdinand VII to power.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 8 M / Before I went to Meeting my mind was [nouri]shed with the Arising of Life - on taking my seat the same feelings were renew'd & desires raised that it might spread over the Meeting - early in the meeting Hannah Dennis was engaged in supplication - followed by Father Rodman in Testimony in which I thought life rose & spread over the meeting which was large & solid - small & silent in the Afternoon. -

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September 1, Monday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 9 m 1823 / This Afternoon with David Buffum took the Steam boat for [Providence](#) in order to attend the meeting of the Sub - School Committee & a Meeting of the Trustees of Browns Benevolent Fund & arrived at Dorcas Browns in time to take a good dish of tea, where we found [Moses Brown](#) who took David in his Chaise & I walked to his house & lodged

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September 4, Thursday: Jose Luyando replaced Juan Antonio Yandiola Garay as 1st Secretary of State of Spain.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about the events of the previous day and night:

*3rd day 2nd of 9th M 1823 / After Breakfast We all went up to the School House, B Freeborn in addition, & attended the Meeting of the Sub committee - after Dining at the School House I left D Buffum & others there to attend the Meeting for Sufferings - & went into [Providence](#) to visit several of my friends - Jos Anthony among the Number - then returned to the School H & from thence to [M Browns](#) too tea & lodged - Next Morning Went into [Providence](#) & attended a Meeting of [Obadiah Browns](#) Benevolent find held at Wm Jenkins house where we dined. - took tea at Dorcas Browns & from thence D Buffum & I went on board the Steam boat at 6 OC PM with about 250 pasengers Night came on with a thick fog, & runing in the dark we went on the north point of Rose Island in a dangerous Situation, but fortunately no damage appeard to be done to the boat. - There we lay, not knowing where we were till day light, suffering much for want of Sleep, hunger & thirst till the tide rose in the Morning, when we got off, & arrived safe
I have been very sleepy & much fatigued all day & could not*



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attend Meeting

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 September 5, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5th of 9 M / This afternoon when I went to Aunt Patty Goulds to remove her from one bed to another as has been my daily practice almost ever since her confinement I discovered her to be weaker & a little hoarse, which inclined me to think that her change was not far off. –

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 September 6, Saturday: [James Madison](#) responded reassuringly to [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s letter of August 30th, assured him that "Nothing can be more absurd than the cavil that the [Declaration](#) contains known and not new truths. The object was to assert not to discover truths, and to make them the basis of the Revolutionary Act. The merit of the Draught," Madison offered, "could consist only in a lucid communication of human rights, a condensed enumeration of the reasons for such an exercise of them," and prose "in a style and tone appropriate to the great occasion, and to the spirit of the American people."³¹¹

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 9 M 1823 / In consequence of my being under necessity of attending the Proprietors Meeting I could not go to aunt Martha Goulds [Aunt Patty] as early in the day as usual but at 4 OC in the afternoon when the Meeting broke up [-]lled in with a view to perform my daily labour & found her too low to be moved. She seemed past notice of any thing but after a little while revived & seemed in much distress & if she knew me at all it was not long at a time. – I procured two good Watchers for the night [-] Knowles & James Mitchells Wife, which was all I could do for her

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 September 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal of events since the previous Sunday:

1st day 7th of 9 M / Aunt Patty is living this Morning & so was not to be expected to survive the Day she lays very still, & notices nothing about her. I staid from [-ing] in the forenoon, to be there in case of a change Henry Gould staid in the Afternoon & I went to Meeting & she died about an hour after the Meeting broke, very easily & quietly, thus ending a life of more than 86 Years I have no doubt in peace with God & all men [few] Women having lived more exemplary lives tho' she was always poor, yet she exerted herself to get to meetings & was particularly careful to attend those in the middle of the week, & devoted

311. Smith, James Morton, ed., THE REPUBLIC OF LETTERS: THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THOMAS JEFFERSON AND JAMES MADISON, 1776-1826. NY, 1995, Volume III, page 1877



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much time to the Service of Society, under various appointments for about 20 Years in the Station of an Overseer, in which appointment she was carefully zealous in supporting the Discipline, & the various testimonys which our Society bares to the world, in plainness of dress & address & in moderation & temperance in all things - such was her concern on these accounts that she often laboured with those young in years with acceptance, & such was her easy mode of address & care to abide in the life that she seldom gave offence to those with whom she had to labour tho' circumstances often lead to close & plain dealing, but had easy access & good place with most of the members of this preparative Meeting untill confined at home by Age & infirmity. She however got out & attended Meetings, occasionally till within three Years of her Death, - during her illness which was attended with much pain she manifested much christian patience, which considering her mind was previously much impair'd from age & infirmity is remarkable. - In her younger days she Possessed an uncommonly clear understanding, which however was much concealed from the world, from geat natural diffidence, from which circumstance her usefulness in life was not so conspicuous as it might have been however a strong desire faithfully to discharge every religious & social duty, often brought her forward both in Meetings for discipline & among her friends social circles.

On Third Day 9th of the M Her remains were decently interd in Friends burying ground near the Meeting House where her father Mother & Grandfather Benjamin Stanton were buried, after a quiet sold opportunity at the house - wherein a short testimony was born by Father Rodman

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September 10, Wednesday: The Champlain [Canal](#) was completed at a cost of \$875,000 (excluding the feeder to Glens Falls) finally connecting the Hudson River with Lake Champlain.

Lands belonging to Mary Jemison, the "White Woman of the Genesee," were sold to Micah Brooks and Jellis Clute for next to nothing.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

Back again in [Baltimore](#) and most thankful. A horrible place on the Eastern shore of Maryland called Sennox, a wooden shanty to live in, food not so bad but we have to eat like pigs. When we arrived and saw what it was going to be like we commenced to laugh and we could not stop ourselves. The poor people thought we must be lunatics. Father has gone to his beloved Western Virginia alone. Albert is there. He is going to report to us how the beautiful new residence is progressing. They tell me Baltimore is very cheerful in the winter. It does not look much like it now. Mr. Patterson, Madame Bonaparte's father, has kindly invited us to dinner, fortunately the weather is much cooler. General Reubel and his wife have just called. They are



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living with Monsieur Pascault who has the beautiful daughter.

Johann Simon Mayr was elected president of the Ateneo, Bergamo.

The National Assembly of Peru named [Simón Bolívar](#) as supreme commander of the country.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 11th of 9 M 1823 / Short testimony from J Dennis -
a [low?] time at Meeting. -*

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September 14, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day [Sunday] 14 of 9 M / Rather a trying Meeting both on
account of my own low condition, & testimonys that were borne,
which seemed of a doubtful cast. -it is said that ministers need
the sympathy of their friends, & I think also [our?,the?] elders
need the sympathy & prayers of the body, that they may be enabled
to do their duty with propriety -*

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September 16, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber traveled to Vienna for the premiere of Euryanthe.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 16th of 9 M / This evening recd a note from Abigail
Robinson [cont]aining an extract of a letter from Mary Morton
giving an [acco]unt of the Death of Joseph Rodman at Burlington
N Jersey. -*

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September 17, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 17 of 9 M / This Afternoon rec'd a letter from Stephen
Grellett giving the particulars of Joseph Rodmans Decease - It
appears he went to the House of the Widow Ann Myers on the 5th
inst and friends Meeting in the afternoon on 1st day [Sunday]
& the next day was ill - he Died on the 10th & was buried on the
11th in [friends?] burying ground at Burlington N Jersey Aged
46 Years*

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September 18, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 18th of 9th M / Small & hard meeting to me. – One short testimony [con]cerning which I must suspend Judgement —

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September 21, Sunday: [Joseph Smith, Jr.](#) reported that he had been visited by an angel who called himself “Moroni.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 9 M / Our Morning Meeting was large, but soon after it settled I felt unwell & considered it unsafe for me [there?] so I came out & came home. – In the afternoon went again & was comfortable in body & mind, indeed it has been a day of favour for which I desire to be thankful. – Took tea with my H & John at Father Rodmans. –

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September 22, Monday: Stanhope arrived at Argostoli.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

I have seen Miss Pascault; Madame Bonaparte was right. I have never seen anything more lovely. As Madame Reubel has invited me to call I will certainly take advantage of her invitation.

Incidental music to Hell's play Ali Baba oder Die 40 Rauber by Heinrich August Marschner was performed for the initial time, in Dresden.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 9th M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was a pretty good one. Anne Greene & A Sherman preached. – In the last Jonathon Nichols & Sister Elizabeth Rodman & Welcome Congdon rec'd their liberty to Marry according to the good order of Friends. –

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[This volume of Friend Stephen Gould's journal ends at this point with a list of names: Ruth Hallack, Sarah Hull, Ruth Halsted, space, Olive Cobb, Lydia Purinton, Eunice Jones, Susan Collins, Sarah Collins, Edwd Cobb, Thos Jones, John Reid.]



October 2, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 10th M 1823 / This day Jonathon Nichols and Sister Elizabeth Rodman Solemnized their marriage. The Meeting was very large, being attended by many of what is called the gentry of the Town – a part of the sitting was solemn, but so many present who were not acquainted with either our mode of Worship, or Marriage, occasioned some stir in the forepart of the Meeting,



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also at the conclusion—. The Meeting, which was held in silence, excepting a Short address from J Dennis explaining the nexcessity of quietude to the Multitude.—

Divers of our friends went to the house to the Wedding, among whom was our Ancient & beloved friend David Buffum & his wife, & to me it was a pleasant Afternoon. Brother Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth, felt nearer to me than they had ever done -They conducted with true dignity of manners — I have no doubt they will do well, at least their desire is to do well & if they do well, they will be blessed. —

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October 3, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 10 M / We set this Afternoon at Brother David Rodmans with Br Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth - as the time draws near for her separation from us, my feelings are not a little excited at the Prospect. —

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October 5, Sunday: While in Vienna for the premiere of Euryanthe, Carl Maria von Weber traveled to Baden to visit [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 10 M / Our Morning Meeting was well attended Abigail Robinson was present & was favourd in Testimony to some length. — which is the first time of her appearance in that way for (I think) over two years & but very few times for some years past, her health being very feeble she has seldom been at Meeting. — a few words from Father Rodman in the Afternoon. — Br Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth Nichols took tea with us, being the last time, as they expect to set out for Salem tomorrow Morning. —

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October 6, Monday: The 802-foot stone aqueduct over the Genesee River, constructed by David Stanhope Bates, opened in Rochester.

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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning 6th of 10 M 1823 / Br Jonathon & Sister Elizabeth set out for their home this morning at 9 OC. — I could not go up to take leave of them - I felt too much to admit of my doing it without emotion — I desire their welfare & have no doubt they



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desire ours. –

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October 7, Tuesday: The volunteer firemen of the [Pawtucket](#) Engine Company No. 2 (the village of Pawtucket was then a part of the town of Seekonk, Massachusetts, which included the area that would eventually become East Providence, [Rhode Island](#)) “retired in good order after partaking of some excellent brandy and rum presented by Mr. J. Burbank when he was honorably discharged from the Company.”

In [Newport](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 10 M / This Afternoon we attended the funeral of Mary Lee wife of Robert P Lee. She is a young woman whose loss is much lamented, of an Amiable & innocent life, cut short at the Age of 26 years & married one Year & about ten Months. - early in life she was Baptized in Water, according to the Sabatarian Society, but at her Marriage with R P Lee she was Satisfied to attend Friends Meeting with him. The funeral was conducted according to the order of Friends & her remains were interd in the upper burying place in the Medow Field. –

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October 12, Sunday: Maria Szymanowska performed before 700 people in Leipzig on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

Charles Macintosh of Scotland began selling raincoats.

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 10 M / Both Meetings Silent. – the morning was a Season of some favour. – Spent part of the evening at the Mansion of the late David Williams in sympathy with his daughter Mary in her prospect of breaking up housekeeping & going to



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Narragansett to live with her brothers

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 October 16, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 10th M / This day was our Select Meeting, the first was silent, & both to me were low & depressed, tho' not devoid of some encouragement. -

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 October 18, Saturday: The Reverend [William Ellery Channing](#) delivered a speech "Remarks on National Literature" before the American Philosophical Association in Philadelphia, prefiguring [Waldo Emerson](#)'s declaration of 1837 on this subject:³¹²

A people, into whose minds the thoughts of foreigners are poured perpetually, needs an energy within itself to resist, to modify this mighty influence, and, without it, will inevitably sink under the worst bondage, will become intellectually tame and enslaved.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 10 M / This evening recd Letters From our fr William Rickman of Rochester in England & our dear Sister Elizabeth R Nichols - the first that has been recd from her Since she has been at her new home in Salem, which gave a very Satisfactory account of her reception at her new home. For this I rejoice & the Language of my heart is "Peace & the God of Peace be with them, & with us, evermore Amen." Nothing very remarkable is contained in Wm Rickmans Letter, but it is pleasant to hear that he is well, & that Friends in that country are in unity. - & also to find that in his advanced age, he is alive in the Truth. -

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 October 19, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 10th M 1823 / Both Meetings Silent & both to me Seasons of some favour, & for the little Oh may I be thankful

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312. This speech would see publication, but not until years later, in the [Christian Examiner](#) in 1830.



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October 23, Thursday: The United States navy was making brief landings along the coast of Cuba in this year, in pursuit of [pirates](#). The landing on this date, the last for the year, was at Camrioca.

US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

The Boston Weekly Messenger announced that at the recent cattle show in Brighton, [John Thoreau, Senior](#)'s pencils made in [Concord](#) had won a \$2.⁰⁰ prize.

In Philadelphia, [Eastern State Penitentiary](#) first opened its doors (or, rather, it being a prison, a better rendition would I suppose be that it first locked its doors and drew its blinds). Its initial inmate was "...Charles Williams, Prisoner Number One. Burglar. Light Black Skin. Five feet seven inches tall. Foot: eleven inches. Scar on nose. Scar on Thigh. Broad Mouth. Black eyes. Farmer by trade. Can read. Theft included one twenty-dollar watch, one three-dollar gold seal, one, a gold key. Sentenced to two years confinement with labor. Received by Samuel R. Wood, first Warden, Eastern State Penitentiary...."

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23 of 10th M / A Short testimony by J Dennis & by me
some favour experienced as well as Some tossings & roving of
mind -
The epistle from the last Yearly, to the Subordinate Meetings
was read in The Preparative meeting, & tho' I had heard it
several times before, now seemed fresh - The Queries were
answered as usual. -*

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October 26, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day - of 10 M / Stormy day & small silent Meetings - Some
favour in the morning, & if a sense of nothingness was favour
there was a large portion in the Afternoon. -*

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October 29, Wednesday: Franz Liszt and his family arrived in Augsburg where he would give three concerts over the next four days.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 29th 10 M / This Afternoon with my H rode to [Portsmouth](#)
& lodged at Uncle Stantons. -*

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October 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day We went to Meeting with Aunt Stanton - The first was a
solid good one in which David Buffum was engaged in a lively
solemn testimony on the necessity of Watchfulness
In the last (Monthly) we had considerable business which
I thought was well conducted, & ended satisfactorily. -*



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We returned to Uncle Stanton's dined & staid all night. –

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 October 31, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day This morning we set out for home, with the Wagon & a borrowed horse. Uncles being in use, but which proving perverse, refused at Sandford's corner to go at all, so we sent him back & walked home. –

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 November 2, Sunday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

My suit is progressing. Josephine likes to hear about France. She plays delightfully both the harp and the spinet. I talk all sorts of nonsense which all lovers do. It has cheered her up as her youth has not been very cheerful.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 11 M 1823 / Silent Meetings, it is a low, distressingly low time It seems as if things are in a hard state. – There is however a reward for labour. –

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 November 6, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 11 M / Our friends have gone to Swansea to attend the Quarterly Meeting there. – This morning while sitting in the shop, reflecting on the subject precious feelings feelings were raised in my mind & the desire feelingly arose. – O Lord go with them that go, stay with them that stay. – – Silent but good meeting, for which I desire to be thankful

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November 7, Friday: In a meeting of the cabinet of President James Monroe, Secretary of State John Quincy Adams successfully espoused the idea of accepting the suggestion of Great Britain (made on August 16 by their Foreign Secretary George Canning), that the European great powers be excluded from further conquests in the New World. Except, there was no need for Great Britain to assist in this ban. Instead, Great Britain would be among the Old World powers banned. We did not, of course, desire to “come in as a cockboat in the wake of the British man-of-war.”



A [Nazi](#) apologist, Carl Schmidt, would in 1941 aver that “The 1823 Monroe Doctrine was in the recent history of international law the first and to date most successful example of a regional [*Großraum*] international law. That is the real precedent for the German Reich” (*VÖLKERREICHTLICHE GROßRAUMORDNUNG*. Berlin: *Deutscher Rechtsverlag*, page 13). —But then, everyone knows that those [Nazis](#) were lying sacks of shit.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [7?]th of 11 M 1823 / Br David Rodman has returned from Quarterly Meeting & has been in this Afternoon & gave us a very pleasant account of it, as a season of unusual favour – Our friend Isaac Stevenson from England was there & appeared in the Ministry, evincing his experience in the School of Christ, by the power of his testimony & exemplary deportment – David also handed me a little paper messenger of love dated 7M 1 which I Stevenson brought from my friend Thos Thompson of Liverpool, & tho' it contained nothing but his love, & unsealed, was very pleasant & acceptable. – The Account of this Quarterly Meeting has had a strengthening effect on my mind – it has raised in it feelings which I always count precious. –

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November 9, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini entered Paris for the initial time, on his way to England (the city would become very important to him in his later life).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 11 M / Both Meetings were seasons of close exercise to me & I trust proffitable – self was closely examined. – In the forenoon Hannah Dennis bore testimony to the efficacy of Divine Truth, satisfactorily to me. – In the Afternoon we had the company of Sarah Tucker & Susan Howland of Bedford country. – They both bore Solemn & impressive testimony which I trust will be remembered. –

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November 13, Thursday: Rachel Harrington LeGross sold the Brister's Hill property she had acquired for \$20 from [Brister Freeman](#), to William Lawrence of Weston for \$10.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 11 M / Small comfortable Meeting. –

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November 16, Sunday: A gigantic banquet was given in Paris by the city's leading artists in honor of Gioachino Rossini in the Restaurant du Veau Qui Tette. 150 guests attended including Adrien Boieldieu, Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber, and Ferdinand Herold, and many singers, actors, and artists.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day rode to Meeting with her & went to Adam Anthonys to dine, which is the first time I have been at his House since he has moved into his new house & the first time since his marriage – Walked over to Cousin Shadrach Chases & took tea, after which he kindly sent his son Jacob to bring me about half way home, &



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*I walked the rest of the Distance
It has of late been a season of favour to me which I desire to
mention with gratitude. –*

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November 17, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 17 of 11 M / Last 7th day afternoon I Rode to [Portsmouth](#)
with Aunt Stanton & lodged. –*

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November 18, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day [sic] 18 of 11 M / This evening with my Wife & Sister
Ruth went on board the Ship Robinson Potter to visit the
Passengers about 38 in number from the Kingdom of England &
Ireland & the Principality of Wales & were much interested with
their Situation & appearance. The Women & children looked
healthy & sprightly & tho' all in the Ships stearage together &
rather uncomfortable were generally happy – by which it is
certain in my mind, that it is more the mind than ther situation
that makes us happy.*

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November 20, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 11th M 1823 / Silent Meeting & to me not an
unfavourable time – I desire to be thankful for favour
vouchsafed. –*

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November 23, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 11th M / In the forenoon D Buffum was much
favour'd in testimony – He recommended the attentive & Serious
perusal of the scriptures & held up the general doctrines of
religion in a lively & impressive manner. – Silent in the
Afternoon.*

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November 30, Sunday: Franz Schubert wrote to Schober that “my health, thank God, was firmly restored at last.”

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 30th of 11th M / In the forenoon Meeting D Buffum was
engaged in lively testimony – but to me the Meeting was a poor*



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time - More favourd in the Afternoon tho' nearly silent. -

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December 2, Tuesday: Carlos Martinez de Irujo y Tacon, marques de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor replaced Victor Damian Saez y Sanchez-Mayor as 1st Secretary of State of Spain.

The doctrine expressed in President James Monroe's 7th annual message to Congress closed "the American continents to colonial settlements by non-American Powers" and excluded "the European Powers from all interference in the political affairs of the American Republics":



[see following]



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READ THE FULL TEXT

Our President, in his address to the US Congress declaring our first formal foreign policy, also specifically excluded the government of the island of Haiti from protection under his Monroe Doctrine on the interesting traditional basis of its being “a Government of people of color.” Since black people could not trust white people, his reasoning went, and since the governments of the community of nations were made up of white people, the government of Haiti would inevitably exhibit “a separate interest and a distrust of other nations” — and could not therefore itself be trusted.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2 of 12 M 1823 / In Silent waiting this morning, some touches of life were experienced - & sympathy arose with Friends in a trial which I am informed awaits them at their Quarterly Meeting held there tomorrow

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December 7, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini and his wife left Paris heading for London.

Concerto for two pianos in E by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, at the Mendelssohn residence in Berlin. One of the invited guests was Friedrich Kalkbrenner.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 12 M / Our Mornng Meeting was large & to me favoured a short testimony from Susannah Bateman & Hannah Dennis Silent in the Afternoon. -- Set the eveng with my H & Sister Ruth at Henry Gould who gave us some account of the late Quarterly Meeting at [New Bedford](#) which he & his wife attended - it appears Truth stood its ground, tho' some bitter herbs were eaten by those who are rightly concerned for the support of our Testimonys

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December 11, Thursday: Franz Liszt and his father arrived in Paris.

William Prout read his paper “On the nature of the acid and saline matters usually existing in the stomachs of animals” before the Royal Society in London. In it he clearly demonstrated that hydrochloric acid was the agent of digestion.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 12th M / A good solid meeting, a considerable number attended in consequence of Welcome Congdon & Mary Dennis's Marriage, which they solemnized in a becoming manner Jonathon & Hannah Dennis had short offerings. -

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December 14, Sunday: Dr. [Walter Oudney](#) and Lieutenant [Hugh Clapperton](#) set out in a westerly direction for the Hausa states, to explore the course of the Niger River. [Dixon Denham](#) would explore the vicinity of Lake Chad and the lower courses of the Waube, Logone, and Shari rivers and participated in several Bornuese military raids on neighboring tribes.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 12 M / Both meetings were Silent, but seasons of some favour for which I desire to be thankful. – Set part of the eveng at Br David Rodmans in pleasant conversation. – My wife has been so unwell for several Days that she has not been out to Meeting

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December 17, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17th of 12 M / Have this afternoon recd a long letter from my dear frd Thos Thompson of Liverpool dated 9th M 29th it contained much interesting Matter & the Packet contained Several Pamphlets &c with a view of Liverpool Meeting House, Swarthmore Meeting House & a view of the Chair which G F left as an heir loom. – & a likeness of Richd Reynolds

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December 21, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his [JOURNAL](#):

Who is he that shall controul [sic] me? Why may not I act & speak & write & think with entire freedom? What am I to the Universe, or, the Universe, what is it to me? Who hath forged the chains of Wrong & Right, of Opinion & Custom? And must I wear them? Is Society my anointed King? Or is there any mightier community or any man or more than man, whose slave I am? I am solitary in the vast society of beings; I consort with no species; I indulge no sympathies. I see the world, human, brute & inanimate nature; I am in the midst of them, but not of them; I hear the song of the storm – the Winds & warring Elements sweep by me – but they mix not with my being. I see cities & nations & witness passions – the roar of their laughter – but I partake it not; – the yell of their grief – it touches no chord in me; their fellowships & fashions, lusts & virtues, the words & deeds they call glory & shame – I disclaim them all. I say to the Universe, Mighty one! thou art not my mother; Return to chaos, if thou wilt, I shall still exist. I live. If I owe my being, it is to a destiny greater than thine. Star by Star, world by world, system by system shall be crushed – but I shall live.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 12 M 1823 / Solid good testimonys in the Mornng from D Buffum & H Dennis – Nearly silent in the Afternoon – My mind not wholly destitute of good, but a low time, Oh that I may receive half from whence it is only to be substantially derived. Set the evening mostly with our fr Abigail Robinson, by whom I learned the Severe illness of her Sister Mary Morton. –

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December 22, Monday: Franz Liszt performed in Paris to sensational audience and critical response (he would perform in Paris no less than 38 times before the following April).

[Edward Sherman Hoar](#) was born.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22nd of 12 M / Recd this Afternoon a packet of information with a letter from Wing Russel of [New Bedford](#), where there appears to be new troubles among the disturbers of Society. –

This evening have recd News of the Death of our old & affectionate friend Elizabeth Towle on the 10th inst after about two weeks of illness. She died at Nazareth Pennsylvania where she resided with her husband Saml Towle, Since they left this



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From James Monroe's 7th Annual Message to Congress:

... At the proposal of the Russian Imperial Government, made through the minister of the Emperor residing here, a full power and instructions have been transmitted to the minister of the United States at St. Petersburg to arrange by amicable negotiation the respective rights and interests of the two nations on the northwest coast of this continent. A similar proposal has been made by His Imperial Majesty to the Government of Great Britain, which has likewise been acceded to. The Government of the United States has been desirous by this friendly proceeding of manifesting the great value which they have invariably attached to the friendship of the Emperor and their solicitude to cultivate the best understanding with his Government. In the discussions to which this interest has given rise and in the arrangements by which they may terminate the occasion has been judged proper for asserting, as a principle in which the rights and interests of the United States are involved, that the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers.... It was stated at the commencement of the last session that a great effort was then making in Spain and Portugal to improve the condition of the people of those countries, and that it appeared to be conducted with extraordinary moderation. It need scarcely be remarked that the results have been so far very different from what was then anticipated. Of events in that quarter of the globe, with which we have so much intercourse and from which we derive our origin, we have always been anxious and interested spectators. The citizens of the United States cherish sentiments the most friendly in favor of the liberty and happiness of their fellow-men on that side of the Atlantic. In the wars of the European powers in matters relating to themselves we have never taken any part, nor does it comport with our policy to do so. It is only when our rights are invaded or seriously menaced that we resent injuries or make preparation for our defense. With the movements in this hemisphere we are of necessity more immediately connected, and by causes which must be obvious to all enlightened and impartial observers. The political system of the allied powers is essentially different in this respect from that of America. This difference proceeds from that which exists in their respective Governments; and to the defense of our own, which has been achieved by the loss of so much blood and treasure, and matured by the wisdom of their most enlightened citizens, and under which we have enjoyed unexampled felicity, this whole nation is devoted. We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety. With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and shall not interfere. But with the Governments who have declared their independence and maintain it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States. In the war between those new Governments and Spain we declared our neutrality at the time of their recognition, and to this we have adhered, and shall continue to adhere,



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Yet more from James Monroe's 7th Annual Message to Congress:

The late events in Spain and Portugal shew that Europe is still unsettled. Of this important fact no stronger proof can be adduced than that the allied powers should have thought it proper, on any principle satisfactory to themselves, to have interposed by force in the internal concerns of Spain. To what extent such interposition may be carried, on the same principle, is a question in which all independent powers whose governments differ from theirs are interested, even those most remote, and surely none of them more so than the United States. Our policy in regard to Europe, which was adopted at an early stage of the wars which have so long agitated that quarter of the globe, nevertheless remains the same, which is, not to interfere in the internal concerns of any of its powers; to consider the government de facto as the legitimate government for us; to cultivate friendly relations with it, and to preserve those relations by a frank, firm, and manly policy, meeting in all instances the just claims of every power, submitting to injuries from none. But in regard to those continents circumstances are eminently and conspicuously different. It is impossible that the allied powers should extend their political system to any portion of either continent without endangering our peace and happiness; nor can anyone believe that our southern brethren, if left to themselves, would adopt it of their own accord. It is equally impossible, therefore, that we should behold such interposition in any form with indifference. If we look to the comparative strength and resources of Spain and those new Governments, and their distance from each other, it must be obvious that she can never subdue them. It is still the true policy of the United States to leave the parties to themselves, in hope that other powers will pursue the same course....



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Town. -her attentions to us & many more they left in this place will never be forgotten, in sickness she was Attentive & Affectionate, & as a companion pleasant & instructive both in deportment & conversation.-

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December 25, Thursday: Narciso de Heredia y Begines, Conde de Ofalia replaced Carlos Martinez de Irujo y Tacon, marques de Casa-Irujo, duque de Sotomayor as 1st Secretary of State of Spain.

Two works for chorus and organ by Samuel Wesley were performed for the initial time, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London: Magnificat and Nunc dimittis.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 12 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The first was a favoured Meeting & Hannah Dennis was engaged in a lively testimony. - In the last there was not much life, but the buisness was pretty well conducted. - Wnet to Uncle Stantons, dined lodged & next Morning Walked home. -

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December 28, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left for Missolonghi.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 12 M / Silent & to me good Meetings - Sister Ruth & Richard Rodman took tea with us. -

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December 30, Tuesday: Auf dem Wasser zu singen D.774, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Stolberg, was published in the Zeitschrift fur Kunst, Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 12th M 1823 / I am this day 42 Years of Age - It has been a Day of seriousness to me, - but I do not know whether it is Worth while to say much about it. -

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December 31, Wednesday: Georgios Andreou Koundouriotis replaced Petros Iliou Mavromichalis as President of the Executive of Greece.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

To-night we all sup with Monsieur Pascault to see the New Year in. It is father's first visit to the house. I am anxious to see how he treats Reubel.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 31st of 12 M / I feel, Sensibly that the present Year
has closed & that another of my life is gone – How do I desire
more spiritual communion with my God. – Many have gone down to
the grave this year & some of my intimate friends & relations.
– May I be prepared for the change come when it may –*

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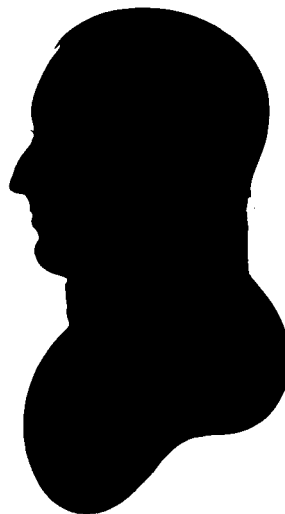
1824



January 1, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 1st M 1824 / Our Meeting today was as well attended as usual for this season of the Year — it was a very quiet & even solemn opportunity. I do not recollect when I have observed more of the precious covering in which my mind was favoured to partake for which I desire to be thankful — Hannah Dennis was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony — this appears to me to be a good beginning for the New Year. —³¹³

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January 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 1 M / Our Morning Meeting was large & solid, after a few expressions from Anne Dennis - D Buffum rose & delivered a bright lively & sound testimony of greater length than usual for him of late, he observed He had not found it his place often to enter in Polemic divinity in a public way, nor did he now apprehend he had much to say upon it, but as his mind had been drawn to view as certain doctrine which was much inculcated, & contrast it with what he considered substantial Truth, he could but cite the minds of those present to one leading feature of the Doctrine which was "that the Almighty had created a certain portion of Mankind to endless misery without any possible remedy" he hoped none present believed it, & then went on to illustrate the truth & encouraged all to walk in its paths. — In the Afternoon we were silent & tho' the meeting was larger

313. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1823-1829: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7.



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*than usual was a season of but little life tho' a quiet setting
& I thought a little favour extended.*

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January 8, Thursday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) sent a conciliatory letter to his sister-in-law Johanna van Beethoven, offering financial assistance.

There had been considerable controversy but when the Royal Society put the matter to a vote, there was only one vote cast against accepting Michael Faraday as a new member.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 1st M 1824 / Favoured this morning with the
precious arisings of life in my mind, for which I desire to be
thankful – Silent Meeting & a good time, being favourd to feel
–various subjects of an exercising nature were presented to
view.*

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January 11, Sunday: Franz Liszt improvised at the piano at a meeting of the Societe Academique des Enfants d'Apollon in Paris. They made him an honorary member.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 1 M / The weather was very unpleasant, rain &
wet walking – Meetings Small & Silent – In the forenoon a low
time to me – was a little more favourd in the Afternoon for which
I desire to be thankful, for a little help in the needful time.
–The Charge of the Meeting falling on me – Henry Gould taking
his seat with me.*

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January 15, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15th of 1st M 1824 / In the Public meeting, J Dennis had
a few words to deliver – it was a meeting of exercise to me, &
I hope not an unprofitable one –*



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*In the last, which was our Select Meeting - we had some exercise,
& not as much life as I have felt on some such occasions.*

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January 18, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1 day 18th of 1st M / Both Meetings silent & solid & I trust to
me were in good measure profitable seasons. -*



January 20, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 20th of 1st M / Heard this Afternoon of the Decease of
our old friend & neighbour Samuel Towle at Nazareth in
Pennsylvania on the 1st day of this M aged 66 Years 1 M & 5 days
having survived his wife only twenty two Days - he was a man of
a remarkably Meek & quiet spirit, in whose company I have enjoyed
many precious feelings, & many instructive hours - I had an
intimate acquaintance with him & his wife during most of the
time of their residence in this Town, which was about 14 Years
& tho not one in profession of Religion, yet our feelings were
often united in the best sense. I remember he several times
remarked to me, that "The first time he saw me I got on his books
& he found he could not easily get me off."*

*This evening Hannah Robinson called to see us, who is now living
in the family of Wm Hunter, she is a woman of colour & member
of Society, belonging to S Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting - her
spirit seemd solid & very weighty, & savoured of much sweetness.
I know not when I have been in company with any one with whom
my spirit felt more united.*

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January 22, Thursday: On [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s birthday he authored some "Lines on Completing
My Thirty-Sixth Year."

NEW POETRY OF 1824

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22 of 1 M / Our Meeting was a season of favour to some,
I have no doubt, but as to myself I was very poor - Hannah Dennis
was much favoured in a stimulating testimony to faithful labour,
seldom have I heard her more acceptably - In the Preparative
Meeting which followed - we answered the Queries & proposed
Overseers of the Poor to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting
Sister Mary & Hannah Lawton set the eveng.*

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January 25, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 25th of 1st M 1824 / Silent Meeting, none of the Most lively to my feelings, tho' there was a good degree of Solemnity
-Took tea & spent part of the evening at D Buffums. -*

En route between Hawaii and Tahiti, a year into the Pacific voyage of the [Martha's Vineyard](#) whaler *Globe* (renown for having been the 1st ship to take 2,000 barrels of oil), late at night there was a mutiny.



One of the ship's boatsteerers, [Samuel B. Comstock](#), was the birthright [Quaker](#) first child of a birthright Quaker father from Burrillville, [Rhode Island](#), Friend Nathan Comstock, and a Quaker mother, Friend Elizabeth Emmet Comstock, living on [Nantucket Island](#) and then in New-York. This young scion of a privileged and responsible and religious family, having been given the benefit of a guarded Quaker education at Nine Partners, having the world at his feet, had determined that none of this was enough to satisfy himself with his life. He wanted all this plus adequate carousing and swiving. He had therefore equipped himself with the sorts of things he supposed he would need in order to recreate himself as a libertine chieftain on a South Seas atoll — things such as garden seeds.

He persuaded four companions and on this night, with a hatchet, Friend Samuel laid open the head of the sleeping captain, Thomas Worth, with an ax. Silas Payne, one of the new men who had signed aboard in Hawaii, was attempting to use a knife on the ship's 1st Mate, William Beetle, and was doing such an inadequate job of it that Friend Samuel needed to join in with his ax. The other two Comstock brothers took no part in the mutiny. (This would be written up by William Lay in conjunction with Friend Cyrus Hussey, Jr., a Nantucket [Quaker](#) who survived the mutiny, but in general the incident would become another forbidden topic in the community.)



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DEMON OF THE WATERS.

THE TRUE STORY OF THE MUTINY ON THE WHALESHIP *GLOBE*.

BY GREGORY GIBSON.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY ERIK RONNBERG AND GARY TONKIN.

BOSTON: LITTLE, BROWN AND COMPANY, 2002

Reviewed by Rob Rulon-Miller

In a world where death is as certain as the setting sun, and is as perniciously random as the scattering of galaxies, it's no wonder that death -tragic and unexpected death- is the lifeblood of so much literature and history. I note in passing today's Sunday New York Times cover story on the horrific final minutes of those top-floor employees in the World Trade Towers as recorded in their desperate calls from cell phones or email messages - calls not so much for help as calls already from the afterlife. I also note but will not elaborate on Mr. Gibson's own life-altering foray into the nether world and back: his struggle to cope with the tragic death of his son Galen, who was murdered by a fellow student in a random act of violence at Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, in 1992, a journey Mr. Gibson brilliantly recounted in his critically acclaimed *GONE BOY: A WALKABOUT* (Kondansha International, 1999).

In *DEMON OF THE WATERS*, Gibson revisits death, examining the murderous and most bloody mutiny that occurred 175 years ago on board the whaleship *Globe*, where the loved sons of mothers and fathers were savagely mauled and killed. Successive generations have been captivated by the gruesome event, and it remains, arguably, the most disturbing case in the annals of American maritime history. The *Globe* mutiny has been well-documented and often recounted in maritime anthologies as well as in contemporaneous accounts, including two by the brother of the perpetrator, William Comstock (one in manuscript, one published), and another by two of the survivors, William Lay and Cyrus Hussey. The story falls into Mr. Gibson's lap with the discovery, in Indiana of all places, of a previously unlocated



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journal recounting the subsequent rescue of the stranded crew on the Marshall Islands in the western Pacific.

The antagonist of the story, Samuel Comstock, is a young man - a mere teenager when we first meet him- at sixes and sevens with his Quaker upbringing on Nantucket, nothing but a burden for his family and an annoyance to any friends he might have had. When his family moved to Manhattan from Nantucket, Samuel fell in with a street gang named the Downtowners, "who passed their time battling the rival Corlears Hookers. In the manner of many troubled youths, Samuel kept his own hours and often came home late at night, bloody and bruised." To keep Samuel from straying further, his father found him a berth on a merchant ship bound for Liverpool. Four months later Samuel was home again, and to his repertoire of extracurricular activities he now added the chasing of women. The strict Quaker school he was sent to in Poughkeepsie did little more than harden him against authority. Whoring and street fighting were in his blood, and it seems there was little to do with him. Before finally shipping on the *Globe*, Comstock filled out his teenage years by sailing on the *Beaver* with a shipment of arms for rebels in Chile and then on the Nantucket whaler *George* after having spent "some months ... languishing in a Chilean jail" for gunrunning.

The captain of the *Globe* was Thomas Worth, and at age 29, it was his first command. The ship was manned by a crew of twenty, not one of them older than 26 and half of them teenagers. Samuel Comstock at the time was a mere twenty years old, although already well beyond his years. Departing Martha's Vineyard in December 1822, the *Globe* followed a usual course to the Pacific, which meant sailing east towards the Azores and the Cape Verdes, where ships would pick up the northeast trade winds that would blow them south and west towards Cape Horn. Ordinarily ships would stop in the Azores or the Cape Verdes for supplies, but because Captain Worth was delayed in leaving and anxious to get to the Pacific whaling grounds in season, he chose not to put in at either group and continued sailing towards the Horn.

In the south Atlantic the *Globe* captured its first whale, and it is here we learn from Samuel's younger brother, William, who was also on board, that "contact with the whale oil caused Samuel great distress, 'filling him with biles and inflaming his flesh.'" By March of 1823, the *Globe* rounded the Horn and headed up the South American coast towards Valparaiso, a usual stopping point for provisioning and relaxation after the arduous passage. But again, Captain Worth chose not to stop, and instead continued to head towards the rich whaling fields off the coast of Japan. By May, after five continuous months at sea, the *Globe* arrived at Hawaii; nor did she stop here. Nonetheless, provisions -including women- were brought from shore. Captain Worth forbade the women to spend the night, but Samuel Comstock disobeyed the order, and the next morning, according to William, "Lady Comstock made her appearance, emerging from steerage, with an air of great dignity, dressed in a new Scotch bonnet...." Captain Worth made no remark, and it was apparent to the rest



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of the crew that Samuel was becoming a favorite of the captain. "However," writes Gibson, "by allowing Samuel to openly flout his authority, Worth weakened his credibility and risked disrupting his relations" with the rest of the crew, and "alienated Samuel, a recipient of special privileges, from the mates."

By summer the *Globe* had reached the hallowed cruising grounds off Japan. Here, they spent nearly five months chasing whales, but it was not a very successful hunt. "During these months of hard work and unspectacular results, the situation on board the *Globe* began to deteriorate. Samuel Comstock did his best to rock the boat." A wrestling match ensued between Comstock and the third mate, Nathaniel Fisher, which Comstock lost, a humiliating defeat he did not readily forget. On another occasion, one of the crew was put in irons, and on another, the cook was struck by the captain, both incidences on account of Comstock. There were complaints all around by the crew about the meager rations; even so, the crew complained that they didn't have enough time in which to eat them. So, after not having set foot on land for nearly a year, after being confined for that long to ninety feet of boat with twenty other men, the crew of the *Globe* returned from the Japan grounds and put in at last at Hawaii. Gibson writes, "All the ingredients for insurrection were there ... indifferent success, bad food, capricious exercise of authority by an inexperienced captain, bullying and physical beatings from the officers, long confinement aboard the ship with no liberty, and the concerted, pernicious influence of a malcontent." On Hawaii six of the crew -it's amazing the number was as small as it was- deserted, and the replacements Captain Worth found ashore -"a rough set of cruel beings" in the words of George Comstock- "seemed so spectacularly ill chosen that one has to wonder about Thomas Worth's grasp of human nature." Of the seven replacements, five were eventually involved in the mutiny.

On December 9, 1823, the *Globe* departed Hawaii to hunt whales along the Equator. The captain was edgy and the crew tense. There was a flogging by Captain Worth of Joseph Thomas, who had signed on in Hawaii. Comstock took the side of Thomas, and -this being the last straw- with four other conspirators, in the very early morning hours of January 26, 1824, went down into Captain Worth's cabin and, in the sentence we've been waiting for, brought down an axe, "with such force that it nearly severed the top of the captain's head from his body." Silas Payne, who had also shipped in Hawaii, went after the first mate, William Beetle, with a knife, but he botched the job. Comstock was left to finish it by placing the axe in the mate's skull. Beetle was left "gurgling in his own blood and brains." Nor was this all. Samuel Comstock, the putative captain now, in the next twelve hours managed to shoot, bayonet, stab, disembowel, and throw overboard a total of five men, including the three mates and a black man, William Humphries, who for good measure was hanged from the foreyard for attempting to aid those who has been brutalized.



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The mutineers and the rest of the stunned and stupefied crew then sailed west to what is now Mili Atoll at the southern end of the Marshall Islands. Comstock, in what at this point in the story seems like a workaday chore, was murdered by his co-conspirator, Silas Payne, for bribing the natives with precious provisions from the ship. Less than a week later, six of the innocent crew serendipitously escaped in the *Globe* and managed to sail some 7000 miles across the Pacific to Valparaiso and safety.

Fast forward to Vevay, Indiana, where in 1978 a local book scout, Jay Small, and his younger partner, John Mullins, unearthed a handwritten account dated 1825 by a sailor on board the *Dolphin*, a United States naval vessel. The *Dolphin* had been ordered to sail to the Marshall Islands, at the insistence of no less than Presidents James Monroe and John Quincy Adams, to capture the mutineers and learn of their fate. This journal found its way into the hands of ABAA dealer Owen Kubik, who in turn sold it to Gibson. (It is now at the Kendall Whaling Museum.) It contains an eyewitness account by one Augustus Strong, midshipman, of the rescue of the only two survivors on Mili Atoll, Cyrus Hussey and William Lay, and recounts the story they told on their voyage back to civilization. Gibson's book brings the Augustus Strong account to the public for the first time, and for this reason alone the book will stand as one of the most important scholarly works on the terrible event. But, in fact, this journal occupies a minor part of the story as published, much of the recounting of its surfacing having ended up on the editor's floor. As these two expunged chapters may be of interest to our readers, they will run in concurrent issues of this Newsletter.

Gibson is becoming a seasoned, if not a flashy writer. His sentences move at an even pace, and his style is more that of a four-wheel drive Land Rover than a turbo-charged Ferrari. On the surface the facts of this story are practically unbelievable, but Gibson is very adept at making all the bizarreness and surreality of this debacle of a voyage seem possible – even plausible. He teaches us the ways of the sea and the sailor. The passion and intensity that suffuses *GONE BOY* is not so apparent here, but death on the *Globe* could never be so close and personal. Nonetheless, the recounting of the mutiny itself is gripping, and Gibson fixes it firmly in the historical context of American interests in the Pacific in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The thirty-odd pages of Notes at the back are helpful and informative, and the extensive bibliography attests to Gibson's penchant for meticulous research. If there is a flaw in the book, it may be that it was over-researched. Some of the early chapters, especially those on Quaker mores and the building of the *Globe*, seem a little ponderous, as does the chapter on the management of whaleships and the business of whaling. But my tastes notwithstanding, these arcanæ must be addressed for the mutiny to be understood in full, and Gibson is successful in getting all the essential information on the page with only minor irritation. The illustrations by Erik



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Ronnberg and Gary Tonkin are appealing, if not striking, and I would have liked to have seen more illustrations from contemporary sources.



January 29, Thursday: [William Kneass](#) became the 2d chief engraver for the US mint (until 1840) at an annual salary of \$2,000.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 1st M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in [Newport](#) was large, the weather being very pleasant [Portsmouth](#) Friends pretty well came in. – In the first meeting Anne Dennis, Hannah Dennis & Ruth Freeborn bore acceptable testimonys, but nevertheless, I thought life was low generally over the Meeting –

In the last we had much buisness & some of it of a trying nature, but it appeard to me things were pretty well managed & so ended –

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January 31, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31st of 1st M / Attended the funeral of Mary Nichols daughter of the late Walter Nichols – The sitting was unusually solemn & quiet in which D Buffum bore a testimony Savory & very acceptable to friends & the family of the deceased – The family tho' not Members are dilligent attenders of our Meeting on first Days –

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February 1, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 2 M 1824 / Our Meetings were solemn & quiet, tho' silent all Day – We took tea & set the evening at Father Rodmans – John having gone to [Portsmouth](#) to stay the rest of the Week while we go to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, which we intend to do health & weather permitting. –

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February 3, Tuesday: In Berlin, Carl Friedrich Zelter publicly announced that his student [Felix Mendelssohn](#) had completed his apprenticeship and called him to the world of independent composers (this was Felix's 15th birthday).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 2nd M / This Morning got into the Stage with our frd David Buffum & rode to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting, we had a pleasant ride & arrived there in season, he



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*going to lodge at Dorcas Browns & I went out to my old friend
Moses Browns where as usual I was kindly rec'd. -*

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February 4, Wednesday: There is now an allegation all over the internet, that on this day Boston inventor "J.W. Goodrich" introduced "rubber galoshes" to the public. I do not have any information that corroborates that this person "J.W. Goodrich" actually existed, and I do not have any information that corroborates that anything interesting happened during this year in regard to rubber galoshes, either in Boston or elsewhere. Galoshes had been in use long prior to this year, made sometimes of rubberized cloth, and I think it was only long afterward that the name came to be spelled "galoshes" rather than "goloshes," as in Hans Christian Anderson's 1838 story "The Goloshes of Fortune." If you desire to believe this internet story, please do come up with some corroborating details — such as what the initials "J.W." were supposed to stand for plus a birth date and a death date for said inventor, or such as an actual period advertisement for said product.

L'ajo nell'imbarazzo, a melodramma giocoso by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Ferretti after Giraud, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Valle, Rome.

There is still in existence at Cornell Library a document bearing this date. It is a "revocation of snuff," made out by Martha Stanton. The document mentioned that she was a daughter of Stephen and Mary Wanton and the wife of John Stanton, and was witnessed by John Stanton Gould.

In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*Our Select Meeting on 4th day was a Solemn favourd time, in which
Micajah Collins & several others bore impressive testimonies
& Anne A Jenkins in humble reverend supplication. -*

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February 5, Thursday: In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*The Meeting at large on 5th day was a time of deep suffering on
acct of Benj Rodman who occupied nearly the whole time in
spurious burdensome communication, at three times standing,
& little else was said. - the buisness in the last meeting went
on pretty well -*

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February 6, Friday: In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*On Sixth day I spent nearly the whole time at the Boarding School
with the committee in hard & exercising service, the subject of
Superintendents being discussed - - -*

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February 7, Saturday: Die beiden Neffen oder Der Onkel aus Boston, a singspiel by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) to words of Casper, was performed for the initial time, before a small invited audience at the Mendelssohn residence in Berlin.

After arriving home in [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would write in his journal:

Seventh day Morning we took the Stage & rode [from [Providence](#)] to [Bristol](#) ferry, from whence I walked to Uncle Saml Thurstons, D B. having his chaise sent for him from the latter place I rode into Town with him & am Thankful to be at home this evening, having to acknowledge, favour & enlargement since my absence. –

The beginning of the “Hardscrabble” rioting in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) (mobs of white citizens protected by the police while they destroyed the homes of black citizens: urban gentrification through ethnic cleansing). From the diary of George F. Jencks, a white man of Pawtucket, we learn: “A gang of Ruffins toar down & Destroyed the Negro house on the hill this evening.”

Information that is more to the point, about this racism that would culminate in October with a white mob pretending to have been provoked by unwillingness of some black men to step down into the street off the sidewalk to allow them to pass –provoked to the point of tearing apart some 20 black homes in a district off North Main Street known variously as “Addison’s Hollow” and as “Hardscrabble”– may be obtained from the late-life autobiography of [William J. Brown](#), then a 10-year-old observer.³¹⁴

PAGES 50-51: The feeling against the colored people was very bitter. The colored people themselves were ignorant of the cause, unless it could be attributed to our condition, not having the means to raise themselves in the scale of wealth and affluence, consequently those who were evil disposed would offer abuse whenever they saw fit, and there was no chance for resentment or redress. Mobs were also the order of the day, and the poor colored people were the sufferers.

In the northwest part of the city was a place called Addison Hollow, but was nicknamed Hardscrabble. A great many colored people purchased land there, because it was some distance from town, and hence quite cheap. They put up small houses for themselves, and earned their living in various ways. They could be seen almost any time, with their saw-horse, standing, some on the Great Bridge, some on Shingle Bridge, and some on Mill Bridge, waiting for work. As hard coal was not known at that time (except Liverpool coal,) everybody used wood. Some men did jobs of gardening and farming.

A man named Addison built houses, and rented to any one who would give him his price. As he rented cheap, people of bad character hired of him, and these drew a class of bad men and women, so that the good were continually being molested, having no protection. At last disturbances became so common that they raised a mob, and drove many from their houses, then tore them

314. For further details you could consult a publication of the time, HARDSCRABBLE CALENDAR: REPORT OF THE TRIALS OF OLIVER CUMMINS, NATHANIEL G. METCALF, GILBERT HINES, AND ARTHUR FARRIER, published in Providence “for the purchaser” during 1824.

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Hard Scrabble,

OR MISS PHILISES BOBALITION

O Dear dear what can the de matter be,
Dear, dear what can de matter be.

Pomp gone so long from Phillis away ;
He promise to buy me a damask and leghorn,
A Plad and a Crape and Silk Tocking to put on,
And a bunch of fine feather to dress my beaver so gay
O Dear, dear, &c.

O, O, so peaceable late we lib in Hard Scrabble,
'Till routed and driven away by the rabble,
Who 'tack us like furies wid a high diddle diddle !
Demolish our dwelling, smash Benran and Cradle,
My Gin Jug and Spider, my Potrait and Ladle,
My Candestand, Chairs, and poor Pompey's Fiddle.
O Dear, dear, &c.

O! O! such a time I neber before see,
De Mobites come wizz ! like a flock of mad bumble bee
Rip open my bed and scatter de fedder !
Assail us wid Brick Bat, wid Crowbars and Shovels,
And drove us poor wretches away from our hovels
To seek shelter out door expose to de wether.
O Dear, dear, &c.

Pomp and I had juss supt on a clam and eel custard,
And just topping off wid desert of tase cheese & mustard
When first salutation widout a forewarning—
Ebery window was smash in, and, O, goody gui !
Pomp leap from de table and cry ' Fly Phillis Fly,'
Or we both shall be mutton'd before morrow morning.
O Dear, dear, &c.

O, de next morning such condition our village,
So late de scene of confusion, riot and pillage.
O! it near broke de heart of my poor aged mother !
De chimnies and walls were den totling or falling,
Poor Cato's hut prop't up, and Cezer's lay sprawling,
And cure's goody gui ! nothing left but de cellar !
O Dear, dear, &c.

De mud Clay & brick dust lay so thick in Hard Scrabble
I was 'blige hold up my skirt to prevent it from drabble
And de fields for a mile was spread wid ben fether ;
Here lay my new bedtick and dare Pompey's garter
And my platter and Coffee Cup bury'd in Mortar,
In miscurious ruin all lay together.
O Dear, dear, &c.

Pomp has told me of Earthquakes Squall and Tornadoes
Trenarners, Harricanes, Gusts and Valeannose,
Of battle at sea, and battle on shore ;
Of Turks and of Hottentots, Indians and Moors,
Of Rygers and Crocodiles Lions and Bores,
But he neber fyre saw such destruction before.
O Dear, dear, &c.

Some few weeks arter some were reign for a trial,
Dare were Peter and Moses and Jim and Abial,
And some forty or tirty or twenty or so ;
But de damage 'twas judge was by some shock of nature,
Mr. Nobody did it ! O what a wile creature,
So de court find um No Guilty and tell um to go.
O dear what a Rogue Mr. Nobody.

Mr. Nobody, wretch ! some invisible d-r-l
De biggest brick block in a moment he level
See what he did bout tre months ago ;
He demolish a bilding near four stories high,
And level the whole in a twink of an eye,
Pray who did it ! Why Nobody know.
O dear, dear, &c.

I guess it best now for us brack folks be easy,
And no longer live lives immoral and lazy,
But gain honest living by sweat ob our brow ;
Depend on't de white folk won't den trouble or 'tack us,
But de good people of Providence will always respect us,
As they are wont to respect all good people now.
O dear, dear, &c.

So Miss Boston keep home your lazy black rabble,
Nor compel them seek shelter again at Hard Scrabble,
For every maggot should stick to be core ;
For should they visit us gain they may find it foul wether
We've plenty of Tar and de ground cover'd wid Fether
And we've Pitch to pitch you all out of door.
O dear, dear, &c.

So while Pomp earn a little by honest day labour,
I'll wash and make soap for some of my neighbour,
And lib by industry as honest folks do :
Pomp throw by your Fiddle & I'll smash de Gin Bottle
And soon we'll be able to buildup our hovel
And more steady course we both will pursue.
O dear, dear, and so fort.



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down, took their furniture -what little they had- carried it to Pawtucket, and sold it at auction. This was done late in the fall. One colored man named Christopher Hall, a widower with three or four children, a pious man, bearing a good character, and supported himself and family by sawing wood, had his house torn down by the roughs and stripped of its contents. He drew the roof over the cellar, and lived in it all winter. The people tried in vain to coax him out, and offered him a house to live in. Many went to see the ruins, among them some white ladies, who offered to take his children and bring them up, but he would not let them go. In the spring following he went to Liberia, on the western coast of Africa. Not long after this there was another mob, commenced at the west end of Olney Street. Here were a number of houses built and owned by white men, and rented to any one, white or colored, who wanted to hire one or more rooms, rent payable weekly. Some of these places had bar-rooms, where liquors were dealt out, and places where they sold cakes, pies, doughnuts, etc. These they called cooky stands. In some houses dancing and fiddling was the order of the day. It soon became dangerous for one to pass through there in the day time that did not belong to their gang, or patronize them. Most all sailors who came into port would be introduced into Olney Street by some one who had an interest that way. I remember when a boy, passing up one day to my father's garden, which was on that street, in company with two other boys, looking at the people as we passed along. Some were sitting at the windows, some in their doorway, some singing, some laughing, some gossiping, some had their clay furnaces in front of their houses, cooking, and seeing us looking at them, said "What are you gawking at, you brats?" hurling a large stone at the same time, and we were obliged to run for our lives. This street had a correspondence with all the sailor boarding houses in town, and was sustained by their patronage. Vessels of every description were constantly entering our port, and sailing crafts were seen from the south side of the Great Bridge to India Point. It was the great shipping port of New England in those days, and although the smallest of all the States, Rhode Island was regarded as among the wealthiest, the Quakers occupying a large portion of the State.

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February 8, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 8th of 2 M 1824 / Silent Meetings & to me poor low seasons
- the first was as well attended as common, but the Afternoon
very small in consequence of the Walking -*

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February 9, Monday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9th of 2 M / "Distressed but not in despair" but the



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present times seems as much like both, as any thing that has been known for some time. – Last night after I had gone up stairs to go to bed, I was called down by J Williams & consulted about the proper steps for him to take relative to the affairs of the Williams's, who it appears was broke upon, & theirs, & their late Fathers effects attatched, but my limited knowledge of such proceedings renderd my assistance useless. -- It appears this Morning & today, that their affairs are in a miserable condition, that they are greatly involved & that many are likely to suffer by them. – this casts a gloom on all around, but things are as they are, & it is out of the power of any one to do much to make them better

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 February 12, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 2 M 1824 / a small meeting & silent, the walking very bad & several of our friends are indisposed with colds. – Many are distressed with late events, their countenances are heac & mine is among the number. –

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 February 15, Sunday: Following the new principle of nomination just tested a few years earlier by Andrew Jackson, the legislature of the home state of Secretary of State John Quincy Adams nominated their favorite son to run for the office of President of the United States of America. Objections to such a nomination procedure, such as that it would provide greater power to large states than to small states, had begun to be ignored.

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) has an epileptic seizure.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 2nd M 1824 / Silent meetings & seasons of mental labour In the evening visited Abigail Robinson. –

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 February 19, Thursday: Rochester, New York's first bank, the Bank of Rochester, was chartered.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 2 M / Silent Meeting again, it was a solid meeting & attended by nearly all our members who are in health to attend. –

In the last Preparative, My cousin Joseph Greene requested a certificate to proceed in Marriage with Sarah Collins - At the age of 64 Years seems late in life to enter into a connection of that kind for the first time, but in his situation, the saying "better late than never" may well apply

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 February 22, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*1st day 22nd of 2 M / Very Stormy day, small meetings & silent
-& to me low poor times - except towards the close of the
Afternoon sitting a little life sprung up -*

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 February 25, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 25th of 2nd M / This forenoon I was innoculated for the
Kine Pock by Doctor Dunn - this is the third time the experiment
has been tried on me, the two former ones, appearing to have
been unsuccessful producing no symptoms nor sore Arm, larger
than a pins head, yet I find a small scar from one of the
incisions - the Small pox being now prevalent, & very mortal in
some places, is an inducement to try again & if possible rescue
myself from so serious & destructive malady to mankind. -*

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 February 26, Thursday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) received a petition by 30 musicians, publishers, and other admirers, requesting a performance of his newest works.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26 of 2 M / For several days & particularly yesterday I
have been quite unwell with a hevy cold, some fever & a rheumatic
pain in my knee which was very tedious last night - which
prevents my attendance of our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day
held in [Portsmouth](#) - My heart is with my friends now assembled
there, to transact the weighty & important concerns of the
Church. but such was the situation of my health that I could not
think it prudent to go. -
Yesterday Afternoon we had the company of Wm R Thurston of NYork
to tea & a call from him this morning - He is here on buisness
expecting to leave for home this Afternoon or tomorrow -*

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 February 29, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29th of 2nd M 1824 / Our Morning meeting was larger than
usual a solemn quiet opportunity, & our frd David Buffum much
engaged to invite the people to a serious attention to things
which make for peace, instancing Martha & Mary - the former being
much cumbered & the latter choosing the good part -I have heard
him many times, greatly to the edification of the Meeting, but
perhaps never more in gospel Authority. - In the Afternoon we
were silent & as usual small*

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 March 3, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 3rd M 1824 / Our friend Isaac Stevenson from England was at [Portsmouth](#) Meeting today - & is this evening at David Buffums where I went to see him Br Dodman taking Richard, R's Mary & John along with us. - He seems to be a friend of the true stamp, his company was very pleasant & rendered more so, being a particular & intimate acquaintance of my frd & correspondent Thos Thompson of Liverpool. - He is to be at our Meeting tomorrow & Dines with us. -


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 March 4, Thursday: The "[National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck](#) was founded in the United Kingdom, to be renamed in 1858 The Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 3 M / At meeting, which was attended by many besides our own members, Isaac Stevenson was engaged in very acceptable testimony - at the close of it a meeting was appointed at 6 OC in the evening, the Middle & Winter apartments of the House were filled & the Gospel was preached in the demonstrations & power of it, greatly to the satisfaction & I have no doubt to the edification of Many of the Auditory, who were very still & reverently attendtive - Isaac Dined with us, with his Companion Saml Wood, They took tea at Father Rodmans, & lodge tonight at J Dennis's who waits on them to [Bristol](#) & [Warren](#) tomorrow where they intend to Appoint Meetings.-

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 March 7, Sunday: Il crociato in Egitto, a melodramma eroico by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Rossi, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice.

Florida relocated its capital from St. Augustine to Tallahassee.

Prince Louis-Philippe sponsored a concert by Franz Liszt before a large and illustrious audience in the Theatre-Italien, Paris. The reviewer of Le Drapeau wrote that he had been "convinced that the soul and spirit of [Mozart](#) have passed into the body of young Liszt."

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 3 M / Meetings as well attended as usual & both silent. -

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March 11, Thursday: An [Office of Indian Affairs](#) was organized, within the Department of War of the US of course, with Ely S. Parker, a member of the Seneca tribe, as its initial director. (This bureau would not be transferred to the Department of the Interior until 1849, and would not become the Bureau of Indian Affairs until 1947.)

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 3 M / Being quite unwell part of yesterday & last night from the effect of Medicine I am unfit to be at Meeting today

It hardly seemed as if I should add much to the weight of the Meeting if I had gone – but have been favoured with some precious feelings while sitting alone in my shop – for which I desire to be thankful

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March 14, Sunday: Franz Schubert's String Quartet D.804 was performed for the initial time, in the Hall of the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde, Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 3 M 1824 / Meeting (save a short offering) was silent in the Morning. – In the Afternoon Jonathon & Hannah Dennis both had a little to say, but both Meetings were low times, the seed was low & under suffering. –

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March 18, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 3 M / My mind in the forefront of the Meeting was favoured with a little life, but I have been a long time poor & low. – O Lord, help, help. –

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Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

At last all is settled. Monsieur Pascault is disgusted with the behaviour of the Archbishop, and has written to him to the effect that he will entirely dispense with the services of the Church of Rome, that his daughter will be married in the Protestant Church. He added that a wife's first duty was to obey her husband.



March 21, Sunday: In Cairo, [Egypt](#), a fire broke out, perhaps in the palace of Mehemet Ali near the arsenal, and spread. At about sunset a magazine of gunpowder exploded with a shock that was felt throughout the city. Fearing further explosions, a number of notables took shelter at the British consulate of Henry Salt, while other city residents fled to the western Nile and into surrounding gardens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 21 of 3rd M / Both Meetings silent the Afternoon was a season of some favour, for which I desire to be thankful & bow in humility before Him who dispenceth all good, & that often by giving us a sense of our wants [deficiencies]. – As we came home from Meeting in the Afternoon I rec'd a letter from our frd Moses Brown dated 18th inst giving an acct of P Hunt & supposing it would be agreeable to David Buffum I immediately sent John out to his house to carry it for his perusal – Sister Ruth took tea with us –after which we all spent the evening at Cousin Henry Goulds.–

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March 25, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 3 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in Town was about as large as usual, the first meeting was silent – In the last there was considerable buisness in the usual way, & nothing out of the usual course, tho' some of it was of an exercising nature. – Our Company at Dinner were S Fowler, E Lawton, P Lawton Z Chase G Dennis L Dennis

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March 27, Saturday: In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*7th day 27th of 3rd M / This Afternoon rode to Portsmouth with Aunt Stanton & took John along to spent a little time with Cousin B Marshall & his son John who arrived from NYork Last night & went out this morning – First Day Walked from Uncle Stantons to Meeting, Benj Marshall in company – Uncle Aunt & my John rode in the Waggon. – It was to me a good Meeting & a pretty good day, tho' low in feelings – Mary Hicks preached a little in a solid weighty manner – & Ruth Freeborn was engaged in a lively pertinent testimony –
In the Afternoon Br Isaac came out to Uncle Stantons with whom I rode home, & left John & David as company for John Marshall. – Found Thos Hornsby no better & Aunt Nancy Carpenter quite unwell. –*

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April 1, Thursday: In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 4th M 1824 / Meeting rather small, but silent & comfortable Some of the Worthies absent at New Bedford Quarterly Meeting this Day held. –

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At Hartford, Connecticut, Eli Todd opened the doors of the Connecticut Retreat for the Insane for its 1st patients. The name and philosophy of treatment of this institution was to be patterned after the humane practices of the York Retreat in England. This institution is now known as the Institute of Living.³¹⁵

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A board was chosen to study the feasibility of a [canal](#) from the Susquehanna River to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Early on during the 1823/1824 session of the federal Congress, a bill had been introduced into the House of Representatives to comprehensively revise the acts pertaining to duties on imports, in order more fully to protect domestic producers. The bill had become the subject of a protracted debate engaging the talent of both political parties. Mr. Webster had taken an active part in that discussion, but the friends of the bill had not been able, or had been unwilling, to put it into a condition in which Webster would support it. Speaker of the House Henry Clay having addressed the representatives sitting as a Committee of the Whole on March 30/31, on this day it was the turn of Representative [Daniel Webster](#).³¹⁶

MR. CHAIRMAN, — I will avail myself of the present occasion to make some remarks on certain principles and opinions which have been recently advanced, and on those considerations which, in my judgment, ought to govern us in deciding upon the several and respective parts of this very important and complex measure. I can truly say that this is a painful duty. I deeply regret the necessity which is likely to be imposed upon me of giving a general affirmative or negative vote on the whole of the bill. I cannot but think this mode of proceeding liable to great objections. It exposes both those who support and those who oppose the measure to very unjust and injurious misapprehensions. There may be good reasons for favoring some of the provisions of the bill, and equally strong reasons for opposing others; and these provisions do not stand to each other in the relation of principal and incident. If that were the case, those who are in favor of the principal might forego their opinions upon incidental and subordinate provisions. But the bill proposes enactments entirely distinct and different from one another in character and tendency. Some of its clauses are intended merely for revenue; and of those which regard the protection of home manufactures, one part stands upon very different grounds from those of other parts. So that probably every gentleman who may ultimately support the bill will vote for much which his judgment does not approve; and those who oppose it will oppose something which they would very gladly support.

Being intrusted with the interests of a district highly commercial, and deeply interested in manufactures also, I wish to state my opinions on the present measure, not as on a whole, for it has no entire and homogeneous character, but as on a collection of different enactments, some of which meet my

315. Street, W.R. A CHRONOLOGY OF NOTEWORTHY EVENTS IN AMERICAN [PSYCHOLOGY](#). Washington DC: American Psychological Association, 1994

316. Edwin P. Whipple's THE GREAT SPEECHES AND ORATIONS OF DANIEL WEBSTER WITH AN ESSAY ON DANIEL WEBSTER AS A MASTER OF ENGLISH STYLE (Boston: Little, Brown, 1879).



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approbation and some of which do not.

And allow me, Sir, in the first place, to state my regret, if indeed I ought not to express a warmer sentiment, at the names or designations which Mr. Speaker³¹⁷ has seen fit to adopt for the purpose of describing the advocates and the opposers of the present bill. It is a question, he says, between the friends of an "American policy" and those of a "foreign policy." This, Sir, is an assumption which I take the liberty most directly to deny. Mr. Speaker certainly intended nothing invidious or derogatory to any part of the House by this mode of denominating friends and enemies. But there is power in names, and this manner of distinguishing those who favor and those who oppose particular measures may lead to inferences to which no member of the House can submit. It may imply that there is a more exclusive and peculiar regard to American interests in one class of opinions than in another. Such an implication is to be resisted and repelled. Every member has a right to the presumption, that he pursues what he believes to be the interest of his country with as sincere a zeal as any other member. I claim this in my own case; and while I shall not, for any purpose of description or convenient arrangement use terms which may imply any disrespect to other men's opinions, much less any imputation upon other men's motives, it is my duty to take care that the use of such terms by others be not, against the will of those who adopt them, made to produce a false impression.

Indeed, Sir, it is a little astonishing, if it seemed convenient to Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of distinction, to make use of the terms "American policy" and "foreign policy," that he should not have applied them in a manner precisely the reverse of that in which he has in fact used them. If names are thought necessary, it would be well enough, one would think, that the name should be in some measure descriptive of the thing; and since Mr. Speaker denominates the policy which he recommends "a new policy in this country"; since he speaks of the present measure as a new era in our legislation; since he professes to invite us to depart from our accustomed course, to instruct ourselves by the wisdom of others, and to adopt the policy of the most distinguished foreign states, — one is a little curious to know with what propriety of speech this imitation of other nations is denominated an "American policy," while, on the contrary, a preference for our own established system, as it now actually exists and always has existed, is called a "foreign policy." This favorite American policy is what America has never tried; and this odious foreign policy is what, as we are told, foreign states have never pursued. Sir, that is the truest American policy which shall most usefully employ American capital and American labor, and best sustain the whole population. With me it is a fundamental axiom, it is interwoven with all my opinions, that the great interests of the country are united and inseparable; that agriculture, commerce, and manufactures will prosper together or languish together; and



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that all legislation is dangerous which proposes to benefit one of these without looking to consequences which may fall on the others.

Passing from this, Sir, I am bound to say that Mr. Speaker began his able and impressive speech at the proper point of inquiry, — I mean the present state and condition of the country, — although I am so unfortunate, or rather although I am so happy, as to differ from him very widely in regard to that condition. I dissent entirely from the justice of that picture of distress which he has drawn. I have not seen the reality, and know not where it exists. Within my observation, there is no cause for so gloomy and terrifying a representation. In respect to the New England States, with the condition of which I am of course best acquainted, the present appears to me a period of very general prosperity. Not, indeed, a time for sudden acquisition and great profits, not a day of extraordinary activity and successful speculation. There is no doubt a considerable depression of prices, and, in some degree, a stagnation of business. But the case presented by Mr. Speaker was not one of **depression**, but of **distress**; of universal, pervading, intense distress, limited to no class and to no place. We are represented as on the very verge and brink of national ruin. So far from acquiescing in these opinions, I believe there has been no period in which the general prosperity was better secured, or rested on a more solid foundation. As applicable to the Eastern States, I put this remark to their representatives, and ask them if it is not true. When has there been a time in which the means of living have been more accessible and more abundant? When has labor been rewarded, I do not say with a larger, but with a more certain success? Profits, indeed, are low; in some pursuits of life, which it is not proposed to benefit, but to **burden**, by this bill, very low. But still I am unacquainted with any proofs of extraordinary distress. What, indeed, are the general indications of the state of the country? There is no famine nor pestilence in the land, nor war, nor desolation. There is no writhing under the burden of taxation. The means of subsistence are abundant; and at the very moment when the miserable condition of the country is asserted, it is admitted that the wages of labor are high in comparison with those of any other country. A country, then, enjoying a profound peace, perfect civil liberty, with the means of subsistence cheap and abundant, with the reward of labor sure, and its wages higher than anywhere else, cannot be represented as in gloom, melancholy, and distress, but by the effort of extraordinary powers of tragedy. Even if, in judging of this question, we were to regard only those proofs to which we have been referred, we shall probably come to a conclusion somewhat different from that which has been drawn. Our exports, for example, although certainly less than in some years, were not, last year, so much below an average formed upon the exports of a series of years, and putting those exports at a fixed value, as might be supposed. The value of the exports of agricultural products, of animals, of the products



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of the forest and of the sea, together with gunpowder, spirits, and sundry unenumerated articles, amounted in the several years to the following sums, viz.: –

In 1790,	\$27,716,152
1804,	33,842,316
1807,	38,465,854

Coming up now to our own times, and taking the exports of the years 1821, 1822, and 1823, of the same articles and products, at the same prices, they stand thus: –

In 1821,	\$45,643,175
1822,	48,782,295
1823,	55,863,491

Mr. Speaker has taken the very extraordinary year of 1803, and, adding to the exportation of that year what he thinks ought to have been a just augmentation, in proportion to the increase of our population, he swells the result to a magnitude, which, when compared with our actual exports, would exhibit a great deficiency. But is there any justice in this mode of calculation? In the first place, as before observed, the year 1803 was a year of extraordinary exportation. By reference to the accounts, that of the article of flour, for example, there was an export that year of thirteen hundred thousand barrels; but the very next year it fell to eight hundred thousand, and the next year to seven hundred thousand. In the next place, there never was any reason to expect that the increase of our exports of agricultural products would keep pace with the increase of our population. That would be against all experience. It is, indeed, most desirable, that there should be an augmented demand for the products of agriculture; but, nevertheless, the official returns of our exports do not show that absolute want of all foreign market which has been so strongly stated.

But there are other means by which to judge of the general condition of the people. The quantity of the means of subsistence consumed, or, to make use of a phraseology better suited to the condition of our own people, the quantity of the comforts of life enjoyed, is one of those means. It so happens, indeed, that it is not so easy in this country as elsewhere to ascertain facts of this sort with accuracy. Where most of the articles of subsistence and most of the comforts of life are taxed, there is, of course, great facility in ascertaining, from official statements, the amount of consumption. But in this country, most fortunately, the government neither knows, nor is concerned to know, the annual consumption; and estimates can only be formed in another mode, and in reference only to a few articles. Of these articles, tea is one. It is not quite a luxury, and yet is something above the absolute necessities of life. Its consumption, therefore, will be diminished in times of adversity, and augmented in times of prosperity. By deducting the annual export from the annual import, and taking a number of years together, we may arrive at a probable estimate of



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consumption. The average of eleven years, from 1790 to 1800, inclusive, will be found to be two millions and a half of pounds. From 1801 to 1812, inclusive, the average was three millions seven hundred thousand; and the average of the last three years, to wit, 1821, 1822, and 1823, was five millions and a half. Having made a just allowance for the increase of our numbers, we shall still find, I think, from these statements, that there is no distress which has limited our means of subsistence and enjoyment.

In forming an opinion of the degree of general prosperity, we may regard, likewise, the progress of internal improvements, the investment of capital in roads, bridges, and canals. All these prove a balance of income over expenditure; they afford evidence that there is a surplus of profits, which the present generation is usefully vesting for the benefit of the next. It cannot be denied, that, in this particular, the progress of the country is steady and rapid.

We may look, too, to the sums expended for education. Are our colleges deserted? Do fathers find themselves less able than usual to educate their children? It will be found, I imagine, that the amount paid for the purpose of education is constantly increasing, and that the schools and colleges were never more full than at the present moment. I may add, that the endowment of public charities, the contributions to objects of general benevolence, whether foreign or domestic, the munificence of individuals towards whatever promises to benefit the community, are all so many proofs of national prosperity. And, finally, there is no defalcation of revenue, no pressure of taxation.

The general result, therefore, of a fair examination of the present condition of things, seems to me to be, that there is a considerable depression of prices, and curtailment of profit; and in some parts of the country, it must be admitted, there is a great degree of pecuniary embarrassment, arising from the difficulty of paying debts which were contracted when prices were high. With these qualifications, the general state of the country may be said to be prosperous; and these are not sufficient to give to the whole face of affairs any appearance of general distress.

Supposing the evil, then, to be a depression of prices, and a partial pecuniary pressure, the next inquiry is into the causes of that evil; and it appears to me that there are several; and in this respect, I think, too much has been imputed by Mr. Speaker to the single cause of the diminution of exports. Connected, as we are, with all the commercial nations of the world, and having observed great changes to take place elsewhere, we should consider whether the causes of those changes have not reached us, and whether we are not suffering by the operation of them, in common with others. Undoubtedly, there has been a great fall in the price of all commodities throughout the commercial world, in consequence of the restoration of a state of peace. When the Allies entered France in 1814, prices rose astonishingly fast, and very high. Colonial



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produce, for instance, in the ports of this country, as well as elsewhere, sprung up suddenly from the lowest to the highest extreme. A new and vast demand was created for the commodities of trade. These were the natural consequences of the great political changes which then took place in Europe.

We are to consider, too, that our own war created new demand, and that a government expenditure of twenty-five or thirty million dollars a year had the usual effect of enhancing prices. We are obliged to add, that the paper issues of our banks carried the same effect still further. A depreciated currency existed in a great part of the country; depreciated to such an extent, that, at one time, exchange between the centre and the North was as high as twenty per cent. The Bank of the United States was instituted to correct this evil; but, for causes which it is not necessary now to enumerate, it did not for some years bring back the currency of the country to a sound state. This depreciation of the circulating currency was so much, of course, added to the nominal prices of commodities, and these prices, thus unnaturally high, seemed, to those who looked only at the appearance, to indicate great prosperity. But such prosperity is more specious than real. It would have been better, probably, as the shock would have been less, if prices had fallen sooner. At length, however, they fell; and as there is little doubt that certain events in Europe had an influence in determining the time at which this fall took place, I will advert shortly to some of the principal of those events.

In May, 1819, the British House of Commons decided, by a unanimous vote, that the resumption of cash payments by the Bank of England should not be deferred beyond the ensuing February. The restriction had been continued from time to time, and from year to year, Parliament always professing to look to the restoration of a specie currency whenever it should be found practicable. Having been, in July, 1818, continued to July, 1819, it was understood that, in the interim, the important question of the time at which cash payments should be resumed should be finally settled. In the latter part of the year 1818, the circulation of the bank had been greatly reduced, and a severe scarcity of money was felt in the London market. Such was the state of things in England. On the Continent, other important events took place. The French Indemnity Loan had been negotiated in the summer of 1818, and the proportion of it belonging to Austria, Russia, and Prussia had been sold. This created an unusual demand for gold and silver in those countries. It has been stated, that the amount of the precious metals transmitted to Austria and Russia in that year was at least twenty millions sterling. Other large sums were sent to Prussia and to Denmark. The effect of this sudden drain of specie, felt first at Paris, was communicated to Amsterdam and Hamburg, and all other commercial places in the North of Europe. The paper system of England had certainly communicated an artificial value to property. It had encouraged speculation, and excited over-trading. When the shock therefore came, and this



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violent pressure for money acted at the same moment on the Continent and in England, inflated and unnatural prices could be kept up no longer. A reduction took place, which has been estimated to have been at least equal to a fall of thirty, if not forty per cent. The depression was universal; and the change was felt in the United States severely, though not equally so in every part. There are those, I am aware, who maintain that the events to which I have alluded did not cause the great fall of prices, but that that fall was natural and inevitable, from the previously existing state of things, the abundance of commodities, and the want of demand. But that would only prove that the effect was produced in another way, rather than by another cause. If these great and sudden calls for money did not reduce prices, but prices fell, as of themselves, to their natural state, still the result is the same; for we perceive that, after these new calls for money, prices could not be kept longer at their unnatural height.

About the time of these foreign events, our own bank system underwent a change; and all these causes, in my view of the subject, concurred to produce the great shock which took place in our commercial cities, and in many parts of the country. The year 1819 was a year of numerous failures, and very considerable distress, and would have furnished far better grounds than exist at present for that gloomy representation of our condition which has been presented. Mr. Speaker has alluded to the strong inclination which exists, or has existed, in various parts of the country, to issue paper money, as a proof of great existing difficulties. I regard it rather as a very productive cause of those difficulties; and the committee will not fail to observe, that there is, at this moment, much the loudest complaint of distress precisely where there has been the greatest attempt to relieve it by systems of paper credit. And, on the other hand, content, prosperity, and happiness are most observable in those parts of the country where there has been the least endeavor to administer relief by law. In truth, nothing is so baneful, so utterly ruinous to all true industry, as interfering with the legal value of money, or attempting to raise artificial standards to supply its place. Such remedies suit well the spirit of extravagant speculation, but they sap the very foundation of all honest acquisition. By weakening the security of property, they take away all motive for exertion. Their effect is to transfer property. Whenever a debt is allowed to be paid by any thing less valuable than the legal currency in respect to which it was contracted, the difference between the value of the paper given in payment and the legal currency is precisely so much property taken from one man and given to another, by legislative enactment.

When we talk, therefore, of protecting industry, let us remember that the first measure for that end is to secure it in its earnings; to assure it that it shall receive its own. Before we invent new modes of raising prices, let us take care that existing prices are not rendered wholly unavailable, by making



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them capable of being paid in depreciated paper. I regard, Sir, this issue of irredeemable paper as the most prominent and deplorable cause of whatever pressure still exists in the country; and, further, I would put the question to the members of this committee, whether it is not from that part of the people who have tried this paper system, and tried it to their cost, that this bill receives the most earnest support? And I cannot forbear to ask, further, whether this support does not proceed rather from a general feeling of uneasiness under the present condition of things, than from the clear perception of any benefit which the measure itself can confer? Is not all expectation of advantage centred in a sort of vague hope, that change may produce relief? Debt certainly presses hardest where prices have been longest kept up by artificial means. They find the shock lightest who take it soonest; and I fully believe that, if those parts of the country which now suffer most had not augmented the force of the blow by deferring it, they would have now been in a much better condition than they are. We may assure ourselves, once for all, Sir, that there can be no such thing as payment of debts by legislation. We may abolish debts indeed; we may transfer property by visionary and violent laws. But we deceive both ourselves and our constituents, if we flatter either ourselves or them with the hope that there is any relief against whatever pressure exists, but in economy and industry. The depression of prices and the stagnation of business have been in truth the necessary result of circumstances. No government could prevent them, and no government can altogether relieve the people from their effect. We have enjoyed a day of extraordinary prosperity; we had been neutral while the world was at war, and had found a great demand for our products, our navigation, and our labor. We had no right to expect that that state of things would continue always. With the return of peace, foreign nations would struggle for themselves, and enter into competition with us in the great objects of pursuit.

Now, Sir, what is the remedy for existing evils? What is the course of policy suited to our actual condition? Certainly it is not our wisdom to adopt any system that may be offered to us, without examination, and in the blind hope that whatever changes our condition may improve it. It is better that we should

"bear those ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of."

We are bound to see that there is a fitness and an aptitude in whatever measures may be recommended to relieve the evils that afflict us; and before we adopt a system that professes to make great alterations, it is our duty to look carefully to each leading interest of the community, and see how it may probably be affected by our proposed legislation.

And, in the first place, what is the condition of our commerce? Here we must clearly perceive, that it is not enjoying that rich harvest which fell to its fortune during the continuance of the European wars. It has been greatly depressed, and limited to small profits. Still, it is elastic and active, and seems



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capable of recovering itself in some measure from its depression. The shipping interest, also, has suffered severely, still more severely, probably, than commerce. If any thing should strike us with astonishment, it is that the navigation of the United States should be able to sustain itself. Without any government protection whatever, it goes abroad to challenge competition with the whole world; and, in spite of all obstacles, it has yet been able to maintain eight hundred thousand tons in the employment of foreign trade. How, Sir, do the ship-owners and navigators accomplish this? How is it that they are able to meet, and in some measure overcome, universal competition? It is not, Sir, by protection and bounties: but by unwearied exertion, by extreme economy, by unshaken perseverance, by that manly and resolute spirit which relies on itself to protect itself. These causes alone enable American ships still to keep their element, and show the flag of their country in distant seas. The rates of insurance may teach us how thoroughly our ships are built, and how skilfully and safely they are navigated. Risks are taken, as I learn, from the United States to Liverpool, at one per cent; and from the United States to Canton and back, as low as three per cent. But when we look to the low rate of freight, and when we consider, also, that the articles entering into the composition of a ship, with the exception of wood, are dearer here than in other countries, we cannot but be utterly surprised that the shipping interest has been able to sustain itself at all. I need not say that the navigation of the country is essential to its honor and its defence. Yet, instead of proposing benefits for it in this hour of its depression, we threaten by this measure to lay upon it new and heavy burdens. In the discussion, the other day, of that provision of the bill which proposes to tax tallow for the benefit of the oil-merchants and whalemens, we had the pleasure of hearing eloquent eulogiums upon that portion of our shipping employed in the whale-fishery, and strong statements of its importance to the public interest. But the same bill proposes a severe tax upon that interest, for the benefit of the iron-manufacturer and the hemp-grower. So that the tallow-chandlers and soapboilers are sacrificed to the oil-merchants, in order that these again may contribute to the manufacturers of iron and the growers of hemp.

If such be the state of our commerce and navigation, what is the condition of our home manufactures? How are they amidst the general depression? Do they need further protection? and if any, how much? On all these points, we have had much general statement, but little precise information. In the very elaborate speech of Mr. Speaker, we are not supplied with satisfactory grounds of judging with respect to these various particulars. Who can tell, from any thing yet before the committee, whether the proposed duty be too high or too low on any one article? Gentlemen tell us, that they are in favor of domestic industry; so am I. They would give it protection; so would I. But then all domestic industry is not confined to manufactures. The



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employments of agriculture, commerce, and navigation are all branches of the same domestic industry; they all furnish employment for American capital and American labor. And when the question is, whether new duties shall be laid, for the purpose of giving further encouragement to particular manufactures, every reasonable man must ask himself, both whether the proposed new encouragement be necessary, and whether it can be given without injustice to other branches of industry.

It is desirable to know, also, somewhat more distinctly, how the proposed means will produce the intended effect. One great object proposed, for example, is the increase of the home market for the consumption of agricultural products. This certainly is much to be desired; but what provisions of the bill are expected wholly or principally to produce this, is not stated. I would not deny that some increase of the home market may follow, from the adoption of this bill, but all its provisions have not an equal tendency to produce this effect. Those manufactures which employ most labor, create, of course, most demand for articles of consumption; and those create least in the production of which capital and skill enter as the chief ingredients of cost. I cannot, Sir, take this bill merely because a committee has recommended it. I cannot espouse a side, and fight under a flag. I wholly repel the idea that we must take this law, or pass no law on the subject. What should hinder us from exercising our own judgments upon these provisions, singly and severally? Who has the power to place us, or why should we place ourselves, in a condition where we cannot give to every measure, that is distinct and separate in itself, a separate and distinct consideration? Sir, I presume no member of the committee will withhold his assent from what he thinks right, until others will yield their assent to what they think wrong. There are many things in this bill acceptable, probably, to the general sense of the House. Why should not these provisions be passed into a law, and others left to be decided upon their own merits, as a majority of the House shall see fit? To some of these provisions I am myself decidedly favorable; to others I have great objections; and I should have been very glad of an opportunity of giving my own vote distinctly on propositions which are, in their own nature, essentially and substantially distinct from one another.

But, Sir, before expressing my own opinion upon the several provisions of this bill, I will advert for a moment to some other general topics. We have heard much of the policy of England, and her example has been repeatedly urged upon us, as proving, not only the expediency of encouragement and protection, but of exclusion and direct prohibition also. I took occasion the other day to remark, that more liberal notions were becoming prevalent on this subject; that the policy of restraints and prohibitions was getting out of repute, as the true nature of commerce became better understood; and that, among public men, those most distinguished were most decided in their reprobation of the broad principle of exclusion and prohibition. Upon the truth of



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this representation, as matter of fact, I supposed there could not be two opinions among those who had observed the progress of political sentiment in other countries, and were acquainted with its present state. In this respect, however, it would seem that I was greatly mistaken. We have heard it again and again declared, that the English government still adheres, with immovable firmness, to its old doctrines of prohibition; that although journalists, theorists, and scientific writers advance other doctrines, yet the practical men, the legislators, the government of the country, are too wise to follow them. It has even been most sagaciously hinted, that the promulgation of liberal opinions on these subjects is intended only to delude other governments, to cajole them into the folly of liberal ideas, while England retains to herself all the benefits of the admirable old system of prohibition. We have heard from Mr. Speaker a warm commendation of the complex mechanism of this system. The British empire, it is said, is, in the first place, to be protected against the rest of the world; then the British Isles against the colonies; next, the isles respectively against each other, England herself, as the heart of the empire, being protected most of all, and against all.

Truly, Sir, it appears to me that Mr. Speaker's imagination has seen system, and order, and beauty, in that which is much more justly considered as the result of ignorance, partiality, or violence. This part of English legislation has resulted, partly from considering Ireland as a conquered country, partly from the want of a complete union, even with Scotland, and partly from the narrow views of colonial regulation, which in early and uninformed periods influenced the European states.

Nothing, I imagine, would strike the public men of England more singularly, than to find gentlemen of real information and much weight in the councils of this country expressing sentiments like these, in regard to the existing state of these English laws. I have never said, indeed, that prohibitory laws do not exist in England; we all know they do; but the question is, Does she owe her prosperity and greatness to these laws? I venture to say, that such is not the opinion of public men now in England, and the continuance of the laws, even without any alteration, would not be evidence that their opinion is different from what I have represented it; because the laws having existed long, and great interests having been built up on the faith of them, they cannot now be repealed without great and overwhelming inconvenience. Because a thing has been wrongly done, it does not therefore follow that it can now be undone; and this is the reason, as I understand it, for which exclusion, prohibition, and monopoly are suffered to remain in any degree in the English system; and for the same reason, it will be wise in us to take our measures, on all subjects of this kind, with great caution. We may not be able, but at the hazard of much injury to individuals, hereafter to retrace our steps. And yet, whatever is extravagant or unreasonable is not likely to endure. There may come a moment of strong reaction; and if no moderation



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be shown in laying on duties, there may be as little scruple in taking them off.

It may be here observed, that there is a broad and marked distinction between entire prohibition and reasonable encouragement. It is one thing, by duties or taxes on foreign articles, to awaken a home competition in the production of the same articles; it is another thing to remove all competition by a total exclusion of the foreign article; and it is quite another thing still, by total prohibition, to raise up at home manufactures not suited to the climate, the nature of the country, or the state of the population. These are substantial distinctions, and although it may not be easy in every case to determine which of them applies to a given article, yet the distinctions themselves exist, and in most cases will be sufficiently clear to indicate the true course of policy; and, unless I have greatly mistaken the prevailing sentiment in the councils of England, it grows every day more and more favorable to the diminution of restrictions, and to the wisdom of leaving much (I do not say every thing, for that would not be true) to the enterprise and the discretion of individuals. I should certainly not have taken up the time of the committee to state at any length the opinions of other governments, or of the public men of other countries, upon a subject like this; but an occasional remark made by me the other day, having been so directly controverted, especially by Mr. Speaker, in his observations yesterday, I must take occasion to refer to some proofs of what I have stated.

What, then, is the state of English opinion? Everybody knows that, after the termination of the late European war, there came a time of great pressure in England. Since her example has been quoted, let it be asked in what mode her government sought relief. Did it aim to maintain artificial and unnatural prices? Did it maintain a swollen and extravagant paper circulation? Did it carry further the laws of prohibition and exclusion? Did it draw closer the cords of colonial restraint? No, Sir, but precisely the reverse. Instead of relying on legislative contrivances and artificial devices, it trusted to the enterprise and industry of the people, which it sedulously sought to excite, not by imposing restraint, but by removing it, wherever its removal was practicable. In May, 1820, the attention of the government having been much turned to the state of foreign trade, a distinguished member³¹⁸ of the House of Peers brought forward a Parliamentary motion upon that subject, followed by an ample discussion and a full statement of his own opinions. In the course of his remarks, he observed, "that there ought to be no prohibitory duties as such; for that it was evident, that, where a manufacture could not be carried on, or a production raised, but under the protection of a prohibitory duty, that manufacture, or that produce, could not be brought to market but at a loss. In his opinion, the name of strict prohibition might, therefore, in commerce, be got rid of

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altogether; but he did not see the same objection to protecting duties, which, while they admitted of the introduction of commodities from abroad similar to those which we ourselves manufactured, placed them so much on a level as to allow a competition between them." "No axiom," he added, "was more true than this: that it was by growing what the territory of a country could grow most cheaply, and by receiving from other countries what it could not produce except at too great an expense, that the greatest degree of happiness was to be communicated to the greatest extent of population."

In assenting to the motion, the first minister³¹⁹ of the crown expressed his own opinion of the great advantage resulting from unrestricted freedom of trade. "Of the soundness of that general principle," he observed, "I can entertain no doubt. I can entertain no doubt of what would have been the great advantages to the civilized world, if the system of unrestricted trade had been acted upon by every nation from the earliest period of its commercial intercourse with its neighbors. If to those advantages there could have been any exceptions, I am persuaded that they would have been but few; and I am also persuaded that the cases to which they would have referred would not have been, in themselves, connected with the trade and commerce of England. But we are now in a situation in which, I will not say that a reference to the principle of unrestricted trade can be of no use, because such a reference may correct erroneous reasoning, but in which it is impossible for us, or for any country in the world but the United States of America, to act unreservedly on that principle. The commercial regulations of the European world have been long established, and cannot suddenly be departed from." Having supposed a proposition to be made to England by a foreign state for free commerce and intercourse, and an unrestricted exchange of agricultural products and of manufactures, he proceeds to observe: "It would be impossible to accede to such a proposition. We have risen to our present greatness under a different system. Some suppose that we have risen in consequence of that system; **others, of whom I am one, believe that we have risen in spite of that system.** But, whichever of these hypotheses be true, certain it is that we have risen under a very different system than that of free and unrestricted trade. It is utterly impossible, with our debt and taxation, even if they were but half their existing amount, that we can suddenly adopt the system of free trade."

Lord Ellenborough, in the same debate, said, "that he attributed the general distress then existing in Europe to the regulations that had taken place since the destruction of the French power. Most of the states on the Continent had surrounded themselves as with walls of brass, to inhibit intercourse with other states. Intercourse was prohibited, even in districts of the same state, as was the case in Austria and Sardinia. Thus, though the taxes on the people had been lightened, the severity of their condition had been increased. He believed that the discontent

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which pervaded most parts of Europe, and especially Germany, was more owing to commercial restrictions than to any theoretical doctrines on government; and that a free communication among them would do more to restore tranquillity, than any other step that could be adopted. He objected to all attempts to frustrate the benevolent intentions of Providence, which had given to various countries various wants, in order to bring them together. He objected to it as anti-social; he objected to it as making commerce the means of barbarizing instead of enlightening nations. The state of the trade with France was most disgraceful to both countries; the two greatest civilized nations of the world, placed at a distance of scarcely twenty miles from each other, had contrived, by their artificial regulations, to reduce their commerce with each other to a mere nullity." Every member speaking on this occasion agreed in the general sentiments favorable to unrestricted intercourse, which had thus been advanced; one of them remarking, at the conclusion of the debate, that "the principles of free trade, which he was happy to see so fully recognized, were of the utmost consequence; for, though, in the present circumstances of the country, a free trade was unattainable, yet their task hereafter was to approximate to it. Considering the prejudices and interests which were opposed to the recognition of that principle, it was no small indication of the firmness and liberality of government to have so fully conceded it."

Sir, we have seen, in the course of this discussion, that several gentlemen have expressed their high admiration of the **silk manufacture** of England. Its commendation was begun, I think, by the honorable member from Vermont, who sits near me, who thinks that that alone gives conclusive evidence of the benefits produced by attention to manufactures, inasmuch as it is a great source of wealth to the nation, and has amply repaid all the cost of its protection. Mr. Speaker's approbation of this part of the English example was still warmer. Now, Sir, it does so happen, that both these gentlemen differ very widely on this point from the opinions entertained in England, by persons of the first rank, both as to knowledge and power. In the debate to which I have already referred, the proposer of the motion urged the expediency of providing for the admission of the silks of France into England. "He was aware," he said, "that there was a poor and industrious body of manufacturers, whose interests must suffer by such an arrangement; and therefore he felt that it would be the duty of Parliament to provide for the present generation by a large Parliamentary grant. It was conformable to every principle of sound justice to do so, when the interests of a particular class were sacrificed to the good of the whole." In answer to these observations, Lord Liverpool said that, with reference to several branches of manufactures, time, and the change of circumstances, had rendered the system of protecting duties merely nominal; and that, in his opinion, if all the protecting laws which regarded both the woollen and cotton manufactures were to be repealed, no injurious effects would



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thereby be occasioned. "But," he observes, "with respect to silk, that manufacture in this kingdom is so completely artificial, that any attempt to introduce the principles of free trade with reference to it might put an end to it altogether. I allow that the silk manufacture is not natural to this country. **I wish we had never had a silk manufactory.** I allow that it is natural to France; I allow that it might have been better, had each country adhered exclusively to that manufacture in which each is superior; and had the silks of France been exchanged for British cottons. But I must look at things as they are; and when I consider the extent of capital, and the immense population, consisting, I believe, of about fifty thousand persons, engaged in our silk manufacture, I can only say, that one of the few points in which I totally disagree with the proposer of the motion is the expediency, under existing circumstances, of holding out any idea that it would be possible to relinquish the silk manufacture, and to provide for those who live by it, by Parliamentary enactment. Whatever objections there may be to the continuance of the protecting system, I repeat, that it is impossible altogether to relinquish it. I may regret that the system was ever commenced; but as I cannot recall that act, I must submit to the inconvenience by which it is attended, rather than expose the country to evils of greater magnitude." Let it be remembered, Sir, that these are not the sentiments of a theorist, nor the fancies of speculation; but the operative opinions of the first minister of England, acknowledged to be one of the ablest and most practical statesmen of his country. Gentlemen could have hardly been more unfortunate than in the selection of the silk manufacture in England as an example of the beneficial effects of that system which they would recommend. It is, in the language which I have quoted, completely artificial. It has been sustained by I know not how many laws, breaking in upon the plainest principles of general expediency. At the last session of Parliament, the manufacturers petitioned for the repeal of three or four of these statutes, complaining of the vexatious restrictions which they impose on the wages of labor; setting forth, that a great variety of orders has from time to time been issued by magistrates under the authority of these laws, interfering in an oppressive manner with the minutest details of the manufacture, – such as limiting the number of threads to an inch, restricting the widths of many sorts of work, and determining the quantity of labor not to be exceeded without extra wages; that by the operation of these laws, the rate of wages, instead of being left to the recognized principles of regulation, has been arbitrarily fixed by persons whose ignorance renders them incompetent to a just decision; that masters are compelled by law to pay an equal price for all work, whether well or ill performed; and that they are wholly prevented from using improved machinery, it being ordered, that work, in the weaving of which machinery is employed, shall be paid precisely at the same rate as if done by hand; that these acts have frequently given rise to the most vexatious



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regulations, the unintentional breach of which has subjected manufacturers to ruinous penalties; and that the introduction of all machinery being prevented, by which labor might be cheapened, and the manufacturers being compelled to pay at a fixed price, under all circumstances, they are unable to afford employment to their workmen, in times of stagnation of trade, and are compelled to stop their looms. And finally, they complain that, notwithstanding these grievances under which they labor, while carrying on their manufacture in London, the law still prohibits them, while they continue to reside there, from employing any portion of their capital in the same business in any other part of the kingdom, where it might be more beneficially conducted. Now, Sir, absurd as these laws must appear to be to every man, the attempt to repeal them did not, as far as I recollect, altogether succeed. The weavers were too numerous, their interests too great, or their prejudices too strong; and this notable instance of protection and monopoly still exists, to be lamented in England with as much sincerity as it seems to be admired here.

In order further to show the prevailing sentiment of the English government, I would refer to a report of a select committee of the House of Commons, at the head of which was the Vice-President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Wallace), in July, 1820. "The time," say that committee, "when monopolies could be successfully supported, or would be patiently endured, either in respect to subjects against subjects, or particular countries against the rest of the world, seems to have passed away. Commerce, to continue undisturbed and secure, must be, as it was intended to be, a source of reciprocal amity between nations, and an interchange of productions to promote the industry, the wealth, and the happiness of mankind." In moving for the re-appointment of the committee in February, 1823, the same gentleman said: "We must also get rid of that feeling of appropriation which exhibited itself in a disposition to produce every thing necessary for our own consumption, and to render ourselves independent of the world. No notion could be more absurd or mischievous; it led, even in peace, to an animosity and rancor greater than existed in time of war. Undoubtedly there would be great prejudices to combat, both in this country and elsewhere, in the attempt to remove the difficulties which are most obnoxious. It would be impossible to forget the attention which was in some respects due to the present system of protections, although that attention ought certainly not to be carried beyond the absolute necessity of the case." And in a second report of the committee, drawn by the same gentleman, in that part of it which proposes a diminution of duties on timber from the North of Europe, and the policy of giving a legislative preference to the importation of such timber in the log, and a discouragement of the importation of deals, it is stated that the committee reject this policy, because, among other reasons, "it is founded on a principle of exclusion, which they are most averse to see brought into operation, in any **new instance**, without the warrant



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of some evident and great political expediency." And on many subsequent occasions the same gentleman has taken occasion to observe, that he differed from those who thought that manufactures could not flourish without restrictions on trade; that old prejudices of that sort were dying away, and that more liberal and just sentiments were taking their place.

These sentiments appear to have been followed by important legal provisions, calculated to remove restrictions and prohibitions where they were most severely felt; that is to say, in several branches of navigation and trade. They have relaxed their colonial system, they have opened the ports of their islands, and have done away the restriction which limited the trade of the colony to the mother country. Colonial products can now be carried directly from the islands to any part of Europe; and it may not be improbable, considering our own high duties on spirits, that that article may be exchanged hereafter by the English West India colonies directly for the timber and deals of the Baltic. It may be added, that Mr. Lowe, whom the gentleman has cited, says, that nobody supposes that the three great staples of English manufactures, cotton, woollen, and hardware, are benefited by any existing protecting duties; and that one object of all these protecting laws is usually overlooked, and that is, that they have been intended to reconcile the various interests to taxation; the corn law, for example, being designed as some equivalent to the agricultural interest for the burden of tithes and of poor-rates.

In fine, Sir, I think it is clear, that, if we now embrace the system of prohibitions and restrictions, we shall show an affection for what others have discarded, and be attempting to ornament ourselves with cast-off apparel.

Sir, I should not have gone into this prolix detail of opinions from any consideration of their special importance on the present occasion; but having happened to state that such was the actual opinion of the government of England at the present time, and the accuracy of this representation having been so confidently denied, I have chosen to put the matter beyond doubt or cavil, although at the expense of these tedious citations. I shall have occasion hereafter to refer more particularly to sundry recent British enactments, by way of showing the diligence and spirit with which that government strives to sustain its navigating interest, by opening the widest possible range to the enterprise of individual adventurers. I repeat, that I have not alluded to these examples of a foreign state as being fit to control our own policy. In the general principle, I acquiesce. Protection, when carried to the point which is now recommended, that is, to entire prohibition, seems to me destructive of all commercial intercourse between nations. We are urged to adopt the system upon general principles; and what would be the consequence of the universal application of such a general principle, but that nations would abstain entirely from all intercourse with one another? I do not admit the general principle; on the contrary, I think freedom of trade to be the



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general principle, and restriction the exception. And it is for every state, taking into view its own condition, to judge of the propriety, in any case, of making an exception, constantly preferring, as I think all wise governments will, not to depart without urgent reason from the general rule.

There is another point in the existing policy of England to which I would most earnestly invite the attention of the committee; I mean the warehouse system, or what we usually call the system of drawback. Very great prejudices appear to me to exist with us on that subject. We seem averse to the extension of the principle. The English government, on the contrary, appear to have carried it to the extreme of liberality. They have arrived, however, at their present opinions and present practice by slow degrees. The transit system was commenced about the year 1803, but the first law was partial and limited. It admitted the importation of raw materials for exportation, but it excluded almost every sort of manufactured goods. This was done for the same reason that we propose to prevent the transit of Canadian wheat through the United States, the fear of aiding the competition of the foreign article with our own in foreign markets. Better reflection or more experience has induced them to abandon that mode of reasoning, and to consider all such means of influencing foreign markets as nugatory; since, in the present active and enlightened state of the world, nations will supply themselves from the best sources, and the true policy of all producers, whether of raw materials or of manufactured articles, is, not vainly to endeavor to keep other vendors out of the market, but to conquer them in it by the quality and the cheapness of their articles. The present policy of England, therefore, is to allure the importation of commodities into England, there to be deposited in English warehouses, thence to be exported in assorted cargoes, and thus enabling her to carry on a general export trade to all quarters of the globe. Articles of all kinds, with the single exception of tea, may be brought into England, from any part of the world, in foreign as well as British ships, there warehoused, and again exported, at the pleasure of the owner, without the payment of any duty or government charge whatever.

While I am upon this subject, I would take notice also of the recent proposition in the English Parliament to abolish the tax on imported wool; and it is observable that those who support this proposition give the same reasons that have been offered here, within the last week, against the duty which we propose on the same article. They say that their manufacturers require a cheap and coarse wool, for the supply of the Mediterranean and Levant trade, and that, without a more free admission of the wool of the Continent, that trade will all fall into the hands of the Germans and Italians, who will carry it on through Leghorn and Trieste. While there is this duty on foreign wool to protect the wool-growers of England, there is, on the other hand, a prohibition on the exportation of the native article in aid of the manufacturers. The opinion seems to be gaining strength,



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that the true policy is to abolish both.

Laws have long existed in England preventing the emigration of artisans and the exportation of machinery; but the policy of these, also, has become doubted, and an inquiry has been instituted in Parliament into the expediency of repealing them. As to the emigration of artisans, say those who disapprove the laws, if that were desirable, no law could effect it; and as to the exportation of machinery, let us make it and export it as we would any other commodity. If France is determined to spin and weave her own cotton, let us, if we may, still have the benefit of furnishing the machinery.

I have stated these things, Sir, to show what seems to be the general tone of thinking and reasoning on these subjects in that country, the example of which has been so much pressed upon us. Whether the present policy of England be right or wrong, wise or unwise, it cannot, as it seems clearly to me, be quoted as an authority for carrying further the restrictive and exclusive system, either in regard to manufactures or trade. To re-establish a sound currency, to meet at once the shock, tremendous as it was, of the fall of prices, to enlarge her capacity for foreign trade, to open wide the field of individual enterprise and competition, and to say plainly and distinctly that the country must relieve itself from the embarrassments which it felt, by economy, frugality, and renewed efforts of enterprise, — these appear to be the general outline of the policy which England has pursued.

Mr. Chairman, I will now proceed to say a few words upon a topic, but for the introduction of which into this debate I should not have given the committee on this occasion the trouble of hearing me. Some days ago, I believe it was when we were settling the controversy between the oil-merchants and the tallow-chandlers, the **balance of trade** made its appearance in debate, and I must confess, Sir, that I spoke of it, or rather spoke to it, somewhat freely and irreverently. I believe I used the hard names which have been imputed to me, and I did it simply for the purpose of laying the spectre, and driving it back to its tomb. Certainly, Sir, when I called the old notion on this subject nonsense, I did not suppose that I should offend any one, unless the dead should happen to hear me. All the living generation, I took it for granted, would think the term very properly applied. In this, however, I was mistaken. The dead and the living rise up together to call me to account, and I must defend myself as well as I am able.

Let us inquire, then, Sir, what is meant by an unfavorable balance of trade, and what the argument is, drawn from that source. By an unfavorable balance of trade, I understand, is meant that state of things in which importation exceeds exportation. To apply it to our own case, if the value of goods imported exceed the value of those exported, then the balance of trade is said to be against us, inasmuch as we have run in debt to the amount of this difference. Therefore it is said, that, if a nation continue long in a commerce like this, it must



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be rendered absolutely bankrupt. It is in the condition of a man that buys more than he sells; and how can such a traffic be maintained without ruin? Now, Sir, the whole fallacy of this argument consists in supposing, that, whenever the value of imports exceeds that of exports, a debt is necessarily created to the extent of the difference, whereas, ordinarily, the import is no more than the result of the export, augmented in value by the labor of transportation. The excess of imports over exports, in truth, usually shows the gains, not the losses, of trade; or, in a country that not only buys and sells goods, but employs ships in carrying goods also, it shows the profits of commerce, and the earnings of navigation. Nothing is more certain than that, in the usual course of things, and taking a series of years together, the value of our imports is the aggregate of our exports and our freights. If the value of commodities imported in a given instance did not exceed the value of the outward cargo, with which they were purchased, then it would be clear to every man's common sense, that the voyage had not been profitable. If such commodities fell far short in value of the cost of the outward cargo, then the voyage would be a very losing one; and yet it would present exactly that state of things, which, according to the notion of a balance of trade, can alone indicate a prosperous commerce. On the other hand, if the return cargo were found to be worth much more than the outward cargo, while the merchant, having paid for the goods exported, and all the expenses of the voyage, finds a handsome sum yet in his hands, which he calls profits, the balance of trade is still against him, and, whatever he may think of it, he is in a very bad way. Although one individual or all individuals gain, the nation loses; while all its citizens grow rich, the country grows poor. This is the doctrine of the balance of trade.

Allow me, Sir, to give an instance tending to show how unaccountably individuals deceive themselves, and imagine themselves to be somewhat rapidly mending their condition, while they ought to be persuaded that, by that infallible standard, the balance of trade, they are on the high road to ruin. Some years ago, in better times than the present, a ship left one of the towns of New England with 70,000 specie dollars. She proceeded to Mocha, on the Red Sea, and there laid out these dollars in coffee, drugs, spices, and other articles procured in that market. With this new cargo she proceeded to Europe; two thirds of it were sold in Holland for \$130,000, which the ship brought back, and placed in the same bank from the vaults of which she had taken her original outfit. The other third was sent to the ports of the Mediterranean, and produced a return of \$25,000 in specie, and \$15,000 in Italian merchandise. These sums together make \$170,000 imported, which is \$100,000 more than was exported, and is therefore proof of an unfavorable balance of trade, to that amount, in this adventure. We should find no great difficulty, Sir, in paying off our balances, if this were the nature of them all.

The truth is, Mr. Chairman, that all these obsolete and exploded



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notions had their origin in very mistaken ideas of the true nature of commerce. Commerce is not a gambling among nations for a stake, to be won by some and lost by others. It has not the tendency necessarily to impoverish one of the parties to it, while it enriches the other; all parties gain, all parties make profits, all parties grow rich, by the operations of just and liberal commerce. If the world had but one clime and but one soil; if all men had the same wants and the same means, on the spot of their existence, to gratify those wants, – then, indeed, what one obtained from the other by exchange would injure one party in the same degree that it benefited the other; then, indeed, there would be some foundation for the balance of trade. But Providence has disposed our lot much more kindly. We inhabit a various earth. We have reciprocal wants, and reciprocal means for gratifying one another's wants. This is the true origin of commerce, which is nothing more than an exchange of equivalents, and, from the rude barter of its primitive state, to the refined and complex condition in which we see it, its principle is uniformly the same, its only object being, in every stage, to produce that exchange of commodities between individuals and between nations which shall conduce to the advantage and to the happiness of both. Commerce between nations has the same essential character as commerce between individuals, or between parts of the same nation. Cannot two individuals make an interchange of commodities which shall prove beneficial to both, or in which the balance of trade shall be in favor of both? If not, the tailor and the shoemaker, the farmer and the smith, have hitherto very much misunderstood their own interests. And with regard to the internal trade of a country, in which the same rule would apply as between nations, do we ever speak of such an intercourse as prejudicial to one side because it is useful to the other? Do we ever hear that, because the intercourse between New York and Albany is advantageous to one of those places, it must therefore be ruinous to the other?

May I be allowed, Sir, to read a passage on this subject from the observations of a gentleman, in my opinion one of the most clear and sensible writers and speakers of the age upon subjects of this sort?³²⁰ "There is no political question on which the prevalence of false principles is so general, as in what relates to the nature of commerce and to the pretended balance of trade; and there are few which have led to a greater number of practical mistakes, attended with consequences extensively prejudicial to the happiness of mankind. In this country, our Parliamentary proceedings, our public documents, and the works of several able and popular writers, have combined to propagate the impression, that we are indebted for much of our riches to what is called the balance of trade." "Our true policy would surely be to profess, as the object and guide of our commercial system, that which every man who has studied the subject must know to be the true principle of commerce, the interchange of reciprocal and equivalent benefit. We may rest assured that it is not in the

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nature of commerce to enrich one party at the expense of the other. This is a purpose at which, if it were practicable, we ought not to aim; and which, if we aimed at, we could not accomplish." These remarks, I believe, Sir, were written some ten or twelve years ago. They are in perfect accordance with the opinions, advanced in more elaborate treatises, and now that the world has returned to a state of peace, and commerce has resumed its natural channels, and different nations are enjoying, or seeking to enjoy, their respective portions of it, all see the justness of these ideas, — all see, that, in this day of knowledge and of peace, there can be no commerce between nations but that which shall benefit all who are parties to it.

If it were necessary, Mr. Chairman, I might ask the attention of the committee to refer to a document before us, on this subject of the balance of trade. It will be seen by reference to the accounts, that, in the course of the last year, our total export to Holland exceeded two millions and a half; our total import from the same country was but seven hundred thousand dollars. Now, can any man be wild enough to make any inference from this as to the gain or loss of our trade with Holland for that year? Our trade with Russia for the same year produced a balance the other way, our import being two millions, and our export but half a million. But this has no more tendency to show the Russian trade a losing trade, than the other statement has to show that the Dutch trade has been a gainful one. Neither of them, by itself, proves any thing.

Springing out of this notion of a balance of trade, there is another idea, which has been much dwelt upon in the course of this debate; that is, that we ought not to buy of nations who do not buy of us; for example, that the Russian trade is a trade disadvantageous to the country, and ought to be discouraged, because, in the ports of Russia, we buy more than we sell. Now allow me to observe, in the first place, Sir, that we have no account showing how much we do sell in the ports of Russia. Our official returns show us only what is the amount of our direct trade with her ports. But then we all know that the proceeds of another portion of our exports go to the same market, though indirectly. We send our own products, for example, to Cuba, or to Brazil; we there exchange them for the sugar and the coffee of those countries, and these articles we carry to St. Petersburg, and there sell them. Again; our exports to Holland and Hamburg are connected directly or indirectly with our imports from Russia. What difference does it make, in sense or reason, whether a cargo of iron be bought at St. Petersburg, by the exchange of a cargo of tobacco, or whether the tobacco has been sold on the way, in a better market, in a port of Holland, the money remitted to England, and the iron paid for by a bill on London? There might indeed have been an augmented freight, there might have been some saving of commissions, if tobacco had been in brisk demand in the Russian market. But still there is nothing to show that the whole voyage may not have been highly profitable. That depends upon the original cost of the article



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here, the amount of freight and insurance to Holland, the price obtained there, the rate of exchange between Holland and England, the expense, then, of proceeding to St. Petersburg, the price of iron there, the rate of exchange between that place and England, the amount of freight and insurance at home, and, finally, the value of the iron when brought to our own market. These are the calculations which determine the fortune of the adventure; and nothing can be judged of it, one way or the other, by the relative state of our imports or exports with Holland, England, or Russia.

I would not be understood to deny, that it may often be our interest to cultivate a trade with countries that require most of such commodities as we can furnish, and which are capable also of directly supplying our own wants. This is the original and the simplest form of all commerce, and is no doubt highly beneficial. Some countries are so situated, that commerce, in this original form, or something near it, may be all that they can, without considerable inconvenience, carry on. Our trade, for example, with Madeira and the Western Islands has been useful to the country, as furnishing a demand for some portion of our agricultural products, which probably could not have been bought had we not received their products in return. Countries situated still farther from the great marts and highways of the commercial world may afford still stronger instances of the necessity and utility of conducting commerce on the original principle of barter, without much assistance from the operations of credit and exchange. All I would be understood to say is, that it by no means follows that we can carry on nothing but a losing trade with a country from which we receive more of her products than she receives of ours. Since I was supposed, the other day, in speaking upon this subject, to advance opinions which not only this country ought to reject, but which also other countries, and those the most distinguished for skill and success in commercial intercourse, do reject, I will ask leave to refer again to the discussion which I first mentioned in the English Parliament, relative to the foreign trade of that country. "With regard," says the mover³²¹ of the proposition, "to the argument employed against renewing our intercourse with the North of Europe, namely, that those who supplied us with timber from that quarter would not receive British manufactures in return, it appeared to him futile and ungrounded. If they did not send direct for our manufactures at home, they would send for them to Leipsic and other fairs of Germany. Were not the Russian and Polish merchants purchasers there to a great amount? But he would never admit the principle, that a trade was not profitable because we were obliged to carry it on with the precious metals, or that we ought to renounce it, because our manufactures were not received by the foreign nation in return for its produce. Whatever we received must be paid for in the produce of our land and labor, directly or circuitously, and he was glad to have the noble Earl's³²² marked concurrence in this

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principle."

Referring ourselves again, Sir, to the analogies of common life, no one would say that a farmer or a mechanic should buy **only** where he can do so by the exchange of his own produce, or of his own manufacture. Such exchange may be often convenient; and, on the other hand, the cash purchase may be often more convenient. It is the same in the intercourse of nations. Indeed, Mr. Speaker has placed this argument on very clear grounds. It was said, in the early part of the debate, that, if we cease to import English cotton fabrics, England will no longer continue to purchase our cotton. To this Mr. Speaker replied, with great force and justice, that, as she must have cotton in large quantities, she will buy the article where she can find it best and cheapest; and that it would be quite ridiculous in her, manufacturing as she still would be, for her own vast consumption and the consumption of millions in other countries, to reject our uplands because we had learned to manufacture a part of them for ourselves. Would it not be equally ridiculous in us, if the commodities of Russia were both cheaper and better suited to our wants than could be found elsewhere, to abstain from commerce with her, because she will not receive in return other commodities which we have to sell, but which she has no occasion to buy?

Intimately connected, Sir, with this topic, is another which has been brought into the debate; I mean the evil so much complained of, the exportation of specie. We hear gentlemen imputing the loss of market at home to a want of money, and this want of money to the exportation of the precious metals. We hear the India and China trade denounced, as a commerce conducted on our side, in a great measure, with gold and silver. These opinions, Sir, are clearly void of all just foundation, and we cannot too soon get rid of them. There are no shallower reasoners than those political and commercial writers who would represent it to be the only true and gainful end of commerce, to accumulate the precious metals. These are articles of use, and articles of merchandise, with this additional circumstance belonging to them, that they are made, by the general consent of nations, the standard by which the value of all other merchandise is to be estimated. In regard to weights and measures, something drawn from external nature is made a common standard, for the purposes of general convenience: and this is precisely the office performed by the precious metals, in addition to those uses to which, as metals, they are capable of being applied. There may be of these too much or too little in a country at a particular time, as there may be of any other articles. When the market is overstocked with them, as it often is, their exportation becomes as proper and as useful as that of other commodities, under similar circumstances. We need no more repine, when the dollars which have been brought here from South America are despatched to other countries, than when coffee and sugar take the same direction. We often deceive ourselves, by attributing to a scarcity of money that which is the result of other causes. In



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the course of this debate, the honorable member from Pennsylvania³²³ has represented the country as full of every thing but money. But this I take to be a mistake. The agricultural products, so abundant in Pennsylvania, will not, he says, sell for money; but they will sell for money as quick as for any other article which happens to be in demand. They will sell for money, for example, as easily as for coffee or for tea, at the prices which properly belong to those articles. The mistake lies in imputing that to want of money which arises from want of demand. Men do not buy wheat because they have money, but because they want wheat. To decide whether money be plenty or not, that is, whether there be a large portion of capital unemployed or not, when the currency of a country is metallic, we must look, not only to the prices of commodities, but also to the rate of interest. A low rate of interest, a facility of obtaining money on loans, a disposition to invest in permanent stocks, all of which are proofs that money is plenty, may nevertheless often denote a state not of the highest prosperity. They may, and often do, show a want of employment for capital; and the accumulation of specie shows the same thing. We have no occasion for the precious metals as money, except for the purposes of circulation, or rather of sustaining a safe paper circulation. And whenever there is a prospect of a profitable investment abroad, all the gold and silver, except what these purposes require, will be exported. For the same reason, if a demand exist abroad for sugar and coffee, whatever amount of those articles might exist in the country, beyond the wants of its own consumption, would be sent abroad to meet that demand. Besides, Sir, how should it ever occur to anybody, that we should continue to export gold and silver, if we did not continue to import them also? If a vessel take our own products to the Havana, or elsewhere, exchange them for dollars, proceed to China, exchange them for silks and teas, bring these last to the ports of the Mediterranean, sell them there for dollars, and return to the United States, — this would be a voyage resulting in the importation of the precious metals. But if she had returned from Cuba, and the dollars obtained there had been shipped direct from the United States to China, the China goods sold in Holland, and the proceeds brought home in the hemp and iron of Russia, this would be a voyage in which they were exported. Yet everybody sees that both might be equally beneficial to the individual and to the public. I believe, Sir, that, in point of fact, we have enjoyed great benefit in our trade with India and China, from the liberty of going from place to place all over the world, without being obliged in the mean time to return home, a liberty not heretofore enjoyed by the private traders of England, in regard to India and China. Suppose the American ship to be at Brazil, for example; she could proceed with her dollars direct to India, and, in return, could distribute her cargo in all the various ports of Europe or America; while an English ship, if a private trader, being at



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Brazil, must first return to England, and then could only proceed in the direct line from England to India. This advantage our countrymen have not been backward to improve; and in the debate to which I have already so often referred, it was stated, not without some complaint of the inconvenience of exclusion, and the natural sluggishness of monopoly, that American ships were at that moment fitting out in the Thames, to supply France, Holland, and other countries on the Continent, with tea; while the East India Company would not do this of themselves, nor allow any of their fellow-countrymen to do it for them.

There is yet another subject, Mr. Chairman, upon which I would wish to say something, if I might presume upon the continued patience of the committee. We hear sometimes in the House, and continually out of it, of the rate of exchange, as being one proof that we are on the downward road to ruin. Mr. Speaker himself has adverted to that topic, and I am afraid that his authority may give credit to opinions clearly unfounded, and which lead to very false and erroneous conclusions. Sir, let us see what the facts are. Exchange on England has recently risen one or one and a half per cent, partly owing, perhaps, to the introduction of this bill into Congress. Before this recent rise, and for the last six months, I understand its average may have been about seven and a half per cent advance. Now, supposing this to be the **real**, and not merely, as it is, the nominal, par of exchange between us and England, what would it prove? Nothing, except that funds were wanted by American citizens in England for commercial operations, to be carried on either in England or elsewhere. It would not necessarily show that we were indebted to England; for, if we had occasion to pay debts in Russia or Holland, funds in England would naturally enough be required for such a purpose. Even if it did prove that a balance was due England at the moment, it would have no tendency to explain to us whether our commerce with England had been profitable or unprofitable.

But it is not true, in point of fact, that the **real** price of exchange is seven and a half per cent advance, nor, indeed, that there is at the present moment any advance at all. That is to say, it is not true that merchants will give such an advance, or any advance, for **money** in England, beyond what they would give for the same amount, in the same currency, here. It will strike every one who reflects upon it, that, if there were a real difference of seven and a half per cent, money would be immediately shipped to England; because the expense of transportation would be far less than that difference. Or commodities of trade would be shipped to Europe, and the proceeds remitted to England. If it could so happen, that American merchants should be willing to pay ten per cent premium for money in England, or, in other words, that a real difference to that amount in the exchange should exist, its effects would be immediately seen in new shipments of our own commodities to Europe, because this state of things would create new motives. A cargo of tobacco, for example, might sell at Amsterdam for the



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same price as before; but if its proceeds, when remitted to London, were advanced, as they would be in such case, ten per cent by the state of exchange, this would be so much added to the price, and would operate therefore as a motive for the exportation; and in this way national balances are, and always will be, adjusted.

To form any accurate idea of the true state of exchange between two countries, we must look at their currencies, and compare the quantities of gold and silver which they may respectively represent. This usually explains the state of the exchanges; and this will satisfactorily account for the apparent advance now existing on bills drawn on England. The English standard of value is gold; with us that office is performed by gold, and by silver also, at a fixed relation to each other. But our estimate of silver is rather higher, in proportion to gold, than most nations give it; it is higher, especially, than in England, at the present moment. The consequence is, that silver, which remains a legal currency with us, stays here, while the gold has gone abroad; verifying the universal truth, that, if **two** currencies be allowed to exist, of different values, that which is cheapest will fill up the whole circulation. For as much gold as will suffice to pay here a debt of a given amount, we can buy in England more silver than would be necessary to pay the same debt here; and from this difference in the value of silver arises wholly or in a great measure the present apparent difference in exchange. Spanish dollars sell now in England for four shillings and nine pence sterling per ounce, equal to one dollar and six cents. By our standard the same ounce is worth one dollar and sixteen cents, being a difference of about nine per cent. The true par of exchange, therefore, is nine per cent. If a merchant here pay one hundred Spanish dollars for a bill on England, at nominal par, in sterling money, that is for a bill of £22 10s., the proceeds of this bill, when paid in England in the legal currency, will there purchase, at the present price of silver, one hundred and nine Spanish dollars. Therefore, if the nominal advance on English bills do not exceed nine per cent, the real exchange is not against this country; in other words, it does not show that there is any pressing or particular occasion for the remittance of funds to England.

As little can be inferred from the occasional transfer of United States stock to England. Considering the interest paid on our stocks, the entire stability of our credit, and the accumulation of capital in England, it is not at all wonderful that investments should occasionally be made in our funds. As a sort of countervailing fact, it may be stated that English stocks are now actually held in this country, though probably not to any considerable amount.

I will now proceed, Sir, to state some objections of a more general nature to the course of Mr. Speaker's observations. He seems to me to argue the question as if all domestic industry were confined to the production of manufactured articles; as if the employment of our own capital and our own labor, in the



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occupations of commerce and navigation, were not as emphatically domestic industry as any other occupation. Some other gentlemen, in the course of the debate, have spoken of the price paid for every foreign manufactured article as so much given for the encouragement of foreign labor, to the prejudice of our own. But is not every such article the product of our own labor as truly as if we had manufactured it ourselves? Our labor has earned it, and paid the price for it. It is so much added to the stock of national wealth. If the commodity were dollars, nobody would doubt the truth of this remark; and it is precisely as correct in its application to any other commodity as to silver. One man makes a yard of cloth at home; another raises agricultural products and buys a yard of imported cloth. Both these are equally the earnings of domestic industry, and the only questions that arise in the case are two: the first is, which is the best mode, under all the circumstances, of obtaining the article; the second is, how far this first question is proper to be decided by government, and how far it is proper to be left to individual discretion. There is no foundation for the distinction which attributes to certain employments the peculiar appellation of American industry; and it is, in my judgment, extremely unwise to attempt such discriminations.

We are asked, What nations have ever attained eminent prosperity without encouraging manufactures? I may ask, What nation ever reached the like prosperity without promoting foreign trade? I regard these interests as closely connected, and am of opinion that it should be our aim to cause them to flourish together. I know it would be very easy to promote manufactures, at least for a time, but probably for a short time only, if we might act in disregard of other interests. We could cause a sudden transfer of capital, and a violent change in the pursuits of men. We could exceedingly benefit some classes by these means. But what, then, becomes of the interests of others? The power of collecting revenue by duties on imports, and the habit of the government of collecting almost its whole revenue in that mode, will enable us, without exceeding the bounds of moderation, to give great advantages to those classes of manufactures which we may think most useful to promote at home. What I object to is the immoderate use of the power, – exclusions and prohibitions; all of which, as I think, not only interrupt the pursuits of individuals, with great injury to themselves and little or no benefit to the country, but also often divert our own labor, or, as it may very properly be called, our own domestic industry, from those occupations in which it is well employed and well paid, to others in which it will be worse employed and worse paid. For my part, I see very little relief to those who are likely to be deprived of their employments, or who find the prices of the commodities which they need raised, in any of the alternatives which Mr. Speaker has presented. It is nothing to say that they may, if they choose, continue to buy the foreign article; the answer is, the price is augmented: nor that they may use the domestic article; the price of that also is



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increased. Nor can they supply themselves by the substitution of their own fabric. How can the agriculturist make his own iron? How can the ship-owner grow his own hemp?

But I have a yet stronger objection to the course of Mr. Speaker's reasoning; which is, that he leaves out of the case all that has been already done for the protection of manufactures, and argues the question as if those interests were now for the first time to receive aid from duties on imports. I can hardly express the surprise I feel that Mr. Speaker should fall into the common mode of expression used elsewhere, and ask if we will give our manufacturers no protection. Sir, look to the history of our laws; look to the present state of our laws. Consider that our whole revenue, with a trifling exception, is collected at the custom-house, and always has been; and then say what propriety there is in calling on the government for protection, as if no protection had heretofore been afforded. The real question before us, in regard to all the important clauses of the bill, is not whether we will **lay** duties, but whether we will **augment** duties. The demand is for something more than exists, and yet it is pressed as if nothing existed. It is wholly forgotten that iron and hemp, for example, already pay a very heavy and burdensome duty; and, in short, from the general tenor of Mr. Speaker's observations, one would infer that, hitherto, we had rather taxed our own manufactures than fostered them by taxes on those of other countries. We hear of the fatal policy of the tariff of 1816; and yet the law of 1816 was passed avowedly for the benefit of manufacturers, and, with very few exceptions, imposed on imported articles very great additions of tax; in some important instances, indeed, amounting to a prohibition.

Sir, on this subject, it becomes us at least to understand the real posture of the question. Let us not suppose that we are **beginning** the protection of manufactures, by duties on imports. What we are asked to do is, to render those duties much higher, and therefore, instead of dealing in general commendations of the benefits of protection, the friends of the bill, I think, are bound to make out a fair case for each of the manufactures which they propose to benefit. The government has already done much for their protection, and it ought to be presumed to have done enough, unless it be shown, by the facts and considerations applicable to each, that there is a necessity for doing more.

On the general question, Sir, allow me to ask if the doctrine of prohibition, as a general doctrine, be not preposterous. Suppose all nations to act upon it; they would be prosperous, then, according to the argument, precisely in the proportion in which they abolished intercourse with one another. The less of mutual commerce the better, upon this hypothesis. Protection and encouragement may be, and doubtless are, sometimes, wise and beneficial, if kept within proper limits; but when carried to an extravagant height, or the point of prohibition, the absurd character of the system manifests itself. Mr. Speaker has referred to the late Emperor Napoleon, as having attempted to



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naturalize the manufacture of cotton in France. He did not cite a more extravagant part of the projects of that ruler, that is, his attempt to naturalize the growth of that plant itself, in France; whereas, we have understood that considerable districts in the South of France, and in Italy, of rich and productive lands, were at one time withdrawn from profitable uses, and devoted to raising, at great expense, a little bad cotton. Nor have we been referred to the attempts, under the same system, to make sugar and coffee from common culinary vegetables; attempts which served to fill the print-shops of Europe, and to show us how easy is the transition from what some think sublime to that which all admit to be ridiculous. The folly of some of these projects has not been surpassed, nor hardly equalled, unless it be by the philosopher in one of the satires of Swift, who so long labored to extract sunbeams from cucumbers.

The poverty and unhappiness of Spain have been attributed to the want of protection to her own industry. If by this it be meant that the poverty of Spain is owing to bad government and bad laws, the remark is, in a great measure, just. But these very laws are bad because they are restrictive, partial, and prohibitory. If prohibition were protection, Spain would seem to have had enough of it. Nothing can exceed the barbarous rigidity of her colonial system, or the folly of her early commercial regulations. Unenlightened and bigoted legislation, the multitude of holidays, miserable roads, monopolies on the part of government, restrictive laws, that ought long since to have been abrogated, are generally, and I believe truly, reckoned the principal causes of the bad state of the productive industry of Spain. Any partial improvement in her condition, or increase of her prosperity, has been, in all cases, the result of relaxation, and the abolition of what was intended for favor and protection.

In short, Sir, the general sense of this age sets, with a strong current, in favor of freedom of commercial intercourse, and unrestrained individual action. Men yield up their notions of monopoly and restriction, as they yield up other prejudices, slowly and reluctantly; but they cannot withstand the general tide of opinion.

Let me now ask, Sir, what relief this bill proposes to some of those great and essential interests of the country, the condition of which has been referred to as proof of national distress; and which condition, although I do not think it makes out a case of **distress**, yet does indicate depression.

And first, Sir, as to our foreign trade. Mr. Speaker has stated that there has been a considerable falling off in the tonnage employed in that trade. This is true, lamentably true. In my opinion, it is one of those occurrences which ought to arrest our immediate, our deep, our most earnest attention. What does this bill propose for its relief? It proposes nothing but new burdens. It proposes to diminish its employment, and it proposes, at the same time, to augment its expense, by subjecting it to heavier taxation. Sir, there is no interest,



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in regard to which a stronger case for protection can be made out, than the navigating interest. Whether we look at its present condition, which is admitted to be depressed, the number of persons connected with it, and dependent upon it for their daily bread, or its importance to the country in a political point of view, it has claims upon our attention which cannot be surpassed. But what do we propose to do for it? I repeat, Sir, simply to burden and to tax it. By a statement which I have already submitted to the committee, it appears that the shipping interest pays, annually, more than half a million of dollars in duties on articles used in the construction of ships. We propose to add nearly, or quite, fifty per cent to this amount, at the very moment that we appeal to the languishing state of this interest as a proof of national distress. Let it be remembered that our shipping employed in foreign commerce has, at this moment, not the shadow of government protection. It goes abroad upon the wide sea to make its own way, and earn its own bread, in a professed competition with the whole world. Its resources are its own frugality, its own skill, its own enterprise. It hopes to succeed, if it shall succeed at all, not by extraordinary aid of government, but by patience, vigilance, and toil. This right arm of the nation's safety strengthens its own muscle by its own efforts, and by unwearied exertion in its own defence becomes strong for the defence of the country.

No one acquainted with this interest can deny that its situation, at this moment, is extremely critical. We have left it hitherto to maintain itself or perish; to swim if it can, and to sink if it must. But at this moment of its apparent struggle, can we as men, can we as patriots, add another stone to the weight that threatens to carry it down? Sir, there is a limit to human power, and to human effort. I know the commercial marine of this country can do almost every thing, and bear almost every thing. Yet some things are impossible to be done, and some burdens may be impossible to be borne; and as it was the last ounce that broke the back of the camel, so the last tax, although it were even a small one, may be decisive as to the power of our marine to sustain the conflict in which it is now engaged with all the commercial nations on the globe.

Again, Mr. Chairman, the failures and the bankruptcies which have taken place in our large cities have been mentioned as proving the little success attending **commerce**, and its general decline. But this bill has no balm for those wounds. It is very remarkable, that when the losses and disasters of certain manufacturers, those of iron, for instance, are mentioned, it is done for the purpose of invoking aid for the distressed. Not so with the losses and disasters of commerce; these last are narrated, and not unfrequently much exaggerated, to prove the ruinous nature of the employment, and to show that it ought to be abandoned, and the capital engaged in it turned to other objects.

It has been often said, Sir, that our manufacturers have to contend, not only against the natural advantages of those who



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produce similar articles in foreign countries, but also against the action of foreign governments, who have great political interest in aiding their own manufactures to suppress ours. But have not these governments as great an interest to cripple our marine, by preventing the growth of our commerce and navigation? What is it that makes us the object of the highest respect, or the most suspicious jealousy, to foreign states? What is it that most enables us to take high relative rank among the nations? I need not say that this results, more than from any thing else, from that quantity of military power which we can cause to be water-borne, and from that extent of commerce which we are able to maintain throughout the world.

Mr. Chairman, I am conscious of having detained the committee much too long with these observations. My apology for now proceeding to some remarks upon the particular clauses of the bill is, that, representing a district at once commercial and highly manufacturing, and being called upon to vote upon a bill containing provisions so numerous and so various, I am naturally desirous to state as well what I approve, as what I would reject. The first section proposes an augmented duty upon woollen manufactures. This, if it were unqualified, would no doubt be desirable to those who are engaged in that business. I have myself presented a petition from the woollen manufacturers of Massachusetts, praying an augmented *ad valorem* duty upon imported woollen cloths; and I am prepared to accede to that proposition, to a reasonable extent. But then this bill proposes, also, a very high duty upon imported wool; and, as far as I can learn, a majority of the manufacturers are at least extremely doubtful whether, taking these two provisions together, the state of the law is not better for them now than it would be if this bill should pass. It is said, this tax on raw wool will benefit the agriculturist; but I know it to be the opinion of some of the best informed of that class, that it will do them more hurt than good. They fear it will check the manufacturer, and consequently check his demand for their article. The argument is, that a certain quantity of coarse wool, cheaper than we can possibly furnish, is necessary to enable the manufacturer to carry on the general business, and that if this cannot be had, the consequence will be, not a greater, but a less, manufacture of our own wool. I am aware that very intelligent persons differ upon this point; but if we may safely infer from that difference of opinion, that the proposed benefit is at least doubtful, it would be prudent perhaps to abstain from the experiment. Certain it is, that the same reasoning has been employed, as I have before stated, on the same subject, when a renewed application was made to the English Parliament to repeal the duty on imported wool, I believe scarcely two months ago; those who supported the application pressing urgently the necessity of an unrestricted use of the cheap, imported raw material, with a view to supply with coarse cloths the markets of warm climates, such as those of Egypt and Turkey, and especially a vast newly created demand



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in the South American states.

As to the manufactures of cotton, it is agreed, I believe, that they are generally successful. It is understood that the present existing duty operates pretty much as a prohibition over those descriptions of fabrics to which it applies. The proposed alteration would probably enable the American manufacturer to commence competition with higher-priced fabrics; and so, perhaps, would an augmentation less than is here proposed. I consider the cotton manufactures not only to have reached, but to have passed, the point of competition. I regard their success as certain, and their growth as rapid as the most impatient could well expect. If, however, a provision of the nature of that recommended here were thought necessary, to commence new operations in the same line of manufacture, I should cheerfully agree to it, if it were not at the cost of sacrificing other great interests of the country. I need hardly say, that whatever promotes the cotton and woollen manufactures promotes most important interests of my constituents. They have a great stake in the success of those establishments, and, as far as those manufactures are concerned, would be as much benefited by the provisions of this bill as any part of the community. It is obvious, too, I should think, that, for some considerable time, manufactures of this sort, to whatever magnitude they may rise, will be principally established in those parts of the country where population is most dense, capital most abundant, and where the most successful beginnings have already been made.

But if these be thought to be advantages, they are greatly counterbalanced by other advantages enjoyed by other portions of the country. I cannot but regard the situation of the West as highly favorable to human happiness. It offers, in the abundance of its new and fertile lands, such assurances of permanent property and respectability to the industrious, it enables them to lay such sure foundations for a competent provision for their families, it makes such a nation of freeholders, that it need not envy the happiest and most prosperous of the manufacturing communities. We may talk as we will of well-fed and well-clothed day-laborers or journeymen; they are not, after all, to be compared, either for happiness or respectability, with him who sleeps under his own roof and cultivates his own fee-simple inheritance.

With respect to the proposed duty on glass, I would observe, that, upon the best means of judging which I possess, I am of opinion that the chairman of the committee is right in stating that there is in effect a bounty upon the exportation of the British article. I think it entirely proper, therefore, to raise our own duty by such an amount as shall be equivalent to that bounty.

And here, Mr. Chairman, before proceeding to those parts of the bill to which I most strenuously object, I will be so presumptuous as to take up a challenge which Mr. Speaker has thrown down. He has asked us, in a tone of interrogatory indicative of the feeling of anticipated triumph, to mention any



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country in which manufactures have flourished without the aid of prohibitory laws. He has demanded if it be not policy, protection, ay, and prohibition, that have carried other states to the height of their prosperity, and whether any one has succeeded with such tame and inert legislation as ours. Sir, I am ready to answer this inquiry.

There is a country, not undistinguished among the nations, in which the progress of manufactures has been far more rapid than in any other, and yet unaided by prohibitions or unnatural restrictions. That country, the happiest which the sun shines on, is our own.

The woollen manufactures of England have existed from the early ages of the monarchy. Provisions designed to aid and foster them are in the black-letter statutes of the Edwards and the Henrys. Ours, on the contrary, are but of yesterday; and yet, with no more than the protection of existing laws, they are already at the point of close and promising competition. Sir, nothing is more unphilosophical than to refer us, on these subjects, to the policy adopted by other nations in a very different state of society, or to infer that what was judged expedient by them, in their early history, must also be expedient for us, in this early part of our own. This would be reckoning our age chronologically, and estimating our advance by our number of years; when, in truth, we should regard only the state of society, the knowledge, the skill, the capital, and the enterprise which belong to our times. We have been transferred from the stock of Europe, in a comparatively enlightened age, and our civilization and improvement date as far back as her own. Her original history is also our original history; and if, since the moment of separation, she has gone ahead of us in some respects, it may be said, without violating truth, that we have kept up in others, and, in others again, are ahead ourselves. We are to legislate, then, with regard to the present actual state of society; and our own experience shows us, that, commencing manufactures at the present highly enlightened and emulous moment, we need not resort to the clumsy helps with which, in less auspicious times, governments have sought to enable the ingenuity and industry of their people to hobble along.

The English cotton manufactures began about the commencement of the last reign. Ours can hardly be said to have commenced with any earnestness, until the application of the power-loom, in 1814, not more than ten years ago. Now, Sir, I hardly need again speak of its progress, its present extent, or its assurance of future enlargement. In some sorts of fabrics we are already exporters, and the products of our factories are, at this moment, in the South American markets. We see, then, what **can** be done without prohibition or extraordinary protection, because we see what **has** been done; and I venture to predict, that, in a few years, it will be thought wonderful that these branches of manufactures, at least, should have been thought to require additional aid from government.



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Mr. Chairman, the best apology for laws of prohibition and laws of monopoly will be found in that state of society, not only unenlightened but sluggish, in which they are most generally established. Private industry, in those days, required strong provocatives, which governments were seeking to administer by these means. Something was wanted to actuate and stimulate men, and the prospects of such profits as would, in our times, excite unbounded competition, would hardly move the sloth of former ages. In some instances, no doubt, these laws produced an effect, which, in that period, would not have taken place without them. But our age is of a wholly different character, and its legislation takes another turn. Society is full of excitement; competition comes in place of monopoly; and intelligence and industry ask only for fair play and an open field. Profits, indeed, in such a state of things, will be small, but they will be extensively diffused; prices will be low, and the great body of the people prosperous and happy. It is worthy of remark, that, from the operation of these causes, commercial wealth, while it is increased beyond calculation in its general aggregate, is, at the same time, broken and diminished in its subdivisions. Commercial prosperity should be judged of, therefore, rather from the extent of trade, than from the magnitude of its apparent profits. It has been remarked, that Spain, certainly one of the poorest nations, made very great profits on the amount of her trade; but with little other benefit than the enriching of a few individuals and companies. Profits to the English merchants engaged in the Levant and Turkey trade were formerly very great, and there were richer merchants in England some centuries ago, considering the comparative value of money, than at the present highly commercial period. When the diminution of profits arises from the extent of competition, it indicates rather a salutary than an injurious change.³²⁴

The true course then, Sir, for us to pursue, is, in my opinion, to consider what our situation is; what our means are; and how they can be best applied. What amount of population have we in comparison with our extent of soil, what amount of capital, and labor at what price? As to skill, knowledge, and enterprise, we may safely take it for granted that in these particulars we are on an equality with others. Keeping these considerations in view, allow me to examine two or three of those provisions of the bill to which I feel the strongest objections.

To begin with the article of iron. Our whole annual consumption of this article is supposed by the chairman of the committee to be forty-eight or fifty thousand tons. Let us suppose the latter. The amount of our own manufacture he estimates, I think, at seventeen thousand tons. The present duty on the imported article is \$15 per ton, and as this duty causes, of course, an

324. "The present equable diffusion of moderate wealth cannot be better illustrated, than by remarking that in this age many palaces and superb mansions have been pulled down, or converted to other purposes, while none have been erected on a like scale. The numberless baronial castles and mansions, in all parts of England, now in ruins, may all be adduced as examples of the decrease of inordinate wealth. On the other hand, the multiplication of commodious dwellings for the upper and middle classes of society, and the increased comforts of all ranks, exhibit a picture of individual happiness, unknown in any other age." — *Sir G. Blane's Letter to Lord Spencer, in 1800.*



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equivalent augmentation of the price of the home manufacture, the whole increase of price is equal to \$750,000 annually. This sum we pay on a raw material, and on an absolute necessary of life. The bill proposes to raise the duty from \$15 to \$22.50 per ton, which would be equal to \$1,125,000 on the whole annual consumption. So that, suppose the point of prohibition which is aimed at by some gentlemen to be attained, the consumers of the article would pay this last-mentioned sum every year to the producers of it, over and above the price at which they could supply themselves with the same article from other sources. There would be no mitigation of this burden, except from the prospect, whatever that might be, that iron would fall in value, by domestic competition, after the importation should be prohibited. It will be easy, I think, to show that it cannot fall; and supposing for the present that it shall not, the result will be, that we shall pay annually the sum of \$1,125,000, constantly augmented, too, by increased consumption of the article, **to support a business that cannot support itself.**

It is of no consequence to the argument, that this sum is expended at home; so it would be if we taxed the people to support any other useless and expensive establishment, to build another Capitol, for example, or incur an unnecessary expense of any sort. The question still is, Are the money, time, and labor well laid out in these cases? The present price of iron at Stockholm, I am assured by importers, is \$53 per ton on board, \$48 in the yard before loading, and probably not far from \$40 at the mines. Freight, insurance, &c. may be fairly estimated at \$15, to which add our present duty of \$15 more, and these two last sums, together with the cost on board at Stockholm, give \$83 as the cost of Swedes iron in our market. In fact, it is said to have been sold last year at \$81.50 to \$82 per ton. We perceive, by this statement, that the cost of the iron is doubled in reaching us from the mine in which it is produced. In other words, our present duty, with the expense of transportation, gives an advantage to the American over the foreign manufacturer of one hundred per cent. Why, then, cannot the iron be manufactured at home? Our ore is said to be as good, and some of it better. It is under our feet, and the chairman of the committee tells us that it might be wrought by persons who otherwise will not be employed. Why, then, is it not wrought? Nothing could be more sure of constant sale. It is not an article of changeable fashion, but of absolute, permanent necessity, and such, therefore, as would always meet a steady demand. Sir, I think it would be well for the chairman of the committee to revise his premises, for I am persuaded that there is an ingredient properly belonging to the calculation which he has misstated or omitted. Swedes iron in England pays a duty, I think, of about \$27 per ton; yet it is imported in considerable quantities, notwithstanding the vast capital, the excellent coal, and, more important than all perhaps, the highly improved state of inland navigation in England; although I am aware that the English use of Swedes iron may be thought to be owing in



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some degree to its superior quality.

Sir, the true explanation of this appears to me to lie in the different prices **of labor**; and here I apprehend is the grand mistake in the argument of the chairman of the committee. He says it would cost the nation, as a nation, nothing, to make our ore into iron. Now, I think it would cost us precisely that which we can worst afford; that is, great **labor**. Although bar-iron is very properly considered a raw material in respect to its various future uses, yet, as bar-iron, the principal ingredient in its cost is labor. Of manual labor, no nation has more than a certain quantity, nor can it be increased at will. As to some operations, indeed, its place may be supplied by machinery; but there are other services which machinery cannot perform for it, and which it must perform for itself. A most important question for every nation, as well as for every individual, to propose to itself, is, how it can best apply that quantity of labor which it is able to perform. Labor is the great producer of wealth; it moves all other causes. If it call machinery to its aid, it is still employed, not only in using the machinery, but in making it. Now, with respect to the quantity of labor, as we all know, different nations are differently circumstanced. Some need, more than any thing, work for hands, others require hands for work; and if we ourselves are not absolutely in the latter class, we are still most fortunately very near it. I cannot find that we have those idle hands, of which the chairman of the committee speaks. The price of labor is a conclusive and unanswerable refutation of that idea; it is known to be higher with us than in any other civilized state, and this is the greatest of all proofs of general happiness. Labor in this country is independent and proud. It has not to ask the patronage of capital, but capital solicits the aid of labor. This is the general truth in regard to the condition of our whole population, although in the large cities there are doubtless many exceptions. The mere capacity to labor in common agricultural employments, gives to our young men the assurance of independence. We have been asked, Sir, by the chairman of the committee, in a tone of some pathos, whether we will allow to the serfs of Russia and Sweden the benefit of making iron for us. Let me inform the gentleman, Sir, that those same serfs do not earn more than seven cents a day, and that they work in these mines for that compensation because they are serfs. And let me ask the gentleman further, whether we have any labor in this country that cannot be better employed than in a business which does not yield the laborer more than seven cents a day? This, it appears to me, is the true question for our consideration. There is no reason for saying that we will work iron because we have mountains that contain the ore. We might for the same reason dig among our rocks for the scattered grains of gold and silver which might be found there. The true inquiry is, Can we produce the article in a useful state at the same cost, or nearly at the same cost, or at any reasonable approximation towards the same cost, at which we can import it?



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Some general estimates of the price and profits of labor, in those countries from which we import our iron, might be formed by comparing the reputed products of different mines, and their prices, with the number of hands employed. The mines of Danemora are said to yield about 4,000 tons, and to employ in the mines twelve hundred workmen. Suppose this to be worth \$50 per ton; any one will find by computation, that the whole product would not pay, in this country, for one quarter part of the necessary labor. The whole export of Sweden was estimated, a few years ago, at 400,000 ship pounds, or about 54,000 tons. Comparing this product with the number of workmen usually supposed to be employed in the mines which produce iron for exportation, the result will not greatly differ from the foregoing. These estimates are general, and might not conduct us to a precise result; but we know, from intelligent travellers, and eye-witnesses, that the price of labor in the Swedish mines does not exceed seven cents a day.³²⁵

The true reason, Sir, why it is not our policy to compel our citizens to manufacture our own iron, is that they are far better employed. It is an unproductive business, and they are not poor enough to be obliged to follow it. If we had more of poverty, more of misery, and something of servitude, if we had an ignorant, idle, starving population, we might set up for iron makers against the world.

The committee will take notice, Mr. Chairman, that, under our present duty, together with the expense of transportation, our manufacturers are able to supply their own immediate neighborhood; and this proves the magnitude of that substantial encouragement which these two causes concur to give. There is little or no foreign iron, I presume, used in the county of Lancaster. This is owing to the heavy expense of land carriage; and as we recede farther from the coast, the manufacturers are still more completely secured, as to their own immediate market, against the competition of the imported article. But what they ask is to be allowed to supply the sea-coast, at such a price as shall be formed by adding to the cost at the mines the expense of land carriage to the sea; and this appears to me most unreasonable. The effect of it would be to compel the consumer to pay the cost of two land transportations; for, in the first place, the price of iron at the inland furnaces will always be found to be at, or not much below, the price of the imported article in the seaport, and the cost of transportation to the neighborhood of the furnace; and to enable the home product to hold a competition with the imported in the seaport, the cost

325. The price of labor in Russia may be pretty well collected from Tooke's "View of the Russian Empire." "The workmen in the mines and the founderies are, indeed, all called master-people; but they distinguish themselves into masters, under-masters, apprentices, delvers, servants, carriers, washers, and separators. In proportion to their ability their wages are regulated, which proceed from fifteen to upwards of thirty roubles per annum. The provisions which they receive from the magazines are deducted from this pay." The value of the rouble at that time (1799) was about twenty-four pence sterling, or forty-five cents of our money. "By the edict of 1799," it is added, "a laborer with a horse shall receive, daily, in summer, twenty, and in winter, twelve copecks; a laborer without a horse, in summer, ten, in winter, eight copecks."

A copeck is the hundredth part of a rouble, or about half a cent of our money. The price of labor may have risen, in some degree, since that period, but probably not much.



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of another transportation downward, from the furnace to the coast, must be added. Until our means of inland commerce be improved, and the charges of transportation by that means lessened, it appears to me wholly impracticable, with such duties as any one would think of proposing, to meet the wishes of the manufacturers of this article. Suppose we were to add the duty proposed by this bill, although it would benefit the capital invested in works near the sea and the navigable rivers, yet the benefit would not extend far in the interior. Where, then, are we to stop, or what limit is proposed to us?

The freight of iron has been afforded from Sweden to the United States as low as eight dollars per ton. This is not more than the price of fifty miles of land carriage. Stockholm, therefore, for the purpose of this argument, may be considered as within fifty miles of Philadelphia. Now, it is at once a just and a strong view of this case, to consider, that there are, within fifty miles of our market, vast multitudes of persons who are willing to labor in the production of this article for us, at the rate of seven cents per day, while we have no labor which will not command, upon the average, at least five or six times that amount. The question is, then, shall we buy this article of these manufacturers, and suffer our own labor to earn its greater reward, or shall we employ our own labor in a similar manufacture, and make up to it, by a tax on consumers, the loss which it must necessarily sustain.

I proceed, Sir, to the article of hemp. Of this we imported last year, in round numbers, 6,000 tons, paying a duty of \$30 a ton, or \$180,000 on the whole amount; and this article, it is to be remembered, is consumed almost entirely in the uses of navigation. The whole burden may be said to fall on one interest. It is said we can produce this article if we will raise the duties. But why is it not produced now? or why, at least, have we not seen some specimens? for the present is a very high duty, when expenses of importation are added. Hemp was purchased at St. Petersburg, last year, at \$101.67 per ton. Charges attending shipment, &c., \$14.25. Freight may be stated at \$30 per ton, and our existing duty \$30 more. These three last sums, being the charges of transportation, amount to a protection of near seventy-five per cent in favor of the home manufacturer, if there be any such. And we ought to consider, also, that the price of hemp at St. Petersburg is increased by all the expense of transportation from the place of growth to that port; so that probably the whole cost of transportation, from the place of growth to our market, including our duty, is equal to the first cost of the article; or, in other words, is a protection in favor of our own product of one hundred per cent.

And since it is stated that we have great quantities of fine land for the production of hemp, of which I have no doubt, the question recurs, Why is it not produced? I speak of the water-rotted hemp, for it is admitted that that which is dew-rotted is not sufficiently good for the requisite purposes. I cannot say whether the cause be in climate, in the process of rotting,



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or what else, but the fact is certain, that there is no American water-rotted hemp in the market. We are acting, therefore, upon an hypothesis. Is it not reasonable that those who say that they **can** produce the article shall at least prove the truth of that allegation, before new taxes are laid on those who use the foreign commodity? Suppose this bill passes; the price of hemp is immediately raised \$14.80 per ton, and this burden falls immediately on the ship-builder; and no part of it, for the present, will go for the benefit of the American grower, because he has none of the article than can be used, nor is it expected that much of it will be produced for a considerable time. Still the tax takes effect upon the imported article; and the ship-owners, to enable the Kentucky farmer to receive an additional \$14 on his ton of hemp, whenever he may be able to raise and manufacture it, pay, in the mean time, an equal sum per ton into the treasury on all the imported hemp which they are still obliged to use; and this is called "protection"! Is this just or fair? A particular interest is here burdened, not only for the benefit of another particular interest, but burdened also beyond that, for the benefit of the treasury. It is said to be important for the country that this article should be raised in it; then let the country bear the expense, and pay the bounty. If it be for the good of the whole, let the sacrifice be made by the whole, and not by a part. If it be thought useful and necessary, from political considerations, to encourage the growth and manufacture of hemp, government has abundant means of doing it. It might give a direct bounty, and such a measure would, at least, distribute the burden equally; or, as government itself is a great consumer of this article, it might stipulate to confine its own purchases to the home product, so soon as it should be shown to be of the proper quality. I see no objection to this proceeding, if it be thought to be an object to encourage the production. It might easily, and perhaps properly, be provided by law, that the navy should be supplied with American hemp, the quality being good, at any price not exceeding, by more than a given amount, the current price of foreign hemp in our market. Every thing conspires to render some such course preferable to the one now proposed. The encouragement in that way would be ample, and, if the experiment should succeed, the whole object would be gained; and, if it should fail, no considerable loss or evil would be felt by any one.

I stated, some days ago, and I wish to renew the statement, what was the amount of the proposed augmentation of the duties on iron and hemp, in the cost of a vessel. Take the case of a common ship of three hundred tons, not coppered, nor copper-fastened. It would stand thus, by the present duties: -

14-1/2 tons of iron, for hull, rigging, and anchors,	
at \$15 per ton,	\$217.50
10 tons of hemp, at \$30,	300.00
40 bolts Russia duck, at \$2,	80.00
20 bolts Ravens duck, at \$1.25,	25.00



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On articles of ship-chandlery, cabin furniture, hard-ware, &c.,	40.00
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	\$662.50

The bill proposes to add, —

\$7.40 per ton on iron, which will be	\$107.30
\$14.80 per ton on hemp, equal to	148.00
And on duck, by the late amendment of the bill, say 25 per cent,	25.00
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	\$280.30

But to the duties on iron and hemp should be added those paid on copper, whenever that article is used. By the statement which I furnished the other day, it appeared that the duties received by government on articles used in the construction of a vessel of three hundred and fifty-nine tons, with copper fastenings, amounted to \$1,056. With the augmentations of this bill, they would be equal to \$1,400.

Now I cannot but flatter myself, Mr. Chairman, that, before the committee will consent to this new burden upon the shipping interest, it will very deliberately weigh the probable consequences. I would again urgently solicit its attention to the condition of that interest. We are told that government has protected it, by discriminating duties, and by an exclusive right to the coasting trade. But it would retain the coasting trade by its own natural efforts, in like manner, and with more certainty, than it now retains any portion of foreign trade. The discriminating duties are now abolished, and while they existed, they were nothing more than countervailing measures; not so much designed to give our navigation an advantage over that of other nations, as to put it upon an equality; and we have, accordingly, abolished ours, when they have been willing to abolish theirs. Look to the rate of freights. Were they ever lower, or even so low? I ask gentlemen who know, whether the harbor of Charleston, and the river of Savannah, be not crowded with ships seeking employment, and finding none? I would ask the gentlemen from New Orleans, if their magnificent Mississippi does not exhibit, for furlongs, a forest of masts? The condition, Sir, of the shipping interest is not that of those who are insisting on high profits, or struggling for monopoly; but it is the condition of men content with the smallest earnings, and anxious for their bread. The freight of cotton has formerly been three pence sterling, from Charleston to Liverpool, in time of peace. It is now I know not what, or how many fractions of a penny; I think, however, it is stated at five eighths. The producers, then, of this great staple, are able, by means of this navigation, to send it, for a cent a pound, from their own doors to the best market in the world.

Mr. Chairman, I will now only remind the committee that, while



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we are proposing to add new burdens to the shipping interest, a very different line of policy is followed by our great commercial and maritime rival. It seems to be announced as the sentiment of the government of England, and undoubtedly it is its real sentiment, that the first of all manufactures is the manufacture of ships. A constant and wakeful attention is paid to this interest, and very important regulations, favorable to it, have been adopted within the last year, some of which I will beg leave to refer to, with the hope of exciting the notice, not only of the committee, but of all others who may feel, as I do, a deep interest in this subject. In the first place, a general amendment has taken place in the register acts, introducing many new provisions, and, among others, the following: -

A direct mortgage of the interest of a ship is allowed, without subjecting the mortgagee to the responsibility of an owner.

The proportion of interest held by each owner is exhibited in the register, thereby facilitating both sales and mortgages, and giving a new value to shipping among the moneyed classes.

Shares, in the ships of copartnerships, may be registered as joint property, and subject to the same rules as other partnership effects.

Ships may be registered in the name of trustees, for the benefit of joint-stock companies.

And many other regulations are adopted, with the same general view of rendering the mode of holding the property as convenient and as favorable as possible.

By another act, British registered vessels, of every description, are allowed to enter into the general and the coasting trade in the India seas, and may now trade to and from India, with any part of the world except China.

By a third, all limitations and restrictions, as to latitude and longitude, are removed from ships engaged in the Southern whale-fishery. These regulations, I presume, have not been made without first obtaining the consent of the East India Company; so true is it found, that real encouragement of enterprise oftener consists, in our days, in restraining or buying off monopolies and prohibitions, than in imposing or extending them. The trade with Ireland is turned into a free coasting trade; light duties have been reduced, and various other beneficial arrangements made, and still others proposed. I might add, that, in favor of general commerce, and as showing their confidence in the principles of liberal intercourse, the British government has perfected the warehouse system, and authorized a reciprocity of duties with foreign states, at the discretion of the Privy Council.

This, Sir, is the attention which our great rival is paying to these important subjects, and we may assure ourselves that, if we do not cherish a proper sense of our own interests, she will not only beat us, but will deserve to beat us.

Sir, I will detain you no longer. There are some parts of this bill which I highly approve; there are others in which I should acquiesce; but those to which I have now stated my objections



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appear to me so destitute of all justice, so burdensome and so dangerous to that interest which has steadily enriched, gallantly defended, and proudly distinguished us, that nothing can prevail upon me to give it my support.³²⁶

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NOTE.

This is commonly called Mr. Webster's "Free Trade" speech. It has been found difficult to select one among his many speeches in support of the policy of Protection which would fully represent his views on the subject; but the reasons for his change of opinion, and for his advocacy of Protection, are fully stated in many of the speeches printed in this volume, delivered after the year 1830. Perhaps as good a statement as can be selected from his many speeches on the Tariff, in explanation of his change of position as to the need, policy, and duty of protection to American manufactures, may be found in his speech delivered in the Senate of the United States, on the 25th and 26th of July, 1846, on the Bill "To reduce the Duties on Imports, and for other Purposes." In this speech, he made the following frank avowal of the reasons which induced him to reconsider and reverse his original opinions on the subject:

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"But, Sir, before I proceed further with this part of the case, I will take notice of what appears, latterly, to be an attempt, by the republication of opinions and expressions, arguments and speeches of mine, at an earlier and later period of life, to found against me a charge of inconsistency, on this subject of the protective policy of the country. Mr. President, if it be an inconsistency to hold an opinion upon a subject at one time and in one state of circumstances, and to hold a different opinion upon the same subject at another time and in a different state of circumstances, I admit the charge. Nay, Sir, I will go further; and in regard to questions which, from their nature, do not depend upon circumstances for their true and just solution, I mean constitutional questions, if it be an inconsistency to hold an opinion to-day, even upon such a question, and on that same question to hold a different opinion a quarter of a century afterwards, upon a more comprehensive view of the whole subject, with a more thorough investigation into the original purposes and objects of that Constitution, and especially after a more thorough exposition of those objects and purposes by those who framed it, and have been trusted to administer it, I should not shrink even

326. Since the delivery of this speech, an arrival has brought London papers containing the speech of the English Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Robinson), on the 23d of February last, in submitting to Parliament the annual financial statement. Abundant confirmation will be found in that statement of the remarks made in the preceding speech, as to the prevailing sentiment, in the English government, on the general subject of prohibitory laws, and on the silk manufacture and the wool tax particularly.



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from that imputation. I hope I know more of the Constitution of my country than I did when I was twenty years old. I hope I have contemplated its great objects more broadly. I hope I have read with deeper interest the sentiments of the great men who framed it. I hope I have studied with more care the condition of the country when the convention assembled to form it. And yet I do not know that I have much to retract or to change on these points.

"But, Sir, I am of the opinion of a very eminent person, who had occasion, not long since, to speak of this topic in another place. Inconsistencies of opinion, arising from changes of circumstances, are often justifiable. But there is one sort of inconsistency which is culpable. It is the inconsistency between a man's conviction and his vote; between his conscience and his conduct. No man shall ever charge me with an inconsistency like that. And now, Sir, allow me to say, that I am quite indifferent, or rather thankful, to those conductors of the public press who think they cannot do better than now and then to spread my poor opinions before the public.

"I have said many times, and it is true, that, up to the year 1824, the people of that part of the country to which I belong, being addicted to commerce, having been successful in commerce, their capital being very much engaged in commerce, were averse to entering upon a system of manufacturing operations. Every member in Congress from the State of Massachusetts, with the exception, I think, of one, voted against the act of 1824. But what were we to do? Were we not bound, after 1817 and 1824, to consider that the policy of the country was settled, had become settled, as a policy, to protect the domestic industry of the country by solemn laws? The leading speech³²⁷ which ushered in the act of 1824 was called a speech for the 'American System.' The bill was carried principally by the Middle States. Pennsylvania and New York would have it so; and what were we to do? Were we to stand aloof from the occupations which others were pursuing around us? Were we to pick clean teeth on a constitutional doubt which a majority in the councils of the nation had overruled? No, Sir; we had no option. All that was left us was to fall in with the settled policy of the country; because, if any thing can ever settle the policy of the country, or if any thing can ever settle the practical construction of the Constitution of the country, it must be these repeated decisions of Congress, and enactments of successive laws conformable to these decisions. New England, then, did fall in. She went into manufacturing

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operations, not from original choice, but from the necessity of the circumstances in which the legislation of the country had placed her. And, for one, I resolved then, and have acted upon the resolution ever since, that, having compelled the Eastern States to go into these pursuits for a livelihood, the country was bound to fulfil the just expectations which it had inspired."



April 3, Saturday: Morning and Evening Service for chorus and organ by Samuel Wesley was performed completely for the initial time, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

Samuel Young was nominated by a state caucus for governor of New York.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 3 of 4 M / About 2 OC this afternoon a messenger stoped & gave information that Aunt Mary Gould was worse & I was requested to go up there - which I quickly did, & found her very low, but did not appear to me immediately Dieing [sic]. When I went into the Chamber, I went to the bed & inquired how she did. she told me very poorly, & asked me to sit down, which I did) at the head of her bed - she soon put out her hand for me to take, which I did, & took her pulse & found them Stronger than I expected. - She asked me if I did not think her dieing. I told her not immediately - but considered her very weak & low. - While sitting by her bed side, my mind was cover'd with quiet, & I evidently felt a solemn quiet to preside over her, which was a consolation to my feelings on her account - Aunt Stanton came in, to whom she was able to speak with much composure. - it was necessary for me to leave & come home, being under several pressing engagements - but a few minutes before 5 OC a message came that she was very near the close - I went up & found she had expired just as I entered the room
Aged 81 Years 4 Months & 1 day, being born the 2nd of the 10th M called December "old stile" 1743*

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April 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 4 M / Large solid Meeting & silent till near the close, when our frd D Buffum rose & delivered a testimony on the importance of a preparation for a future State, with great life & solemnity - To me the forepart of the Meeting was a favourd season, for which I desire to be very thankful - In the Afternoon the Meeting was silent, but a pretty good time, indeed it has been a day of favour to me -for this renewal of favour, my heart bows under a sense of my unworthyness -

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April 5, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 4 M 1824 / Attended Aunt Molly Goulds funeral which was a silent solid sitting - she was interd in friends burying ground near our Meeting House on the North side of Aunt Pollys grave

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April 8, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 4th M / Silent & pretty good Meetings - The Committee in care of Jamestown Meeting met at the close, & Concluded to open one there, the First day after the Next Quarterly Meeting at [Greenwich](#). -

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April 10, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th 10th of 4 M / We had this Afternoon the company our Young Friends Wing Russel & Jos Tillinghast of [New Bedford](#) to tea - They appear to be rightly concerned young men, & on good ground, my heart desires their Wellfare - To Wing I feel myself under no small obligations, for many interesting communications, furnished of late on the state of society in [New Bedford](#). -

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April 11, Sunday: Maria Szymanowska gave a very successful performance at the Paris Conservatoire, on her 3-year concert tour of Europe.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 [sic] of 4 M / Meetings silent excepting a short savory communication from Anne Dennis - Both small being very rainy - seasons of some favour to me, but Oh how short of what I desire-
This eveng visited James Mitchell who is very sick & without a speedy change for the better, it now looks as if the days of his Years are nearly numbered. -*

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April 15, Thursday: Work resumed on the [Chesapeake and Delaware Canal](#) after a 19-year hiatus, under Chief Engineer Benjamin Wright.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 4 M / Meeting silent - In the Select Meeting, a sense of lowness in my mown mind & in others - Indeed it is a low time in the Church, especially this part of it - I felt a sense of lamentation over the State of things in the first



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meeting & particularly for myself - but what avails Lamentation, it is not that which is to effect change - it is setting about the Work, removing the Rubbish, building the Wall with one hand & loding the Weapon of defence in the other to Keep away the enemy, this would inspire our own minds with confidence that the Work would be completed, & stimulate others to follow our example, & give them confidence in their leaders - but I cannot but say -Alas the weakness which pervades Zion, may her waste places be restored to ancient beauty by the renewed Zeal of her inhabitants

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 April 18, Easter Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 4 M 1824 / Hard meetings but a degree of favour in the Afternoon - H Dennis & J D was engaged in short testimony in the forenoon & in the Afternoon Jonathon spoke pertinently in a few words

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[Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

I cannot accurately estimate my chances of success, in my profession, & in life. Were it just to judge the future from the past, they would be very low. In my case I think it is not. I have never expected success in my present employment. My scholars are carefully instructed, my money is faithfully earned, but the instructor is little wiser. & the duties were never congenial with my disposition. Thus far the dupe of hope I have trudged on with my burden at my back, and my eye fixed on the distant hill where my burden would fall. It may be I shall write dupe a long time to come & the end of life shall intervene betwixt me & the release. My trust is that my profession shall be my regeneration of mind, manners, inward & outward estate; or rather my starting point, for I have hoped to put on eloquence as a robe, and by goodness and zeal and the awfulness of virtue to press & prevail over the false judgments, the rebel passions & corrupt habits of men. We blame the past, we magnify & gild the future and are not wiser for the multitude of days. Spin on, Ye of the adamantine spindle, spin on, my fragile thread.



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April 19, Monday: George Gordon Noel, 6th Baron Byron of Rochdale, a volunteer in the Greek rebellion, lay a victim of malaria in Missolonghi (Mesolongion), to the west of Athens.³²⁸ His schemes to become a great white hero seemed remote. Ordinarily he wouldn't have let physicians near him, but on this occasion he was hardly conscious enough to drive them away. They bled [the 6th Baron Byron of Rochdale](#) until Captain George Anson Byron became by default [the 7th Baron Byron of Rochdale](#).



His heart and lungs would remain in Greece, while the remainder of his body would be shipped home to be placed in Hucknall Torkard Church near Newstead, Nottinghamshire.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 19 of 4 M / Went to Conannicut to rectify Clocks,
after a laborious day returned at Night -*

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April 22, Thursday: A home at 286 Water Street in New-York was the first private residence to be lighted by gas.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22nd of 4 M / Priscilla Hunt from Indiana was at meeting
Long testimony, know not what to say, - some approves - some are
doubtful - In the last (Preparative) - Queries answered for the
Year, some searching -*

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April 23, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 23 of 4 M / This Afternoon went to Connanicut to attend
a Meeting appointed by her there this PM at 4 OC - it was so
foggy that we could see nothing in the ferry & steerd by the
Compass - it was also rainy & when we got there found the Meeting
was not given out, so concluded to stay all Night at J Greenes
& appoint the Meeting tomorrow at 11 OClock AM. -*

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328. A lot of the fighting of the Greek rebellion centered on this small town. It had originally been carried by storm on November 1, 1821 but then the Turks had laid siege to it during October 1822. The Turks had assaulted the town six times by January 5, 1823 but on January 27, 1823 had been compelled to retreat. They would return on April 17, 1825 and bombard the town beginning on May 7, 1825. There would be another bombardment on January 25, 1826. The town would fall to the Turks on April 22, 1825. The Greeks would again capture the town in 1829, and it would be included in the new kingdom of Greece.



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
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 April 24, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day – Meeting not very full, but considerable many folks there. – Priscilla engaged in a long testimony & concluded in supplication – know not that any fault could be found – her exemplary deportment while I was with her, much in her favour – together with a Savour of life in some part of her testimony at least –
Waited on her & her companions who were John Lawton of Athens NYork & Hannah Eddy of Uxbridge, to the West ferry where we were joined by John Weeden, who agreed to conduct them to Tower Hill Meeting, where they expect to be tomorrow –*

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 April 25, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 25th of 4 M / Silent Meetings, & rather Small – We took tea at David Buffums & spent the evening pleasantly –

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 April 29, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 4 M / Did not go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting – various discouragements attending – Was absent two Days last week, a prospect of Quarterly Meeting next week – & Thos Hornsby who lives in the house with us is very ill – a day of much seriousness to me –

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 May 1, Saturday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) took a room for the summer in Penzing (he would leave after three weeks because, he said, people on a nearby footbridge were staring at him while he was shaving).



If, while he was working, he did not go out during the forenoon, in order to compose himself, he would stand at the washbasin ... and pour great pitchersful of water over his hands, at the same time howling or, for a change, growling out the whole gamut of the scale, ascending and descending; then, before long, he would pace the room, his eyes rolling or fixed in a stare, jot down a few notes and again return to his water pouring and howling.... Beethoven was everywhere unwelcome as a lodger.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 5 M 1824 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Aunt Stanton this PM – lodged & this (1st day [Sunday]) went with her to meeting A precious good one to me, which I felt very thankful for



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Uncle brought me part of the way home this Afternoon

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May 3, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 5 M / This Afternoon went to [Portsmouth](#) again with Dr Hazard to bleed Uncle Stanton who is complaining. -

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May 4, Tuesday: In [Greenwich, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 5 M / In the Greenwich Packet with Friends I went to Greenwich - we got there by 12 OClock, John & Richard on board, with whom I walked up to Dan Howlands & on the way we were caught in the Rain but were Kindly entertained when there. -towards night we walked over to Thomas's to see him & his sister a little while. -

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May 5, Wednesday: Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber's opera comique Le concert a la cour, ou La debutante to words of Scribe and Melesville was performed for the initial time, in Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

We are back from our honeymoon and leave shortly to join poor mamma at New Geneva. Father still in Washington. The Archbishop has excommunicated Monsieur Pascault.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Our Select Meeting was better attended than I have sometimes seen it, but a very low time, to appearance with most present - Spent the Afternoon in visiting a few friends & after the Meeting for Sufferings rose, met with the Trustees of O Browns Benevolent Fund - Lodged at cousin Wanton Caseys. -

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May 6, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day The Public Meeting was a season of favour the Ministry flowed freely - Thos Anthony, John Wilbour, Ruth Freeborn & Mary B Allen were all favoured in their communications & under M B Allen, the Meetings closed with a solemn & precious covering. - The weight & savour continued in the Meeting for buisness -Dined at the Widow Bonds after which finding a convenient opportunity,



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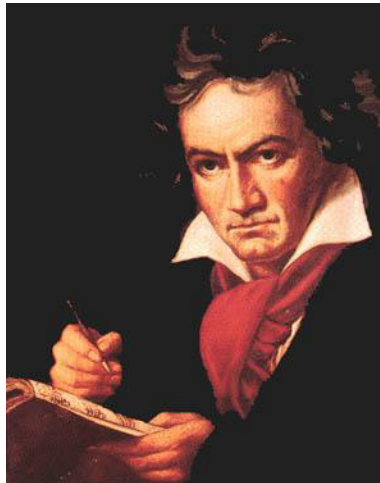
I rode to Wm Almys in Cranston & lodged. —

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May 7, Friday: Under the new constitution of Mejico, there was a new state to consist of the areas now encompassed by Texas and by Coahuila. There were already a few thousand Gringos in Tejas, mostly squatters but counting also those who had permission to be with the Austin colony in central Tejas. (Mejico would make no attempt to discourage such emigration of persons out of the USA prior to 1830, at which point the number of these troublesome intrusives ostensibly in the process of becoming citizens of Mejico rather than citizens of the USA would exceed 30,000.)

In Vienna's Karntnertortheater, the Symphony No. 9 in D Minor for soloists, chorus, and orchestra by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) to words of Schiller, the "Choral" Symphony, was performed for the initial time. The musicians had been instructed to ignore the conducting attempted by the deaf composer. Afterward a violinist would report that on the podium he had thrown himself "back and forth like a madman." At the conclusion of the work the crowd bursts into uproarious applause, including stamping of feet and waving, and Caroline Unger, the alto soloist, turned the composer around to view the spectacle because he had been unaware of it.



In the audience was a very interested Franz Schubert.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Rode this mornng to the Boarding School in [Providence](#) to attend the School committee & spent the day there in the service of society. — at Six oClock we (J Dennis & I) went on board the Steam Boat & arrived home at 10 OClock in the evening finding all as well as when I left tho J Hornsby very ill. —

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May 8, Saturday: [Charles Louis Flint](#) was born in Middleton, Massachusetts. He was the 2d son of Jeremiah Flint and Mary Hayward Flint, and of the 7th generation from Thomas Flint of Salem (father Jeremiah, grandfather John, great-grandfather Samuel, great-great-grandfather Thomas, great-great-great-grandfather William, great-great-great-great grandfather Thomas Flint born 1603 in Flint, Wales; died April 15, 1663 in Salem Village).³²⁹ In his youth he would work on the family farm and study at a country school.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 5 M 1824 / I feel glad to be at home & to attend a little to my own concerns - this having been a very broken & unsettled Week - even today we have had many incumberances of callers in, which tends to scatter & cause additional labour for my dear Wife - who has much to do at this season as well as other seasons. - but particularly at this time in consequence of J Hornsby sickness

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May 9, Sunday: After King Joao VI of Portugal submitted to his son, Dom Miguel, he boarded a British ship and reasserted his authority.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 5 M / Before Meeting this morning called to see James Mitchell who is very low & in great distress of body & mind -between Meeting I was informed our friend Hannah Dennis called to see him & tho' the paroxisms of body & mind were so great that he caught hold of her handkerchief & tore it before his hand was disengaged - yet when she kneeled in supplication by his bedside he lay perfectly silent & still. - Our Meetings were both Silent & pretty well attended

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May 10, Monday: The National Gallery in London opened to the public in its temporary home in a townhouse on Pall Mall Street.

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

The French Minister intimated to us that he has an important package to deliver into one of our hands, or accredited servants. As Lucien was returning here from Washington, father sent him for it. Imagine my surprise when I found it was addressed to me. It was from the Duc and Duchesse d'Angouleme -a most beautiful silver-gilt vase with their arms on one side- a wedding present. It was more than a surprise considering all they have been through, on account of the King's death, to have given me a thought. Josephine is delighted with it. Monsieur Pascault was greatly overcome when he saw it. I must consult father in what form to acknowledge it. We go in a

329. Evidently he was not descended from the Thomas Flint family in Concord — because that Thomas had come over from Matlock in Derbyshire rather than from Flint in Wales and had died on October 8, 1653 rather than on April 15, 1663.



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few days to try the new house at New Geneva. It is all ready for our reception. In all events we will pass the summer there. It is getting intolerably hot here.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 5 M / Was called up this morning to assist in laying out poor JM who departed about an hour before I got to him

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May 12, Wednesday: Marianne Wieck left her husband Friedrich in Leipzig and, taking her infant son Victor and her daughter Clara, went to her father's house in Plauen to arrange a legal separation.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 5 M / Attended as bearer at the funeral of James Mitchell & could but solemnly reflect on the number of times I have served with him at different funerals in the same way - The sitting was silent quiet & solemn & many people attended - 5th day 13 of 5 M / Silent Meeting & poor as respected myself while I trust it was better with others. -

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May 16, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 5 M / Our Morning Meeting was uncommonly large & much favoured. Anne Dennis, D Buffum in testimony then Hannah Dennis in supplication after which she bore a short testimony & Jonathon said a few words & the Meeting closed. - In the Afternoon silent & tho' low in my own mind, it was not the worst of Meetings. - Times & seasons are not at our command. We are in the Lords hand, to whom alone we must look for Help. -

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May 20, Thursday: Samuel Wesley was appointed organist of Camden Chapel.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 5th M 1824 / Silent Meeting & not without some good feelings - In the last (Preparative) we had a request for membership from an individual some advanced in years & Judge of a Court - In the admission of members, in this day of corruption of principle, it becomes necessary that we should know that Such are sound in the Free Faith as it is on our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, & I hope in this case Friends will be favoured with true judgement, & determine in Wisdom. -

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May 23, Sunday: Shortly after Antonio Salieri cut his throat in a suicide attempt, Calisto Bassi began passing out printed copies of his poem “A [Lodovico van Beethoven](#) Ode Alcaica” (it was in this poem that Bassi made the initial assertion that Salieri had poisoned Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#) — the Vienna police quickly confiscated as many copies as they could get their hands on).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 5 M / Our morning Meeting well attended, it was Silent & long & tho' the forepart of it was to me nearly Senseless yet it closed under precious feelings for which I desire to be thankful – Silent again in the Afternoon & not so hard a time as many others. – With John Took tea & set the evening at D Buffums.

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May 27, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 5 M / At our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in town we had the company of Walter Allen Thos Howland & Nicholas Congdon who were part of a Committee from the Meeting for Sufferings to make provision for friends at the Yearly Meeting time – The first meeting was nearly silent, & perhaps it might as well have been quite so, but I feel tender in judging. -- In the last the buisness went on well. – Nicholas Congdon Benj Freeborn & wife, Sarah Greene, wife of Jos dined with us, & after dinner I met with the YMs committee on the subject of making provision, & made arrangements for the purpose. – N Congdon lodged with us.

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May 30, Sunday: Heinrich August Marschner's duties as assistant to Carl Maria von Weber began as he conducted Paer's Wie gerufen in Dresden.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 5 M / We had a little preaching in the forenoon & in the Afternoon Silent, both Meetings rather small. – Anne Ruth & James Dennis took tea with us, Also Sister Mary Rodman, all set the evening –

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June 3, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 6th M 1824 / Small meeting & low, but a season of some favour to me for which I desire to be thankful – a short exhortation from Jon Dennis. – As Yearly Meeting approaches, the prospect of weight & responsibility increases, but it is somewhere said "As the day is so shall thy strength be, & if my



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strength does not increase it now seems as if I shall be but poorly quallified for usefulness at that time –

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June 6, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 6 M 1824 / Meeting pretty well attended in the forenoon which was solid & Silent. – Silent & dull in the Afternoon. – Set part of the eveng at Abigail Robinsons with Sister Ruth – My H has not been at meeting today from indisposition

Thos Hornsby lays very low in the House, & tho' his apartment is separate from ours yet, we have much additional care in consequence of his situation

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June 8, Tuesday: A wool washing and fulling machine was patented by Noah Cushing of Québec (the patent office having just opened its doors, this was the 1st patent ever issued in Canada).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th of 6th M / Yearly Meeting has now Commenced, (that is) Wm Forster Jr has come – had a meeting at [Portsmouth](#) day – took tea with us on his way to Connanicut to have a Meeting there tomorrow

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Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

We have been here for some time. The place itself is delightful. The views superb. Air as pure as air can be, but not a soul to speak to-not a neighbour, with the exception of some totally uneducated farmers, their wives and daughters. We are all here. Frances has a pony. Josephine is not allowed to ride at present. So I ride a huge farm-horse-who is as thin as a knife; no roads, so we risk our lives every moment. Albert sometimes rides in front of us. and when we are approaching a dangerous spot he blows a horn. I wish some of my Paris intimes could see us-how amused they would be. Mamma attends to all our personal comforts. We have many too many servants. Frances has named it "Castle Solitude." Our greatest friends are the mosquitoes, who certainly keep us company. Father reads all day as he is compiling some work. It is too hot for him to go to Washington at present. Mr. Crawford is no better.



June 10, Thursday: While at the house of Stephen Groomsbridge, Esq. FRS at Blackheath, the [Reverend Professor John Josias Conybeare](#) was seized with an apoplexy.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 10 of 6 M / At Meeting Wm Forster preached, his testimony was sound & sweet. -- After meeting Hannah Dennis & her daughter Anne called & requested me to pay a visit with them to Thomas Hornsby in his room which Thos readily consented to receive. - I went up with them & it was a season of tenderness to us all, they both spoke with feeling & the visit was well received. -

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June 12, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 6 M / Went to [Portsmouth](#) with my H & attended the Select Yearly Meeting which was a Season of divine favour, wherein the hearts of many were comforted with the renew'd faith that the Law & Testimony remained precious & would stand the test of all oppositions. - to my mind it was a time to be remembered The Testimony of our frd Wm Forster, Isaac Stevenson, Sally Collins, & others of our own members were plain & Prevalent. -

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June 13, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 6 M / Our Meeting this morning was not as full as at sometime, & much disturbed by the appearance of divers of the New order (so called) their speaking was awfully burdensome & awfully unsound on christian principles. - Yet for all, there was a good deal of Solid weight kept up & those who attended that were not members, were not at a loss to see the difference between the true & the False. - In the afternoon the Meeting was very large & tho' we had one spurious offering - Our Isaac Stevenson was large in testimony & great in Authority - Truth going over all opposers

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June 14, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 6th M 1824 / This Morning commenced Our Yearly Meeting for Church Government, the solemnity was such as was to be felt, tho' attended with some distress, a gathering home to the fountain was experienced - After the Meeting was opened it was informed that an Individual was present who had no right according to discipline to Sit. this occasioned a jostling, but the minds of Friends were preserved in the quiet & after considerable discussion the individual consented to leave the Meeting, after which my mind was unusually humbled & tendered under a thankful sense of the continued regard of Ancient goodness, & the power of Truth over all loose spirits & gainsayers. - The Buisness of the Meeting moved on in usual course, not without some trouble from several who were burdensome. - But I have to Acknowledge, Great is Truth, & its



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efficay ever to be confided in -- The Afternoon was solid & quiet, & many weighty & feeling remarks were made on the State of Society by many of our own members & those who are with us from Abroad, particularly Isaac Stevenson Wm Forster Jr & Wm Jackson. -

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June 15, Tuesday: By letter, the Emperor of Austria granted Antonio Salieri's petition to be relieved of his duties at full salary. "In the service of four monarchs of the imperial house you have proved an incorruptible truth and devotion, and a perfect self-negation, which have never for a moment wavered, even in the most diverse and, for less magnanimous persons than you, tempting relations." He had held court positions since the death of Gluck. Although the letter was dated on this day, the Emperor had actually granted the petition in Prague on June 6th.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day / Our Select meeting was a season of favour for which many minds were thankful. -
In the Afternoon the Meeting at large met under very painful circumstances. - Benj Rodman who was the person who came in yesterday, not having a right by discipline to Sit, came in & took his seat & notwithstanding many intreaties would not withdraw - & the Meeting adjourned without transacting any buisness, after a sitting of about two hours. - Oh painful Oh Afflicting - such an exercise I never saw. - It was however thought he might have been prevailed on to have withdrawn but for some who uphold him*

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June 16, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th 6 M / Oh Lord strengthen us for the day, this is the Prayer of my heart this morning -- It was found necessary, in order to have our Meeting select to close the front door of our meeting house on the Mens side, & all other entrances, excepting the door at the little Meeting House, where Several door keepers were placed to let none go in that had not a right according to our discipline, which was promptly attended too by the, -- The buisness progressed in usual course & under a sense of divine favour, tho' the feelings of distress attendant were great - for "the city of Shushan, (the residence of the True Jews) was perplexed" but not disheartened

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That evening, 22 men, led by Richard Martin, MP, met in Old Slaughter's Coffee House near Covent Garden in London. They desired to enforce regulations on the humane treatment of animals passed by Parliament in 1822 and therefore organized themselves into a group they call the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. (Among their number was William Wilberforce. In 1840, Queen Victoria will allow them to add "Royal" to their title.)



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June 17, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / A sitting for buisness this morning from 8 OC to Ten, when we adjourned for the Public Meeting at Eleven which was a time of great distress, the time being almost wholly taken up in spurious offerings - dear Sarah Collins however had some good service, but no Satisfactory result to the Meeting as her communication was followed by others quite as painful as those in the forepart of the Meeting

The Meeting for buisness met at 4 OClock, to finish the Epistles, which were the most sound & agreeable to me of any I recollect for many years, some cavals [cavel: a part or share, a gag or horse's bit. cavil: to jeer, to mock quibble] were set up to some part of them by those who may be considerd in the opposition, but the weight of the Meeting was kept up & closed about dark after a solemn fervent supplication from William Forster. -

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June 18, Friday: Grand Duke Ferdinando III of Tuscany dies in Florence and was succeeded by his son Leopoldo II.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day / This Morning the Meeting for Sufferings & School Committee met - I could not get time to go to the early part of the sitting of the latter, into which I have been this year introduced for the first time, which is an increase of weight & responsibility I tremble under, but seeing my name was mentioned, I thought, considering the state of things it was not best for me to ask to be excused.

The School committee sat about three hours after which the day was spent in parting with many dear friends, some of whom & perhaps none of whom I may never see more, time to all is uncertain. -

Set the evening at Abigail Robinsons in company with our friend William Jackson. -

Thro' the course of this Yearly Meeting my heart has many times been affected with a sense of renew'd favour, for which I desire to be thankful - our company were all pleasant & among others Our frd Isaac Stevenson lodged with us.

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June 20, Sunday: The remains of [John Josias Conybeare](#) were interred in the churchyard at Bath Easton.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 6th M 1824 / It was rainy & our forenoon meeting was small. Our frd Ruth Davis had good acceptable service. - The



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Afternoon meeting was difered till 4 OClock by request of our Ancient frd Wm Jackson who attended [Portsmouth](#) Meeting in the forenoon & wished to be at ours in the Afternoon. –
Wm Jackson attended in the Afternoon, & addessed the youth, particularly the "Little lads" which was very comfortable to my feelings – at a second rising he preached more generally & very acceptably. –

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 June 23, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


4th day 23rd of 6th M / This afternoon Uncle Stanton sent his Waggon to Town to take us to his house, whither we went towards night & Lodged – 5th day Morning we went to Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was silent but a solid favourd season. – & the weight was uncommonly preserved during the time we were transacting the buisness – for this sense of favour I desire to be thankful – We returned after meeting & dined at Uncle Stanton's & towards night rode home as we went & kept [sic] the Horse in town all night for John to carry out tomorrow –

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 June 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 6 M / Unwell so as not to go to Meeting, but those who did go inform'd that the Meetings were uncommonly large & favourd A Robinson & D Buffum in testimony in the forenoon & in the Afternoon D Buffum & Father Rodman

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 July 1, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 7th M 1824 / Our Meeting was small, but solid & good – but my own feeding was not on fatness, tho' It did seem to me that others were in better condition than myself – while inserting this my mind is humbled under a sense of my weakness my leanness. –

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 Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Sunday: In New-York, a "Patriotic Volunteer" ballet performance was



offered at the new theater at Chatham Garden.

Meanwhile, thousands watched as New-York's firemen paraded from the lawn in front of the hospital on Broadway between Anthony and Duane streets (Hospital Green) to the Bowery Church.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 7th M / Our Morning meeting was solid & silent &



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*to me a season of some favour – In the afternoon a few words
from D Buffum – pretty good Meeting – With my H & John went out
to D B Jr & took tea & set the evening.-*

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In Poultney, Vermont, a couple of hundred men repaired a road, after which they repaired to a locale at which “ladies of the neighborhood” had prepared for them a “plenteous repast.”

Jefferson Davis’s father Samuel Emory Davis died.

Hezikiah Prince Jr. lived in the small port town (for the coasting trade) of Thomaston, Maine, and in his journal of 1822-1828 (published by the Maine Historical Society in 1965) he described the July 4th celebrations there. On this year the 4th had been a Sunday, so the national birthday celebration actually took place on Monday the 5th.³³⁰

We had a stage erected in front of the pulpit [of the Brick Meetinghouse] ... The first performance after the reading of the Constitution was an oration by Demerrick Spear, next a written disputation between ... and another between ... we went to the Shore to a dinner provided by the Widow Spear. About 50 set down to dinner after which some appropriate toasts were drunk. [about 3:30 pm] I came home in the chaise I had hired for the day -- Mrs. Hasting’s chaise and Mr. Jourdain’s horse. ... About seven o’clock ... tackled my horse and chaise and carried Miss Henrietta Marsh and Miss Fanny Sprague (two young ladies from Bath and fine agreeable ones, too) over to a ball ... [meeting a party of about 12 couples] ... we spent the evening or rather night in dancing and very pleasantly till about two o’clock when I came away with Miss Marsh and Sprague. Some of the party continued till three o’clock.

4th July, 1826, National Jubilee. A fine morning was ushered in by the roar of cannon in all parts of the town, by a salute of 24 guns from a brass six pounder on the hill and by the ringing of bells. It is the fiftieth anniversary of that joyous day which we hail as our nation’s birthday. It was a glorious day to our country -- it was so to the world, for it declared that “all men are born free and equal” and this principle of equality is gaining upon the old notions of imperial, kingly and lordly characters and as it gains ground, the world becomes enlightened and refined ... After the services at the Meetinghouse the procession formed again walked to the new ropewalks lately erected where a table of 300 plates was spread and a dinner in ample order. Mr. Ruggles presided assisted by five vice-presidents. ... After the cloth was removed and the wine was placed before us, some fine sentiments were drank to and a fine flow of soul seemed to pervade the whole company in number over 200. ... A Mr. Brown sung some fine patriotic songs and towards the last some comic songs in fine style. All was life and spirit, yet all was orderly and harmonious. In the evening a fine display of fireworks was had, procured from Boston ...

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330. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)’s, or [Hathorne](#)’s, 20th birthday.



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In a footnote he added that the meetinghouse had been adorned with the names of Washington, Knox, and other patriots in white roses, along with that of [Simón Bolívar](#) who had helped revive their fine sense of a steady march of freedom.



July 8, Thursday: Carl Maria von Weber visited Marienbad seeking a cure for his malady.

[Hector Berlioz](#) arrived home in La Cote-St.-Andre for a stay of two and a half weeks.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 7 M / Silent, small & to me a lean meeting, was favoured however to witness a labour in my own heart, but fear there was but little overcoming. -

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July 11, Sunday: Luis Maria de Salazar y Salazar replaced Narciso de Heredia y Begines, Conde de Ofalia as First Secretary of State of Spain.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 7 M / Silent meeting in the Mornng - In the Afternoon Hannah & Anne Dennis were concerned in short testimonys -To me pretty solid seasons, but Oh my leanness - my weakness

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July 15, Thursday: Camden Chapel was dedicated by the Bishop of London, with music provided by its organist, Samuel Wesley.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 7th M / Meeting Silent & solid - after which was held our Select Meeting which was a season of exercise to me & I hope not unprofitably so. - There were more members present than I ever sat with before in a Moy [Monthly] Meeting capacity 16 in number -three were absent. Vizt Dorcas Earl wholly confined by Age & infirmity - Father Rodman at Salem & Anne Greene unwell -

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→ July 17, Saturday: [William Hazlitt](#) remarried with Isabella Bridgewater, at Coldstream in Scotland (because his divorce was not legally recognized in England). This new relationship would endure for only one year.

After ten weeks in London Maria Szymanowska departed for Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 7th M 1824 / This Morning crossed the Ferry to Narragansett & went to Willet Carpenters to rectify his Clock where I dined - then Crossed again to Connanicut & walked about two or three Miles up the Island to Solomon Carpenters to do something to a Clock there, then tho' much fatigued returned South to Mercy Weedens, drank tea & lodged -

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→ July 18, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

First Day went to Meeting, was favoured with a little life in my own particular - - - went to Joseph Greenes Dined & drank tea & had a pleasant visit. - then came across the ferry home. -

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→ July 22, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 22nd of 7th M / Small Meeting a low time - Suffering is our lot - May a right improvement be made. -

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→ July 25, Friday: At the request of the Ottoman Sultan, an [Egyptian](#) fleet and army sailed from Alexandria (El Iskandariya) to aid in subduing Greek insurgents.

After two and a half weeks at home in La Cote-St.-Andre, in increasing conflict with his father and family over his chosen vocation, [Hector Berlioz](#) left to return to Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 7 M / Good solid meeting - H Dennis was engaged to call our attention to the necessity of rendering unto God thanksgiving & dedication of heart for his many Mercys & favours -after which D Buffum Rose & observed that from great age & considerable infirmity of Body & abatement of the Powers of his mental faculties he apprehended he might be excused from much religious communication, but feeling his mind exercised with considerations arising from a passage of Scripture which had often been feelingly revived in his mind out of Meeting as well as in meeting & at this time which Was - "Set thine House in order for thou shalt Die & not live." he urged the necessity of Doing this in a temporal sense that those we might leave behind



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might have as little trouble with our affairs as might be - but dwelt much & very lively on the necessity of having our accounts in readiness to appear before the Judge of Quick & Dead for we know not how soon we might be called home to be seen of men no more -- It often seems to me when I hear our above said friend, in lively & pertinent testimony, that he is doing his last work -but he yet lives, tho' thurned[?] of 80 Years & is useful to society & mankind at large. - Small meeting in the Afternoon but closed with me under a sense of weight - perhaps more so as having to sit at the head of it & break it up - Oh the weight of it - I feel my poverty -

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July 28, Wednesday: Gaetano Donizetti's *dramma semiseria* Emilia di Liverpool after Scatizzi was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Nuovo, Naples.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 7 M 1824 / By the mail last evening I recd the News of the decease of Bailey Brooks on the 4th of this Month at sea on board the Brig William of Portland William Norris Master, I had for some years stood in the capacity of Guardian to him & felt a tender Interest for his well fare, he was twenty years & about three Months old. - This morning & last evening I have been round to give his relations & friends the account, which has deeply impressed my mind with the Awful uncertainty of all things here & the necessity of a right preparation for the great & final change

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July 29, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 7 M / This day was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting in Town - In the first meeting we had several testimonys & the one the most to the purpose was from our frd Hannah Dennis - Some days ago we heard of the Sudden departure of our frd JONATHON CHASE ar Swansey, by information today it appears that he had been at Meeting and had preached acceptably on First day last the 25th inst & on returning home was taking his horse out of the Chaise & untackled one side when it was supposed he found himself unwell & stepped into the Stable, as in a few minutes after he was found quite gone - he was a friend much esteemed for his innocent walk in life, & for his excellent gift in the Ministry, in the exercise of which he was faithful & ardent as well as prudent in management of it, in the Year 1815 in company with Daniel Brayton he visited families in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting to good satisfaction, it was my lot to go to many places with them, in which my mind was instructed & enlarged. - The language which forcilby strikes the mind on his suden exit is



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that of the Poet "Many fall as sudden, Few as Safe" & of the Scripture "Be ye ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

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August 1, Sunday: New York State electors were selected in Utica to nominate the governor and lieutenant governor.

Gioachino Rossini arrived in Paris under contract to the Ministry of the Royal Household, to write two new operas and produce one of his already existing works (he also agreed to become director of the Theatre-Italien).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 8 M 1824 / Some preaching & pretty good meetings, but nothing in which to boast, neither for myself or others. -

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August 3, Tuesday: Singapore was ceded to Great Britain by the Sultan of Johore.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 8th M / This morning rode in the Rain with my H & John to [Portsmouth](#), lodged at Uncle Stantons & 4th day Morning took his waggon & went to attend the Select Quarterly Meeting which was a season of some searching, which I hope may be proffitable both to Ministers & Elders. - We dined at Uncle P Lawtons & in the Afternoon while I attended the meeting for Sufferings [H](#) went to Adam Anthonys - The service of the Meeting for Sufferings is to me a new one, & a weighty one - which I feel very incompetent too --The cares of Society & concerns of my own are heavy upon me, but I desire to do as well as I can, & leave the rest. -

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August 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day was our Quarterly Meeting at large, which was attended by many & was a very solid sitting, Mary B Allen was concerned in a Solid testimony & the Meeting closed rather sooner than common but I believe all in right time. - The buisness was well conducted & John R Davis was engaged in a very lively testimony also Obadiah Davis said a little in the life & the Meeting closed early, after which I got into the Chaise with William Jenkins & rode to [Warren](#) & Dined at Coles tavern, the rest of the distance to [Providence](#) I rode with Wm Almy & reached [Moses Browns](#) House a little before sunset where I lodged -

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 August 6, Friday: South Americans under [Simón Bolívar](#) defeated the Spanish at Junin, northeast of Lima.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day in the forenoon was engaged with the yearly Meetings committee & in some other services - In the Afternoon at the Boarding School committee & returned to [M Browns](#) to lodge.

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 August 7, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day The Trustees of [O Browns](#) Benevolent fund met at Wm Jenkins House at 8 OClock & were engaged in that service till dinner time, after which I attended to a little buisness about Town & at 4 OC PM took the Steam boat & came Home about 9 OC - I have to acknowledge much favour in this little time of being from Home. The life quickened, & my spirit a little raised, for which I desire to be Humbly thankful & trust I am so. -

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 August 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 8th of 8 M 1824 / Meetings nearly silent & very good ones to me - I may acknowledge it has been a good day to me - my spirit tender & my mind in a good measure centered in that which gives stability. -
My H & John are at [Portsmouth](#), not having returned since Quarterly Meeting. -*

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 August 12, Thursday: Adam and Franz Liszt arrive in Calais from England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8 M 12 / Meeting comfortable & silent - tho' not as much life as I desired -
This Mornng Jnth Slocum introduced Samuel Peebles a young man from Virginia who produced a good certificate from his Moy [Monthly] Meeting expressive of his prospect of travelling this way for his health, which appears to be low - There is something in his countenance innocent & sweet & his acct of his situation claimed our sympathy & proved an inducement to ask him to stay a day or two among us. -*

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August 15, Sunday: The Cape Mesurado Colony, founded by the American Colonization Society for the repatriation of American slaves, was expanded into the Colony of Liberia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15 of 8 M / In the Mornng Meeting two short testimonys & in the Afternoon silent – both pretty solid to me
Took tea at D Buffums with Saml Peebles. –*

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August 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 8 M / Father Rodman & H Dennis engaged in good solid testimonys & the Meeting solid – Oh for an increase of life & religious engagement among us

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August 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 8 M / In the forenoon Father Rodman in Testimony & supplication & H Dennis in Testimony, an evidence of life was experienced in my own particular – In the Afternoon nearly silent, a few words dropped towards the close by JD
Set the evening at Abigail Robinsons*

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August 25, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 8 M / This Afternoon went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting & lodged at Uncle Stantons. –

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August 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day the first Meeting was a good time much solemnity prevailed & Father Rodman Hannah Dennis & Abigail Robinson were all twice engaged in testimony – my own mind favoured with feeling – In the last meeting buisness went on comfortably & closed well –
Dine at Richard Mitchells, & took tea at Jethro's*

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August 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 8 M 1824 / Our Morning meeting was a favoured



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time. The silent part of it was unusually solemn & my mind in a state of feeling & tenderness that I am thankful for - - Silent in the Afternoon. -

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August 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 8 M / This morning under no small weight of discouragement, I left home in the Packet for [Providence](#) to attend the Meeting of the Sub committee of the YM Schhool & An adjournment of the Meeting for Sufferings, to be held there tomorrow -

We arrived after a tedious passage of eight hours. & I took tea at Jos Anthonys, then went to [Moses Brown](#) to lodge

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August 31, Tuesday: [Hector Berlioz](#) wrote from Paris, replying to a scornful letter from his father: "I am driven involuntarily towards a magnificent career—no other adjective can be applied to the career of artist—and not towards my doom. For I believe I shall succeed; yes, I believe it ... I wish to make a name for myself, I wish to leave some trace of my existence on this earth; and so strong was the feeling—which was an entirely honorable one—that I would rather be Gluck or Mehul dead than what I am in the flower of my age."

On the day that [Captain Jones Very](#) and his 11-year-old cabin boy son [Jones Very, Jr.](#) arrived back in Salem from their voyage to New Orleans, France, and Portugal, the [Marquis de Lafayette](#) was being paraded through the streets of Salem along with his American friend, Fanny Wright. Father and son may well have witnessed this event. In addition, the mother, Lydia Very, may on this day have had an opportunity not only to see but also to speak with Fanny Wright, her personal "idol."



The French luminary, who had been to Ipswich before, honored the place that evening with a second visit. Unfortunately he and his suite were delayed en route by rain and mud and, after having been expected most of the day, they did not enter the packed meetinghouse until between seven and eight in the evening. He was addressed by Nathaniel Lord, Esq. and made a short reply before being conducted to Nathaniel Treadwell's inn, where he kibbitted with some Revolutionary soldiers while obtaining refreshments. The following morning at 10 o'clock he would depart with his suite for Newburyport "amid the benedictions of many hearts." Unlike the canker-worm, this general would not again return.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day - In the morning attended School Committee & in the Afternoon the Meeting for Sufferings, both which made



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adjournment till tomorrow - lodged again at [MB](#),

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September 1: General [Lafayette](#) and his suite departed Ipswich at 10AM for Newburyport “amid the benedictions of many hearts.” Unlike the canker-worm, this general would not again return. The weather was so inclement that they would not arrive in Newburyport until too late in the evening for any reception, but the town cannon would be discharged anyway, to alert the residents to his arrival.



In [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day - in dilligent service under my different appointments in society, from the Y Meeting, with my mind much engaged in the service, no part of which was attended with more solid weight than our visit to the children in the School, in the girls department, our frd [M Brown](#) was concerned to impart weighty council, & was followed by a baptising supplication from Alice Rathbone & testimony from Hannah Dennis - & was a most interesting opportunity - In the boys school much good council was imparted by several of the committee & I hope our labours will not be soon forgotten - After the service of this day was over I went in to [Providence](#), set the evening with Dorcas Brown & lodged at Welcome Congdons. -

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September 2, Thursday: The *Marquis de Lafayette* breakfasted in Newburyport on yet another rainy day, and William Lloyd Garrison was among the hundreds of townspeople who obtained his handshake at the Tracy mansion on State Street (a building which now houses the town's public library) prior to his departure for [Concord](#).



When the illustrious *citoyen* reached [Concord](#), Squire Samuel Hoar, on behalf of all, rose to deliver the welcome.

Lafayette, nous sommes ici!

—General “Black Jack” Pershing,
arriving with US troops in France
at the very end of the WWI trench warfare.



Unfortunately, Squire Hoar did this in a manner which would begin a long and bitter controversy with Lexington over which town's militia had been the first to fire upon the colonial army in America, by pointing out in his speech of welcome that it had been at the [Old North Bridge](#) over the [Concord River](#) rather than during the prior slaughter on the green in Lexington town that “the first forcible resistance” had been offered by the militia to the army. Before this visit by the *marquis*, there had in fact been very little note taken either in [Concord](#) or in Lexington of the anniversary of the April 19th dustup between the militia and the army. This invidious discrimination between two outbreaks of smallarms fire would produce a “storm of protest” from indignant Lexingtonians. Major Elias Phinney of Lexington would begin to pull together the depositions of survivors, none of whom had forgotten any details of the “battle” and some of whom were finding that they were able to recall details that hadn't actually happened.

When [Mary Moody Emerson](#) was introduced to the general, she coquettishly told him that since she had been at the time a newborn infant, she also could lay claims to having been “‘in arms’ at the [Concord](#) fight.”³³¹

[John Shepard Keyes](#) would later preserve a dim memory of having been pulled by a sister out of the way of the horses that drew [Lafayette](#) through Concord, and of the pageantry of that very special day.

[Franklin Benjamin Sanborn](#) would later allege that [Henry Thoreau](#) had been able to summon a childhood

331. I don't know whether this presentation of Mary Moody Emerson to [Lafayette](#) occurred earlier during this day, in Newburyport, or later, in [Concord](#).



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memory of this event, which would have occurred subsequent to his 7th birthday, but Thoreau's memory of the event would have been rather more like the trace memory of Keynes ([John Shepard Keyes](#)) and nothing like Walt Whitman's — for Walt's memory much later (a memory produced for the amazement of his friend [John Burroughs](#)), was that somehow he had obtained for himself a manly kiss:

On the visit of General Lafayette to this country, in 1824, he came over to Brooklyn in state, and rode through the city. The children of the schools turn'd out to join in the welcome. An edifice for a free public library for youths was just then commencing, and Lafayette consented to stop on his way and lay the corner-stone. Numerous children arriving on the ground, where a huge irregular excavation for the building was already dug, surrounded with heaps of rough stone, several gentlemen assisted in lifting the children to safe or convenient spots to see the ceremony. Among the rest, Lafayette, also helping the children, took up the five-year-old Walt Whitman, and pressing the child a moment to his breast, and giving him a kiss, handed him down to a safe spot in the excavation.

— John Burroughs.



Abba Alcott would love to recount, in her old age, how her aunt Dorothy Sewall Quincy met the *marquis* at the ball held in his honor. We may be able to judge the nature of the reception and ball at which Dorothy Sewall Quincy “met her *marquis*” —presumably in [Boston](#) rather than in [Concord](#) where there would not have been an adequate infrastructure of edifices, servants, and the paraphernalia of privilege— by considering that the visit of this distinguished “friend of America,” who had been declared a guest of the nation by President James Monroe and by the federal Congress, was our nation's chief social excitement of this year.

In Philadelphia, for instance, the celebrations had occupied several days, with the good general [Lafayette](#) bowing with grace of manner and greeting each lady and gentleman presented to him with “How do you do?”



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in very careful English, and the following account subsequently appeared in Niles' Weekly Register:

THE NATION'S GUEST

On Monday morning, the 4th inst., about three hundred children of both sexes, from the different schools in Philadelphia, were arranged in the State House yard to receive General La Fayette: the spectacle was most beautiful and highly interesting.

In the evening he attended a grand ball at the theatre: the lobby of which was converted into a magnificent saloon, adorned with beautiful rose, orange and lemon trees, in full bearing, and a profusion of shrubbery, pictures, busts, banners with classical inscriptions, etc., all illuminated with a multitude of lamps. For the dancers there were two compartments, the house and the stage; the upper part of the former was hung with scarlet drapery, studded with golden stars, while the great chandelier, with two additional ones, and a row of wax tapers, arranged over the canopy, shed down a blaze of light. The first and second tiers of boxes were crowded with ladies in the richest apparel, as spectators of the dazzling array. Beyond the proscenium the stage division wore the appearance of an Eastern pavilion in a garden, terminating with a view of an extended sea and landscape, irradiated by the setting sun, and meant to typify the Western world. The company began to assemble soon after seven o'clock, and consisted of two thousand or more persons, of whom 600 or 700 were invited strangers. Twenty-two hundred tickets had been issued. No disorder occurred in the streets, with the arrival and departure of the carriages, which formed a line along the adjoining squares.

General La Fayette appeared at nine o'clock and was received at the door by the managers of the ball. He was conducted the whole length of the apartments through an avenue formed by the ladies to the bottom of the stage, where Mrs. Morris, Governor Shulze, and the Mayer waited to greet him in form: the full band playing an appropriate air during his progress. As soon as he was seated, the dancers were called, and at least four hundred were immediately on the floor. The dancing did not cease until near five o'clock, though the company began to retire about three. At twelve, one of the managers, from an upper box, proclaimed a toast "to the nation's guest," which was hailed with enthusiasm and accompanied by the descent of a banner from the ceiling. Behind this was suddenly displayed a portrait of the general, with allegorical figures.

A short while later, churning this topic, Niles' Weekly Register offered information about the sexual overtones



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of toasts which had been offered at a similar upscale bash in [Baltimore](#), and the manner in which such gallantries had been offered and received:

When the music for the dancing ceased, the military band of the first rifle regiment played the most pleasing and fashionable airs.... Just before the ladies of the first tables retired, General La Fayette requested permission to give the following toast, which was received in a manner that reflected credit on the fair objects of it: "The [Baltimore](#) ladies – the old gratitude of a young soldier mingles with the respectful sense of new obligation conferred on a veteran." The ladies rose and saluted the general, and the sensation and effect is not to be described; when he sat down there was a burst of applause from all the gentlemen present.



Need we explore the overtones of this toast? The old French general is relying upon the national stereotypes according to which Frenchmen in tight breeches are "gallant," and is reminiscing about when he and his fellows were young and horny, traveling around in magnificent uniforms diddling the lovely young colonial maidens. He is saying to these ladies at the banquet "Maybe it was you I swived with when you were much younger, and you will remember but not I, or consider that maybe it was your mama," and he was saying to their husbands as well, "Maybe it was your wife I swived with when we were so much younger, and she will remember but not I and she will most certainly not tell you about it, or maybe it was your mama, or your wife's mama." He remembers youthful delights and is grateful. [Lafayette](#) says all this in the most careful innuendo, "and the sensation and effect is not to be described." What could the American males do but applaud wildly? –They couldn't very well rush the main table and shove this codger's head into his soup, could they?

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Morng - called a little while at Jos Anthonys, then came on board the Packet & got home in about five hours - This little jaunt [jaunt] to [Providence](#) has been attended with depression on account of the inconvenience of leaving home when I have considerable of my own to attend too, & my outward circumstances require my attention - yet I have (I trust) humbly to acknowledge an evidence of divine favour & even an enlargement of my views & exercises which is worth sacrifice & even suffering for & as to my spiritual condition I have returned refreshed & enlivened, with renew'd desires for myself & the society of which I am a member, that I may grow in grace, & there by become increasingly usefull to the latter

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September 3, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 9th M 1824 / During my late absence from home, my Wife rec'd for me a letter from Thomas Evans of Philada giving

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To the Inhabitants of Concord.



THE Concord Gazette & Middlesex Freeman, of Sept. 4th, notices the reception of Gen. LA FAYETTE in this town. This notice is understood to have received the sanction of some of the extensive Committee, who planned the arrangements for the day. Some have said that an active committee-man wrote the account to suit himself. But, by some, this is denied. Yet all admit, that the majority of the Committee adopted the account as true. Still, this account, though it contains no single assertion which is really false, conveys a wrong impression to the reader. It intimates, if it does not say, that the "Ladies who prepared and set out the refreshments of the bower" gave them as a voluntary tribute to the Hero. It also leaves one to suppose, that the whole expenses of the occasion were defrayed by a few public-spirited persons of both sexes who had placed themselves in the front ranks, and contrived to show themselves to no small advantage in presence of the illustrious Guest.

To correct these mistakes this sheet is written. It is intended to state the truth; and it is the common wish that the truth, without varnish or colouring should be told; and with the truth the Citizens will rest satisfied. To receive Gen. LA FAYETTE in Concord with appropriate ceremonies and respect, a Committee of fifteen, was appointed, by a considerable meeting of their townsmen. This Committee served; and an address to the General by their Chairman, spoke the feelings and gratitude of the people with ability, and gave universal satisfaction. Yet in some parts of the committee's doings, there was a strange spirit discovered. In selecting persons to appear in the presence of the Hero, there was a singular display of judgment shall it be called? No, it was not judgment; it was preference and caprice. This was noticed at the time, but called out no peculiar expression of disapprobation. But, this reception, parade, or entertainment had a tail to it. There was a bill to be paid; or, to speak more emphatically, there were an indefinite number of bills to be met. The refreshments voluntarily furnished by the Ladies were to be paid for by the public. As ounce of tea, a slice of bacon, a quarter of sugar, or a shilling's worth of clams, wherever bought or by whoever furnished, had not been furnished without being charged in a bill, and was now to be paid for. The persons who were for excluding their neighbors from joining in making ready the ceremonies, were now not so very anxious to exclude the same neighbors from paying the bill or bills. They who received the General as if they themselves constituted the whole town, and were resolved to appear as the only persons of consequence at his reception, were not so very desirous to exclude others from the privilege of bearing the expense. These remarks it is thought apply not to the whole of the Committee. Some of their number would have preferred a liberal course; and these liberal minds were now averse to inflicting a tax on the town, to bear the expense, incurred, to enable a few persons to display their own personal consequence to advantage.

The warrant for town-meeting on Nov. 1st, contained an article "to see if the town will defray the expense of the reception of Gen. La Fayette." When this was known it produced a strong excitement. There were numbers in town, who had been excluded from aiding in the reception, who were yet so zealous and enthusiastic for the companion of Washington, that they voluntarily contributed enough to defray the whole of these expenses, and would not let it be said, that in Concord it was necessary to lay a town-tax for the reception of the General;

seeing and welcoming Gen. LA FAYETTE, without the infliction of a tax.

Let it be remembered that most of these men, are the very persons whom a majority of the Committee excluded from the ceremonies, when Gen. La Fayette was here. They find no fault with the reception, except that so few were allowed to share in it. With parts of it they are much pleased. The military parade was an honour to the town and County; they are proud of it. Indeed had the whole business been conducted on a liberal scale; had all the citizens been allowed to aid in conducting it, no dissatisfaction would have been felt. As it is, many are not pleased. Many have had injustice done them by being excluded; while it is conceived that some individuals have had great injustice done them by being allowed to make themselves seen too much. Be this as it may, it concerns every one to have the matter rightly understood in this town; and beyond this town of Concord let not these things be told.

The following is a Statement of the Expenses incurred at the reception of Gen. LA FAYETTE, September, 1824.

E. THOMPSON'S BILL for Refreshment furnished the troops on duty that day, viz.

20 Nags of drink before his arrival, at 1s \$15 33
*10 Bottles of Spirit after his arrival, at 4s 12 00—\$25 33

JONATHAN BERTHACK, Jr.'s BILL

To his expense in going to Boston after a Bagle player, 3 75

SAMUEL DEAN'S BILL

For Powder & Flannel to make cartridges for artillery, 12 17

JOSIAS DAVIS' BILL

For Sundries furnished the Bower, viz.

6 lb. Coffee, at 20 cts. - - - - 1 20
3 doz. Eggs 14 cts. - - - - - 42
1 lb. Butter, - - - - - 17
27 lb. Ham, at 12½ cts. - - - - 3 38
5 Bottles Wine of Davenport, at 6s. - 5 00
Making Bower by G. Proctor, - - - 5 00
Abel Conant's attendance of himself and boy, 1 00
Bread of Jarvis, - - - - - 1 00
3 lb. Loaf Sugar, 1s. - - - - 1 33—14 50

DANIEL SHATTUCK'S BILL

7 lb. Currants, at 25 cts. - - - - 1 75
7 lb. Sugar, - - - - - 75
6 lb. White Sugar, at 14 cts. - - - 84
4 lb. Cloves, - - - - - 40
7 lb. Box Raisins, at 20 cts. - - - 1 40
4 lb. Nutmegs, - - - - - 63
7 lb. 12 oz. Loaf Sugar, at 1s. - - - 1 29
Crockery lost and broken, - - - - 95
Expense in notifying Capt. DAVIS, of Jeter by William Whiting, - - - - 63
Damage of Loader, - - - - - 1 20—9 84

MORIS DAVIS' BILL

4 doz. Eggs, at 1s. - - - - - 67
4 lb. HYSON Tea, - - - - - 28—95

WILLIAM WHITING'S BILL

8 lb. Butter at 1s. - - - - - 1 33
6 doz. Eggs, 12½ cts. - - - - - 75
Cash paid for attendance at Table, - - 1 25—3 33

\$19 87

The above items are copied exactly from the bill given in, and which was laid before the town. There was another item of \$2, which made the whole bill \$21 87; This amount was received and receipted for by Col. DANIEL SHATTUCK, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.

* Eight dollars of this item were refunded by the commanders of the Concord Independent Companies.



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some acct of the difficultys attending Friends in that Yearly Meeting particularly in that City, Oh! the disheartening circumstances which exist among us, but may the Lord preserve his heritage –

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September 4, Saturday: Joseph Anton Bruckner was born in Anselden near Linz the eldest of eleven children (only five surviving infancy) born to Anton Bruckner, schoolmaster and organist, and Therese Helm, daughter of a civil servant and innkeeper.

Gioachino Rossini left Paris for Bologna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 9 M / Again occupied all day in the concerns of Society Vizt in attending the Meeting of the Proprietors of Eastons Point as one of the Assisting committee - All I can say, is, that the services of Society press heavily upon me, both as it respects Spirituals & temporals. – Oh that I may be usefully & honourably carried through –

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September 5, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 9 M / Morning Meeting large - JD. AD. DB & AR all in rotation engaged in testimony A Robinson in particular much favoured. – In the Afternoon Father Rodman was to me very much acceptably engaged in Testimony. –

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September 9, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 9 M / Our old frd Job Chaloner & his wife were at Meeting, & Job was acceptably engaged in testimony - they called to see us yesterday, their company was pleasant reviving in my mind many old occurrences while they were inhabitants of this town & as long ago as when I went to school to him

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September 11, Saturday: Due to Carl Maria von Weber's increasing debilitation from tuberculosis, Heinrich August Marschner was appointed director of the German and Italian opera companies in Dresden.

Scottish reformer Fanny Wright and her sister Camilla were invited to stay with Maria Colden, wife of former mayor Cadwallader Colden, in New York during their visit to the US.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 11th of 9th M / Rode this morning to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting House with D Buffum to attend the funeral of Mary Aylsworth, who died on 5th day at Isaac Almys - the funeral was small but a solid sitting at the Meeting House after the Corpse was inter'd - & Wm Almy was engaged in a sound pertinent testimony. - We dined at Isaac Almys & had an Opportunity of much conversation with Wm on concerns of society & some other subjects in [which] he with D Buffum & myself were concerned. - Mary Aylesworth was a solid exampary [sic] friend & had a testimony to bear in public for some Years - She was daughter of John Aylesworth & for many years had lived in Wm Almys family & chiefly a companion to his daughter Anne

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 September 12, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

9th M 12th (1st day) 1824 / We had unexpectedly the company of our frd Wm Almy at Meeting this morning who was concerned in a deeply Doctrinal testimony attended with life & power - I may acknowledge his communication was a comfort to me, a Strength to my hands, & I dont know but I may say a joy to my heart. - In the Afternoon Job Chaloner delivered a testimony in love & after meeting he & his wife took tea with us, & going away early I spent the rest of the evening at Abigail Robinsons in company with Mary Morton who arrived a few days ago from Philad. -

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 September 16, Thursday: King Louis XVIII, age 68, having ruled France for nearly a decade, lay like a beached white whale and breathed one last time and was still. Attendants scurried like ants deprived of their queen. *Le Roi* [Louis XVIII] *est meurt, vive le Roi* [his brother, Charles X]! And would you know, the Archbishop of Rheims announced, when the National Convention of France had supposed it had destroyed, to the last drop, together with the vial, in public with witnesses, and certified as destroyed, all the remainder of the Holy Oil of Rheims which had been given to Saint Remi for the coronation of King Clovis in the sixth century by a dove from Heaven, when that had happened on October 6, 1793, some of the sacred oil had nevertheless miraculously been preserved! There could be a coronation for this Charles the X!

Yes, indeed it is foolish for foolish men to suppose they can defy the ways of a provident deity!

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 9 M / Our meeting was small & from some circumstances a painful one to me. - Of what importance that Ministers should be skilful in their communications, & that Elders too should have a right understanding. -

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 September 19, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 9 M / Our Meeting this morning was silent & not



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*very lively but still I believe a degree of favour extended
In the Afternoon a short lively testimony from Father Rodman.-
Took tea with Father Rodman Br David & Samuel Peebles in company*

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 September 22, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 9 M / Attended the funeral of Eunice Clarke aged 81 Years & about 5 Months. She was the widow of Nathaniel Clarke & daughter of the late Jacob Barney. - She was a friend in good esteem & many years ago was a useful member of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -her funeral was largely attended by friends & others & the sitting a Solid opportunity where Father Rodman Anne Dennis & David Buffum bore short testimonys. -

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 September 23, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 9 M / Meeting small & low as to my own particular It is again a time of poverty with me, but having known many such seasons succeeded by a degree of Divine help, May I not yet trust in the Holy Helper.
With three other committee men visited a requester this Afternoon, but like the meeting was a low time, & the request withdrawn to the relief of our Minds. -*

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 September 25, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 25th of 9th M 1824 / Rode this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle Saml Thurston & after taking tea at his house took Saml Peebles who was at his house & walked down to Uncle Stanton's & lodged - Next Morning rode to meeting with Aunt Patty - Abby Sherman & Mary Hix preeached - I returned to Uncle Stanton's & dined, then walked up to Uncle Thurston's to attend to an appointment from the Moy [Monthly] Meeting where the committee agreed to Meet - after which Uncle Thurston brought me as far as the two Mile corner & I walked the rest of the distance, & being unwell found the distance a Match for me
On my return, found John quite unwell with the St Anthonys fire, & My H almost sick with a cold Sister Ruth set the evening with us -*

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 September 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 9th M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was rather small & rather heavy, tho' we had a communication from Father Rodman which appear'd to me to be in the life - & buisness went



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*on about as usual in the last Meeting. – We had several of our
friends to dine with us. –*

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October 2, Saturday: The 1st constitution of the United Mexican States (*Estados Unidos Mexicanos*) was approved, to go into effect at midnight (midnight seems somehow appropriate, for this 1824 constitution was one that normalized human [enslavement](#).)

“HEY HEY HEY, AND HO HO HO! / HUMAN ENSLAVEMENT, IT’S THE WAY TO GO!”

TEXAS

Later on, Anglo “Texian” immigrants would be fulminating against mongrel Mejico to the south and seeking to join themselves unto the United States of America to the north. They would put “1824” on their banner in reference to this constitution. –Without doubt, what these white men meant by such a shorthand reference was something like



“SLAVERY FIRST — SLAVERY LAST — SLAVERY ALWAYS!”

WAR ON MEXICO



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

10th M 2nd (7th day) 1824 / This Afternoon Samuel Peebles of Gravelly Run who has been here about 8 Weeks wanting a few Days



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let [left] us, taking the Packet for NYork on his way home. – he has been a pleasant & very acceptable inmate in most of the families of Friends here during his stay, his solid deportment has comforted my mind, & under the afflicting disease which attends him, I have been almost surprised to behold in him a pattern of patience & resignation, & it affords me no small satisfaction that he has found his health in a considerable degree improved by our Air

We have hitherto known but very little of Friends of the Yearly Meeting of Virginia, but thro' Saml a medium of acquaintance seems to be open which I think may be useful. –

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October 3, Sunday: Establishment of the Rensselaer School of Theoretical and Practical Science, at Troy, New York. [Elsewhere I have seen recorded that the school was founded on November 5th.] Rather than educating young gentlemen wannabees in the classics, this institution was to take a trade school approach and educate them to become productive servants of society. (The first of these students would graduate in 1835 and in 1861 the school would change its name to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.)

The 1st constitution of the United Mexican States (*Estados Unidos Mexicanos*), having been approved on the previous day, went into effect.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 10th M 1824 / Our Meeting large & an uncommon portion of Preaching, in rotation as follows Anne Dennis Mary Morton Hannah Dennis, Father Rodman & Abigail Sherman. – In the Afternoon Mary Morton & Father Rodman were concerned to bear short testimonies. –

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October 4, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 10 M / Went to Connanicut this morning on buisness Went to Mercy Weedens & on my return called a few minutes at Jos Greenes, from thence to Cousin Molly Howlands & returned across the ferry in time to take tea at home –

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October 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 10 M / Soon after sitting down in Meeting a solemn covering was witnessed, life renew'd & I thought spread over the Meeting – our fr Mary Morton favourd in Testimony

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 October 10, Sunday: Manuel Felix Fernandez Guadalupe Victoria became the 1st President of Mexico.

The Edinburgh Town Council founded the Edinburgh Municipal Fire Brigade, the first fire brigade in Britain.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 10 M / Both Meetings were solid opportunities & only a short testimony in the Afternoon from Father Rodman. – Our Cousin Henry, Molly, Lydy Anne & Thomas B Gould set the evening with us – Benj & John Marshall arrived this Morning from NYork

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 October 11, Monday: [The Times of London](#) reviewed a new biographical dictionary of musicians, from Sainsbury and Company — the section on Samuel Wesley averred that he had died in 1815 but the newspaper pointed out that as of 1824 he was still alive.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11th of 10 M / This Morning rose early & rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Charles Phelps & took Breakfast at Uncle Stantons, after which Charles & Benj Marshall went to Fall River & I rode into the West rode with Uncle Stanton & walked from the Mill lane home & reached [Newport](#) about half after 12 OClock – soon after which I rec'd a letter directed to Brother Isaac & myself from Willet Carpenter announcing the decease of our Cousin Lewis L Clarke, Last 7th day evening about half past 11 OClock being the 9th day of the present Month Aged [] Years. – Cousin Lewis has been a man of a singular turn of mind & at time deranged in Mind but I have no doubt the main bent of his intentions were good & his concern for the wellfare of Society sincere, & his love for his friends & relations in particular, ardent, & has taken much satisfaction in visiting them, & his friends esteem him, but his situation of body & mind for sometime past has been such as to render longer life undesirable for him or his connections –

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 October 14, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 10th M 1824 / This day was our Select Moy [Monthly] Meeting in the public part we had excellent encouraging testimonys from Hannah Dennis Mary Morton, & a few words from another, it was a comfortable Meeting, & that part allotted for buisness there was some exebricise but I trust all ended well & the right thing promoted in the end. –

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 October 17, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 17 of 10th M / In the morning good solemn & impressive testimonys from David Buffum, Father Rodman & H Dennis - & a large Meeting. - Small & Silent in the Afternoon

On the 15th inst U was informed by letter from Jas Robinson that Cousin Lewis L Clarke had bequeathed to me in his Will Twenty Dollars. - I feel greatful for that small Sum & pleased that in his final Testament he remembered me. - This I consider & feel to be a favour unexpected - my circumstances are small & my dependence small in any way as respects the World - but hitherto I have been preserved from actual want, & desire to be humbly thankful to the Giver of all good for it & hold my confidence in his all powerful supporting Arm of Mercy - for his Mercy my heart is sensible & without it What Am I - Where Am I -& where are any who have it not.

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October 21, Thursday: Joseph Aspdin, a mason, received a British patent for Portland Cement (this was the 1st modern improvement on the cement used by the ancient Romans).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 10 M / Silent & to me precious meeting - in that the arising of life was Sweetly experienced, for which favour I desire to be thankful. - This State of mind I have enjoyed for Some days to my refreshment & encouragement

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October 24, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 10 M / Morning Meeting was large which passed in Silence till near the close, when Father Rodman delivered a short testimony sound clear & according to my feeling appropriate. - Soon After Lucy Dow wife of Lorenzo stood up & spoke, which tho' generally sound, & I have no doubt well ment, was not a very acceptable offering - it being evidently lacking of that seasoning which makes way in Truth, & besides she had no right to preach in our meetings, being not in Membership with us

A few words again from Father Rodman - Lucy was there but silent

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October 26, Tuesday: The digging of the western end of the [Erie Canal](#) at Lockport, to Lake Erie, was completed.



October 27, Wednesday: Clara Wieck began taking piano lessons with her father, in Leipzig.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 27th of 10th M 1824 / Uncle Stanton having sent the Waggon into townwe went out this Afternoon to his house & lodged

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October 28, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day morning we took Aunt Polly & went to Moy [Monthly] Meeting a sound lively & pertinent testimony - in the last we had a larger portion of buisness than usual - Abigail Sherman was recommended to the Quarterly Meeting as a Minister - Elisha A Lawton & Sarah Lawton published their intentions of Marriage with several other subjects which held the Meeting later than usual. -- After which we dined at Uncle Stantons & lodged again - Wm Wilbour with drewed his request to be admitted to membership & the subject was dismissed. -

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October 29, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day finding it very rainy this Morning we staid till after dinner when we set out & in running the Waggon from the Barn to the house, I found it had got the advantage of me on a seep [steep] hill got to going fast & in clearing myself from it, I pitched head formost over a pile of Boards, on getting up found I was not apparantly hurt but much overcome with the sudden twirl - The fill [?] of the Waggon was broken which detained us longer to get another, but we got home before sunset - I consider this escape from immediate death, in which I was in danger of, both from the fall & from being crushed by the force of the Waggon - a great preservation for which I desire to be humbly thankful

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October 30, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 10 M / Find myself quite unwell today with a pain in my right shoulder thro' to my Stomach & an occasional shooting pain in my left breast & side - whether it is owing to the fall of yesterday, or only my old complaint the Rheumatism I do not know, but am inclined to think it may be partly woing to both. -

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October 31, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 10 M / Our Beloved friend Sarah Tucker attended both our Meetings & in both was twice engaged in very lively testimonys much [to] the edification of Friends & others - in the afternoon at her second rising she addressed the Youth very Sweetly, & I can but feelingly desire it may prove lastingly



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beneficial to them & be remembered by them in days to come. –

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November 4, Thursday: Leocadie, a drame lyrique by Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber to words of Scribe and Melesville after Cervantes, was performed for the initial time, in Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4th of 11th M 1824 / This is our Quarterly Meeting day
at Somersett - my mind was much there while sitting in our
Meeting today which was small - our fr Job Chaloner was there &
spake a little to satisfaction –*

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[John Augustus Stone](#)'s play "Restoration; or, The Diamond Cross" was staged at the Chatham Garden Theater in New-York. During this year the author himself was making appearances in supporting roles at this theater, as usual heavily made up as an old man.



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Owen Brown, 3d of John Brown's sons and his stalwart aid both in Kansas and at Harpers Ferry, was born at Hudson, Ohio. With a withered arm, he would attempt to make a career of writing humor articles for newspapers, and would be 35 years of age at the time that he would escape from the aftermath the Harpers Ferry raid. He would complete his life as a grower of grapes in Ohio, and on a mountain near Pasadena, California.



On the following screen is what Harpers Ferry looked like in this year:



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November 7, Sunday: Water rose 421 centimeters above normal in the worst flood to date in Saint Petersburg, and 200 lost their lives.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) seized an opportunity to warn other local [Quakers](#) to distrust the New Doctrines of Friend [Elias Hicks](#):



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1st day 7th of 11th M / Silent Meetings. - but pretty well attended My mind tho' some favourd was at times scattered - In the evening called at Dorcas Earls & had conversation with Sarah & Phebe on the subject of New Doctrines afloat among friends particularly as delivered by Elias Hicks - bore my testimony against it pretty faithfully. -



November 11, Thursday: Sam L. Hitchcock of the ΦBK society wrote to inform [Noah Webster](#) that he had been elected an honorary member.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th [sic] of 11th M / Meeting small & silent till near the close, when J Dennis delivered a short testimony. -

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November 13, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 11 M / This Afternoon went to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at cousin Shadrack Chases -

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November 14, Sunday: The Symphony no.1 op.11 by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, in the Mendelssohn home, Berlin on the occasion of his sister Fanny's 19th birthday.

In [Portsmouth, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Rode to Meeting with cousin Jacob, & after meeting went to Uncle Stantons & dined -then walked home. - A pleasant little visit, especially to cousin Shadrack, who is a great sufferer in the body, with distress for breath, I believe chiefly owing to a polypus in his nose -

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November 28, Sunday: At the invitation of Lea Mendelssohn, Ignaz Moscheles visits the Mendelssohn home in Berlin and hears Fanny and [Felix Mendelssohn](#) play. She was hoping that Moscheles will consent to teach the two children.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 11th M 1824 / Both our Meetings were silent & rather low times to me. - Set the evening at Father Rodmans - Sister Ruth is poor in health, & I fear very poor. -

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November 29, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 29 of 11 M / It has been my lot for some Months to take care of the Meeting house & while I was there this morning attending to necessary concerns - my mind was lead in many reflections of a serious nature & I do not remember of ever having a clearer view of that preservation which will be experienced by keeping within the limits of Truth - nothing being able to hurt or make afraid

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December 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 12 M 1824 / Our meeting was silent & small tho' attended by several that are not members who do not usually come, it being what is usually denominated "Thanksgiving Day" - to me it was a season of favour for which I desire to be thankful - this is also the day of the Quarterly Meeting at [New Bedford](#) & the time of holding the Meeting for Sufferings the which I should have been glad to attended -

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December 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 12th M / It was my intention to have gone with Jethro F Mitchell to [Tiverton](#) Meeting as one of the committee appointed to attend occasionall - but the weather being Stormy yesterday & very Windy today, prevented us. -
Our Meeting at home was silent & to me low. -*

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December 9, Thursday: The revolutionary forces of Peru led by Antonio José de Sucre decisively defeated the forces of their Spanish overlords near Ayacucho, southeast of Lima. The Spanish would be thrown out of the American mainland, in the north, in the central region, and in the south. Spain still would retain control, however, over two major islands of the West Indies: Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 12 M / This morning before meeting a season of feeling - & at meeting a season of some favour - tho' thought which I wished to be clear of would intrude upon me. -

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December 12, Sunday: [Felicia Dorothea Hemans](#)'s "The Vespers of Palermo" was staged at Covent Garden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 12 M / In the mornng Meeting after a Short testimony from D Dennis our frd D Buffum was very lively & caringly[?] engaged in testimony on the necessity of our walking in the straight & Narrow way which leads to life & peace -



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*Silent in the Afternoon & a measure of favour extended in both meetings for which I desire to be thankful
Cousin Henry Gould set the eveing with us. –*

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December 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th 12 M 1824 / A very solid quiet & I believe favoured Meeting, but my mind poor & destitute. –

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December 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 12 M / In the forenoon three testimonies generally very good. – Silent in the Afternoon –
Poor Day to me –*

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The London Times reported that “A wonderful instrument called the [stethoscope](#), invented a few months ago ... is now in complete vogue in Paris.”



“The advent of the stethoscope made it possible to unify tuberculosis.”

– [Doctor Jacalyn Duffin](#)



December 22, Wednesday: [Edward Everett](#) orated at Plymouth, Massachusetts. This would be published by Cummings, Hilliard & Company at 134 Washington Street in Boston and we infer that this publication likely is the source for a declamation that 13-year-old [David Henry Thoreau](#) would perform at the [Concord Academy](#) in 1830.

EVERETT AT PLYMOUTH

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 12 M / Last evening I recd a long letter from my Ancient frd [Moses Brown](#) & this Afternoon one from my friend Thomas Thompson of Liverpool. – There seem like a brook by the way – or refreshment in a dry season. –

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December 23, Thursday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)’s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

Monsieur Pascault has recovered wonderfully and insists upon having a dinner of all the family on the 31st. He says it will be his last year, and he wants to have them all around him.



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I am sorry I will be away from my father and mother, but my duty is by my wife. We expect our child in the New Year.

Headman Pushmataha of the Choctaw Nation died in Washington DC.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 12 M / Hannah Dennis was twice engaged in testimony & a few words from Anne. – My mind in that state as not to proffit. – Oh how poor I am. –

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December 26, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12th M 26th (1st day) / Hannah Dennis & Anne Dennis & Father Rodman were all engaged in testimony – Silent in the Afternoon.

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December 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30 of 12 M / Yesterday afternoon I went to [Portsmouth](#) part of the distance I rode & walked the rest to Uncle Stantons, where I found my mother well & lodged
This morning walked to meeting, the first was a season of uncommon favour, the Silence was to be felt & the appearance of H Dennis both in supplication & testimony were Solemn & impressive. Anne said a few words & Ruth Freeborn was also much favoured in testimony & was particularly comfortable to Friends as she is just emerging from a long state of depression both in body & mind. –The last Meeting had but little buisness – I rode in David Buffums carriage to Rich Mitchells to dinner & from thence Home –*

I bear in Solemn remembrance that I am this day 43 Years of Age – I awoke before day light & remembered it the first thing –& my mind has ruminated on the subject at times all day –Surely I have great cause to be thankful for the many mercys & favours & deliverances that I have had in the course of my life –& have with shamefacedness to acknowledge my poor returns of faithfulness & dedication of heart to Him who hath evidently preserved me thro' many trials unknown to any mortal but myself. – Yet have I confidence to trust in his power, thro' the Mediation of Jesus Christ, & desire to offer unto him Thanksgiving & praise for the past & humbly implore a continuance of Mercy. –

Our dear Young friends Wing Russell & Joseph Tillinghast from New Bedford set the evening with us

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December 31, Friday: Great Britain recognized the independence of Buenos Aires, Mexico, and Colombia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 31 of 12 M 1824 / Wing Russell & J Tillinghast hast dined
with us, they are well engaged young men & I feel nearly united
to them in Religious fellowship
These closes the Year & in closing it, my heart is humbled under
a sense of the goodness of God, in that he has preseerved me
thus long. --*

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1825



January 1, Saturday: The New-York House of Refuge for juvenile delinquents opened in a federal arsenal, at Broadway and the old Boston Road, that had been erected in 1806.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 1st M 1825 / This Year commences under precious feelings. It has been a day of favour, for which I desire to be thankful

It is feelingly my desire at the opening of the year, more to dedicate my self to the cause of Truth than heretofore, during the past Year I have had many trials, some of which seem in good measure passed by & my mind freed from them, for which I trust I am very thankful. Some however remain & my prayer is to be endued with patience & wisdom, & I have faith to believe I shall.

—
Wing Russell & Jos Tillinghast have been several times in the course of the Day. their company is solid & acceptable & seem to be young men deepening in the true seed & root, in which I desire their progress —³³²



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January 2, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 1 M 1825 / The day was stormy & meetings small & low, in the forenoon Father Rodman & Jon Dennis bore short

332. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1823-1829: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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*acceptable testimonys - Silent in the Afternoon -
Wing Russell & Jos Tillinghast set the evening with us, also
sister Mary. -*

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January 6, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 1st M / Day before yesterday we were inform'd of the illness of Uncle Saml Thurston & finding he was very low yesterday I went out towards night to his house to see him After a little refreshment I went into his room & to his bed side & found him asleep, he however soon roused, when I went & spoke to him, he looked up with the usual pleasant smile on his countenance & says "Is it Stephen" to which I replied yes & inquired how it was with him, but he was so heavy that he did not appear to know what he said in reply - he continued much in that state till the Doctor came, when he was more roused & gave rational answers - I staid all night but finding a Watcher supplied I went to bed.

This morning he remained much as last night, & it being necessary for me to come home, set out & walked a part of the way & Jas Sisson came along with his waggon & brought me the rest of the distance. - There appears to be no hope of Samuels recovery, but the prospect looks now like a speedy dissolution -his loss to the Church & community at large will be very great

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January 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st 8th of 1st M / Uncle Samuel Thurston Departed this life this Morning about 9 OClock -.-

1st day - After attending the Morning Meeting at home I rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Anne Dennis, & After visiting Aunt Thurston a little while in her affliction & looking on the remains of her beloved Consort - I went down to Uncle Stantons to visit my Mother & staid all night. -

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January 9, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day / Attended the funeral which was at 10 OClock at the house & 11 OC at the Meeting House, where large number of people collected & a solemn Meeting was held on the occasion - The weight of service fell on Ruth Freeborn who was much favoured with pertinent & very seasonable matter for the occasion - Jonathon Hannah & Anne Dennis had short testimonys - While the corpse lay over the grave, a short but uncommonly solemn pause was made, & the whole closed decently & becomingly. - I returned to the house of the deceased, dined & rode home with D Buffum Jr - stoping on the way home at John Mitchells & saw his daughter



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Joanne who appears to be in a Consumption - I thought her flushed cheek & quick pulse which I counted at 137 indicated fast approaching dissolution without a change.-

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January 13, Thursday: Die Forelle, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Schubart, was published by Diabelli, Vienna as his op.32.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 13th of 1st M 1825 / At our Select Meeting this Day, we missed Uncle Samuel Thurston from his usual seat, & felt the Miss-
Richd Mitchell & Hannah Dennis, Dined with us the latter set the Afternoon & was joined by her husband at tea, who set the evening with us. -*

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January 16, Sunday: William Hutchings, son of Hannah G. Hutchings of Gloucester, died while at sea.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th of 1 M / Soon after Our morning Meeting was gathered a very solemn quiet was spread over it, which was increasing, when our Ancient & beloved friend David Buffum rose deliverd a Solemn & well adapted testimony "There is no peace to the wicked, to know good, & not to do it becomes sin to us - My peace I give unto you my peace I leave with you, not such peace as the world gives give I unto you" &c. were passages of Scripture which he used, all having a solemn effect on the Audience - Soon after Father Rodman was engaged similarly & was singularly Solemn & impressive - it was a favouring Meeting, but my mind was not able to partake of it, so deeply as on some other occasions. - In the afternoon we were Silen & small. -
Yesterday morning I forwarded a letter to sister Elizabeth & by the Mail at night we recd on from her which expressed their welfare. -*

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January 20, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 1st M 1825 / The Year & the season progresses & my life with them. - yet how poor how lean in the Mind - my feelings were distressed at Meeting under the consideration- it seems as if I have much to do, & the time to do it may be short, & even if it should be prolong'd to the length allotted Man, it will be short. - Father Rodman had a short, but to my feelings acceptable testimony -

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 January 23, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 1 M / Our Morning Meeting was well attended considering it was very cold, raw high wind & cloudy – Father Rodman was largely exercised in his ministry. – In the Afternoon small & a few words by Father Rodman. -- I have to acknowledge great Poverty of Spirit -- Yesterday I went to [Portsmouth](#) with D Buffum to attend the funeral of Joseph Mott - the Meeting was held at the Meeting house & was a season of favour - our friends D Buffum & Ruth Freeborn were very lively & impressively engaged in Testimony – we Dined at the late residence of Uncle S Thurston & after a little time of sitting with the Widow & family in free sympathetic conversation we rode home –

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 January 27, Thursday: In Acton, a “Universalist” church was incorporated, with 49 members, which in a couple of years would rise to 61.

There are now three religious societies in Acton. 1. The Orthodox, which seceded from the town [of Acton] and formed a separate parish during the latter part of Rev. Mr. Shed's ministry. The Rev. James T. Woodbury, brother of the Hon. Levi Woodbury, and formerly a member of the bar in Grafton County, New-Hampshire, was ordained over the parish, August 29, 1832, when the Rev. Mr. Cleaveland, of Salem, preached. 2. The Unitarian, which worships in the meeting-house erected by the town [of Acton]; and 3. The Universalist, which was organized 19th of January, 1816, and incorporated 27th of January, 1825. At the former period it contained 11 members, at the latter 49, and in 1827, 61, twenty of whom resided in other towns. The two last have no settled minister.³³³

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 1st M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held this day in Town was a season of solemnity & favour – In the first meeting Father Rodman Anne Dennis & Hannah Dennis in succession bore testimony, & in the last the buisness that came before us was conducted with a good degree of weight. – Uncle P Lawton & Adam Anthony dined with us. –

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 January 30, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

333. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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1st day 30th of 1 M / Our Meeting today was well attended & we had considerable preaching which seemed to me to be pretty good, but I was not in the situation to judge or be benefited as at some times. -

I am looking towards our Quarterly Meeting when I hope to feel revival. -

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January 31, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 1st M 1825 / Rode in the Stage this Morning to [Portsmouth](#) to attend to some buisness for Uncle Stanton where I spent the day & lodged. - finding my Mother very smart & well considering her Age &c. -

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February 1, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 2nd M 1825 / This morning walked from Uncle Stantons to [Bristol](#) ferry where I took the Stage & Rode to [Providence](#) - lodged at [Moses Browns](#) who I found well & glad to see me. - 4th day rode with our venerable frd to Select Meeting, after which I dined at Dorcas Browns - In the Afternoon attended the Meeting for Sufferings which set till 9 OC in the evening, then rode with M Brown to his house & lodged -- 5th day Attended the Meeting at large & Dined at Wm Jenkins's, then returned to the Meeting house to Meet with the Trustees of OB Benevolent fund which sat till 8 OC when I returned with Moses to his house & again lodged - 6th day at 10 OC went to the School House & attended school committee which took us all day & late in the eveing when I went into [Providence](#) & lodged at Wm Jenkins's -

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February 5, Saturday: Hannah Lord Montague of Troy patented the 1st detachable shirt collar.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day took Stage with D Buffum & rode to [Bristol](#) ferry -after we crossed we found his Carriage there in which I rode home.- This Quarterly Meeting has been as season of precious favour to me for which I desire to be very thankful. - The various sittings, both of Meetings & committees were all in harmony & the hearts of many renewedly Knit together - the labours of our two Ancient Standards D Buffum & [Moses Brown](#) was uncommonly interesting - it is no common occurrence to find two so aged men, one in the 87th & the other in his 82 Year, active green & pertinent in their labours. -

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
 February 6, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 2nd M 1825 / Forenoon Meeting well attended -
Afternoon was small - both pretty good meetings. -*

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 February 7, Monday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

*My dear wife was safely delivered of a fine boy this morning.
We are going to call him Albert.*

 February 10, Thursday: Simón Bolívar gave up his title as “dictator” of Peru in favor of “El Libertador.”

[William James Hubbard](#) “*invenit et fecit*” an elaborate water-colored cut-paper silhouette mounted on board with gold paint, of a Napoleonic-era cavalry duel between a French Cuirassier and an English 15th Hussar:



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th of 2 M / Small but comfortable Meeting, Father
Rodman engaged in a short acceptable testimony -*

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 February 13, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13th of 2 M / Small Meetings & silent, but solemn
sittings. Neither D Buffum, Father Rodman nor Richd Mitchell*



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were there all unable to get out – On we that are Younger, a greater weight is fast devolving, & Oh, Oh that we may be qualified for our Stations. –

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February 16, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 2 M / This day recd a very Acceptable letter from my much valued frd & correspondent Thos Thompsn of Liverpool - his letters are always refreshing & what he sends with them particularly interesting, at this time he Sent to me the "Annual Minutes for this Year" - "The Ground of Christian Discipline briefly esplained" by Joseph Latham - "Collectia 2nd N & several other pieces of value. –

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February 24, Thursday: Dr. Berlioz, after hearing of the fiasco of December 27th, severed the allowance of his son Hector (this began [Hector Berlioz](#)'s financial troubles, which would persist through the 1830s).

Thomas Bowdler, censor and prude, died.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 2 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is this day held at [Portsmouth](#) in a very fine pleasant day, tho' the travelling muddy -& I not there, which may not tend to my Spiritual strength but all things considerd I thought I should feel easy my self to stay at home, being rather indisposed & my wife hardly able to keep up from violent head Ach. –

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February 27, Sunday: Abigail Prescott Minott, mother of [George Minott](#), died in [Concord](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 2 M / Very Small Meetings many are sick with a prevailing epidemic call the Influenza & some are absent from home. – Feeling very unwell myself was not there in the forenoon - but went in the Afternoon – Yesterday recd a letter from Samuel Peebles, wherein his health is stated to be very poor - his situation in every respect claims sympathy - he has mine feelingly - his letter was very acceptable being matter of rejoicing to find him alive in spirit tho' depressed in body. –

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March 5, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5th of 3rd M 1825 / Saw the decease of our Venerable




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*friend James Davis mentioned in the Paper of today - on the 25 ult. aged 81 Years. - he was a Minister in society of many years standing, & one whose minstry was reaching to my feelings in my youthful Days - He is no doubt gathered as a shock [of wheat] fully ripe into the heavenly garner
This has been our Trustees Meeting & the first we have held since the decease of our friend & associate Samuel Thurston, who we missed in our deliberations, & entered on record by an appropriate minute that his lass we felt & that his services had been acceptable & useful for many Years. -*

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 March 6, Sunday: In Vienna, String Quartet op.127 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed for the initial time (it was not a success).

In the Teatro San Carlo of Naples meanwhile, I voti dei sudditi, an azione pastorale by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Schmidt was being performed for the initial time.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 3rd M / In the forenoon our fr D Buffum was very lively in testimony - Silent in the Afternoon - both meetings were very good ones to me - particularly in the Afternoon when life rose in my feelings greatly to my comfort. I desire to be thankful for this renewd evidence of grace - In the eveng went with John out to D Buffum (R Rodman in company) & took tea on my return stoped at Cousin Henry Goulds for my wife who went there to visit his son Thomas, who is very sick of a complaint that looks alarming

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 March 10, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 2rd M / A good solid but small meeting - Anne Dennis appeard in a few words Acceptably - Our Meetings of late have been smaller than usual owing to the many that are sick with the Influenza, which for two or three weeks has been very prevalent, few familys but have had more or less down with it, & but very few who have not been in lesser or greater degree affected

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 March 12, Saturday: Der Einsame D.800, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Lappe, was published in the Zeitschrift fur Kunst, Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 3 M / About a quarter past 9 OC this morning Died Content Warner, she was daughter of Walter Easton & Meribeth his



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wife her first husband was John Wanton from whom she was divorced & then married [] Warner who died & left her a widow after which she returned to her birth right among Friends And died aged 75 Years [?] a few days

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March 13, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 3rd M 1825 / Our Morning Meeting was silent & well attended - The afternoon small & short testimonys from Jonth Dennis & Father Rodman - Both were good seasons to me for which I desire to be thankful -

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March 17, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th 3rd M / Our Meeting was small, & perhaps smaller than usual from indisposition & bad walking - but to me was a comfortable solid sitting. - My mind has much of late been on the low key, but accompanied with tenderness & a sense of favour.

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March 18, Friday: The Senate of the University of Cambridge voted to grant Samuel Wesley the right to publish any part of the collection of manuscripts Lord Fitzwilliam had bequeathed to it in 1816 (at his own expense and risk).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 3 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Dr Hazard to see Uncle Stanton who is quite sick with the prevailing influenza -

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March 19, Saturday: Sir Ralph Noel died.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 3 M / This Afternoon went to the Widow Buckmasters to rectify her clocks. She is very sick & while sitting with her my mind was dipt into sweet feelings - it appears to me she knew where to put her trust & that it was well founded - She is of the Presbyterian persuasion but one of those who has learned in the true school & is very tender in spirit -which mine partook of -

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March 20, Sunday: Franz Schubert's vocal quartet *Flucht D.825* to words of Lappe was performed for the initial time, in the Landhaussaal, Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 3 M / This day was the funeral of Sarah Rogers which went to the forenoon Meeting. The Meeting was large solemn & impressive, attended by many of her relations who were not members

Our frds David Buffum & Hannah Dennis were largely & very acceptably engaged in public testimony. -

The Afternoon Meeting was also a favoured time tho' much smaller than in the Morning - Father Rodman was acceptably engaged in a short testimony. -

Sister Ruth Rodman, in addition to her other complaints has a sharp attack of pleuresy - my wife stays with her tonight. -

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March 24, Thursday: Mexico allowed immigration from the US into the district of Texco-Coahuila.

Der Berggeist, an opera by Louis Spohr to words of Doring, was performed for the initial time, in the Kassel Hoftheater, as part of celebrations surrounding the marriage of the daughter of Elector Wilhelm II of Hesse-Kassel to Duke Bernhard Erich of Saxe-Meiningen.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 3 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was comfortably attended on both sides of the house - & I trust it was a season of some favour A short testimony delivered - At Preparative meeting some conversation about holding our first day meeting one month earlier at 10 OC in the Morning - but no conclusion

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March 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 3rd M 1825 / Silent morning Meeting & to me a good one - Short but good testimony by Father Rodman in the Afternoon - 5th day 31 of 3 M / Our first meeting was a quiet but rather low time - tho' our friends Ruth Freeborn & Abigail Robinson were favoured to bear good testimonys, & appropriate to the State of things -

In our last (Monthly) buisness went on pretty well tho attended with some exercise

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April 3, Easter Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 4 M 1825 / It has been a violent Snow Storm all



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*Day & evening - Our Morning meeting was very small & the
Afternoon still smaller - both low times -*

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April 5, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 5 of 4 M / This Morning about 3 O'clock The Town was
alarmed by the cry of Fire which proved to be the house in Broad
Street occupied by Richd & Geo: C Shaw which was soon subdued.
-About a Quarter of an hour before the Cry of Fire Julia Hall
wife of Milton Hall & daughter of John A Collins Died in Child
bed aged 19 years a sudden awful Stroke, the consideration
whereof has affected my mind. -
This Afternoon Attended the funeral of Ruth Hazard wife of
Godfrey Hazard at the Beach aged 67 Years. -*

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April 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7th of 3rd M / The last part of our meeting was a season
of some favour. - Father Rodman engaged in a short but good
testimony. -- At the conclusion of the Meeting met with the
Overseers to have an opportunity with my Cousin D. Gould who has
been long in the habit of neglecting Meetings & has imbibed a
prejudice against the Active members of Society & seems to
entertain himself with arguments against them & the State of
Society - My mind was largely opened in expostulation with him,
but he seemed hard & unrelenting over which state of mind we
could but Mourn one remain[?]*

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April 10, Sunday: 1st hotel in Hawaii opened.

Der Alpenjager D.588, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Schiller, was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikverein.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 10th of 4 M 1825 / Our Meetings were both well attended
& a little acceptable service in both of them by Father Rodman.
To me hard dull seasons. - Oh for better times - I desire to get
low, that the streams of life may yet more & more increase in
my mind. - By the return of my Br Isaac in the Steam Boat this
Afternoon I recd a short letter & little testimony of
remembrance from my frd Thos Thompson Dated 2 M 15 1825 -
We set most of the evening with our beloved Sister Ruth
who seems mending after a severe attack of Pleurisy. -*

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April 17, Sunday: [John Downes](#) got married with Rebecca Pease of Shrewsbury, whose grandfather Captain Levi Pease, owner of a tavern in Shrewsbury, was known as “the father of mail stages in this country,” having started the Boston/Hartford stage line in 1783. For several years Downes worked in [Boston](#) as a wood engraver while attempting to become established there as a musician, and seems to have done some woodcuts at [Parleys Magazine](#) while Nathaniel Hawthorne was there.

King Charles X of France recognized Haiti 21 years after it had expelled the French following its successful revolution, and demanded that they pay 150 million gold francs, 30 million of which they would need to finance through France itself as down payment.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 4 M / Both Meetings pretty well attended & the
Afternoon was a season of some favour to me –*

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April 21, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21 of 4 M / Meeting pretty well attended, & by close
watching was favoured with some life, for which I desire to be
thankful. –
In the preparative Meeting All the queries was answerd, it being
the preparative Meeting before the Quarter preceeding the Yearly
Meeting. –*

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April 24, Sunday: [Robert Michael Ballantyne](#) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, a scion of a well-known family of printers and publishers. His father was newspaper editor and printer Sandy Ballantyne. One uncle was James Ballantyne, printer for the most famous writer in Scotland, [Sir Walter Scott](#), and he grew up in and around the Scott home. This was the Ballantyne Press:



When Sir Walter made bad investments, this Ballantyne family would also be financially ruined.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 4 M / Our forenoon Meeting was pretty well attended, & our frd Abigail Robinson was largely engaged in testimony beyond any thing we have heard from her in some time – "What will a Man give up in exchange for his soul" was her opening which branched out into much wise counsil & warning & the Youth was feelingly included in the testimony. – Hannah Dennis was also lively in a short communication In the Afternoon, the Meeting small but a season of some favour – With John & Richard & set the evening at D Buffums


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
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 April 27, Wednesday: In [Boston](#), the cornerstone of a new Market House was laid.

Subscriptions for the stock of the [Blackstone Canal](#) went on sale in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

A new French law would compensate families of noble derivation for losses during the French Revolution.

 April 30, Saturday: Daniel Bliss Ripley died at St. Stephens, Alabama at the age of 37.

DANIEL BLISS RIPLEY [of [Concord](#)], brother of the preceding [younger brother of Samuel Ripley], was graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1805. He was an attorney, and died at St. Stephens, Alabama; April 30, 1825, aged 37.³³⁴

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


7th day 30th of 4 M 1825 / Our beloved Sister Ruth spent most of the Day with us, the first time she has been here in Several Months, having been seriously indisposed – & is now in a low state of health, but better than some time ago – from appearances, with the Warm weather she may be still better.

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 May 1, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 5 M 1825 / Our meetings were not seasons of much life yet a degree of favour was experineced. Anne Dennis & father Rodman bore short testimonys.

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 May 3, Tuesday: Le macon, an opera comique by Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber to words of Scribe and Delavigne, was performed for the initial time, in Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 5 M / Under no small discouragement on various accounts We went on board the Packet this Morning for Greenwich to attend our Quarterly Meeting held there this week. – where we arrived in the Afternoon & got to Daniel Howlands between one & 2 OClock: – Soon after there came up a storm of Rain Thunder lightening & the most & largest Hail I ever saw many of the hail stones were as large as Cherrys & if the wind had blown, many windows must have been broken – The Thunder broke near a House South of our Meeting House in Greenwich but did little damage –

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334. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)


(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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 May 4, Wednesday: Henry Huxley was born.

The opera season opened on this night in Palermo under its new director, Gaetano Donizetti (the orchestra performed so poorly that Donizetti would be called to account by the Superintendent of Public Spectacles).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Our Select Meeting was a season of favor - Meeting for Sufferings & Trustees Meeting also met which consumed the Day. -


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 May 5, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day In the first Meeting Wm Almy bore a faithful testimony to the Truth & Alice Rathbone was concerned in solemn Supplication. - In the last meeting buisness was conducted in love & harmony & the Appointment by [Greenwich](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting of Perez Peck to the Station of an Elder was united with -

After Meeting we dined at the Widow Rounds, & then got into Wm Jenkins Carriage & rode to [Providence](#) & lodged at his house. -

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 May 6, Friday: Challenged by Luigi Cherubini to compose a Kyrie for chorus, [Felix Mendelssohn](#) produced a Kyrie in d minor.

[Maria Brontë](#) died of [tuberculosis](#).

Mayor John Phillips of [Boston](#) was fined for "fast riding."

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day - My wife staid with Anne Jenkins & I went out to the School House. - where I was occupied with the School Committee all Day - & tho' it was close application & fatiguing yet the consolation of finding the school in good order & affording a promise of future usefulness to Society was a very consoling & encouraging prospect, for which I feel in good measure thankful - In the eveng called to see Dorcas Brown & lodged at Wm Jenkins's

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 May 7, Saturday: At 8AM in Vienna, Antonio Salieri died at the age of 74.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day With my wife & David Buffum in company we went on board the Packet at 10 OC & after a long but pleasant Passage down the River we got home about 5 OC PM. - Tho' we have been longer from home than we expected, yet the



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favour experienced particularly in visiting the School yesterday renders the visit a proffitable one to us. – Oh Father I thank thee for the past. –

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May 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 8th of 5 M / Silent Meetings & smaller than usual in consequence of the funeral of Anna Anthony at [Portsmouth](#) which a number of Friends attended –
Set most of the eveng with Abigail Robinson who read me a very interesting part of her letter from her sister Mary Morton which gave an account of their Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia as having been a very favoured season, wherein the weight & savour of Divine life rose over all loose spirits, to the comfort & support of many drooping minds. –*

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May 12, Thursday: Organization president John Jay addressed New-York's Bible Society, claiming that human knowledge could not encompass the mysteries of the spiritual world.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12th of 5 M / A good Silent Meeting
Set out with D Buffum to Visit Jos Wilbour in the neck, but going over a gutter the spring of the Chaise broke so I went on, on foot & spent most of the Afternoon –*

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May 15, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 5 M 1825 / A little good preaching in the forenoon from Father Rodman & J Dennis. – In the Afternoon Silent good meeting. – Took tea at cousin Henry Goulds –

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Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

Father has just written to me that I must be present at Uniontown to help him receive [Lafayette](#), who is going to stay a couple of nights with him at Friendship Hill. So I am off to-morrow. Josephine is quite well and so happy with her baby. I do not mind leaving her.



May 19, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19 of 5 M / A good comfortable meeting to me, in Silence – for which I desire to be thankful –
My dear Aged Mother has been for some weeks very unwell. She was*



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taken so at [Portsmouth](#) where she spent last Winter & since her return is no better & rather grows worse. I grow apprehensive that her case is Serious. -

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May 21, Saturday: Le lapin blanc, an opera comique by Ferdinand Herold to words of Melesville and Carmouche, was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre Feydeau, Paris.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 5 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Uncle Benjn Freeborn, & took tea at Aunt Elizabeth Thurstons - Then Walked on to Uncle Stantons & lodged. - 1st day [Sunday] Morning after breakfast walked up to Asa Shermans, where Jethro T Mitchell soon met me & with him & his son Wm rode over to [Tiverton](#) to attend the Meeting there being part of the committee appointed to visit it occasionally - The number that meet are small & the spring of life evidently low, yet I do not see, any better way than to strive to Keep the Meeting up yet a little longer. - After Meeting we came directly homeward & dined at Assa Shermans, & from thence I rode home with D Buffum Jr who was also at [Tiverton](#). -

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May 26, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 5 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was this day held in Town, it was a time of love; nothing went hard & friends were comforted together. - there was a little preaching, well ment but not of the first stamp, either for life or correct delivery

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May 29, Sunday: A Mass in A by Luigi Cherubini was performed for the initial time, for the coronation of King Charles X in Rheims. This was the 1st coronation of a French king since 1775.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 5 M / Both Meetings nearly Silent & both pretty good ones to me - Between Meetings several friends arrived in the Steam Boat, among them were our friend James Hazard. - Saml Newett & Arnold Buffum also came & gave us some acct of NYork Yearly Meeting, where it appeard great trial was experienced. - Took tea at David Buffums. -


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
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 June 2, Thursday: Rondo in c minor op.1 becomes the 1st work of [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) to be commercially published, courtesy of Brzezina & Co.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 2nd of 6 M 1825 / Our friend Huldah Hoag from Vermont arrived in the Steam Boat on 3rd day & Attended our Meeting today -also our friend James Hazard from Cornwall NYork State was there & both had acceptable testimonys -

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 June 3, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 6 M / Went this Morning with Huldah Hoag & her temporary companion Susanna Warham from Maryland - to Conannicut to attend an Appointed Meeting there at 3 OC this Afternoon. - After settling the way for them to get to Narragansett I returned home, without attending the Meeting with them feeling it extremely inconvenient for me to be from home at a time so near the Yearly Meeting. -


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 June 5, Sunday: The two nurses who attended Antonio Salieri reasserted that since Winter 1823, at no point had their patient said anything to them about having murdered Wolfgang Amadeus [Mozart](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 6 M / Stormy Day with much Rain - Our forenoon meeting small but a very solid & good one in which father Rodman had a few words to deliver -

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 June 9, Thursday: The Marquis de [Lafayette](#), touring America, arrived in Rome, New York, on the Governor Clinton via the [Erie Canal](#).

Suleika II D.717, a song by Franz Schubert to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), was performed for the initial time, in the Jagor'schersaal, Berlin. Other Schubert songs also were performed to great success.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 6 M / Our Meeting tho' small was a season of favour a time in which celestial dew fell on some minds to their Strengthening & comfort. - James Hazard David Buffum & Father Rodman were engaged in lively seasonable & pertinent testimonys & James Hazard appeared in the conclusion in humble supplication

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 June 11, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 11th of 6th M 1825 / Yearly Meeting has commenced & my wife & I have been to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Select Meeting, which was Measurably favoured - It appeared that we had with us as visiting Brothers & Sisters Vizt James Hazard from Cornwall NYork, George Hatton of Indiana who is a grand son of Susannah Hatton afterwards Leightfoot - Abigail Barker from Burlington & her companion Mary Allenson - Huldah from Vermont & Abigail R Hoag from the same place who is daughter of Thos Robinsons & a Native of [Newport](#) -
We dined at Aunt Thurstons, & afer the Meeting for Sufferings we came home -

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June 12, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day - Both Meetings very large & George Hatton James Hazard engaged in both - George very largely - I suppose it may be called a favoured time - The people very still & attentive

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June 13, Monday: At our nation's puzzle palace, President John Quincy Adams was out for his usual after-breakfast skinny-dip in the Potomac. At the middle of the river, in a sudden gust of wind, the canoe capsized and, the record states, the life of our President, although he was an expert swimmer who swam for one to two hours daily, was endangered. Some of the President's clothing was lost and he was forced to hike back to the White House in only one shoe.³³⁵

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day - Our Meeting was remarkably favoured with quiet -The buisness conducted in harmony & good feeling - which is a favour we ought to be & I have no doubt many are humbly thankful for -

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June 14, Tuesday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day My mind low & oppressed with my own infirmitys & in addition to which have heard this Morning that my brother James W Gould has arrived at [Warren](#) & my Brother Isaac has gone in a Chaise to see him - I am going to Select Meeting & hope to feel divine help

Both our Meetings today, Select & that for the body at large, were seasons of favour, order & harmony, in which my mind has been comforted & enlarged - we have had many of our dear Friends at our house & [Moses Brown](#), Abigail Barker, Mary Allenson & some others at tea

Brother James returned home with Br Isaac this afternoon -
The first time we have seen him in about 16 Years

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335. The record is silent as to whether the life of the President's slave, paddling said canoe, was also endangered when it overturned, and is also silent as to how Antoine might have been punished for having sent the Presidential attire down the river.



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 June 15, Wednesday: [Elizabeth Brontë](#) died of [tuberculosis](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Meetings again favoured with Quiet - thankfulness prevails in many minds that we have been thus preserved. -

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 June 16, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day The Meeting this morning met at half past 7 OC & concluded about 10 under a solemn sense of the favours vouchsafed to us in the several sittings. -The Public meeting held at 11 OC was not as large as I have sometimes seen it on that Day but a more favoured Meeting taken generally I perhaps never saw at this time. -The Solemnity of the Silence was to be felt, Geo Hatton began with a short testimony, & was followed by our friend Abigail Barker in a long sound & living gospel testimony The Meeting concluded after a short testimony by Huldah Hoag


The Afternoon has been spent in parting with our friends some of us perhaps have parted forever. - George Hatton & his companion took tea with us - Our lodgers this Year have been Danl & Thos Howland, Thos Anthony & wife, John R Davis & his wife, Daniel Johnson, Stephen Oliver, Benjamin Percival, Micajah C Pratt, Meriam Newhall & Hannah Johnson -

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 June 17, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 6 M / 1825 / We have had the company of our Dear Sister Elizabeth R Nichols & her husband Br Jonathon Nichols with their Child eight months old to spend the Day with us

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 June 18, Saturday: [Noah Webster, Esq.](#) returned to his family in New Haven, Connecticut after his lengthy research trip to European and British libraries.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18th of 6th M / This & yeasterday is always a lonesome Day after Yearly Meeting. - but as we have had a time of favour, let us be thankful -

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June 19, Sunday: Il viaggio a Reims, ossia L'albergo del giglio d'oro, a dramma giocoso by Gioachino Rossini to words of Balocchi after de Stael, was performed for the initial time, at the Theatre-Italien, Paris. The work was performed during coronation festivities for Charles X, who attended but was bored (hey, he had a lot going on in his life).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 6 M / The Funeral of Rowena Bowen wife of Stephen Bowen went to the Meeting this forenoon - life was low, & there was but little Said - she was not a member but carried there by request of the family. -
In the Afternoon we had a low time - so we find the tide is always low after a flood. -*

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June 20, Monday: The [Marquis de Lafayette](#) visited the unfinished [Eastern State Penitentiary](#) on Fairmount Avenue in Philadelphia.

In his 2d Birmingham concert, Franz Liszt presented an overture (presumably the overture to his unperformed opera Don Sanche).

Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

We are all very happy here [at Friendship Hill]. The country is beautiful and mamma certainly has the art of making everybody comfortable. Josephine is delicate but loves the good air here, particularly for our boy, who is growing apace. Father worships him at a distance. A few days since I told father for the first time of Mr. Adams' letter to me of February last. I had written privately to Mr. Adams informing him of father's reasons for refusing the Treasury under his administration. Father has always been above suspicion and I may frankly say (although he is my father) that he is the only one of either party who has not fallen into some error which has cast suspicion on their motives. This Mr. Adams frankly acknowledges in his letter to me. When I read this paragraph I could see father's evident gratification at the opinion held of him by a political opponent-and that opponent the actual President of the United States. We drifted into reminiscences of Paris. Father's heart is there and in Geneva, but only stern duty keeps him here.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20 of 6 M / Sister Elizabeth left us with her husband & child for home. - Sister Ruth accompanying them as far as [Providence](#) where she intends to spend a few days in hopes a change of Air may be beneficial to her health. -

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June 23, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 23rd of 6 M / We had at Meeting Isaac W Morris with his sister & two daughters & Abigail R Hoag the former of Philada & the latter from Vermont – Also Lorenzo Dow came & sat with us – I do not think he did the meeting much hurt, tho' we had a low time Jonathon & Hannah Dennis said a few words. – Lorenzo is in low health, his countenance ghastly & his long beard together, gives him a very unpleasant appearance. –

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June 24, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24 of 6 M / This Afternoon we had the company of our old acquaintance Abigail R Hoag - she seems very natural, pleasant & agreeable - I remember her well when she lived at her grandfather Thomas Robinsons, a pleasant innocent little girl - Since her removal to Vermont she has become a Minister in Society - Married Nathan Hoag & become the mother of nine Children & is now only about 35 Years of Age -

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June 26, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 6th M 1825 / In our Meeting this forenoon we had the public appearances of Susanna Vigineron[?], Hannah Dennis & Abigail R Hoag – In the Afternoon Jonathon Dennis & father Rodman bore short testimonies
We took tea at Father Rodmans & in the evening call on Isaac Williams & family who were at Meeting & are boarding at Sarah Perrys - they Appear to be wise discreet friends, their company was interesting & edifying. –*

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June 28, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th [sic] day 28 of 6 M / Brother James took breakfast with us this morning after which, as is our usual practice, we read a portion of Scripture, which came in course to be the 5 Chapt of Luke, which appeared to me to be well fitting both our condition, as having toiled all night & caught nothing - but tho' late in the day, there is encouraging hope that by putting the net on the right side we may be favoured to obtain sufficient for our subsistence, both spiritually & temporally, & also to put our trust in Jesus Christ by whose power the man full of leprosy was cleansed, & his power is not shortened, but acts by his Holy spirit in the hearts of men, now, as in the days of his flesh. –

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June 30, Thursday: Carl Friedrich Zelter oversaw the laying of the cornerstone of the new Berlin Singakademie.

On her 2d visit to London, Maria Szymanowska gave a concert before the royal family.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 6 M / Yesterday I was Bled & today under the affects of Medicine, which renders me unfit to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) today – My head has been long out of order & distressingly so for several days -- This eveng our frd Sarah Morris & Catherine W Morris set a while with us – Isaac being unwell did not come, so we walked home with them at 9 OC & set with them a few minutes just to take leave of Isaac & their two daughters, all of them are friends to whom we feel nearly united, tho' our acquaintance has been short. – They leave town in the course of tomorrow for [New Bedford](#) & [Nantucket](#). –

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July 1, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 7th M 1825 / Our friend Abigail Hoag called to take leave of us this Afternoon, as she leaves Town tomorrow for her home in Vermont. – I have felt glad of this renewal of acquaintance with her, she was a Goodly child before she left R Island & I think has improved in the best things, & has a good tho' small gift in the Ministry

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July 3, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 7 M / In our meeting this morning our friend Abigail Robinson was engaged in a pretty extensive testimony & rose a second time – which was rather a singular circumstance for her – It was a season of some favour – In the Afternoon Father Rodman said a few words – very good –

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July 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 7th M / Our Meeting was small & heavy, I have heard a number say they were very sleepy & I am sure I have seldom suffered more with heaviness – one little boy got to sleep & slept till nearly all the folks had got out of meeting. – This is frequently the case that our meetings are small & heavy at the time of haymaking. – But alass were we all in that quick & living frame of spirit we ought to be in, this would not be the case. – My health is poor I have suffered this day



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exceedingly with my old difficulty in my head. –

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July 9, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 9 of 7 M / This morning Son John left us for [Providence](#) with a prospect of staying there some Months at the Boarding School – I feel thankfull – for the priviledge of his being there, but must acknowledge it is no small trial to My feelings to part with him, he has been our constant care, for 13 Years & over, & generally a pleasant companion – but the time is coming & may not be far distant when a more solemn parting will take place – & may we be prepared for it
Last night I was very sick with fever, sore throat & distress in my head & system generally some better this Morning
7th day continued / Brother J Rodman returned from [Providence](#) in the Steam Boat towards night, said he Saw John & Thomas safely landed at the School House by half past 12 OClock. –*

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July 10, Sunday: Messe solennelle by Hector Berlioz was performed for the initial time, in the Church of St. Roch (in spite of the fiasco of December 28th, 1824 this time the work was a great success).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 7th M 1825 / My health is poor & it has been a very depressed day in body & Mind – I could not attend meeting, Set out to walk there early in the morning to unlock the Doors & gates but found myself unable to do it, & employed another hand. –

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July 12, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day [sic] 12th of 7th M / This Afternoon recd a pleasing note from John, who has sent for his Latin books, & expresses much satisfaction in his new situation so far

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July 14, Thursday: In writing a sister, [Hawthorne](#) signed his letter “Nathaniel Hathorne.” We can see that at this point he had not yet changed the spelling.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14 of 7 M / Our Meeting was small & owing to the infirmity of my body, my feelings were very low
In the Select Meeting, we had some buisness of importance to judge of, but my feelings were so low that I dare not enter much*



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into judgement. –

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July 17, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 7 M / Our Meetings were both small & to me dry seasons, but I expect some thought there was some favour as we had preaching in both, but none of it of a stamp that stood very high in my mind. –

Took tea at D Buffums, who is complaining & not at Meeting he appears to have some fever, but better

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[Daniel Webster](#) wrote from [Niagara Falls](#):

My dear Mrs. Blake,
Before leaving here I wish to say an additional word or two on the subject of the Falls, by way of explaining or correcting some things in my letter.

In the first place I said, I think, that Goat Island was midway of the Rapids. This may lead to an erroneous opinion. The Rapids in fact, commence precisely at the head of Goat Island, We may stand at the head of the island, and look up and see a mild and even surface. The shore is level to the water, and we may amuse ourselves by throwing in sticks, and speculating on their course, either to the British or American Fall.

In the next place, I am convinced that I over-estimated both the breadth of the stream and the amount of water on the American side. I think the stream is not more than one fourth as wide as on the other side; and the proportion of water still less.

In the last place, when saying that the rock over which the river falls is limestone, I ought to have added that this limestone constituted but a part of the bank or wall. The first, or upper fifty feet, is limestone, lying in regular strata, as I have mentioned; the next hundred feet is a soft slate stone, which yields in some measure to the action of air, frost, and water. It comes off in small parcels, and is easily picked out of the sides of the bank. I pulled off a piece six feet long, as straight as a walking stick, and not much larger. As these pieces fall down they become pulverized, and turn to a sort of earth. The wearing away of this slate stone necessarily lets fall the limestone from above. Table Rock is the projecting platform of limestone.

The slate stone underneath it is already worn away a great depth into the bank; and Table Rock will one day doubtless precipitate itself into the river.

At the bottom of this course of slate stone, just about even with the surface of the river, commences another kind of stone. It seems to be a red sandstone, lying in very thin layers. It is of so bright a color that it may sometimes be seen, forming the bottom of the river, where the water is very deep.



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You will excuse me, my dear Mrs. Blake, for adding these remarks to my long and tedious letter. It is doubtful whether I shall ever see the Falls again. You will be here at some time, and I hope soon. I will not promise myself, that, as you view the scene, you will find any great correspondence between the view itself and my account of it; but I trust you will call to mind those who have been over the spot before you, and be willing to remember even this unsuccessful attempt to describe it to you by Your affectionate and faithful,

D. WEBSTER.

P. S. We set out this morning for home.



July 19, Thursday: Members of the liberal wing of the Congregationalists of New England formed an American [Unitarian](#) Association.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 7 M / Last evening a letter was recd from Thomas P Rodman & this morning we had one from John which was very pleasing, as both of them appear to be much satisfied with their new situation, pleased with their instructors, & other associates at the School & evince a disposition to be doing all they can to attain learning -- May they do WELL --

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July 21, Thursday: New York governor De Witt Clinton and Ohio governor Jeremiah Morrow presided at the groundbreaking for the [Miami and Erie Canal](#), at Middletown, Ohio.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 7th M 1825 / Our Meeting was small & nearly Silent - In the preparative Meeting we had no buisness but that which comes in regular course - Mt feelings are much alive to Johns situation - it is extremely warm & How he will Stand it I do not know, tho' I know the School House at [Providence](#) is in cool airy situation, yet the climate there is so much warmer than [Newport](#) I fear the heat will be too much for his constitution

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July 24, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 7 M / Our Morning meeting was a good one - D Buffum was engaged in a remarkably Solemn & impressive testimony, & Father Rodman & J Dennis also spoke acceptably. - In the Afternoon we were small silent & heavy. -


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 July 28, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28 of 7 M / Our friend George Hatton from the State of Indiana attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting & was largely & accepatably engaged in testimony. — In the meeting for buisness we had rather more buisness than usual in addition to the Queries & Answers - A request was recd from [Portsmouth](#) Preparative Meeting by Josiah Chase to be admitted to membership & a concern was laid before the Meeting by Hannah Dennis to accompany Sarah Tucker on a religious visit to some parts of the Yearly Meeting to Pennsylvania, which obtained the Unity of the Meeting - & a committee appointed to prepare a certificate, which was presented at an adjournment at 5 OClock & approved & Signed. — We had at dinner Anne Greene, Wait Lawton Benj Freeborn & Adam Anthony. —

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 July 29, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 7 M / This Afternoon we had the Company of our cousin Sarah G Lawton daughter of my wifes Uncle James Lawton from Ohio - her mother was Susannah Gould daughter of John Gould & I do freely acknowledge myself pleased & gratified with the inetrvieu She is an intersting Young woman, & much interested with the account I gave of the Gould family.

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 July 31, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*1st day 31st of 7th M 1825 / George Hatton attends Meeting in the Morning he was silent & in the Afternoon large & Acceptably in testimony. —
Attended the funeral of the Widow Freeborn, who was a Friendly woman & attended our meetings many years when in health. —*

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 August 3, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 3rd of 8th M 1825 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my wife to Attend our Select Quartelry Meeting - before Meeting we went down to Uncle Stantons & stoped at Aunt Thurstons
After Meeting we dined at Uncle Benjn Freeborns & after the Sittings of several sittings of committees in the Afternoon we went to Uncle P Lawtons & lodged —*

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 August 4, Thursday: The name of [Walton Felch](#) was “erased” from the records of the 1st [Baptist](#) Church of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) — which is to say, he was removed from their register of members despite the fact that he had neither died nor transferred his membership to some other church.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Our first Meeting was large & an excellent Gospel testimony from Micajah Collins who has just returned & is on his way home from a long journey in the Western & Southern States. -Huldah Hoag had short testimony but Geo: Hatton was silent in the first meeting - In the last we had more buisness than usual -Hannah Dennis was liberated to accompany Sarah Tucker on a religious visit to some Quarteerly Meetings in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - & South Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting was united with in the Appointment of Hannah Knowles to the Station of an Elder. - We dined at Aunt Thurstons & rode home -

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August 7, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 8 M / Meetings thin & heavy. - a short testimony in the Afternoon from Father Rodman - In the morning a number of Strangers were present who looked as if they might be Southerners -& all day a considerable portion of our own usual attenders were Absent & some of the members away. - Took tea at Father Rodmans

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August 11, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 8th M 1825 / After Meeting this Afternoon I went on board the Wickford Packet with Our old frd & acquaintance Ann Swinburne intending for [Greenwich](#) where she intends visiting her relations - We did not get to Wickford till too late to set out for [Greenwich](#) & took tea & lodged at Avis & Ann Smiths & next Morning (6th day) by 5 OC we were on the road & arrived at [Greenwich](#) in season to Breakfast at Saml Browns - previous to which I rode up to Thos Howlands on a little buisness I had with him - he had gone out & I did not see him - I got back to Wickford at half past nine & found the Packet had left me a Quarter of an hour - so I set out on foot through Boston Neck for the South ferry & arrived after a warm fatiguing walk at cousin Hannah Gardiners who I found with her children very glad to see me, & I was glad to see them, being the first time I have seen them since Cousin Lewis's death - I got home by 4 OC in the Afternoon, not more, nor so much fatigued as I expected, tho' taken a slight cold


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 August 14, Sunday: Gaetano Donizetti's Cantata for the King's Birthday was performed for the initial time, in Palermo.

Franz Schubert and Johann Vogl traveled from Salzburg to Bad Gastein. (there he would work further on the Great C Major symphony, and compose the Piano Sonata D.850).

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 8 M / Our Meetings were both thinner than usual,
as I think they have generally been thro the Summer – A little
Preaching the Afternoon
In the evening called at Dorcas Earls, & sat a while with her &
her daughter Sarah in sympathy with them in their loss of her
Daughter Phebe Robinson. –*

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 August 18, Thursday: Gregor MacGregor issued a £300,000 loan with 2.5% interest through the London bank of Thomas Jenkins & Company. (This would eventuate in the Panic of 1825, the first modern stock market crash in London.)

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 18th of 8 M / Hannah Dennis & Father Rodman bore short
testimonys at Meeting – No buisness in the Preparative Meeting*

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 August 19, Friday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 19th of 8 M / Was called this Afternoon to the bedside
of a Sister in Society Abigail Lee, who was desirous of making
a Will which I wrote for her & she executed – She is exceedingly
low, has been for some Months blind & now seems wearing out with
the Dysentary – She is an old acquaintance of mine & the
particular associate of My Aunts Martha Mary & Hannah Gould,
also of cousin Jonathon & Ruth Marsh – She seemed quiet patient
& resigned. –*

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 August 21, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 8 M 1825 / Last night about half past 12 OClock
Abigail Lee departed this life. –
Very Rainy day & small Meetings short testimonys were however
delivered in both –*

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August 25, Thursday: Uruguay declared its independence from Brazil and was reincorporated into the United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 8 m / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with sister Ruth Rodman to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. – In the first Anne Dennis, Abigail Robinson, Ruth Freeborn & Hannah Dennis bore testimonys & I thought there was a remarkable correspondency in all their appearances, & I have no doubt their labours will be useful. – The meeting seemed much like a dry brook in the forefront of it, to me, but low before it closed a comfortable degree of life arose, which I thought assisted me in the labours of the last Meeting in which some important subjects were before us – particularly the request of John Hedly for membership – & the appointment of a committee to consider the propriety of giving testimony concerning some of our deceased Ancient friends. – Before Meeting we stoped at Aunt Elizabeth Thurstons who we found very sick & no better than when I saw her some weeks ago – After meeting we dined & took tea at Uncle Stantons. –

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August 28, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 8 M / This morning went on board the Steam boat for [Providence](#) for the three fold purpose of visiting our son John at the Yearly Meeting boarding School & to attend a special Meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings & the Sub committee meeting in the course

We got to [Providence](#) in season to dine at Wm Jenkins & attend the Afternoon Meeting where in Wm Almy preached with soundness & life. – After which Wm carried me in his chaise to the School House, where I found John, well & very glad to see me, as I was him – After sitting sometime & taking tea at the School House for the purpose of having his company I took him down to [Moses Browns](#) House where we lodged together –

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August 29, Monday: Brazil agreed to a proposed treaty between itself and Portugal, recognizing the independence of Brazil.

In [Cranston, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Spent this forenoon mostly in [Providence](#) attending to a little buisness & dined at Jos Anthonys – returned to the School House & spent the Afternoon in the boys school & was pleased with the progress of the learners & order that was observed among them. – it was comfortable also to find that an openness & freedom existed between the Teachers Superintendents & Schollars – to



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find that the inmates of the institution harmonised throughout & that all things were in a comfortable state – Towards night Wm Almy called at the School House & carried me out to his house at [Cranston](#) where I found Daniel & Thomas Howland who were a pleasant addition to our evening circle. –

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August 30/31, Tuesday/Wednesday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) became an honorary member of the Societe Academique des Enfants d'Apollon in Paris.

Back in [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day, after breakfast at Wm Almays – he brought me into [Providence](#) where I spent the Day in attending the Meeting for Sufferings & Sub School committee, at the School House. – it was a pleasant day & I was glad & in measure thankful to be there. – I lodged at [Moses Browns](#) & 4th day Morning rose early & called at the School House on my way to town, & parted with John – After stirring round [Providence](#) to accomplish a little buisness got on board the Packet & arrived in [Newport](#) in the Afternoon

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September 1, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st 9th M 1825 / Our meeting was small & the forepart of it to me lively, but alass, it did not end as well as it began. –Father Rodman was engaged in a short but good testimony

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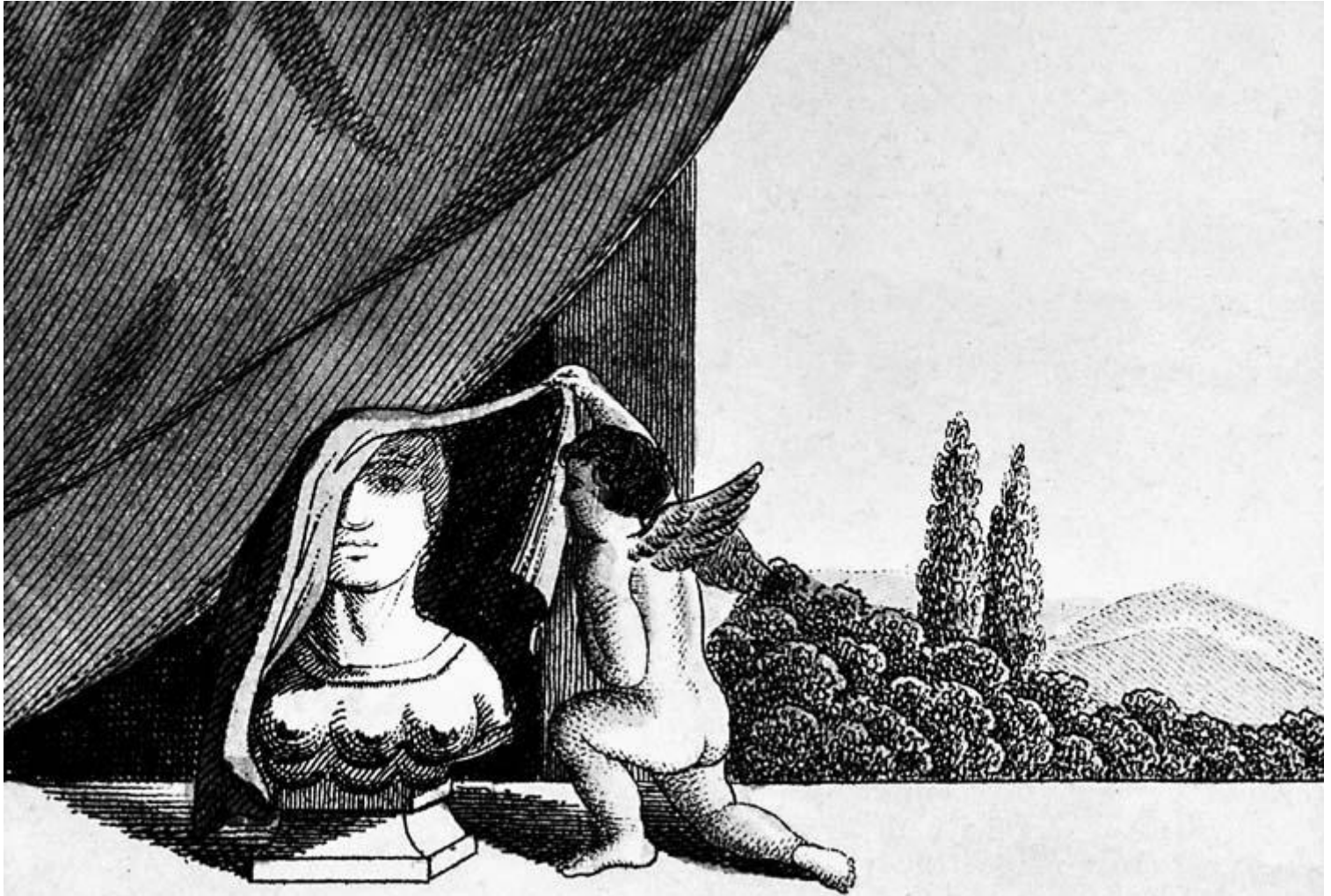
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September 3, Saturday: “Genius Unveiling a Bust of Nature,” per [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#):





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WALDEN: With a little more deliberation in the choice of their pursuits, all men would perhaps become students and observers, for certainly their nature and destiny are interesting to all alike. In accumulating property for ourselves or our posterity, in founding a family or a state, or acquiring fame even, we are mortal; but in dealing with truth we are immortal, and need fear no change nor accident. The oldest Egyptian or Hindoo philosopher raised a corner of the veil from the statue of the divinity; and still the trembling robe remains raised, and I gaze upon as fresh a glory as he did, since it was I in him that was then so bold, and it is he in me that now reviews the vision. No dust has settled on that robe; no time has elapsed since that divinity was revealed. That time which we really improve, or which is improvable, is neither past, present, nor future.

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Quoting from page 349 of Pierre Hadot's THE VEIL OF **ISIS**: AN ESSAY ON THE HISTORY OF THE IDEA OF NATURE, in the 2006 translation by Michael Chase:

In 1814, when the archduke Karl August returned from a trip to England, there was a celebration at Weimar to mark his homecoming. Goethe had the town's drawing school decorated with eight paintings that were intended to symbolize the various arts and the protection Karl August accorded to them.³³⁶ Among these symbolic figures executed in the style of emblems, there was one that represented "Genius Unveiling a Bust of Nature," with Nature represented in her traditional aspect as Isis/Artemis. In the distant background, behind the figure, a landscape could be seen, which contrasted strongly with the somewhat artificial atmosphere created by this statue of Nature unveiled. Goethe used these same pictures to decorate his own house for the jubilee of Karl August on September 3, 1825, and for his own jubilee, or more precisely for the anniversary of his entry into the service of the archduke, on November 7 of the same year.

The meaning that Goethe ascribed to this drawing can be inferred from his poetry:

Respect the mystery;
Let not your eyes give way to lust.
Nature the Sphinx, a monstrous thing,
Will terrify you with her innumerable breasts.

Seek no secret initiation
beneath the veil; leave alone what is fixed.
If you want to live, poor fool,
Look only behind you, toward empty space.

If you succeed in making your intuition
First penetrate within,

336. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, *Weimars Jubelfest am 3ten September 1825 . . .*, ed. Johann Peter Eckermann (Weimar: Hoffmann, 1825), sec. 1.



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Then return toward the outside,
Then you will be instructed in the best way.³³⁷

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 3 of 9 M / Most of this day engaged in the Trustees
Meeting - my time is much consumed in the concerns of Society -
I often feel discouraged under it -*

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September 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 9 M / Meeting pretty well attended, two short
testimonys A Dennis in the morning & Father Rodman in the
Afternoon
I thought I might acknowledge a degree of favour. -*

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September 8, Thursday: The Marquis de [Lafayette](#) headed back toward France, aboard the [USS Brandywine](#).

Franz Schubert's Erstes Offertorium D.136 for vocal soloist, clarinet, orchestra, and organ, Zweites Offertorium D.223 for soprano, orchestra, and organ, and a setting of Tantum ergo D.739 for chorus, orchestra, and organ, were all performed for the initial time, in the Maria-Trost-Kirche of Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 9 M / At Meeting a short but good testimony from
Father Rodman - Tho Rainy well attended - & I thought as little
life was experienced in my own particular but it is indeed a low
time with me -*

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September 11, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 9th M / I thought our meetings were favoured
with a good degree of life - In the forenoon Father Rodman was
lively & acceptable in testimony
With my H took tea at David Buffums who was confined at home
thro' the day with an alarming swelling under his Arm, not
decided whether it is a Bile or something of a Cancerous kind. -*

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September 17, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 17th of 9th M 1825 / Went this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#)
to Uncle Stantons & Lodged -*

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
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 September 18, Sunday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day At meeting we had the company of Sarah Tucker & Hannah Dennis who have met to set out on their journey into Pennsylvania State. — They both were engaged in Testimony & a very favoured Meeting it was to me in particular. it has been a memorable day to me for which I desire to be thankful — When I retired to rest last night my desire was fervant that I might have a Good Day which has been granted —

After the close of the Meeting with the others of the committee had an opportunity with John Hedly who had requested to be a member of our Society — the interview was pleasant & encouraging — Dined & took tea at Asa Shermans — where I wrote a letter to my frd Thos Evans of Philada & handed to Hannah Dennis to carry on — after taking leave of her I walked down to Shadrack Chases & lodged


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 September 19, Monday: After 13 years of direct Habsburg rule, the Hungarian Diet reopened.

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day morning rose & before breakfast walked home not much fatigued.


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 September 22, Thursday: [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)'s *Il Crociato in Egitto* opened in Paris to spectacular success. King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia arrived in the city would attend the 2d performance. (It had been the idea of Gioachino Rossini to stage this opera, and he had invited Meyerbeer to direct the final rehearsals. This reaffirmed their friendship, in existence since 1819.)

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 9 M 1825 / Our Meeting tho' small was a season of some favour — Anne Greene preached in the life — Divers of our friends who usually meet with us were absent among them was David Buffum who has gone on a visit to his friends at [Smithfield](#) & we missed our friend Hannah Dennis from her seat —

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 September 25, Sunday: In the first major action of the Java War, General Hendrik Merkus de Kock lifted the siege of Jogjakarta.

In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 9 M / Pretty good meetings to me — In the morning Father Rodman & in the Afternoon Abigail Robinson were engaged in acceptable testimonys

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 September 29, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 9th M / At Meeting Father Rodman appeared
in Testimony & supplication - Mary Hicks & Abigail Sherman
in testimony - In the last Meeting John Hedly & Josiah Chase
was admitted to membership - & it Seemed like an encouraging
meeting -*

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 October 2, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*1st day 2nd of 10th M 1825 / This morning my dear wife left home
with Jonathon Dennis for Sandwich to attend the approaching
Quarterly Meeting as of the committee from the Yearly Meeting,
which has left me quite alone & lonesome at home
Rowland Greene & Abigail Robinson set out yesterday Afternoon
on the same concern - they all expect to be gone a week or ten
Days. -
Father Rodman was largely in testimony in the Morning Meeting,
- which on the whole I believe was a good favour'd time --
In the Afternoon D Buffum & Father were both concerned to deliver
short testimonys - I went out & took tea & set the evening with
D Buffum -*

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 October 6, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6th of 10th M / A good, solid quiet & quieting Meeting.
Father Rodman & Anne Dennis engaged in testimony*


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 October 9, Sunday: After seeing Il Crociato in Egitto in Paris, King Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia formally invited [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to compose an opera for Berlin. He would decline.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9 of 10 M / D Buffum engaged in testimony in the forenoon
& in the Afternoon silent both seasons of exercise yet some
favour to me - When I came home this evening I unexpectedly found
my dear wife had returned, much to my satisfaction for I began
to feel lonesome at house Keeping -*

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 October 10, Monday: Dmitri Stepanovich Bortnyansky died in St. Petersburg at approximately 74 years of age.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 10 of 10 M / I have been much exercised many ways & my mind under depression (perplexed but not in despair) for a long time. - a little relief was afforded this evening for which I desire to be thankful, & ascribe the favour to Him who provideth for the Sparrows.-

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October 12, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 10 M / Our dear Son John returned from the Yearly Meeting School in the Packet from [Providence](#) today in order to have his cloaths repaired & fitted for winter - his general appearance, & progress in learning is very satisfactory & affords ground for hope he may make a good man. - for which I have no greater desire for him. Under a sense of the improvement he has made my mind is grateful & humble. -

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October 13, Thursday: King Maximilian I of Bavaria died in München and was succeeded by his son Ludwig I.

A Kyrie in d minor for chorus and orchestra by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 10th M 1825 / Our Select Meeting this day was silent in both Meetings as to Ministerial labour but a season of some favour to me. -

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October 16, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 10 M / Meetings small silent & low, but not the poorest time I have known

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October 23, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day [sic] 23rd of 10 M / Our first meeting was a good one to me & a short testimony from Jona Dennis was very acceptable. - In the last after the Queries were read I felt much satisfaction & comfort in faithfully yealding to make a few remarks on the subject of reading the scriptures Vizt that the Reading of them frequently in a reverend manner would result in much good to us individually. - This Afternoon buried the daughter of Ebenezer Sherman named Sarah Dillon Sherman - She was a pleasant good dispoitoned child much beloved by all who knew her & her funeral was the longest I ever recollect for a child about 15 Years of Age - She



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was at School a week ago this Afternoon, went home sick & died of Inflammatory sore throat - she was an old school mate of Johns when he went to his Aunt Ruths school. -

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October 24, Monday: Pedro Alcantara Alvarez de Toledo y Salm-Salm, Duque de Infantado replaces Luis Maria de Salazar y Salazar as 1st Secretary of State of Spain.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 10 M / This morning John left us for [Providence](#) School again to spend a little time having been twelve Days at home in parting with him we feel renew'd anxiety for his wellfare, & thankful for the privilege of his being at that School - that Insitution I have no doubt is intended for a blessing to the Society & My desire is that it may be wisely managed - John has certainly been much benefitted by being there & I desire it may be lasting. -

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October 29, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 10 M / We have unexpectedly this Afternoon had the company of Abraham Sherman Jr at tea, who stoped a little while on his way to NYork & has gone in the Steam Boat this eveng - his company was very pleasant, & reviving

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October 30, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 10th M / Morning meeting full & a solid weighty testimony from D Buffum - Silent & small in the Afternoon both to me were composed & pretty solid Meetings for which I desire to be thankful. - Sat the eveng at the widow Eliza Mitchells with my H & Sister Mary -

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November 2, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 11th M 1825 / This morning rose early & got into the Stage & set out for Quarterly Meeting at [Swansey](#) soon after we got into the Stage we found we were to ride in company with a Prisoner in Irons from the Jail, who was to be removed to Boston for trial of Theft - this circumstance affected my mind with very serious & depressive sensations as we rode along the road - We parted at Troy (Fall River) & I walked the rest of the distance to Slades Ferry & crossed over & went to Nathan Chases, where I found Wm Almy & Thos Howland, & was kindly recd by the family -At our Select Meeting we had a very solid favor'd



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opportunity, after which I dined at David Braytons, & returned to the Meeting House to a setting of the Trustees of O Browns Fund, & lodged at N Chases

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November 3, Thursday: In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day Our Quarterly Meeting was also a Favoured time In the first Meeting was several favoured & solid testimonys among whom were Susan R Smith of Burlington, Sarah Emlen of Pennsylvania, Deborah Otis & Wm Almy after The buisness of the 27 Meeting was transacted in much harmony but the Meeting held late & After Dining at Nathan Chases I set out on foot for Providence intending to lodge at Ruben Chases, where Wm Almy engaged to send a carriage for me in the Morning expecting to take me up on the Road, but just before I got to R Chases - Nathan Buffington came along within five miles of Providence to Monro's Tavern in Seconk where I lodged & took breakfast, & was met by Wm Almays Chase & carried to the School House - We had a very favoured School committee much council being imparted to the Youth & different branches of the institution - I lodged at the School for the first time in my life & 7th day Morning I took John & went down to Moses Browns to breakfast, where I found Sarah Emlen & her companions Esther Levis & Jesse Mavis - & got a little acquaintance with them after breakfast, We all went to the School again, & After sitting in the Boys School With Sarah who did not appear to have any thing to communicate to them - I went to town to get ready to come home in the Steam Boat - which I did & found all Well - - This has been a very interesting visit to me & I desire to be thankful for the favour. -

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November 6, Sunday: In Vienna, String Quartet op.132 by Ludwig van Beethoven was performed publicly for the initial time.

In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 11th M 1825 / Both Meetings were Silent, but seasons of some favour to me for which I desire to be thankful -

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November 8, Tuesday: Maria Augusta Ball was born, 3d child of Nehemiah Ball and Mary Merriam Ball.

In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 11 M / This day Our friend Susan R Smith appointed a Meeting at 11 OClock for Members & such as usually attend our



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Meetings, which was pretty well attended & she favoured to see & feel some states in a remarkable manner & speak to them with clearness – She & her companions Susanna Newbold & Rowland Jones Dined with us, & we took tea with them at Father Dodmans, after which they went to D Buffums to lodge

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November 9, Wednesday: The calcium-carbonate light was discovered by Sir Galsworthy Guernsey, and developed and used by Thomas Drummond for the government survey of Ireland. He was able to produce by the burning of this chemical a light 83 times brighter than was possible with an oil lamp at the time, atop Slieve Snaght, and was able to detect that brightened light with surveying equipment atop Davis Mountain more than 66 miles away, thus producing a major and accurate directional indication. The limelight would find use in theaters and Guernsey would be awarded a medal.

When Thomas Drummond heated a small ball of lime in front of a reflector on Slieve Snaght, Scotland, its light could be seen from Divis Mountain, which was 100 kilometers away. This was the initial practical demonstration of limelight.

Gioachino Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* was staged in Park Theater, New York (this was the 1st staging in the United States of an Italian opera in Italian).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 11th M / Our frd Susan R Smith & her companions Susan Newbold & Rowland Jones drank tea At Abigail Robinsons, went over after tea & rode with them to David Buffums & spent the evening. –

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November 10, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 11th M / Susan R Smith attended Meeting & was sweetly engaged in Supplication & testimony. after Meeting she had a select opportunity with the Ministers & Elders in which she dealt plainly & closely with us, advising us not to mistake our gifts, & walk Worthily of the vocation wherunto we are called –She was followed in an excellent testimony by Abigail Robinson, & I trust it was a proffitable opportunity – & both very good Meetings –They leave [Newport](#) this Afternoon, on their way to [Providence](#). –

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November 11, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 11 M 1825 / Our frd Susan R Smith left town this PM for [Portsmouth](#) & got to Benj Freeborns, where finding her mind engaged to attend a Meeting at Connanicut this Day sent word in early this Morning & word was forwarded in season to have a Meeting there this PM – I accompanied them over, & got



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there in season to dine at Jos Greenes & go to Meeting at 2 OC which was a very favoured one - I thought after she got thro' that if the State of that people had been minutely detailed to her she could not have Spoken more appropriately to them - After sunset we crossed the ferry & they all lodged with us.

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November 12, Saturday: A few days after receiving the treaty of August 29 from Brazil, King Joao VI of Portugal recognizes the independence of Brazil.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Susan not finding herself clear of [Newport](#), gave up to attend our Meeting tomorrow feeling a concern towards the young people, members & others who attend our Meeting. after paying a very Sweet visit to Mary B Chase Who is very low & near the conclusion in a consumption in which she preached & supplicated very sweetly on her behalf - she with her companions Dined at Abigail Robinsons & went out to Jona Dennis to tea -

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November 13, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 11 M / Our frd S R Smith attended Meeting this forenoon & was much favoured in testimony, the current of which was to the Youth generally & those who were in the Station of parents -it was a season of Watering to many present & I believe many were thankful for the favour. - After meeting she went to Ruth Mitchells & proceeded on in the Afternoon towards [Providence](#). -

Our Afternoon Meeting was nearly silent excepting a short testimony from father Rodman - After tea went with my H to David Buffums who has been confined with a lame leg near a week, which looks very bad but some better - On our return home we found Mary B Chase had departed this life about 5 OC - I felt very thankful S R Smith went to see her Yesterday

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November 15, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 11th M / Attended the funeral of Mary B Chase which went to the Meeting House & was a very solemn opportunity, the Silence was to be felt, & the preaching & supplication of Father Rodman seemed appropriate & lively - It has to me been a good day for which I believe I am truly thankful


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 November 17, Thursday: Der Gondelfahrer D.809, a vocal quartet by Franz Schubert to words of Mayrhofer, was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikverein.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 11th M 1825 / Small meeting & Silent – In the Preparative Meeting F Carr requested membership which was referd to a committee

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 November 20, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 11 M / Both Meetings silent, but pretty good ones to me. –

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 November 21, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 11 M / Rode in the Stage to [Portsmouth](#) – went to Uncle Stantons on buisness staid all night & next mornng came home–

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 November 24, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 11 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was well attended, & our friend Ruth Freeborn engaged in a solid weighty testimony – We had but little buisness & the last Meeting was short & to me was a season of some teaching. –

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 November 27, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 11th M / Father Rodman was engaged in short testemony, in both Meetings, which were well attended – Took tea & set the evening with our Venreable friends David Buffum & wife, he is yet very lame & tho' confined within doors he manifests much concern on account of Society. – We miss him from the head of our Meetings, both public & private ones. –

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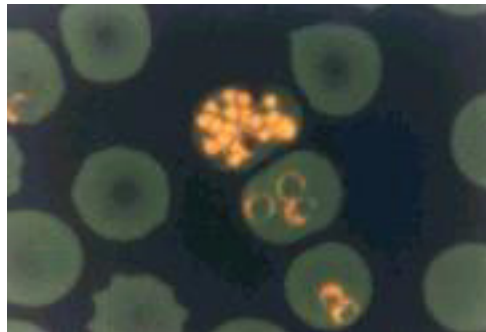
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December 1, Thursday: In Taganrog in the Crimea, Tsar Alyeksandr I of Russia, Grand Duke of Finland, King of Poland, had a fever, although not from eating poisonous mushrooms as popular stories have it. Now we suppose that what he probably had was [malaria](#). His doctors would apply leeches behind his ears and on the back of his neck relentlessly until he would die on December 13th and be succeeded by his younger brother, Nikolai.



He was only 47 and many of his subjects would refuse to believe that he had died, preferring to suppose that he had merely relocated to some remote cabin in Siberia in order to live out the remainder of his life as a religious hermit.

A college which had been chartered at New Brunswick, New Jersey by King George III in 1766 as “Queen’s College” at this point changed its name in honor of a benefactor, to “Rutgers College” (as of 1924 it would become a university).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 12 M 1825 / Our Meeting was pretty well attended considering several were absent from indisposition & some gone to attend the Quarterly Meeting now holding at [New Bedford](#) – Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony. – This evening Aunt Nancy Carpenter recd a letter from John, of which we were glad, not having heard from him in some time

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December 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 M 4 / Our Meetings rather small - in the Mornng a few words from Father Rodman. –

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December 8, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 12 M / Good meeting & well attended, short testimony from Father Rodman –

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December 11, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 11th of 12 M / In our Morning Meeting Abigail Robinson & Father Rodman were engaged in testimonys - & in the Afternoon a few words from Father.

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December 15, Thursday: In [Concord](#), Daniel Hunt got married with the widow Clarissa Flint Cutter, who had a young daughter Clarissa Cutter. Between 1826 and 1843 they would add ten children of their own.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15 of 12 M / Father again appeared in a short testimony
I am weak, I am poor -*

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December 16, Friday: The British cabinet met in the absence of Huskisson, the minister of finance, to discuss such matters as whether neglecting to pay the army and the navy would bring about a mutiny. Meanwhile, the banking system of England was making full use of the opportunity, carefully “screwing” (meant “putting the thumbscrews to,” or torturing) every person or firm who owed anyone any money. The family fortune of the family of Harriet Martineau, which had been doing quite well thank you in the textile industry, was for instance being ruined, which would make it necessary for the daughters to live by their pens and needles.

The British cabinet decided that it would obtain as much gold as possible to back up the paper currency.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16th of 12th M 1825 / This Afternoon between 1 & 2 OC A number of Black people embarked on board a [Providence](#) packet on their way to Boston from thence to Embark for Liberia in Africa where they are to settle under the patronage of the American Colonization Society - I have just returned from Banisters Wharf where I went to take some of them my old & respectable acquaintance by the hand, in all human probability for the last time - Particularly old Newport Gardiner who I have known & can remember well from my early youth to the present day & have been Associated with, particularly in the African Benevolent Society for several years - His Son Ahema Gardiner & his wife go with him, Also John Chavers & are very respectable Black folks - I wish them well & desire they may better their condition in this life & that which is to come. - My heart was much affected in parting with them & I could hardly refrain from tears

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December 18, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 12 M / Stormy & our meetings small - a short testimony in the forenoon by Father Rodman - After meeting is the Afternoon I went out to Visit our frd D Buffum who is still confined with a very sore leg & I dont know but it is growing worse, yet I hope he may get so as to be about again. -



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Between Meetings Thomas Peckham Died aged [] Years. - he is a distant relation of mine, - I think his Grandmother was a Gould - & is Father to Br John Rodmans wife

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December 22, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 12 M / Meeting tho' rather small was comfortable. Abigail Robinsons engaged in a lively & pertinent testimony - In the Preparative Meeting the request for membership of Francis Carr was forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - Our frd Hannah Dennis has returned from her journey into Pennsylvania with Sarah Tucker - she was not at Meeting being much fatigued with her journey -

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[Christmas](#), Sunday: Due to the strong German influence locally, it had become the custom in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by this point to decorate a tree outside one's home for the holiday season.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25 of 12 M / Much exercised in my sleep last night about the care of an appointed Meeting for the Inhabitants of the Town, for A Robinson which I felt approbation of but in consequence of a great number of Friends that seemed to be passing thro' town as at Y Meeting time I could not seem to find time to attend to her concern which troubled me
A little precious feeling while hearing the Scriptures read at Breakfast table this morning, for which I feel thankful
Meetings Pretty good - H Dennis spoke in the Morning, & we had some other preaching, which exercised me. -*

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December 28, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 28th of 12 M 1825 / Rode this Afternoon to [Portsmouth](#) in D Buffums Carriage which he Kindly lent us, taking Sister Ruth along, & Lodged at Uncle Stantons. - 5th day rode in the Morn'g up to the late residence of our Aunt Elizabeth Thurston to attend her funeral, which proceeded to the Meeting house where we had a very solemn Meeting in which Hannah Dennis & Ruth Freeborn were well engaged in testimony - After the Meeting was over & the Corpse interd we returned into the Meeting house to hold our Monthly Meeting which we did with out apparant inconvenience from the circumstance of the funeral -
We dined at Isaac Almays & rode home-*

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December 30, Friday: [George Back](#) was promoted to Commander. It would be a year before he would learn of this.

A Kyrie in c minor for solo voices and double chorus by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, in Frankfurt.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

30th 12 M (6th day) 1825 / I am this day 44 Years of Age - time spends with rapid silent pace - & where am I - on the brink of eternity, or yet longer time to remain in this state - I feel my deficiency & the need of greater devotion to the best of causes. -I am poor weak irresolute & low & the longer I live, the more I am of the opinion that if we are saved it is thro' Mercy, Rich Mercy & the loving kindness of our heavenly father - I have nothing to boast of. -

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December 31, Saturday: [Waldo Emerson](#) closed his girls' school in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 12 M / My mind thro' the day, tho under some Trial, has been favoured with some sweet incomes of life & precious feeling for which I desire to be thankful - I am glad I am thankful at closing the year under a precious sense of feeling. - Recd a very acceptable & pleasant letter towards night from my Aged & beloved friend [Moses Brown](#), which he wrote Yesterday

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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January 1, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1st of 1st M 1826 / Our Meeting this morning was large solid & good - our frd H Dennis engaged in a very lively testimony - In the Afternoon small silent & poor. — Brother Isaac & wife spent the day at Uncle Stanton's & bring account that Mother is poorly having hurt her side, by a slight fall, which appears to have excited a tumor she has long had partly on her breast & side
I feel thankful to record this as a day of some favour. —³³⁸*

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January 5, Thursday: Franz Liszt gave the 1st of four performances this month at the Grand Theatre, Bordeaux.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 1 M / The year so far begins with some little advances in good - Our Meeting tho' not to me a very lively one, was pretty well attended by members - & this eveng my mind has experienced some arisings of life for which I do sincerely desire to be thankful -

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January 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

338. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1823-1829: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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1st day 8 of 1 M / Our Morning Meeting was pretty well attended but the seats of three of our Ancient Brothers was vacant - which left the weight of breaking the Meeting on those who were younger In the Afternoon small & poor. -

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January 12, Thursday: Rastlose Liebe D.138, a song by Franz Schubert to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikverein.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 1 M / Our meeting was a season of some favour but not of abounding - The Select Meeting held after the first a very low time to me. - It was the first meeting of the kind at home I ever set in that Our Frd D Buffum was not present who is confined with a sore leg - Our frd Abigail Robinson was there, & most of the other members who usually attend -

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January 15, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 1st M / The Morning Meeting was silent - In the Afternoon Father Rodman was engaged in a lively & to my feelings a Sweet little testimony - & both meetings were seasons of rather uncommon favour to me for which I desire & trust I am in measure thankful. -

*We have had two very acceptable letters four[?] John today, one by John Mitchell & the other by Eleazer Treveth[?]
It is very comforting to my feelings that he is favoured to be at the Yearly Meeting School, & in the way of learning*

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January 22, Sunday: Birth, in [Concord](#), Massachusetts, of [Gorham Bartlett](#), 3d child of [Dr. Josiah Bartlett](#) and [Martha Tilden Bradford Bartlett](#).³³⁹

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 1st M / Our Meetings were both pretty well attended, but Our high seats thin - D Buffum, Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis absent - & in the Afternoon none there but a Poor man how do we feel striped when we find the seats vacant of those on whom we have been used to lean -

Set the forepart of the evening at Abigail Robinsons examining & correcting Testimonies concerning our friends Elizabeth Mott & Samuel Thurston deceased, which we are in hopes of presenting to our next Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The latter part called at Cousin Henry Goulds for my wife who spent the evening there -

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339. Gorham would be a student at the [Concord Academy](#) under [the Thoreau brothers](#). He would die on June 17, 1854.



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January 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal that he took the packet boat from [Newport, Rhode Island](#) to [Providence](#) in order to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the [Quakers](#):

1st day 29th of 1 M / Desirous of Attending the Approching Quarterly Meeting at [Providence](#), With Hannah Dennis set out this morning in the Packet & did not arrive there till sunset - took a dish of tea at Welcome Congdons & walked out to the [School House](#) & lodged where I found John well & very glad to see me as I was him

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January 31, Tuesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day - a violent Storm of Wind, the Snow which fell last night blew tho' the sky was clear & the [illegible] te fell to 8 degrees below Cypher. - It being the Meeting of the Sub-committee a few met, & among them our Aged friend [Moses Brown](#) - we made a report to the General committee & spent the day in visiting the Schools, much to our satisfaction & Comfort, finding things in good order & the children generally well behaved - lodged at the [School House](#). -

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February 1, Wednesday: String Quartet "Tod und das Madchen" D.810 by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, at the home of Josef Barth in Vienna.

The [pirate](#) Charles Colson was [hanged](#) in the jailyard on Leverett Street in [Boston](#) — but his partner in crime Charles Marchant had cheated the hangman by offing himself the day before.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day - Attended Select Meeting, & Meeting for Sufferings, Dined at David Anthonys - took tea & lodged at [Moses Browns](#). -

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February 2, Thursday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day our Public Meeting a favord season the chief & most important labourers were Mary Batty & Alice Rathbone of [Smithfield](#) - In the meeting we had an unusual portion of buisness which occasioned [many long smudges for the rest of the entry, but they appear accidental.] us to hold late & put by our Trustees Meeting. - Dined at Wm Jenkins's - took tea at Jons



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Congdons & returned to the [School House](#) & lodged. –

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February 3, Friday: In [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Spent this day in various Services whether [School House](#)-

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February 4, Saturday: Georgiana Leigh, Augusta's eldest daughter, married her cousin Henry Trevanion.

George Henry Billings was born to Caleb Callender Billings and Betsey Brown Hammond Billings. He would die still a toddler, on April 15, 1828.

[James Fenimore Cooper](#)'s THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS; A NARRATIVE OF 1757. BY THE AUTHOR OF THE PIONEERS (Philadelphia: H.C. Carey & I. Lea. 2 Volumes).



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day came to town & took breakfast at Jos Anthonys then took the Stages for home & arrived before sunset


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 February 5, Sunday: Buffalo, New York attorney Millard Fillmore got married with Abigail Powers.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 5 of 2 M 1826 / Meetings pretty well attended solid & silent David Buffum & Father Rodman yet confined - their presence we miss on our Meetings. -

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 February 9, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9 of 2 M / Meetings again Silent & solid - Father Rodman at Meeting, for which I desire to be thankful. -
I am weak & low every way - even to depression -*


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 February 16, Thursday: Against the advice of his wife and friends, Carl Maria von Weber, ill with [tuberculosis](#), departed from Dresden for London to direct the premiere of Oberon. Upon his departure, his wife considered she would never again see him alive.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 2nd M 1826 / Our Meeting was rather small & to me a solid & measurably favoured time towards the close short testimonys were delivered by Jonathon & Hannah Dennis -

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 February 17, Friday: Abschied von der Erde D.829, a melodrama for speaker and piano by Franz Schubert to words of von Pratobevera, was performed for the initial time, at the Vienna home of Karl Josef von Pratobevera.

 February 19, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 2nd M / Meetings pretty well attended for the season, both Silent & the morning was a season of favour to me for which I desire to be thankful in this time of dearth & Poverty. -
After meeting in the Afternoon visited our aged friend David Buffum, who I thought was better in health & seemed very bright & cheerful. -*

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 February 22, Wednesday: Incidental music to von Uechtritz's play Alexander und Darius by Heinrich August Marschner was performed for the initial time, in Dresden.

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CHAPTER VII.

"They do not sleep.
On yonder cliffs, a grisly band,
I see them sit."—Gray.

"'TWOULD be neglecting a warning that is given for our good, to lie hid any longer," said Hawk-eye, "when such sounds are raised in the forest! These gentle ones may keep close, but the Mohicans and I will watch upon the rock, where I suppose a major of the 60th would wish to keep us company."

"Is then our danger so pressing?" asked Cora.

"He who makes strange sounds, and gives them out for man's information, alone knows our danger. I should think myself wicked unto rebellion against his will, was I to burrow with such warnings in the air! Even the weak soul, who passes his days in singing, is stirred by the cry, and, as he says, is 'ready to go forth to the battle.' If 'twere only a battle, it would be a thing understood by us all, and easily managed; but I have heard that when such shrieks are atween heaven and 'arth, it betokens another sort of warfare!"

"If all our reasons for fear, my friend, are confined to such as proceed from supernatural causes, we have

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but little occasion to be alarmed," continued the undisturbed maiden; "are you certain that our enemies have not invented some new and ingenious method to strike us with terror, that their conquest may become more easy?"

"Lady," returned the scout, solemnly, "I have listened to all the sounds of the woods for thirty years, as a man will listen, whose life and death depend so often on the quickness of his ears. There is no whine of the panther; no whistle of the cat-bird; nor any invention of the devilish Mingoes, that can cheat me! I have heard the forest moan like mortal men, in their affliction; often, and again, have I listened to the wind playing its music in the branches of the girdled trees; and I have heard the lightning cracking in the air, like the snapping of blazing brush, as it spitted forth sparks and forked flames; but never have I thought that I heard more than the pleasure of him, who sported with the things of his hand. But neither the Mohicans, nor I, who am a white man without a cross, can explain the cry just heard. We, therefore, believe it a sign given for our good."

"It is extraordinary!" exclaimed Heyward, taking his pistols from the place where he had laid them, on entering; "be it a sign of peace, or a signal of war, it must be looked to. Lead the way, my friend; I follow."

On issuing from their place of confinement, the whole party instantly experienced a grateful renovation of their spirits, by exchanging the pent air of their hiding place, for the cool and invigorating atmosphere, which played around the whirlpools and



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 February 23, Thursday: [Charles Jarvis](#) died in [Concord](#) at the age of 25.


[CHARLES JARVIS](#) [of [Concord](#)], son of Deacon [Francis Jarvis](#), was born November 27, 1800 and grad[uated] at [Harvard College](#) in] 1821. He studied medicine with Doctors Hurd and Bartlett of [Concord](#), and Shattuck of [Boston](#), and received his medical degree in 1825. He settled in South Bridgewater where he soon obtained a respectable practice. But in the following July he was attacked with a fatal disease, removed to his father's house and died February 23, 1826 aged 25.³⁴⁰

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 2 M / At home all day & not at [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was this day held there – I feel as if I might have gone with a little more exercion, but so it is, & tho' I do not feel exactly right about it, yet I have been somewhat favour'd in retirement –

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 February 24, Friday: The Treaty of Yandabo ended the 1st war between Great Britain and Burma. The Burmese would be forced to pay an indemnity. Arakan, Tenasserim, Manipur, Assam, and the Burmese coastline would be annexed to British India. Pegu would be returned to Burma.

When he got back home to [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would write in his journal:

6th day 24th of 2 M 1826 / Went this PM to Connanicut to attend some buisness - was occupied on 7th day & on first day attended their Meeting there- on 2nd day [Monday] came home –

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 February 25, Saturday: On the way to London, Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Paris. During his stay in the city he would meet Luigi Cherubini, Daniel-Francois-Esprit Auber, Gioacchino Rossini, Ferdinando Paer, and Charles-Simon Catel. [Hector Berlioz](#), who idolized Weber, sought out the German but was unable to find him. Rossini, observing Weber's terrible health, tried to talk him out of going on to London.

340. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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March 26, Easter Sunday: Through the agency of Sir George Smart, a Dr. Severin went to see Carl Maria von Weber in London. The doctor told Weber not to worry and prescribed pills and a rabbit skin to be put on his chest.

A constitution for Brazil was promulgated. It provided for a hereditary monarchy and a bicameral parliament.

[Alvan Clark](#) got married with [Maria Pease](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 3rd M 1826 / Yesterday Afternoon Our friend Thomas Anthony & Wm Reynolds came from [Greenwich](#), took tea & lodged with us – they also Dined with us today & attended both our meetings – Thomas's ministry was as a refreshing rain on parched land – The hearts of the brethren were comforted & much refreshed thereby, & were thankful on his account as well as our own that there were evidences of life yet remaining – Thomas I have long known & loved he was an early correspondent of mine, in tender Years, when we took sweet council together. – We took tea at Father Rodmans with them, & then I waited on them to D Buffum from whence they went to J Dennis's

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March 27, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 3rd M / This morning our friends Thos A & Wm R came in from J D's – stoped at our house a little while & then crossed the ferry with a prospect of getting home tonight –

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March 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th 3 M / Our frd Abigail Robinson much favoured in testimony & to the comfort of some minds – Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was held & not much buisness before it. –

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April 2, Sunday: A concert to benefit Valentin Alkan took place in the Pape showroom, Paris. This was his debut as pianist and composer.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 4 M 1826 / Silent meetings excepting a few words from Father Rodman in the Afternoon. –

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April 3, Monday: Gioachino Rossini conducted a concert in Paris for the relief of Greek patriots.

Milton Town Meeting granted right-of-way permissions for the construction of a railway, stipulating that “any person shall be entitled to have stone carried in the said cars and vehicles at pleasure, on payment of toll.” These words of this town meeting are the precedent for our American public access to railroads.



April 23, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 4 M / Our Meeting this morning gathered under unusual Solemnity of which my mind was favour'd to partake – Father Rodman was engaged in a short testimony, which was pertinent according to my feelings – Then our frd D Buffum for the first time since he has got out of his long confinement, appear'd in a very lively & pertinent testimony – He first spoke on his seat, but not feeling easy to go on in that way, he rose, & appeard much affected with the subject of the Marriage at Canna in Gallilee, opening from it the necessity of our attending to the commands of the Master, which was to fill the water pots, which tho a simple injunction, was made a great display of divine power, & that which was weak became strong & refreshing to the company present, so he believed it would be with us now – if we obeyed the command of the Lord we should find our strength renew'd, our quallifications to usefulness & our peace of mind increased. he spake of the necessity of Faith & confidence in the divine Arm, & that we beware of speculation, which was dangerous, particularly when we began to think another time would do – We were Silent but solid in the Afternoon – We took tea at Father Rodmans & then I took a walk on the Point & called at Abigail Robinsons & paid an interesting visit to her, & was comforted with her lively & pertinent remarks, & a letter she read to me from her Sister Mary R Morton

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May 2, Tuesday: Emperor Pedro I of Brazil waived his right to the Portuguese throne in favor of his daughter Maria de Gloria.

The United States recognized the Peruvian Republic.

After waiting for the loading of stove, utensils, crockery, the [Amos Eaton](#) Rensselaer field expedition got under way along the [Erie Canal](#). The *LaFayette* made its way through the sloop lock at 11 AM, stopping in Troy, New York to onload Hezekiah Hulbert Eaton's chemical apparatus. Timothy Dwight Eaton joined the party. Dinner was held at the foot of the nine-lock Waterford flight. [Asa Fitch](#) and others walked as far as Cohoes and then waited two hours for the boat to catch up. At tea Professor Eaton read out the rules of conduct and the schedule — wake at sunrise, breakfast at eight, dinner at 2, tea after boat stopping for the night. There were 24 members of this all-male (it goes without saying) expedition. The sleeping would be crowded so they created a tent on the afterdeck that could sleep 4. Taps not being in their curriculum, they would not get to bed until after midnight. Governor DeWitt Clinton's son George W. Clinton was one of the participants.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 5th M 1826 / This Morning with my wife & others making a company of 21 in number - went on board the Packet for [Greenwich](#) to attend Quarterly Meeting we arrived before One O'clock at Daniel Howlands - & After Dinner Uncle Peter Lawton & I took a Chaise & rode about four Miles to see John Casey who is now I thnk turned 87 Years of Age - he retained his looks remarakbly, his countenance fresh & not materially changed from what it was when I saw him last, 5 or 6 Years ago but his limbs quite debilitated, so that it was with difficulty he could walk about - In his mind there was the marks of former greatness, but, much reduced & even fallen. - he seemed glad to see us, & me in particular - he remains a Monument of warning to others, to take heed least they fall - my mind was humbled & grieved to see his situation, but I concluded it was best to go to see him.

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June 5, Monday: One day before his planned return home to Dresden, servants in the house of Sir George Smart, London, called to wake their guest, Carl Maria von Weber. When they were unable to rouse him, they broke open the door and found the composer dead in his bed, at the age of 39 years, the victim of the effects of [tuberculosis](#).

The Rensselaer field expedition spent the night in Utica, New York.

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The Trinitarian Congregationalist Church of [Concord](#) was authorized by an ecclesiastical council. Initially, this church would have 16 members.



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June 16, Friday: On orders of Sultan Mahmud II, the [Janissaries](#), the elite of the Ottoman army, were killed in their barracks by Spahis (cavalry).

EGYPTIANS

Great Britain recognized the independence of Mexico.

ENGLISH EVENTS OF 1826

The captain of the American ship *Silas Richards* off Nova Scotia, at St. George's Bank, and one of the passengers, an Englishman named William Warburton, witnessed an enormous, many-humped snakelike creature, slowly approaching the ship.

SEA SERPENT SIGHTINGS



June 17, Saturday: Twelve days after the death of Carl Maria von Weber, Heinrich August Marschner applied to the King of Saxony for his position (he would not get it).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day A large collection at Tower Hill Meeting House where our friend Elizabeth Robson had much to communicate to the people much to the satisfaction of all present - after Meeting I visited the grave of my cousin Lewis L Clarke who lays buried in the ground on which that Meeting House stands - a remembrance of the Interest he took in such Meetings which we had just attended was fresh in my feelings. - We dined at Rowland Hazards & then rode to the Ferry & crossed over to Connanicut & from thence to [Newport](#) by sunsett. -

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June 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 6 M 1826 / This forenoon Our frd E Robson attended our Meeting in [Newport](#), was large & favoured in testimony & afterward had an opportunity with the Members of the Meeting. -Not feeling her mind clear of Connanicut as [s]he crossed it yesterday, [s]he had a Meeting appointed there at 4 OC this Afternoon. I with several others went over with her & got there in season to hold the Meeting & return before Dark to Newport. -

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June 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 19th of 6th M / This morning I went over to Abigail Robinsons on the Point to see & be with our dear Friend E Robson a little while before she left us. -After they got ready I rode with them as far as D Buffum's, from whence they set out for [New Bedford](#), with Jona Dennis & wife for guide - we parted in much love & I trust shall remember each other when far separated. - She is a neighbour & intimate friend of my dear frd Thos Thompson of Liverpool. --

In the course of this Yearly Meeting I have been favoured many ways, & had renewed cause to thank the Father of Mercies, that with all my imperfections, & grievous short comings, I am yet cared for, & believe that however low & gloomy things may appear either in the inward or outward, as there is an abiding in the Faith & patience, light will arise, help will be afforded, at seasons when it may appear as if all before us was darkness & dismay - but oh for an increase of this faith in my heart which can & does remove mountains. - Among other things which has comforted my heart, is a prospect which has opened of keeping my son at the Yearly Meeting School for sometime longer - from a quarter & in a way where I did not expect -

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June 22, Thursday: After wintering at "Fort Franklin" on the western shore of Great Bear Lake, Lieutenant [John Franklin](#)'s 2d overland expedition set out for the delta of the Mackenzie River. At Point Separation the party would divide. Richardson and the surveyor Edward Nicholas Kendall would set out in the 24-foot boats *Dolphin* and *Union* to explore the coast eastward to the mouth of the Coppermine River, while Sir John and [George Back](#) would venture westward in the 26-foot boats *Lion* and *Reliance*. Captain Frederick W. Beechey's *HMS Blossom* awaited them in the Bering Strait.

THE FROZEN NORTH

A decree by Tsar Nikolai set up a Supreme Censorship Committee over a nationwide system of censorship and guidelines for their oversight of literature and the arts.

The 1st Pan-American Congress meets in Panama called by [Simón Bolívar](#) to create a union of Spanish speaking America. After three weeks of discussions, the congress would disband with little accomplished.

Adina o Il califfo di Bagdad, a farsa by Gioachino Rossini to words of Bevilacqua-Aldobrandini, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Sao Carlos, Lisbon (this would be the only occasion on which a Rossini opera would be premiered in the absence of the composer).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 6th M 1826 / Our Meeting seemed small in comparison with some we have sat in of late. - & to me it was but a poor time. - there was no buisness in the Preparative Meeting - This Afternoon Solomon Lukins who has travelled in company with Elizabth Robson most of the time since she has been in America, returned from [New Bedford](#) to [Newport](#) on his return into Pennsylvania where he lives - he called at our house & put



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up with us till an opportunity presents for a passage to NYork.

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June 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 6 M / Solomon Lukens found an opportunity to go to NYork this morning in a Packet with the Wind North East & as fair as it could be which will facilitate his progress, a little sooner than if he had waited till tomorrow to take the Steam Boat. -

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June 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 6th M / Attended the funeral of Anthony Dixon with whom I have been about 11 Years associated as an Assessor of taxes - he was a valuable man to the community at large for many years he did not attend any place of public worship, till about 1819, since which he has regularly attended Friends Meeting on first day & brought his grandchildren with him. - Friends have visited him in his sickness & were satisfied he was near the Kingdom, particularly our friend Anna Braithwaite went to see him & had an opportunity with him much to his comfort & consolation -he died on the 21st about half past one OC in the Morning- & was buried after the plain manner of Friends this Afternoon in the burying ground near his house at the South end of the town partly in the Neck & formerly the property of his father in law Robt Taylor

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June 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 6th M 1826 / Our Morning Meeting was pretty large, perhaps some come in expectation that Anna Braithwaite was there Susanna Vigneron, David Buffum, Hannah Dennis & Clarke Rodman all bore short testimonys. - Silent in the Afternoon. -

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June 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 6th M / Rose early this Morning & walked to Uncle Stantons by early breakfast time - took his Wagon & with John rode to Meeting - The First sitting was silent & a favoured one to me - In the last we had but little buisness, but it took us considerable time to do that little, & things were resulted in harmony & good brotherhood - Josiah Chase & Elizabeth Freeborn



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proposed their intentions of Marriage. – Returned after Meeting to Uncle Stantons dined spent the Afternoon & lodged –

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June 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Morning he sent his Wagon in & John & I returned home in it. –

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July 2, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 7 M / Rather heavy & small meeting, tho' we had some public exercise forenoon & Afternoon. We took tea & set the evening at Father Rodmans. –

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Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Tuesday: Construction was initiated at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on the [Main Line Canal](#).

The cornerstone was laid for the first lock of the [Oswego Canal](#).

About noon, Stephen Collins Foster was born in Lawrenceville (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, the 9th child of William Barclay Foster, a businessman, and Eliza Clayland Tomlinson, daughter of a fairly well-off farmer.

[Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) and Eugene Scribe met in Paris to discuss Robert le diable for perhaps the 1st time.

English newspapers picked up and translated, word for word, the hoax or invention that had appeared in the *Journal du Commerce de Lyon* about an Englishman, one [Roger Dodsworth](#), who had apparently been frozen in a Mount Saint Gothard glacier since an avalanche in 1654, and had on July 4th been recovered and reanimated “by the usual remedies” by a Dr. Hotham of Northumberland. [Mary Godwin Wollstonecraft](#).



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[Shelley](#) read this newspaper account and by October would produce her THE REANIMATED MAN.



Isabella (Sojourner Truth), who would have been approximately 29 years old, had in this year borne another daughter, whom she had named Sophia, who would need to grow up laboring as an indentured servant, by the husband Thomas to whom she had been assigned by her master who would not admit that he was a husband. She had once again increasing the prosperity of the master race! The remaining slaves of New York State were to be freed one year from this date, and John Dumont had solemnly promised Isabella in some earlier period that he would free her and her husband “a year early” and set them up in a nearby log cabin. So it had come time for the white race to be true to its word. However, since the master had made that commitment to this enslaved woman, she had carelessly lost a finger while working for him — so he figured she still owed him



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some work. Fair's fair, right? No freedom, no log cabin, not yet, work some more. (But maybe later I'll be able to keep my promise.)



The newspapers of 1826 abounded with descriptions of solemn odes, processions, orations, toasts, and other such commemoratives of July 4th, the 50th anniversary of the [Declaration of Independence](#). One reflection of the public conception of the Declaration was Royall Tyler's "Country Song for the Fourth of July," a poem that describes a New England celebration of the [Brother Jonathan](#) type, where neighbors gather for food, fun, and festivities. A clear view of just how the political ideals of the Declaration were received by the masses shines through Tyler's rhymed directions for the country dance. Here is how his dance appeared in an 1841 publication (although Tyler, who would die on August 26, 1826 from cancer of the face, could only have composed this in a considerably earlier timeframe).

Squeak the fife and beat the drum,
Independence day is come!!
Let the roasting pig be bled,
Quick twist off the cockerel's head.
Quickly rub the pewter platter.
Heap the nutcakes, fried in butter.
Set the cups, and beaker glass,
The Pumpkin and the apple sauce.

Send the keg to shop for brandy;
Maple sugar we have handy,
Independent, staggering Dick,
A noggin mix of swingeing thick,
Sal, put on your russet skirt,
Jotham, get your **boughten** shirt,
To-day we dance to tiddle diddle.
—Here comes Sambo with his fiddle;

Sambo, take a dram of whiskey,
And play up Yankee doodle frisky.
Moll, come leave your witched tricks,
And let us have a reel of six;
Father and mother shall make two;
Sal, Moll, and I, stand all a-row,
Sambo, play and dance with quality;
This is the day of blest equality,



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Father and **mother** are but **men**,
And Sambo — is a citizen.
Come foot it, Sal, — Moll, figure in.
And, mother, you dance up to him;
Now saw fast as e'er you can do
And father, you cross o'er to Sambo,
—Thus we dance, and thus we play,
On glorious Independence Day. —

[2 more verses in like manner]

In Salem, Massachusetts, 4th-of-July orator the Reverend [Henry Root Colman](#) delivered the necessary holiday oration. This would be printed by the town as AN ORATION DELIVERED IN SALEM, JULY 4, 1826, AT THE REQUEST OF THE TOWN, ON THE COMPLETION OF A HALF CENTURY SINCE THE DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. Meanwhile, elsewhere, 4th-of-July orator [George Bancroft](#) was alerting an audience to the fact that his attitudes about government were coming to tend toward the democratic.

On this 50th anniversary of our American independence, which at the time we were referring to as our “Jubilee of Freedom” event, on the 22d birthday of [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#), both former President [Thomas Jefferson](#) and former President John Adams died.³⁴¹ This was taken at the time to constitute a sign of national favor from Heaven, although why death ought to be regarded as a sign of favor remains untheorized — perhaps once again we Americans were “pushing the envelope” of what it is to be a human being. At any rate, this coincidence would become quite the topic for conversation in our American republic.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: [Jefferson](#): “Is it the 4th?” —Ah.” John Adams: “Thomas Jefferson still survives” (actually Jefferson had died at 12:50PM and then Adams died at 5:30PM.)

Even before news of Jefferson’s demise had reached Washington DC, Mayor Roger C. Weightman was having his final letter read aloud at that city’s Independence Day national-birthday festivities. The most stirring words in that former president’s missive —his assertion that the mass of mankind had not been born “with saddles on their backs” nor a favored few “booted and spurred” to “ride” them— had of course originated in the speech delivered by the leveler Colonel Richard Rumbold on the scaffold moments before his execution for treason against the English monarchy, at the conclusion of the English Civil War, in the Year of Our Lord 1685.³⁴² Those who noticed that the former President had intentionally or unknowingly been borrowing sentiments did not see fit to record that fact in writing.³⁴³

341. At any rate, this coincidence would become quite the topic for conversation in our American republic. Refer to L. H. Butterfield, “The Jubilee of Independence, July 4, 1826,” [Virginia Magazine of History and Biography](#), LXI (1953), pages 135-38; Joseph J. Ellis, [Passionate Sage: The Character and Legacy of John Adams](#) (NY, 1993), pages 210-16; Robert P. Hay, “The Glorious Departure of the American Patriarchs: Contemporary Reactions to the Deaths of Jefferson and Adams,” [Journal of Southern History](#), XXXV (1969), pages 543-55; Merrill D. Peterson, [The Jefferson Image in the American Mind](#), 1960, pages 3-14.

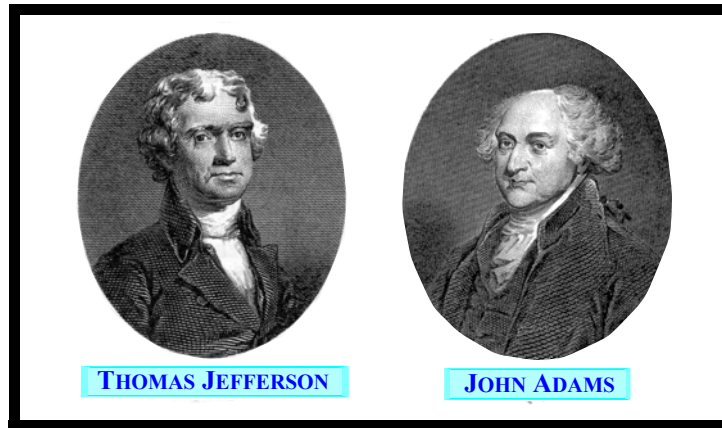
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Former president Jefferson's death at [Monticello](#) ("All my wishes and where I hope my days will end — at Monticello.") would be followed shortly by the auction of his 90 black slaves over 12 years of age — along with his 12 black slaves between 9-12 years of age, his 73 cows of unknown coloration, and his 27 horses also of unknown coloration— for he had been living quite beyond his means, bringing back with him for instance from France no fewer than 86 large crates of civilized goodies. Jefferson did, however, set free his mulatto blood relatives. Jefferson, one might say, in allowing that after a certain number of crosses with white daddys, an infant ought to be considered to be white, had "pushed the envelope" of what it meant to be a human being. Yeah, right.



[Mary Moody Emerson](#) entered into her Almanack a comment that this was the day on which her Country had thrown the gage (thrown down the gauntlet, issued a challenge to a duel of honor):

*tho' the revolution gave me to slavery of poverty
& ignorance & long orphanship, — yet it gave my*

342. Macaulay's HISTORY OF ENGLAND, Chapter V; Adair, Douglass. "Rumbold's Dying Speech, 1685, and Jefferson's Last Words on Democracy, 1826," [William and Mary Quarterly](#), 3rd Series, [IX](#) (1952): pages 526, 530:

*I never could believe that Providence had sent a few men into the world,
ready booted and spurred to ride, and millions ready saddled and bridled
to be ridden.*

Rumbold was not merely being [hanged](#) but being hanged, drawn, and quartered — the penalty for an attempt upon the monarch. This trope about horses, saddles, boots, and spurs was taken at the time to have been originated by Jefferson, in John A. Shaw's EULOGY, PRONOUNCED AT BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS, AUGUST 2D, 1826 and in Henry Potter's EULOGY, PRONOUNCED IN FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH-CAROLINA, JULY 20TH, 1826 and in John Tyler's EULOGY, PRONOUNCED AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, JULY 11, 1826 in A SELECTION OF EULOGIES, PRONOUNCED IN THE SEVERAL STATES, IN HONOR OF THOSE ILLUSTRIOUS PATRIOTS AND STATESMEN, JOHN ADAMS AND THOMAS JEFFERSON (Hartford CT: 1826). See also THE LAST LETTER OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS STATESMAN, THOMAS JEFFERSON, ESQ. AUTHOR OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: BEING HIS ANSWER TO AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON IN CELEBRATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE: MONTICELLO, JUNE 24, 1826 (Washington DC: 1826).

That 17th-Century incident was not the first one in our history to conform to the dictum "there must be none higher than us, though of course there must always be some lower than us," for in the 14th Century the Reverend John Ball had been [hanged](#) for preaching against public toleration of privileged classes:

*"When Adam dalf [dugged] and Eve span,
Who was then a gentleman?"*



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TIMELINE OF ACCIDENTS



343. Note that we have here an American author who is establishing his claim to fame upon his being the author of the memorable phrases of our foundational document, and who is attempting incautiously to do so by appropriating phrases originated by someone else. Also, we have here an American public so stupid or so patriotic that it lets him get away with it. Witness John A. Shaw, EULOGY, PRONOUNCED AT BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS, AUGUST 2D, 1826 in A Selection of Eulogies, Pronounced in the Several States, in Honor of Those Illustrious Patriots and Statesmen, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (Hartford, Conn., 1826), 163; Henry Potter, “Eulogy, Pronounced in Fayetteville, North-Carolina, July 20th, 1826,” A Selection of Eulogies...., 130; John Tyler, “Eulogy, Pronounced at Richmond, Virginia, July 11, 1826,” A Selection of Eulogies...., 7-8; National Intelligencer, July 4, 1826; Independent Chronicle and Boston Patriot, July 12, 1826; Philadelphia Gazette, July 5, 1826; Commercial Chronicle and Baltimore Advertiser, July 11, 1826; The last letter of the illustrious statesman, Thomas Jefferson, Esq. author of the Declaration of Independence: Being his answer to an invitation to join the citizens of Washington in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of American independence: Monticello, June 24, 1826 (Washington, D.C., 1826).



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In New Harmony, Indiana, Robert Dale Owen gave a speech he called his “Declaration of Mental Independence.”

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), four of those who had participated in the capture of the British armed schooner *Gaspe* during the Revolutionary War rode in a parade.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Major John Handy read the [Declaration of Independence](#) “on the identical spot which he did 50 years ago,” in the presence of Isaac Barker of [Middletown](#), “who was at his side in the same place fifty years before.” Patriotic fun and games! Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) protested to his journal:

3rd day 4th of 7th M 1826 / This is what is called Independence Day - & an exceeding troublesome one it is to all sober Minded people - The expence of this day given to the poor or appropriated to public school would school all the poor children in town for some time. - Last night, we were the whole night greatly troubled & kept Awake, by the firing of squibs & crackers, great Bonfire in the middle of the Parade & tar Barrells, with various noises which were kept up all night & consequently kept us & many others awake, to our great discomfiture - in addition to which is the bitter reflection of the discipation & corruption of habits & morals to which our youth are exposed. - & today we have had numerous scenes of drunkenness both among the Aged & Youth, & many act of wickedness -besides the pomp & vain show apparant in all parts of the Town -This evening again we are troubled with noise & tumult & what kind of a night we are to have cannot be told. -

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In New-York, 4 gold medals had been ordered to be struck by the Common Council: 3 were for surviving signers of the [Declaration of Independence](#), and the 4th was given to the son of Robert Fulton as a memorial of “genius in the application of steam.”

In a celebration at Lynchburg, Virginia, among the “aged patriots of ’76” were General John Smith and Captain George Blakenmore.

At the South Meeting House of Worcester, Massachusetts, Isaiah Thomas stood on the spot from which he had read the [Declaration of Independence](#) in 1776.



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The Frederick-Town Herald of Frederick, [Maryland](#) announced that it would no longer be publishing the usual round of “generally dull, insipid” dinner toasts, “about which few feel any interest.”

In Salem, [North Carolina](#), the Moravian Male Academy was dedicated.

In Quincy, Massachusetts, Miss Caroline Whitney delivered an address on the occasion of the presentation of a flag to the Quincy Light Infantry.

In Arlington, Virginia, General Washington’s tent, the very same tent that the General had been using at the heights of Dorchester in 1775, was re-erected near the banks of the Potomac River for purposes of celebration.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



July 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 7 M / Last Night passed off better than we had reason to expect. Tho’ there was much firing of Crackers till quite late.

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July 6, Thursday: Gaetano Donizetti’s drama Elvida to words of Schmidt was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, Naples, before a royal gala (this piece of music has since disappeared).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 7 M / Meeting rather small & Silent, but some favour witnessed. –

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July 9, Sunday: The State of Chile was renamed the Republic of Chile.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 7 M / Hannah Dennis in the Morning, & Father Rodman in the Afternoon bore acceptable testimonys – Our Meetings were rather thin, as they are apt to be in very warm days tho’ I am inclined to think, The Meeting House would be found to be as cool when properly ventilated as any place whatever. – Set the eveng at Abigail Robinsons.

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July 13, Thursday: On the glacis of Peter-Paul Fortress in Russia, a gallows had hastily been erected. All the prisoners were herded into the square to witness the execution of their compatriots before, at 3AM on that misty morning, the condemned, five officers of the “Decembrists” who had been selected by Tsar Nicholas to set an example for the rest, were led out into the flickering light of the bonfires with notices [hanging](#) on their chests “Criminals — Regicides!” After their epaulets had been torn off and cast into the flames, and after they had been blessed by the Archpriest Myslovskii, and after the ropes had been put in place and the hoods had been placed over their heads, the command was given and the supports were pulled away from under the platform. Three of these former army officers slipped through their nooses and fell to the ground. One, named Muravey, lay there on the ground waiting for the noose to again be placed around his neck and shouted out the frustration which had brought about the revolt of the previous December:

My God! In this hopeless country they cannot even hang people properly!



You’ll notice that this guy Muravey, whoever he was, was no dummy. He knew that the best way to get attention for this his last piece of social commentary, a remark which would become legendary, was to accompany them, as the last words of a human being about to be judged by Our Maker, with what would be taken by the Archpriest in attendance, Myslovskii, and numerous others at this ceremonial occasion, as a blasphemy.

The [Duke of Wellington](#), in St. Petersburg for the state funeral of Tsar Alexander I, was equally discouraged at the condition of all the Russias, but in his case the occasion of his discouragement was having to stand around and see and smell that due to the long delay during the arrests and trials of the Decembrists, the corpse of the old tsar had become unfrozen and was decomposing. —Yet as a proper diplomat he could not afford to be on record as having blasphemed.

My God! In this hopeless country they cannot even bury people properly!



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 13 of 7 M / Our first meeting was silent & rather low - in the last which was our Select Meeting, life rose a little - In the Afternoon met with a committee from the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, which was a time of labour - The subject however was debated in love & resulted as well as could be expected considering the diversity of sentiment that existed among us -

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July 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 7th M 1826 / In our Morning Meeting our frd D Buffum was engaged in a lively testimony - "Go Fourth for this time & at some more convenient season I will call for thee" was his opening - from which he took occasion to remark on the Power of God which convicted & convinced Felex, & the danger of putting off the work of the souls salvation to a more convenient season - In the Afternoon Father Rodman was lively & pertinent in Testimony. - Cousin Henry Gould set most of the evening with us. -

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July 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 7 M / Silent Meeting, & no buisness in the Preparative Meeting but to answer the Queries previous to the Quarter -

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July 27, Thursday: [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) achieved a high school diploma, in Warsaw.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th 27 of 7 M / In our first Meeting Anne Greene & Father Rodman were engaged in good sound & solid public testimonys - In the last which was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting we had some buisness & some exercise & fear possessed my mind, that one case before us would not ultimately result in the best Manner -

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July 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 7 M / Our Morning Meeting was Silent. In the Afternoon Father Rodman bore a short but good testimony In both Meetings I had to lament my weakness & poverty - was however favoured in the evening with a little revival of life, in a visit with my wife to Abigail Robinson. -

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August 3, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) wrote in his journal about having on the previous day been present at Faneuil Hall to hear [Daniel Webster](#)'s eulogy for the deceased [Thomas Jefferson](#) and John Adams:

Yesterday I attended the funeral solemnities in Faneuil Hall in honor of John Adams & Thomas Jefferson. The Oration of Mr Webster was worthy of his fame & what is much more was worthy of the august occasion.



[Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) traveled to Bad Reinerz in Lower Silesia accompanied by his sisters Emilia and Ludwika and his mother. They were there for treatment, especially for Emilia, who was showing symptoms of [tuberculosis](#) and was probably contagious. Fryderyk, although ill himself, possibly contracted the disease from her. They would remain there for five weeks.

The family of Samuel Ringgold Ward arrived in New-York, and lodged for the first night with their relatives, the parents of the Reverend Henry Highland Garnet:

We lived several years at Waldron's Landing, in the neighbourhood of the Reeves, Woods, Bacons, and Lippineutts, who were among my father's very best friends, and whose children were among my schoolfellows. However, in the spring and summer of 1826, so numerous and alarming were the depredations of kidnapping and slave-catching in the neighbourhood, that my parents, after keeping the house armed night after night, determined to remove to a place of greater distance and greater safety. Being accommodated with horses and a waggon by kind friends, they set out with my brother in their arms for New York City, where they arrived on the 3rd day of August, 1826, and lodged the first night with relations, the parents of the Rev. H.H. Garnett, now of Westmoreland, Jamaica. Here we found some 20,000 coloured people. The State had just emancipated all its slaves - viz., on the fourth day of the preceding month - and



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it was deemed safer to live in such a city than in a more open country place, such as we had just left. Subsequent events, such as the ease with which my two relatives were taken back in 1828 – the truckling of the mercantile and the political classes to the slave system – the large amount of slaveholding property owned by residents of New York – and, worst, basest, most diabolical of all, the cringing, canting, hypocritical friendship and subserviency of the religious classes to slavery – have entirely dissipated that idea.

I look upon Greenwich, New Jersey, the place of my earliest recollections, very much as most persons remember their native place. There I followed my dear father up and down his garden, with fond childish delight; the plants, shrubs, flowers, &c., I looked upon as of his creation. There he first taught me some valuable lessons – the use of the hoe, to spell in three syllables, and to read the first chapter of John's Gospel, and my figures; then, having exhausted his literary stock upon me, he sent me to school. There I first read the BIBLE to my beloved mother, and read in her countenance (what I then could not read in the book) what that BIBLE was to her. Were my native country free, I could part with any possession to become the owner of that, to me, most sacred spot of earth, my father's old garden. Had I clung to the use of the hoe, instead of aspiring to a love of books, I might by this time have been somebody, and the reader of this volume would not have been solicited by this means to consider the lot of the oppressed American Negro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day – Our public Meeting was large & favoured Our frd Wm Almy was alone in service & was large acceptable & edifying - in the last the appointment of Hannah Almy from our Moy [Monthly] Meeting & Jos Metcalf & Lydia Smith from [Providence](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting to the Station of Elders was confirmed. – After Meeting & dined at B Freeborns, & went on to [Providence](#) in the Waggon with Nicholas Congdon to attend the [School Committee](#), & arrived at the School House about dark - found John well & spent the evening pleasantly with him & friends there & there lodged –

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August 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Attended the School committee, some labour & exercise attended the setting for buisness, but we found much encouragement to think well of the Institution, & our visits to the School were attended with that precious sense of love & precious spirit which indeed constrained the acknowledgement that it was good for us to be there, – that it was good for our society that the School existed & furnished a strengthened hope



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that a Succession of standard bearers would be raised up to fill the places of us who were then Acting as caretakers of those before us in the School -- I lodged at my dear aged friend Moses Browns & on 7th day Morning returned to the School & spent the fournoon & dined - then went to Town & at 3 OClock came home in the Steam Boat.-

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August 10, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 8 M / Father Rodman said a few words as did Francis Carr, the first time in Public, he is a friend who needs care, & I hope wisdom & prudence will go hand & hand with those who may find it their places to lend a helping hand. -

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August 13, Sunday: Scottish explorer Alexander Gordon Laing became the 1st European to reach Timbuktu (Mali). He would be killed in September.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 8 M / Both Meeting very small in consequence of the Rain - Father Rodman engaged in both settings & in the Afternoon I thought we had a good meeting

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August 17, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 8th M / Silent Meeting, but not without some good feelings, yet much of that which savor'd of death -

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August 24, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 8 M / Our Meeting very small, the day very Rainy, & the Mond overcast, as well as the Sky -

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August 30, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 8 M / Rode to Portsmouth this Afternoon with D Buffum Jr on a committee from the Moy [Monthly] Meeting to Visit Wm Hall who has requested to be dismissed from society - he was absent from home, & we were disappointed. -

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➡ August 31, Thursday: [Giacomo Costantino Beltrami](#) notified the *REVUE ENCYCLOPÉDIQUE* that he had discovered in [Mexico](#), and obtained for the outside world, an ancient Mexican manuscript printed upon agave leaves, now known as “the Aztec codex” and as *EVANGELARIUM EPISTOLARIUM AZTECUM*.³⁴⁴



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 8 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting, which was a time of refreshment our first meeting was livily in silence & the testimony all sweet & encouraging. – Mary Hicks D Buffum, Ruth Freeborn Clarke Rodman Hannah Dennis & A Sherman bore short lively testimonys, corresponding in exercise, that we might seek peace & persue it. –

In the last the buisness was conducted orderly & in harmony. – Joshua Shaw & Hannah Pearce published their intentions of Marriage. – We dined & spent the remainder of the Afternoon at Uncle Stantons. –

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➡ September 3, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 9 M 1826 / Our Meeting this morning, I believe ought to have been silent, tho' there was preaching – It was silent in the Afternoon. –
Visited our friend Mary Morton at her sister Abigail Robinsons

344. It would turn out that the particular codice retrieved by Beltrami wasn't ancient at all, having been produced by native students in 1529 under the sponsorship of a teacher at the Imperial College of Santa Cruz de Tlaltelolco in Mexico, Bernardino de Sahagun.



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this evening - a pleasant visit -

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September 5, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 9 M / Recd a kind letter from my frd Wm Rickman of Rochester Engd - which was encouraging & acceptable - it was reviving to my weak & low state in every Sense. - It was dated 11th of 7 M 1826 -

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September 14, Thursday: [Heman Doane](#)'s "The life and writing of Heman Doane," a 34-page holograph created by him at the age of 17 for the Sunday School in Eastham, Massachusetts. (This manuscript is now at the Houghton Library of Harvard University, under call number MS Am 1778.)

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 9th / Our Meeting was to me a solid good season in Silence. - Before meeting I was engaged in an opportunity with George Hall who has requested to be dismissed from society having joined the Methodists. - It appeared to me evidently, that he had quit our society without having informed himself of our principles & on no good ground, but to avoid the Cross of Christ, & a choice of walking in his own ways, having been caught in the fire & carried away in the Whirlwind, without waiting to feel the instructions that would have been received in the Small Still Voice
On the whole my opinion is that his request did not originate in good conscience, but in a perversion of it -before we had the opportunity my mind was more favourably impressed towards him, but on hearing his account of himself, I feel that his conduct is for Judgement, more than paliation*

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September 19, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 9 M / About 1 OC this Afternoon Walter Channing Was taken in a fit in my Brother Isaac's Shop - the scene was Awful, & affected my mind with many serious considerations. - However Rich or great we are in the world in sickness & in Death we are poor dependent creatures. - He revived & went to his lodgings & is better this evening. -

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September 21, Thursday: Four songs by Franz Schubert were published by Sauer and Leidesdorf, Vienna as his op.59: *Dass sie hier gewesen*, *Du bist die Ruh* and *Lachen und Weinen*, all to words of Ruckert, and *Du liebst mich nicht*, to words of Platen.

In a [duel](#) fought 6 miles south of Franklin, Kentucky, [Sam Houston](#) badly wounded General William A. White.



Lieutenant [John Franklin](#) and [George Back](#) in the 26-foot boats *Lion* and *Reliance* reached Fort Franklin three weeks after Richardson and Kendall, who had completed their survey. That winter Back would learn of his earlier promotion to Commander.

THE FROZEN NORTH

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 9th M 1826 / Our Frd Abigail Robinson was engaged in a very favoured testimony to the Truth, & our meeting was a good one. – no buisness in the Preparative Meeting. –

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September 24, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 9 M / Both Meetings nearly Silent, but pretty good solid opportunities. –

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September 28, Thursday: Russia declared war on Persia due to Persian involvement in Transcaucasia.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#), his brother Johann, and their nephew Karl traveled to Johann's country property at Gneixendorf near Krems. The composer was ill.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 9 M / Our first Meeting was a solid good time H Dennis was engaged in testimony as was also Father Rodman. – & tho' it thus appeared – I may confess on my part, much leanness of spirit was my portion. – In the last Meeting we had but little buisness, & it seemed to me, that little was pretty well




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conducted. —

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 September 30, Saturday: Manuel Garcia's opera company returned to London from a year's engagement in New-York.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30th of 9 M / This morning Hannah & Ruth went in the Packet to [Providence](#) to visit John at the School, & to attend the Sub-School committee on 3rd day next, they have apparently had a very favourable passage, & I hope will have a good comfortable time. —

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 October 1, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 10th M 1826 / Our Meetings were both pretty solid sittings to me - Father Rodman had some service in the Mornng & in the Afternoon Silent - I went home with D Buffum took tea & set the evening. —

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 October 5, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 [?] of 10 M / Our meeting was a good one, tho small. Our frd D Buffum was engaged in a very lively & pertinent testimony which I thought added to the weight of the Meeting, he was followed by Father Rodman in a short good testimony Last night Died our old neighbour Samuel Vinson, when we first went to house keeping we lived in the next house to him, when we contracted an intimacy which has continued ever since, he was a pleasant interesting companion, & I have no doubt was a religious man he was about 85 Years of age —

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 October 6, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 10th M 1826 / We heard this Morning of the Death of Wm B Rotch son of Benjamin Rotch who died yesterday at his Grandfather Wm Rotches in [New Bedford](#), it was an affecting occurrence to my mind, he was in [Newport](#) on the 20th of last Month & seemed as well as any of us & kindly assisted in helping to relieve Walter Channing who was on that day taken in a Fit at my Brother Isaac's

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➡ October 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 10 M / Silent Meeting in the Morning – In the Afternoon some words were spoken. –

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➡ October 12, Thursday: The Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde granted 100 florins to Franz Schubert (he had sent them a manuscript to a symphony which they had managed to lose).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5thd day 12th of 10th M / Our first Meeting was silent & solid, the last was our Select Meeting –

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➡ October 15, Sunday: The Reverend [Waldo Emerson](#) preached his first sermon, “Pray without ceasing,” at his step-uncle the Reverend Samuel Ripley’s church in Waltham, Massachusetts.



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 10 M / Father Rodman had a good testimony in the Morning Meeting – Silent in the Afternoon – Took tea & set the eveng at D Buffums with my H & Sister Ruth –

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➡ October 19, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th [?] of 10th M / My H & Sister Ruth spent the eveng at Henry & Molly Goulds dividing it between them. I went the latter part of it – Cousin Hannah Gardiner who came over from Narragansett a week or two ago & went out to Uncle Stantons on a visit, returned Yesterday & goes home this Afternoon


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 October 31, Tuesday: Muzio Clementi's complete Gradus ad Parnassum appeared for the initial time, simultaneously in Paris, Leipzig and London.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day Went to [Providence](#) & attended the Sub-School committee,
& then rode to Swansey to attend the Quarterly Meeting. - We put
up at Nathan Chases & was kindly entertained. -*

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 November 4, Saturday: [Emmanuel-Henri-Dieudonné Domenech](#) was born at Lyons, France.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Came home in the Steam Boat & found all well. -

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 November 5, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*1st day 5th of 11th M 1826 / Father Rodman engaged in short
testimony in Both Meetings - they not very lively times to me,
but I trust there were some who did not Meet in vain -*

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 November 9, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9th of 11th M / Father Rodman bore a short testimony, &
to me the Meeting was a little more lively than last first day. -*

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 November 12, Sunday: Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld and Saxe-Gotha joined in personal union. The new Duchy would be called Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and would be under Duke Ernst I. The Duchy of Saxe-Altenberg was restored to sovereignty by Saxe-Gotha, under Duke Friedrich.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12th of 11th M / David Buffum & Father Rodman engaged
in testimony in the Mornng & Silent in the Afternoon, - My poor
mind was in a most destitute state. - I live by faith in the
power I have felt in former days - & earnestly desire, a renewal
of life - which has been measurably vouchsafed, in a solid
reading of the Scriptures this mornng. - but Oh the poverty of
my spirit -
Spent the eveng & took tea with My H at D Buffums*

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November 19, Sunday: Fanny and [Felix Mendelssohn](#) played a four-hand piano version of Felix's A Midsummer Night's Dream overture for Ignaz Moscheles.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19 of 11 M / Last eveng we had the company of Benjamin Wing a young Man of Falmouth just from the Boarding School, on his way home, detained in the harbour by a Strong wind he seemed to be an interesting Youth & we were glad to entertain him with lodging - This Morning he sailed for home. -
In our morning Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in a lively testimony & David Buffum in a very solid lively & good communication which I have no doubt reached the hearts of some present.
We were silent in the Afternoon. - & my leanness was great - Were it not for seasons of some refreshment or extendings of divine good out of meetings, & know not but I should almost sink under my poverty -
Help Oh Father, help. -*

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November 30, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 11th M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town - the first Meeting wholly silent - In the last there was but little buisness. - & but little life among us. -

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December 3, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 12 M 1826 / In the forenoon our frd D Buffum was engaged in a solemn lively testimony - we were silent in the Afternoon, & both pretty comfortable Meetings.

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December 4, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 12 M / On the 27 of last M the Remains of Oliver H Perry were brought into This Harbour by the Ship Lexington from Trinidad where he died between 7 & 8 Years ago. & this day a very great funeral was made & the remains re-interd in our common burying ground - The Town Council requested the shops in Town to be closed during the time of the Funeral processing - which Friends did not comply with. - This evening in conversing with a few men of the town in the Mercury Printing office, - I found considerable acrimony was manifest by some at our non-compliance - I felt it a duty to make defence of our conduct -



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& in the first instance told them - It was my opinion that the great show & parade got up this day was a departure from Republican simplicity which this nation is bound to maintain, & secondly, it was diverse from all christian example or precept that I had known, & on these grounds alone there was sufficient for us to bear our testimony against it. - but this was not all, for it was not out of meer respect to the remains of O H Perry as a good citizen that all this show & funeral pomp was made - but a more pernicious design was at bottom, which was to pay honour to him as a great Military man & thereby excite a love of military fame in the Minds of our citizens & youth. - which was natural enough to the human heart without this great excitement & waste of money which had better have been given to the Poor. - beside Commodore Perry was a plain unostentations Man, with whom I was well acquainted in his life time, & I knew was not fond of such things, but on the contrary avoided many honors that might have been paid to him, after his achievement on Lake Erie & preferd to travel thro' the country in a private manner - rather than be in the way of receiving the homage which the people at that time were wont to render him.-& further I remarked the effects, such distinguished honours if they could properly be called - were prejudicial to the minds of his children, who might be lead to a conclusion that as their father was so singularly honourd, that they were entitled to something of the same kind, thereby be made proud & haughty & by considering themselves gentlemen stand on their fathers achievements & think themselves above the necessary exertions to obtain a lively hood. - These are some of the Arguments which I used, & but few were disposed seriously to combat them- & I consider they are too substantive to be Seriously controverted by any reasonable men. -

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December 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7th of 12th M 1826 / Our Meeting today was a very good one to me, for which I am thankful - I dont know that I ever more fully realized the Language of Scripture "The Lamb & his followers shall have the victory" or saw more clearly how the Victory is to be obtained -
Father Rodman was rather more largely engaged in testimony than is usual for him - & Susannah Bateman said a few words -Abel Collins a public friend from Hopkinton sat with us in silence. -*

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December 10, Sunday: When back in [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) caught up in his journal:

7th day 9th of 12 M / Rode this afternoon to [Tiverton](#) with our Frd David Buffum - Lodged at Abraham Barkers & next day (1st day [Sunday]) We attended Meeting there - the gathering was small



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& the appearance of things among them weak & low, yet it seemed as if there was a little encouragement to continue to hold the Meeting.— D B was engaged in a good feeling testimony which went to encourage the few who usually assemble at that place. — We dined at Abraham Barkers & returned home in the Afternoon. —

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December 14, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 12th M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended by those who usually assemble on 5th days & to me it was a comfortable little meeting

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December 15, Friday: The largest of the Schubertiads took place in the Vienna home of Josef von Spaun, at which Johann Vogl sang 30 songs. This night would inspire the famous von Schwind sepia drawing.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15th of 12 M / This Afternoon rec'd a very pleasant letter from our Dear John who is yet at School in [Providence](#). — I feel grateful, & I may say very thankful for the privilege he enjoys of being there & in the way of obtaining a good education, & yet more so for the favourable turn of mind he seems to have taken. — I hopes are that he will make a good man — but when I consider the Slippery path that yet awaits him, my hopes are mingled with fear as to the Issue. — This Evening we had the compnay of Isaiah Gove from Ware, who is here, for the purpose of carrying home his son Albert, who Married & has lived in this town some time, but unfortunately had his leg broken, when the roof of the Town School House was raised some time ago. —

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Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

There is not much entertaining. The King is at Brighton. I met Mr. Greville (Charles Greville, author of Journals of the Reign & of George III and William IV) the other night. He is Clerk of the Council. I was amused to see him making notes of the different things I told him. Rather a pedantic person. Princess Lieven is the Ambassador: Prince Lieven is absolutely a nonentity. Lord Goderich is always the same delightful gentleman, it is a pleasure to meet him. Lord Grey I suppose means to be civil, but his manners are not what they should be. Mr. Canning is always most gracious to father, who likes him very much but does not think him a very strong man. Lady Wellesley (Mrs. Robert Patterson — Editor's Note.—Mrs. Robert Patterson, widow of Robert Patterson, who was a brother of Madame Bonaparte. Patterson, married some years after the death



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of her husband, the Marquis of Wellesley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, elder brother of the Duke of Wellington) has been in London. We dined with her. Of course now she is a very great lady, and does not forget it. She has asked me to come to Dublin after Christmas. She says I will be much amused at Dublin society and the Viceregal Court. I will certainly go if there is not too much work here. There is that horrible Irish Channel to be considered and the very long journey. Mamma arrives to-morrow. We have to entertain some Americans, there are a great many in London at present. Father has declined to present any at Court. He is not resident Minister only a special Ambassador. I ride every day as I fear I am getting fat; Mrs. Baring has just told mamma that she has invited every available member of the Baring family to her Christmas dinner. We are to be the only outsiders.



December 17, Sunday: In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th 12 M 1826 / Our Meeting this forenoon was silent & solid. - When we returned home we found a letter from Benjamin Marchall, encouraging us to send John immediately to Hudson to enter his Cotton establishment there, which seemed very sudden & unexpected to us, tho we had calculated on his going there in the Spring or summer coming -- after considering & turning the proposition in our minds for a little while, - I saw no other way than to consult my dear Aged Mother & Uncle & Aunt Stanton on the subject who all have a deep interest in Johns welfare & accordingly set out on foot & arrived there by sunset. - Our united conclusion was to consult John & say [lay?] the subject fully before him. - Tho' we all felt seriously affected at the Idea of taking him from the Boarding School at Providence, so suddenly where he seems to be laying a good foundation for the time to come. - I went to bed & rose early on 2nd day [Monday] Morning & got home by 8 OC, & waited the whole day, consulting such of our friends, as came in our way who all seemed to concur with the Idea of leaving the exchange, chiefly to his decision - We accordingly wrote him this eveng, intending it for the Mail tomorrow morning. - The prospect as to the outward is uncommonly good for him, but I see many things which will be a great drawback on prospects of that Kind, but what can we do in our present situation, but to trust him to that Kind Providence which has from his birth to the present day signally favoured him -

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[Francis Trevelyan Buckland](#) was born at Oxford, England, a son of the Reverend Professor William Buckland, D.D., F.R.S., Dean of Westminster.



His father was a Canon of Christ Church, one of the largest Colleges of the University of Oxford (as well as being a college, Christ Church is also the cathedral church of the diocese of Oxford, to wit Christ Church Cathedral).

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His father was also the geologist and paleontologist who had written the 1st full account of a fossil dinosaur. His father was a friend of Sir Richard Owen, Order of the Bath, a biologist, comparative anatomist, and paleontologist who is remembered today not only as the person who had coined the term “Dinosauria” but also as an opponent of Charles Darwin’s theory of origin of new species by gradual modification and adaptation. His father’s great hobby was the consumption of such unusual items as mice in batter, squirrel pie, horse’s tongue, and ostrich (in fact he was “heavy into” grossing people out big time in every way possible and according to one story he gobbled the preserved heart of King Louis XIV), and this “zoöphagy” would become the portly son’s favorite hobbyhorse as well.



December 21, Thursday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)’s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

Dined at a large Diplomatic dinner at Prince Jules de Polignac’s at the French Embassy; all men. I was delighted to meet Montmorency; we had good talk over our old days in Paris. He says things are much changed now, and that the King is much

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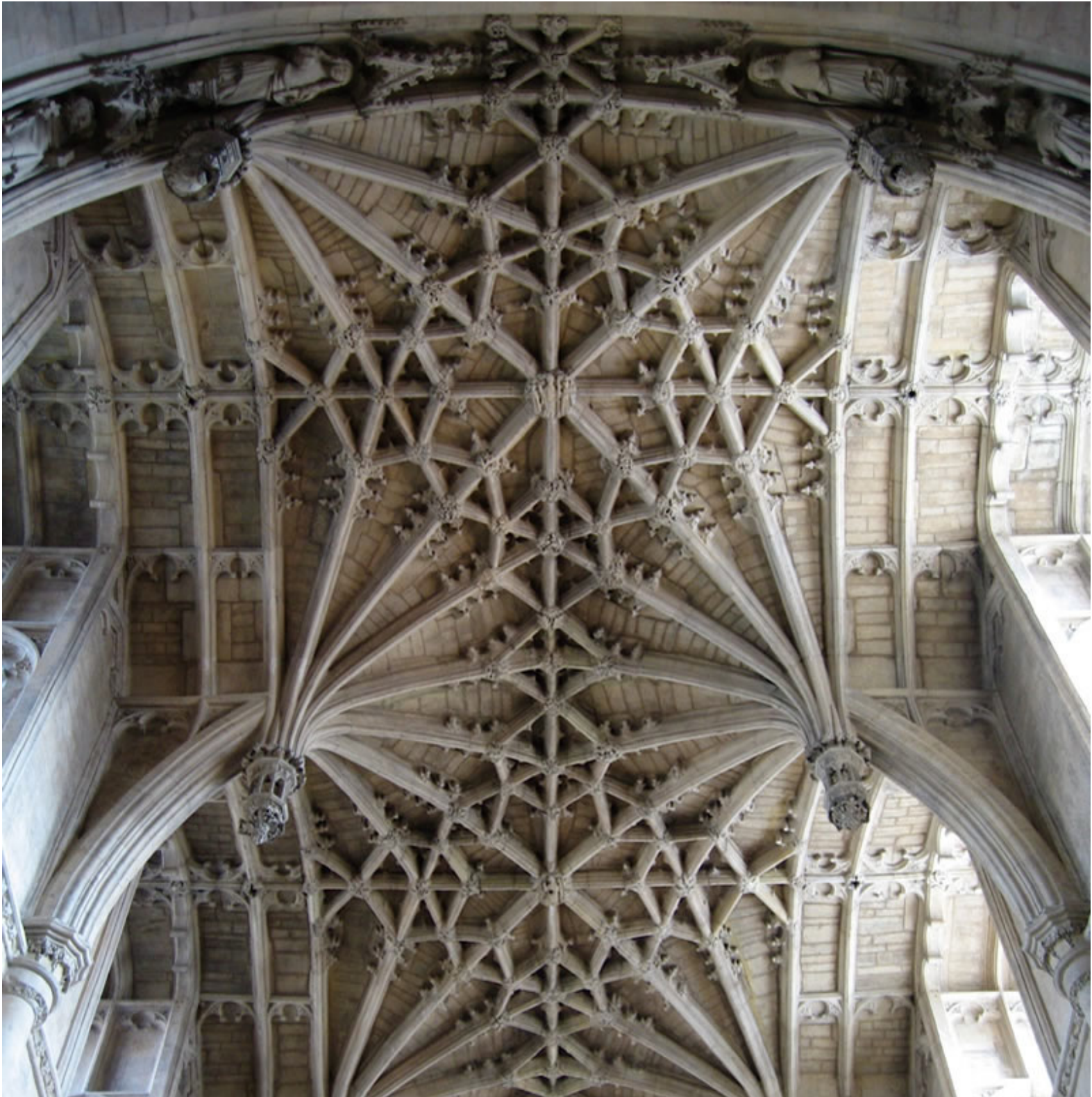
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disliked. Our successors are not at all well received and do not entertain at all. After dinner, Montmorency and I went for a short time to White's and had supper late. London unutterably dull. Mamma is very happy as she has a perfect riot of churches to go to. It will be gayer after [Christmas](#), but only among the Corps Diplomatique. We are booked for several visits. I was delighted with a long letter from my dear wife. All are well and seem very happy. Father will have to have some sort of reception for the Americans in the New Year. We really make quite a show. We are using all our old French State liveries-which are



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perfectly fresh.

Der Zwerg D.771, a song by Franz Schubert to words of von Collin, was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

200 Anglo settlers seized Nacogdoches, Mexico (Texas) and proclaimed the Republic of Fredonia. Mexican authorities would down the revolt with the help of Anglo leaders.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 12 M / Silent Meeting – I could not divest my mind of John & his leaving School – My desires for his right disposal & direction were fervant, & aspirations for his preservation from evil were ardent. – It was to me a good meeting. –

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December 22, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 12 M 1826 / Recd a letter from John this evening in which he weighs the subject of going to Hudson in a very satisfactory manner, takes into consideration the arguments in favour & against it & finally concludes the ballance is in favour of going – I have accordingly written this evening to B Marshall this evening whose answer in a few Days will decide the point. –

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December 24, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 12th M / Both meetings were seasons of some favour to me – In the Morning Father Rodman & in the Afternoon Hannah Dennis bore good testimonies.

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December 28, Thursday: Franz Schubert's song Die junge Nonne D.828 to words of Craigher was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Musikverein, Vienna.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12 M / This day our Moy [Monthly] Meeting is held at [Portsmouth](#) the day is extemely cold, & being in expectation of a letter from NYork which will be necessary for me to attend to, & with all my feelings not very active – I omitted going to attend it. –

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December 30, Saturday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

Rumours of a change in the Cabinet, but nothing definite The King comes to Buckingham House in a few days. There is a report that Lord Liverpool is ill – not confirmed.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 12th M / This day I am 45 Years of Age – Even if my life should be extended to very old age – I have lived considerably over half my days. – I feel the advance of years already, & it is probably I shall very sensibly realize it soon, in a more full degree. – I desire to be thankful for the past, & for the future place my just confidence in HIM who has been with me from my childhood & borne with me in Great loving kindness & tender mercy. – & kindly provided for me far beyond my deserts -this I know right well –

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December 31, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31st of 12 M / Our Meetings were both well attended considerig it was a very Stormy day – Silent in the morning & in the Afternoon Father had a Short pertinent testimony, to my feelings – With this page I take my leave of the Year

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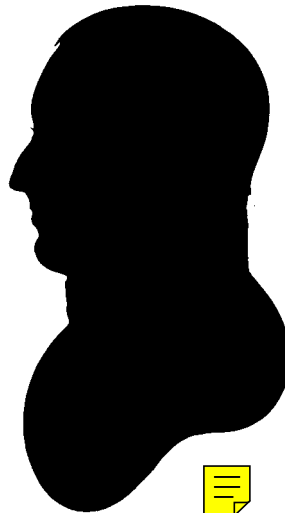


January 1, Monday: A contract was signed by Gioachino Rossini making him Premier Compositeur du Roi and Inspecteur General du Chant en France, honorary positions. This would allow him to give up his duties at the Theatre-Italien and spend more time composing for the Opera.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about [Yearly Meeting School](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#):

2nd day 1st of 1st M 1827 / This day in the Stage our dear Son John returned from the Yearly Meeting School at [Providence](#) where he has been about seventeen [smudged] 17 Months — We were heartily glad to see him. — but the rejoicing is mingled with fear & anxiety about his future welfare as his return is for a preparation for another perhaps longer separation. — his present prospect is to go to Hudson to enter a Factory there belonging to Benj Marshall to learn the Art of Making Calico & other cotton goods. —

We enter the New year & I feel under solemn impressions, which perhaps may as well be felt as expressed. —³⁴⁵



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
345. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1823-1829: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7

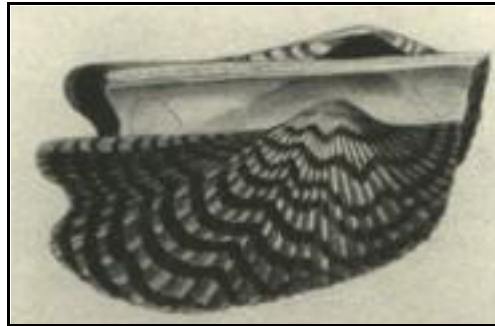


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
 January 4, Thursday: [Thomas Say](#) and Lucy Way Sistare³⁴⁶ secretly married in a civil ceremony at the courthouse of Mt. Vernon, Indiana. The only persons in attendance were witnesses Virginia Dupalais and Louisa Neef.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4th of 1st M / Our meeting was about as large as usual
Father Rodman appeared in a good & I thought well authorized
testimony - after which T Carr said a few words - & then Father
Rodman said a few words again -
It was a season of mixture of feelings. - The forepart of it
unusually good & the latter part of no small trial. -*


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 January 7, Sunday: Olivo e Pasquale, a melodramma by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Ferretti after Sografi, was performed for the initial time, in the Teatro Valle, Rome. The audience response was frigid.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 1st M / Our Morning Meeting was a good solid time
& I thought the power of Truth was unusually felt to arise among
us. - Father Rodman Hannah Dennis & D Buffum in succession were
engaged in testimonys. - & H Dennis concluded in supplication. -
In the afternoon a short communication from Jonathon Dennis. -
After Meeting I went with my H, Sister Ruth, John & Richard With
D Buffum Jr to his house took tea & Spent the evening. -*

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 January 11, Thursday: An schwager Kronos D.369, a song by Franz Schubert to words of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#), was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 1st M 1827 / This day was our Select Meeting,

346. Lucy had been born on November 28, 1800 in New London, Connecticut. Neither her father was Joseph Sistare (1774-1829) nor her mother Nancy Way Sistare (1775-1829) were Quakers. She was an artist and illustrator of specimens (such as in Say's AMERICAN CONCHOLOGY) who had been with him on the "Boatload of Knowledge" keelbarge to the New Harmony commune in the previous year. Later she would become the 1st female member of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. She would die of pneumonia on November 15, 1886 in Lexington, Massachusetts and be buried in New York City (her sister lived on Staten Island).



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held as usual at the close of the public Meeting. – It was a season of some Searching, & I trust proffit. –

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January 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 1 M / This PM John returned from Fall River where he went to get information at a Factory there. – while there he had an invitation to ride with a Friend of his to [Providence](#) which he did & had another opportunity of seeing his friends at the [School](#), who all seem'd rejoiced to see him he passed one night & part of two days at the Insitution much to his satisfaction. – on his way home stoped at [Portsmouth](#) to visit his grandmother Gould Uncle & Aunt Stanton & too leave of them–

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January 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 1 M / Our meetings were uncommonly solid good ones In the morning Father Rodman & in the Afternoon Hannah Dennis preached. – John took tea at his Uncle Johns & we at home.

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January 27, Saturday: Franz Schubert was informed that he had failed to secure the post of Vice-Hofkapellmeister to the Imperial Court Chapel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27th of 1st M 1827 / This morning with our dear Son John Stanton Gould I set out for [Providence](#) in the Stage he on his way to Hudson in the State of N York & I to Quarterly Meeting, he being desirous I might accompany him thus far tho' three days sooner than I should have left to attend the Meeting. – We arrived in [Providence](#) early in the Afternoon & first called at Almy & Browns Store, where we found our frd Wm Almy, who was interested in Johns leaving us, & had much parting council to him, with which I was much gratified. – We then went to the School where John found his old associates glad to see him. – & he very glad to see & be with them a little while before he went on his journey. – First day mornng I went into [Providence](#) to attend Meeting & left John with his friends, –returned with [Moses Brown](#) to dine & then with him to attend the School Meeting in the Afternoon – I lodged with John at the School House & rose early on 2nd day [Monday] Morning & went into [Providence](#) before Day & at 5 OClock he started in the Stage sleigh for Hartford. – he was not very cheerful, but sober & Serious, without depression Here I committed him to the care & protection of his heavenly parent, who I fervantly desire may preserve him from



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every hurtful thing. – I walked about the Streets of [Providence](#) till sunrise, when I went to Joa[Jonathon] Anthonys to breakfast, & spent the remainder of the day in town & lodged at the School House. –

3rd day attended the Sub-committee & lodged at [Moses Browns](#). –

4th day attended Select Quarterly Meeting & meeting for Sufferings. – lodged at [M Browns](#)

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February 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Attended the Quarterly Meeting & an adjournment of the Meeting for Sufferings

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February 2, Friday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) underwent a 3d operation to remove excess abdominal fluid.

A cantata for the birthday of the Duke of Saxe-Weimar by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Attended the [School committee](#) & went into [Town](#) & lodged at Wm Jenkins. –

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February 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day came home in the Stage. – My visit to [Providence](#) has been an unusual time of favour to me, & the visit will be memorable, as a time of parting with our dear John [at the [Quaker school](#)]. – Our meetings were seasons of life, & the good cause promoted according to our ability – I know of no circumstance to cause pain, but on the contrary feel encouraged to hope our Society in these parts is improving.

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February 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 2nd M / Our Morning Meeting was a time of favour Father Rodman, D Buffum & H Dennis were very lively in testimony. – In the Afternoon Father again had a small offering – Joseph Tillinghast from [New Bedford](#) was there & in the eveng he called to see us & we with him called at Father Rodmans & Br John



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February 8, Thursday: Franz Schubert's Lied des gefangenen Jagers D.843 to words of Scott translated by Storck was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 2 M / Good solid Meeting. - Father Rodman bore a short testimony. - We begin to feel anxious to hear from John.

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February 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 2 M / In the morning Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis in testimony & the former in supplication. - Silent in the Afternoon. -

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February 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12th of 2 M / This evening we recd our first letter from John since his arrival in Hudson, which was very satisfactory & encouraging as he appeared to have got there safe without accident, or much suffering, except one day from cold. -found there, all things to answer his expectations as near as he could ascertain on short acquaintance -. - This letter is a great relief to our minds as we had begun to feel very anxious to hear how he had got along. -

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February 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 2 M / Our Meeting was a solid good one to me. - Father Rodman was engaged in testimony - In the last which was Preparative Meeting we had no buisness. -

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February 18, Sunday: Dr. Peter Goodnow of Acton became a merchant in [Boston](#).

Dr. Peter Goodnow was from Bolton, commenced practice in Acton, 12th of October, 1812, left 18th of February, 1827, and is now [1835] a merchant in [Boston](#).³⁴⁷

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 18th of 2 M / Our mornng meeting was a season of exercise on acct of an offering in the ministry & also of Prayer. – In the afternoon a good meeting, the same friend was engaged in a few words acceptably. –

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February 22, Thursday: The Reverend John Barrett of [Concord](#) was ordained at Mesopotamia in Trumbell County, Ohio.

JOHN BARRETT, son of John Barrett, Jr., was born September 30, 1781, and graduated at Williams College in 1810. After obtaining a theological education he was employed by the Evangelical Society, and went to Ohio. He was ordained at Mesopotamia, Trumbell County, Ohio, February 22, 1827.³⁴⁸

ALL CONCORD COLLEGE GRADS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1827 / This morning our Frd D Buffum came in to town & took me in his carriage to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting – The first Meeting was a solid favourd time our above mentioned friend was engaged in a lively public testimony "Mind your calling brethren." he mentioned the necessity of minding the calling whereunto we have been called, that our society was raised up, he had no doubt for singular benefit to it in many particulars. – Our testimony against War, had no doubt been the means of preventing much bloodshed in the World & our exorcions on behalf of injured Africa had also done much good, & well as a difusion of genuine christian principles, & of a purer Kind than had been generally practiced previous to the institution of Society. – That our worthy predecessors had suffered much in establishing those principles, & it behoved us to mind our calling & maintain the Warfare – This is but a feeble outline of his offering & retains but very little of the life & spirit in which it was delivered. – but for future remembrance I have thought best to insert the forgoing. –

We had but little buisness, but sat in harmony – We dined at Richd Mitchells & came home finding the travelling worse than when going, which we had previously anticipated as very bad, but proved better than we expected. –

Aunt Stanton was at Meeting but I could not go home with her. –

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a circumstance I regretted not having seen my Mother whi is at her house in about two Months. –

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February 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 2 M / A Short testimony from Father Rodman in the morning & in the Afternoon Abigail Robinson was favourd in a short testimony, which to my understanding came in the quiet Stream of the Gospel. – In the evening I went over to Abigail Robinsons, she read to me Several letters recd from her Sister Mary Morton, by which it appears the troubles among friends are lessening there & a prospect of the Truths gaining the Assendency over the heads of gainsayers. –

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March 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3th M 1st 1827 / Silent but solid good meeting, for which I desire to be thankful, to the Giver of all good. – I am the more thankful for this favour, it being a time of depression with me in various ways. –

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March 4, Sunday: [Charles John Andersson](#) (Karl Johan Andersson) was born in Värmland in Sweden, an illegitimate child of the English bear hunter Llewellyn Lloyd and a Swedish servant. He would grow up in Sweden with his father.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 3rd M / Our Morning Meeting was a very solid one, D Buffums preaching was good & I dont know what to say of the rest, but it certainly did not seem to me whooly clear of mixture. – In the Afternoon again we had a pretty good meeting. – I must suspend my judgement of what was offered. – Avis Mumford & Avis C Howland set the evening with us. –

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March 8, Thursday: A day after arriving in Vienna on a concert tour, [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) visited the home of his close friend [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) and found him on his deathbed.

Two works by Franz Schubert were performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna: Gott in der Natur D.757, a vocal quartet to words of von Kleist, and Normans Gesang D.846, a song to words of Scott translated by Storck.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 8th of 3 M / Silent but quiet [quite?] solid meeting –

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March 11, Sunday: The introduction of [slaves](#) into [Texas](#) was prohibited. Hereditary and race slavery was rejected. (Clearly, the good white people of Texas were going to need to revolt against Mexico and link up with the United States of America!)

Constitution of the State of Coahuila and Texas. Preliminary Provisions: –

Art. 13. "From and after the promulgation of the constitution in the capital of each district, no one shall be born a slave in the state, and after six months the introduction of slaves under any pretext shall not be permitted." LAWS AND DECREES OF COAHUILA AND TEXAS (Houston, 1839), page 314.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Maria Szymanowska performed at the City Theater in Riga on her way to St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th 3 M / Both Meeting was solid good ones. – The minds of the People are much affected & their countenances sad on acct of a poor Black Woman who last evening was found guilty of murder & sentenced to death on the 18th of 5 M next

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March 15, Thursday: The Rochester, New York High School opened.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 3 M / Silent & pretty good meeting – the gathering was about as large as usual. –

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March 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18th of 3 M / A Short good testimony from Father Rodman in the forenoon. – Silent in the Afternoon – good meetings to me – Some trials in the course of the week, but favoured with quiet, & some strength to persue the course I believe best. – I desire to be found in the discharge of every duty & desire preeminently to be a good man.
Between Meetings recd a letter from B Marshall accompanying a parcell from Thos Thompson containing a letter from him & the Annual Monotor for the present Year.
Benjamins letter mentions that John was well at Hudson on the 12th inst*

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 March 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 3rd M / Silent but good meetings – In the last (Preparative) Nathan Bowen renewed his request for membership, which was forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting for their disposal

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 March 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 3rd M 1827 / Silent solid Meeting in the Mornng In the Afternoon a few words spoken. – Set part of the evening with A Robinson

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 March 28, Wednesday: The Reverend [Waldo Emerson](#) sailed from St. Augustine in Florida for Charleston.

That night, in [New Bedford](#), Nathan Johnson and four other named men of color, plus fully 20 other persons whose names we do not have, were raiding a dwelling. Shattering the windows and breaking in the door with clubs and stones, they assaulted one John Howard.³⁴⁹ We are unable to determine from the Taunton court records what had provoked this action as Johnson and all other defendants would be very promptly and summarily found not guilty and released, but according to the diary of New Bedford merchant Samuel Rodman, Jr., this had been “an alleged riot occasioned by a visit of a coloured man from New York or farther south whose object it was to get information of runaway slaves.”

(It was during this year that a New Bedford High School was being organized!)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 3 M / By Joseph Tillinghast we rec'd this PM a very comfortable letter from John – Joseph visited him at his home there & went to the Factory where he works & gave us a good account of him – he is the first person that we have seen, who has seen John since he left us – JT set the eveng with us. –

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349. This is the man of color who had, in 1822, applied for acceptance as a [Quaker](#), and had been stonewalled by the white Quakers of the [New Bedford MA](#) meeting.



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March 29, Thursday: There were so many citizens around the Schwarzspanierhaus in Vienna, where the body of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) lay in state attended by nine priests –some 15,000-20,000 in total– that soldiers were called in to provide crowd control. School had been canceled for the day and among the spectators were many children. After a chorale had been sung, at 3:00PM, the procession to the church began. [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#), Carl Czerny, and Franz Schubert were among the mourners. In the procession was a military band, playing an arrangement of Beethoven's funeral march from the Piano Sonata op.26. It took the procession an hour and a half to get to the Trinity Church of the Minorities despite the fact that this destination was little more than a block away. From the church a carriage conveyed the coffin to Währing Cemetery, where a funeral oration by Franz Grillparzer was read by Heinrich Anschutz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 3 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town which was a time of favour - Abigail Robinson twice engaged in testimony in the first Meeting - In the last there were two requests for Membership, but there was also something on the other hand to ballance it. - Isaac Almy & wife dined with us. -

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April 1, Sunday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), Ira Brown of Concord & Frances Eaton of Groton filed an intention to marry.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 4 M / Short testimonies Morning & Afternoon from Father Rodman - & pretty good Meetings - Francis Carr took tea & set the eveng with us

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April 5, Thursday: There was a 2d memorial service for [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), in St. Charles' Church of Vienna, at which the Requiem of Luigi Cherubini was performed.

Vincenzo Bellini departed from Naples, for Milan and the Teatro alla Scala.

Adam and Franz Liszt departed from Paris, for another trip to Britain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 4 M / A Good solid Meeting - & my mind favord with the feeling of life, for which I feel thankful -

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April 8, Sunday: Richard Geyer (Wagner) was confirmed in the Kreuzkirche, Dresden.

Adam Liszt and Franz Liszt arrived in London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 8th of 4 M / Our meeting this morning was larger than usual & was a solid favourd opportunity - Silent & favourd in the Afternoon - It is no small consolation to my feelings to be able to record a favourd season, as my feelings have been low for a long time - but it has of late seemed like a renewal of favour with me & I hope to be watchful & faithful - Sister Ruth dined with us & we took tea at Father Rodmans & spent the evening. -

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April 12, Thursday: [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) and Eugene Scribe submitted the libretto to Robert le diable to the French censors. It would take four days to get past them.

Vincenzo Bellini arrived in Milan from Naples with a contract to produce an opera.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 4th M 1827 / To day was our Select Meeting which was a time of mental searching - The public meeting preceeding it was silent - After the Queries were Answered, Our Aged friend David Buffum disclosed a prospect he had of attending the Approaching Yearly Meeting at New York, which was fully united with & he encouraged to lay it before the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -having felt my mind united in the concern, I gave in my name to accompany him, which was also approved. - It looks like no small undertaking in many respects, & indeed when looking at the subject, I have felt no small discouragement about going, but leave it, in hopes of best direction & best support -

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April 13: [Hugh Clapperton](#) died near Sokoto in Africa, of dysentery, without having been allowed to get any farther into the interior (his servant [Richard Lemon Lander](#) would carry out his journal, for later publication).

In France, a "National Guard," a kind of citizen militia, had been formed in Paris by the Committee of Public Safety during July 1789. Command of this force had been offered to Napoleon Bonaparte in 1796 but had been declined. The body had been reorganized in 1805, in 1813, and in 1814, and at this point was disbanded by King Charles X (it would be reconstituted under the Constitution of 1830 and the defection of this body would be one of the principal causes of the overthrow of King Louis Philippe in 1848).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 4 M / I might have added to yesterdays insertion that in the eveng we had an unexpected call from Isaac Bassett Jr & Micajah Pratt of Lynn who are detained here in the Steam Boat for NYork. The Fog & Wind preventing her from going out. - By the Steam Boat this morning from New York frd Isaac returned & brought us an argreeable letter from Benjamin Marshall, containing renewed proofs of his kind attention to John at



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April 15, Easter Sunday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

We only stopped one night at Brighton. Rooms had been prepared for us at a house close to the Pavilion, which the King keeps for his guests. We were received by his Majesty, who was lying on a divan — he could hardly hold himself up. Lady Conyngham was present at first, but at a nod from the King, retired. She looks as if she had something of a temper. The King spoke on several political subjects, and for a wonder with great lucidity. He said suddenly, "Canning is a damned old woman." We were bid to sup with the Royal circle. I could see that father could hardly dissemble his disgust. The conversation was boisterous and indecent. Cards after supper, and on a plea of being very fatigued father begged leave to retire. He and I went for a walk by the sea. The only remark he made was, "And that is a King." We left in the morning without seeing His Majesty.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15th of 4 N / Our Morning Meeting was pretty well attended & was a solid favourd meeting to me. — D Buffum deliverd a very solemn testimony on the Subject of divine Worship & while he was speaking a gust of thunder & lightening & rain came up which with his slow & solemn pronounciation & the grave appearance of his person. — added an impressive feeling, which I trust will not be forgotten by some present — he dwelt on the text "Woman believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father— But the hour cometh & now is when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit & in truth"—
We were small & silent in the Afternoon*

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April 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 4th M 1827 / Our Meeting was rather larger than usual particularly on the womens side. — In the preparative Meetg we had no buisness to report to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, excepting the Answers to all the Queries. —

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April 22, Sunday: String Quartet op.130 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed for the initial time with its new ending, in Vienna.

Nachtgesang im Walde D.913 for male vocal quartet and four horns by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 4th M / Meetings both silent - the forenoon was larger - both solid opportunities. -

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April 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 4th M / Yesterday Afternoon went to [Portsmouth](#) to visit Nathan Dennis on a committee from the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - found him very unwilling to give us a solid opportunity with him - but he at length consented, & we were remarkably favoured to reach the witness for Truth in his heart, but I fear not yet effectually. - Lodged at Uncle Stantons & found my dear Mother very feeble, & very glad to see me. - Today went to Meeting, it being our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) - It was a favoured time Mary Hicks, A Sherman, H Dennis & R Freeborn were engaged in testimony. - I Wilthan Hall was recd into membership - Our frd David Buffum disclosed a prospect he has had for some Months of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting at New York, which as feelingly united with & a copy of a Minute granted him for the purpose & also one to me to accompany him - the prospect has been weightily on my mind for some time & my desire very fervently is to do no hurt My H went out this Morning with her Br David we dined at Uncle Peters - he brought me as far as G Hathaways in his waggon & I walked the rest of the Distance home. -

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April 29, Sunday: King Charles X of France dissolved the National Guard.

Die Hochzeit des Camacho, a singspiel by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) to words of Klingemann after Cervantes, was performed for the initial time, in the Royal Theater, Berlin. Although the press reaction was encouraging, the work was not a success and the composer left the theater before the final curtain. He would not be authoring any more operas.

Georg Simon Ohm, a physics and mathematics teacher in Cologne, dated the foreword to his book *DIE GALVANISCHE KETTE MATHEMATISCH BEARBEITET*. In it he describes his discovery that the amount of electricity transmitted through a conductor was directly proportional to the potential difference, and inversely proportional to the resistance. This would hereafter be known as "Ohm's Law" and would be the beginning of understanding of electrical resistance.

Maria Szymanowska took part in a performance at the palace of Countess Daria A. Dierzhavina in St. Petersburg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 4 M / Silent Meetings & small in consequence of Much rain Yesterday David Gould returned from the Y Meeting School to refit for the Summer - we think him much improved by his opportunity at the School both in person & mind. -

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April 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 4 M / Recd this morning a very pleasant letter from Sister Eliza & one this Afternoon from John at Hudson - Johns was truly consoling for which I desire to be humbly thankful both on his & our own acct. - this is our 4th letter from him. -

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May 1, Tuesday: A negrero flying the US flag (!), the *Ceylon*, master J. West, on its one and only known Middle Passage, out of Costa da Mina sailing on March 24, 1827, arrived at Bahia, Brazil.



We will use this painting to illustrate the ship, despite the fact that the vessel in the painting is flying the Spanish *colores de sangre y oro* rather than the red, white, and blue of our Stars and Stripes:

**THE MIDDLE PASSAGE**

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 5th M 1827 / In company with a number of Friends
We went on board the [Greenwich](#) Packet (Howland Greene) expecting
to sail immediately, but found the Wind so high that we concluded
it unsafe to venture. - so we all came on shore & are now waiting
for a more favourable time, which we hope will be tomorrow
Morning in season to get there to the Select Meeting Uncle Peter
Lawton has passed the day & will lodge with us. -

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May 2, Wednesday: The Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung published a report that Johann Nepomuk Hummel would be succeeding Carl Maria von Weber as Kapellmeister in Dresden. The report would get spread around but had been in error.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 5th M / It is now after dinner & yet at home - we expect to go to Wickford this Afternoon - I feel exceedingly tried at missing the Select Meeting & Meeting for Sufferings, as well as the Trustees Meeting all of which are held today. - The [Greenwich](#) Boat not going, the Women who had thought of going to Ql [Quarterly] Meeting & gave over - so Peter Lawton David Rodman his son Caleb & myself set out for Wickford at 4 OC this Afternoon, arrived there a little after sunset & got a man to carry us in a couple of Chaises & reached [Greenwich](#) by 9 OC in the evening. - We lodged at Updikes & next mornng I took breakfast at Abigail Prouds - Our meeting was large. Wm Almy engaged in public labours in sound good testimony. - then Arnold Buffum in a few words, - then Lydia Breed in supplication, & at the close of the Meeting a short testimony from Hannah Robinson. The Meeting was solemn & good. - In the Meeting for buisness we got along well. there was but little buisness to occupy our time but excellent caution & counsel was droped by a number of Friends on the Answers to the Queries. - Dined at A Prouds & then went on towards [Providence](#) with John Wilbour & got to Wm Almys in Cranston by sunset. - the eveng passed in pleasant conversation at Williams. - 6th day morning after Breakfast rode with J Wibour to the School House in [Providence](#) here I met our frd D Buffum who came up from [Newport](#) yesterday to join with us in the labours of the day - which lasted from 10 OC in the Morning till 10 OC at night, including the sitting of the Trustees. - We lodged at M Browns & today ar 12 OC came homeward in the Steam Boat. - During the sittings of the committee and also of the Trustees my mind labourd under much exercise, in the various concerns that came before us. - Some things did not result as would have left the most pleasant savour, but I desire to leave it, & in all things do the best I can. -

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May 6, Sunday: A Turkish (mostly Albanian) force defeated the final Greek army in the field at Phalerum (Palaion Faliron) near Athens, forcing the Greek government to fall and resulting in general chaos.

Im Freien D.880, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Seidl, was performed for the initial time, in the Festsaal of Vienna University.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 5th M 1827 / In the mornng Meeting D Buffum was engaged in a lively solid testimony - the Meeting was a solid good time. - Silent in the Afternoon.

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May 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 5 M / Silent solid Meeting.

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May 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17 of 5 M / Silent good meeting. - The prospect of NYork is weighty. My desires is for preservation, & an increase in divine help. - how I need this! -
Went this evening to A Robinsons who read a letter from her sister [Mary] Morton giving an acct of the conduct of the Ranters in Philadelphia, which was deplorable indeed -
It is an Awful time in our society, & what the final result well be I am unable to foresee. There is however a little faith remaining, that tho' reproach has fallen on our heritage in some places, that it well be supported & survive the severe tempest that assails it*

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May 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20 of 5 M / A large solid Meeting in the forenoon, in which D Buffum, Father Rodman & Hanah Dennis bore lively testimonies - In the Afternoon H Dennis was engaged in a lively testimony & a pretty solid Meeting -
I went home with Jonathon Dennis to Took tea at his House. -*

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May 22, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22nd of 5 M / This Afternoon with our friend David Buffum, I went on Board the Steam Boat Washington for N York - & After a very rough passage we arrived there the next Morning about 9 OClock we were Kindly recd by our friends. - many of them expressing much satisfaction at seeing us. -We went to attend the approaching yearly Meeting - & it was my intention to have kept a Journal of every days proceeding, but find my time so much engaged, obliged to rise early & lay down late that I find it quite out of my power. -

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June 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

Now this 6th day of the 6th M *having this mornng reached home feel under the necessity to insert that we spent fourteen days in the City, & saw as much confusion both in the outward & inward as I ever saw any where - tho' our Yearly Meeting was in some*



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degree favourd. - it was nevertheless a season of great affliction, oppression & depression were our daily experience. - Such is the prevalence of unsound principles, & a ranterous spirit among many of the Members there, that I know not to what extent it will run. - it seems as if violence is marked in all their movements & the pure seed of the kingdom is constantly under oppression among them. - I thought we had seen trouble in our own Yearly Meeting - but it was nothing compared with what the faithful brothers & sisters have to undergo there. - Thomas Howland of [East Greenwich](#) was also there, & we laboured in the Ability afforded & believe our presence was in some degree useful - We saw many dear friends who we encouraged to hold on their way, & do all they could to sustain the Ark & the testimony. -

I also had the satisfaction of being in company with Our dear & well beloved son John Stanton Gould, who attended the latter part of the Yearly Meeting & I was comforted to find he is yet in the good old way. - & even more plain in appearance than when he left us -

I also saw many friends whose countenances were pleasant that I had known before, as Henry Hull, Isaac Thorn Jr & His wife Anne, Caleb Macomber, Richd Mott & many others not forgetting Elizabeth Robson

I staid at Benj Marshalls where I formed an acquaintnace with Jos Walker & Jacob Harvey who are his inmates & were very kind & obliging. - on 2nd day [Monday, June 4th] last our dear friends Isaac & Anne Braithwaite arrived in the city -I went immediately to see them & was comforted in meeting them, - The next day I called again on them & found they were expected here to attend our Y Meeting - We came on Board the Boat with friends at 3 OC & reached home the next morning & am glad to find myself in the Quiet. -

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June 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 6th M 1827 / Our Meeting was solid quiet & silent - & my mind was rejoicing to be at home with my friends again. -

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June 8, Friday: Manuel Francisco de Barros de Sousa da Mesquita de Macedo Leitao e Carvalhosa, visconde de Santarem replaced Francisco Alexandro Lobo, Bisop de Viseu as Secretary of State (prime minister) of Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 6 M / This forenoon Arrived in the Steam Boat from NYork Our Friends Thomas Shillitoe, George & Ann Jones Isaac & Anna Braithwaite of England - Saml Parsons & his wife of Long Island Phila Griffin of Mamaranock with several others



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*to attend our Y Meeting
Thoms Shillitow came & took lodging with us. -*

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June 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 9th of 6 M / We are going this morning to Select Meeting
at [Portsmouth](#) - We feel under some discouragement about the
Prospect of Y Meeting as my wife is quite unwell & some
disappointed about help. -*

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June 10, Sunday: Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:

*Matters are going on very well, and father has great hopes of a
speedy settlement. A splendid banquet at the Duke of
Wellington's last night. A wonderful display of gold plate.
A rout at Lady Lansdowne's. It took me exactly one hour to get
from the top to the bottom of the stairs. I was wedged between
Charles Greville and an immensely fat Dowager. We all three
moved step by step together - and this is called pleasure. Dinner
at Devonshire House to-night. The Court is at Buckingham House,
but no entertaining.*

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 10 of 6 M / Today commenced our large public Yearly
Meeting - In the morning Our friend Anna Braithwaite was engaged
in a living & powerful gospel testimony followed by a short but
good one by Elizabeth Coggeshall
The Meeting concluded under a most solemn covering after a
prayer by Anna Braithwaite. -
In the Afternoon, the Meeting was very large & Anna again
concerned in a living gospel testimony then Thos Shillitoe made
an addition at three different standings & our friends Wm Almy
concluded [in a] solemn reverend Supplication - perhaps these
meeting were rarely ever excelled for solemn quiet. -*

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June 11, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day Soon after the Meeting gathered, a solemn covering
spread over it & Thomas Shillitoe & Geo Jones bore short but
sweet testimonies, & the Meeting was moved to buisness by D
Buffum - the usual course of buisness was taken up & proceeded
in with unusual solemnity. -
Afternoon at 4 OC the meeting again met under the same feeling
of sweetness, but before we proceeded far in the buisness - we
recd a visit from our dear Sister Anna Braithwaite - on standing*



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up she gave us a short acct of the Motives of her returning to her native land last Year & her concern continuing, she returned to accomplish the remaining part of her visit to this country - from which she went on & preached the Gospel in a very lively & striking manner - the rest of the Meeting was conducted with much solemnity & concluded under the same covering. -

[Gould left a space of two lines.]

It was my intention as in times past to have kept a regular Diary of the proceedings of the Yearly Meeting but of all the Yearly Meetings I have ever attended, I have never been so fully occupied. I have rose early, generally by 5 OC in the Morning & not been able to get to bed much before 12 OC at night The constant round of company - & the buisness of the Meeting, together with some other concerns which I had unavoidably to attend too, was about as much as I was able to get thro' with - & no time was left for journalizing. - The Meeting held till 5th day Afternoon, which is longer than I ever remember of its sitting before - all of them were Seasons of favour, & the Gospel labours of our dear friends Thomas Shillitoe, George & Ann Jones & Anna Braithwaite with others of our own & from other Yearly Meetings were truly edifying, strengthening & encouraging - The buisness was conducted in great unanimity & love, & I trust few there were who attened it but will say. - They were instructed by the opportunities

The School committee met on 6th day Mornng which detained many friends till Afternoon - & our Greenwich friends were detained till after dinner today - which is 7th of the Week & 16th of the Month. -

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June 17, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 6 M / This Morng accompanied our friends Isaac & Anna Braithwaite to Portsmouth to attend Meeting there which was large & favourd - Anna being enabled to declare the Word in a living & powerful manner - We dined at Asa Shermans where she had a sitting with the family. After which we went to Uncle Stantons & took tea - then returned to Newport. -

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June 18, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 6 M / Our friend Anna Braithwaite had an appointed Meeting this Afternoon, to which the Inhabitants of the Town were invited & many attended, particularly women. - She was favourd to be remarkably clear & powerful in her ministry, & the Audience very attentive, & I believe Truth reigned over the assembly & the people well satisfied & Friends comforted to feel



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the predominance of live & Truth over all –

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June 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19 of 6 M / This Morn'g at 8 OC took the Steam Boat Babcock with our friends Isaac & Anna Braithwaite & arrived in [Providence](#) at 12 OC - we went to Wm Jenkins where I had an opportunity of seeing my dear friends, particularly [Moses Brown](#) -at 2 OC - I came on board the Steam Boat again & was home before Sunset.

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June 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 6th M 1827 / Been very buisy all day in attending to my old friend & acquaintance [Moses Lopez](#) who has been here on a visit to his old friends in [Newport](#) & departed this Afternoon in the Steam Boat for his home in NYork.-

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June 21, Thursday: In a general revision of the criminal code, “benefit of clergy” was abolished in England (it would be abolished as well in Ireland, on July 15, 1828). A bit of background: The exemption of the clergy from secular jurisdiction was one of the privileges claimed by the Roman Catholic church. Beginning with the Norman Conquest, there was no way that any secular authority could exercise discipline over even those of the lowliest ecclesiastical rank. Eventually the practice of excusing officials of the church from punishment even for crimes such as robbery and homicide came to be extended not only to the clergy, but also to clerks and all members of the laity who could read. On the introduction of this custom, the claim was not allowed unless the prisoner appeared in his clerical habit and tonsure, but as the ability to read became the test, this requirement as to attire began to be disregarded. The accused was merely required to read, before the judge, from a psalter or some other book. In 1489 the use of this exemption came to be allowed only once by a person not in orders. In 1512 an exemption to clergy was no longer allowed for murderers and felons. In 1536 the plea of benefit of clergy was abolished in cases of treason. In 1706 the practice of requiring the prisoner to read from a book was discontinued.

In this general revision of the criminal code, the “black act,” so called, passed in 1722, was repealed. This law had been an attempt to put an end to the wanton destruction of deer, game, and plantations, by persons called “blacks” because they blackened their faces and adopted attire that would enable them to avoid detection at night. Such an offense had been punished as a felony with the accused being put to death without benefit of clergy.

Also, in this revision of the criminal code, the stealing of oysters, or oyster brood, from their beds along the saltwater coast, such as by fishing vessels carrying dredges, came to be classified as larceny (British oysters had been prized since the days of the Roman presence, with Juvenal, in his 4th satire, commemorating above all those that were dredged at Richborough in Kent).



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As of this year in England, a distinction would no longer be made between petty theft not above twelve pence in value, the penalty for which had been whipping and imprisonment, and grand theft, which until 1717 had been punished by hanging. In the future the punishment in both cases was to be transportation to a penal colony.

A person breaking or destroying any machine employed in any manufacture in England (which is to say, an active "Luddite") would be liable to transportation for 7 years, or imprisonment for any term not to exceed 2 years (in the case of a male such punishment might also include flogging, either publicly or privately).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 6 M / Our Meeting was small & silent but to me a pretty good one. -& this Afternoon in particular my mind has been favour'd with some precious feelings - in the remembrance of our late Yearly Meeting & the many good friends we have had the company of I desire to be thankful for past favours & blessings & tho' I may see low times both inwardly & outwardly, may I never loose my confidence in that power which has hitherto wonderfully supported me

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June 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24th of 6 M / Silent meetings - Took tea at Father Rodmans. - **Our cousins Benjamin Gould & Eliza Gould are here from Albany. They are children of my cousin Thomas Gould dec'd.***

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June 25, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25 of 6 M / This Afternoon Aunt Stanton came to town & carried my wife out to spend a few Days Benj & Eliza Gould spent the Afternoon at Brother Isaacs & were to be with us tomorrow, but for Hannahs going to [Portsmouth](#). - In the course of the Afternoon Benjamin has been at the shop & I have shown him some of my ancient family writings & other curiosities in my possession. I have also endeavoured to guard his mind against the prevailing new notions that are among friends, & was glad to find an open ear & apparantly an open heart to receive what I said to him on the subject.-

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June 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27th if 6 M 1827 / This eveng went to [Portsmouth](#) & lodged at Uncle Stantons where my wife had been for days previous on a visit. -

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
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 June 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day We Attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first meeting Abigail Robinson Hannah Dennis & Abigail Sherman bore testimonies. - & to me it was a sensible precious meeting to me, my mind being expanded in a way I have seldom experienced. - In the last we had one trying case, but I trust all things will work well at last

I returned to the Meeting the copy of a minute which they gave me in the 4th M for the purpose of attending the Yearly Meeting of NYork. - & tho' such is the defective state of things there, I had no endorsement from that meeting to show that we attended, yet I could not restrain from giving a little acct of the State of things among them - we were not without evidence of our company being very acceptable to sound friends a number of whom expressed in Meeting & out their thankfulness at our being with them, & in refference to D Buffum they said it felt to them like the coming of Titus to the brethren formerly. - I returned to Uncle Stantons, dined & staid all night -


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 June 29, Friday: Nathan Brooks of [Concord](#) was appointed Master in Chancery for Middlesex County.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day Morning Uncle brought me home leaving my wife there to finish her visit. -

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 July 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st if 7th M 1827 / In our forenoon Meetings Father Rodman & D Buffum were engaged in short testimonies - & in the Afternoon Father was engaged in a few words. -- Brother John Rodman & his daughter Ann were in Fall River & attended meeting there with Anna Braithwaite, who was much favoured in testimony both [to?] declared the truth & understand the States of the people

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 July 2, Monday: Thomas Cooper gave the speech in which he used the phrase "calculate the value of the union."

In England, the law of debt was amended so that the lowest sum that could be recovered by imprisonment of a debtor would be £20, rather than £15.

In New Hampshire, Londonderry was divided and a town of Derry NH was incorporated in the eastern part.



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July 5, Thursday, New York Emancipation Day: [Slavery](#) had been “abolished” at midnight, in the state of New York. [Austin Steward](#) gave Rochester’s New York Emancipation Day Speech.



Actually, only those born before 1799 were manumitted — those born between 1799 and 1827 would be required to continue with their slave labor for a few more years. However, since James McCune Smith had at this point attained the age of 14, his lot fell among those freed rather than among those forced to continue under the category of indentured servant.

But the Emancipation Bill had been passed, and the colored people felt it to be a time fit for rejoicing. They met in different places and determined to evince their gratitude by a general celebration. In Rochester they convened in large numbers, and resolved to celebrate the glorious day of freedom at Johnson’s Square, on the **fifth** day of July. This arrangement was made so as not to interfere with the white population who were everywhere celebrating the day of their independence — “the Glorious Fourth,” — for amid the general and joyous shout of liberty, prejudice had sneeringly raised the finger of scorn at the poor African, whose iron bands were loosed, not only from English oppression, but the more cruel and oppressive power of Slavery.

They met according to previous appointment, Mr. A.H----, having been chosen president, Mr. H.E----, marshal, and Mr. H.D----, reader of the “Act of Emancipation,” and “The [Declaration of Independence](#).” A large audience of both white and colored people assembled, and the day which had been ushered in by the booming cannon, passed by in the joyous realization that we were indeed free men. To the music of the band the large procession marched from the square to the hotel, where ample provision was made for dinner, after listening to the following oration, which I had been requested to deliver.

I must not omit to mention that on the morning of that happy day, a committee of colored men waited upon the Hon. Matthew



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Brown, and in behalf of the citizens of Monroe County, presented their thanks for his noble exertions in the Legislature, in favor of the Act by which thousands were made free men.

Here is how the events of the day would be presented by the Rochester Daily Advertiser:

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY.

The extinction of that curse by the laws of our State, was marked with appropriate rejoicings on the part of the African race in this neighborhood. A procession of considerable length and respectable appearance, preceded by a band of music, moved from Brown's Island through the principal streets to the public square, yesterday forenoon, where a stage and seats were erected, for the speakers and audience. The throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Allen, a colored clergyman. The act declaring all slaves free in this State, on the fourth day of July, 1827, was read, which was succeeded by the reading of the Declaration of Independence and delivery of an oration by Mr. Steward. We have heard but one opinion from several gentlemen who were present, and that was highly complimentary to the composition and delivery of the same.

The exercises were concluded by a short discourse from the Rev. Mr. Allen, and the procession moved off to partake of an entertainment prepared for the occasion. The thing was got up in good order, and passed off remarkably well. The conduct of the emancipated race was exemplary throughout, and if their future enjoyment of freedom be tinged with the prudence that characterised their celebration of its attainment, the country will have no reason to mourn the philanthropy that set them free.

— And here, then, is Austin Steward's New York Emancipation Day Speech in Rochester, at least as he later remembered and chose to make record of it:

The age in which we live is characterised in no ordinary degree, by a certain boldness and rapidity in the march of intellectual and political improvements. Inventions the most surprising; revolutions the most extraordinary, are springing forth, and passing in quick succession before us, — all tending most clearly to the advancement of mankind towards that state of earthly perfection and happiness, from which they are yet so far distant, but of which their nature and that of the world they inhabit, are most certainly capable. It is at all times pleasing and instructive to look backward by the light of history, and forward by the light of analogical reasoning, to behold the gradual advancement of man from barbarism to civilization, from civilization toward the higher perfections of his nature; and to hope — nay, confidently believe, that the time is not far distant when liberty and equal rights being everywhere



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established, morality and the religion of the gospel everywhere diffused, – man shall no longer lift his hand for the oppression of his fellow man; but all, mutually assisting and assisted, shall move onward throughout the journey of human life, like the peaceful caravan across the burning sands of Arabia. And never, on this glorious anniversary, so often and so deservedly celebrated by millions of free men, but which we are to-day for the first time called to celebrate – never before, has the eye been able to survey the past with so much satisfaction, or the future with hopes and expectations so brilliant and so flattering; it is to us a day of two-fold joy. We are men, though the strong hand of prejudice and oppression is upon us; we can, and we will rejoice in the advancement of the rapidly increasing happiness of mankind, and especially of our own race. We can, and we will rejoice in the growing power and glory of the country we inhabit. Although Almighty God has not permitted us to remain in the land of our forefathers and our own, the glories of national independence, and the sweets of civil and religious liberty, to their full extent; but the strong hand of the spoiler has borne us into a strange land, yet has He of His great goodness given us to behold those best and noblest of his gifts to man, in their fairest and loveliest forms; and not only have we beheld them, but we have already felt much of their benignant influence. Most of us have hitherto enjoyed many, very many of the dearest rights of freemen. Our lives and personal liberties have been held as sacred and inviolable; the rights of property have been extended to us, in this land of freedom; our industry has been, and still is, liberally rewarded; and so long as we live under a free and happy government which denies us not the protection of its laws, why should we fret and vex ourselves because we have had no part in framing them, nor anything to do with their administration. When the fruits of the earth are fully afforded us, we do not wantonly refuse them, nor ungratefully repine because we have done nothing towards the cultivation of the tree which produces them. No, we accept them with lively gratitude; and their sweetness is not embittered by reflecting upon the manner in which they were obtained. It is the dictate of sound wisdom, then, to enjoy without repining, the freedom, privileges, and immunities which wise and equal laws have awarded us – nay, proudly to rejoice and glory in their production, and stand ready at all times to defend them at the hazard of our lives, and of all that is most dear to us. But are we alone shut out and excluded from any share in the administration of government? Are not the clergy, a class of men equally ineligible to office? A class of men almost idolized by their countrymen, ineligible to office! And are we alone excluded from what the world chooses to denominate polite society? And are not a vast majority of the polar race excluded? I know not why, but mankind of every age, nation, and complexion have had lower classes; and, as a distinction, they have chosen to arrange themselves in the grand spectacle of human life, like seats in a theater – rank above rank, with intervals between



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them. But if any suppose that happiness or contentment is confined to any single class, or that the high or more splendid order possesses any substantial advantage in those respects over their more lowly brethren, they must be wholly ignorant of all rational enjoyment. For what though the more humble orders cannot mingle with the higher on terms of equality. This, if rightly considered, is not a curse but a blessing. Look around you, my friends: what rational enjoyment is not within your reach? Your homes are in the noblest country in the world, and all of that country which your real happiness requires, may at any time be yours. Your industry can purchase it; and its righteous laws will secure you in its possession. But, to what, my friends, do you owe all these blessings? Let not the truth be concealed. You owe them to that curse, that bitter scourge of Africa, whose partial abolishment you are this day convened to celebrate. Slavery has been your curse, but it shall become your rejoicing. Like the people of God in Egypt, you have been afflicted; but like them too, you have been redeemed. You are henceforth free as the mountain winds. Why should we, on this day of congratulation and joy, turn our view upon the origin of African Slavery? Why should we harrow up our minds by dwelling on the deceit, the forcible fraud and treachery that have been so long practised on your hospitable and unsuspecting countrymen? Why speak of fathers torn from the bosom of their families, wives from the embraces of their husbands, children from the protection of their parents; in fine, of all the tender and endearing relations of life dissolved and trampled under foot, by the accursed traffic in human flesh? Why should we remember, in joy and exultation, the thousands of our countrymen who are to-day, in this land of gospel light, this boasted land of civil and religious liberty, writhing under the lash and groaning beneath the grinding weight of Slavery's chain? I ask, Almighty God, are they who do such things thy chosen and favorite people? But, away with such thoughts as these; we will rejoice, though sobs interrupt the songs of our rejoicing, and tears mingle in the cup we pledge to Freedom; our harps though they have long hung neglected upon the willows, shall this day be strung full high to the notes of gladness. On this day, in one member at least of this mighty Republic, the Slavery of our race has ceased forever! No more shall the insolent voice of a master be the main-spring of our actions, the sole guide of our conduct; no more shall their hands labor in degrading and profitless servitude. Their toils will henceforth be voluntary, and be crowned with the never failing reward of industry. Honors and dignities may perhaps never be ours; but wealth, virtue, and happiness are all within the compass of our moderate exertions. And how shall we employ a few moments better than in reflecting upon the means by which these are to be obtained. For what can be more proper and more profitable to one who has just gained an invaluable treasure, than to consider how he may use it to the best possible advantage? And here I need not tell you that a strict observance to all the precepts of the gospel ought to



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be your first and highest aim; for small will be the value of all that the present world can bestow, if the interests of the world to come are neglected and despised. None of you can be ignorant of what the gospel teaches. Bibles may easily be obtained; nor can there be a greater disgrace, or a more shameful neglect of duty than for a person of mature age, and much more, for any father of a family to be without that most precious of all books – the BIBLE. If, therefore, any of you are destitute of a BIBLE, hasten to procure one. Will any of you say that it can be of no use to you, or that you cannot read it? Look then to that noblest of all remedies for this evil, the Sunday School – that most useful of all institutions. There you may learn without loss of time or money, that of which none should be ignorant – to read.

Let me exhort you with earnestness to give your most sincere attention to this matter. It is of the utmost importance to every one of you. Let your next object be to obtain as soon as may be, a competency of the good things of this world; immense wealth is not necessary for you, and would but diminish your real happiness. Abject poverty is and ought to be regarded as the greatest, most terrible of all possible evils. It should be shunned as a most deadly and damning sin. What then are the means by which so dreadful a calamity may be avoided? I will tell you, my friends, in these simple words – hear and ponder on them; write them upon the tablets of your memory; they are worthy to be inscribed in letters of gold upon every door-post – “industry, prudence, and economy.” Oh! they are words of power to guide you to respectability and happiness. Attend, then, to some of the laws which industry impose, while you have health and strength. Let not the rising sun behold you sleeping or indolently lying upon your beds. Rise ever with the morning light; and, till sun-set, give not an hour to idleness. Say not human nature cannot endure it. It can – it almost requires it. Sober, diligent, and moderate labor does not diminish it, but on the contrary, greatly adds to the health, vigor, and duration of the human frame. Thousands of the human race have died prematurely of disease engendered by indolence and inactivity. Few, very few indeed, have suffered by the too long continuance of bodily exertion. As you give the day to labor, so devote the night to rest; for who that has drunk and reveled all night at a tippling shop, or wandered about in search of impious and stolen pleasures, has not by so doing not only committed a most heinous and damning sin in the sight of Heaven, but rendered himself wholly unfit for the proper discharge of the duties of the coming day. Nor think that industry or true happiness do not go hand in hand; and to him who is engaged in some useful avocation, time flies delightfully and rapidly away. He does not, like the idle and indolent man, number the slow hours with sighs – cursing both himself and them for the tardiness of their flight. Ah, my friends, it is utterly impossible for him who wastes time in idleness, ever to know anything of true happiness. Indolence, poverty, wretchedness, are inseparable



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companions, – fly them, shun idleness, as from eminent and inevitable destruction. In vain will you labor unless prudence and economy preside over and direct all your exertions. Remember at all times that money even in your own hands, is power; with it you may direct as you will the actions of your pale, proud brethren. Seek after and amass it then, by just and honorable means; and once in your hand never part with it but for a full and fair equivalent; nor let that equivalent be something which you do not want, and for which you cannot obtain more than it cost you. Be watchful and diligent and let your mind be fruitful in devises for the honest advancement of your worldly interest. So shall you continually rise in respectability, in rank and standing in this so late and so long the land of your captivity. Above all things refrain from the excessive use of ardent spirits. There is no evil whose progress is so imperceptible; and at the same time so sure and deadly, as that of intemperance; and by slow degrees it undermines health, wealth, and happiness, till all at length tumble into one dreadful mass of ruin. If God has given you children, he has in so doing imposed upon you a most fearful responsibility; believe me, friends, you will answer to God for every misfortune suffered, and every crime committed by them which right education and example could have taught them to avoid. Teach them reverence and obedience to the laws both of God and man. Teach them sobriety, temperance, justice, and truth. Let their minds be rightly instructed – imbued with kindness and brotherly love, charity, and benevolence. Let them possess at least so much learning as is to be acquired in the common schools of the country. In short, let their welfare be dearer to you than any earthly enjoyment; so shall they be the richest of earthly blessings. My countrymen, let us henceforth remember that we are men. Let us as one man, on this day resolve that henceforth, by continual endeavors to do good to all mankind, we will claim for ourselves the attention and respect which as men we should possess. So shall every good that can be the portion of man, be ours – this life shall be happy, and the life to come, glorious.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 7 M 1827 / Our Meeting small & hevy to me, & I am quite inclined to believe there was but very little life among us. – Yet as Wm Flanner on[c]e said in our Meeting "My not being able to feel the life doses [does] not prove that none of the rest are favoured with it. – Had a comfortable letter from John this Morning. –


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 July 8, Sunday: [Immanuel Noble](#) got married with [Karolina Andriette Ahlsell](#).

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 7 M / In the Mornng Meeting our frd Abigail Robinson & Hannah Dennis were engaged in testimony, & in the Afternoon Father Rodman. - With my wife took tea & set the eveng at D Buffums. -

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 July 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 7 M / Silent Meeting. - which was rather small on the womens side of the house, several of our members from various circumstances were absent - it was a time of some search & I trust proffitable exercises.

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 July 15, Sunday, dawn: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7 M / In our Morning Meeting D Buffum, preached in rather more lively manner than usual, tho' he always Does well We were Silent in the Afternoon. - during the meeting a violent tempst of thunder lighthening & rain come up - the Meeting however Sat quietly with the exception of one woman who left the Meeting. - We took tea at father Rodmans, who has been so unwell as not to have been at Meeting today

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 July 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 7 M / Our Meeting was very small, owing to a very unusual number of our members being sick - Several are very low, vizt Geo. Hathaway, John Mitchells wife & daughter & several others complaining. - No buisness in the Preparative Meeting but the Queries to answer. -

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 July 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 7 M / Small Meetings & nearly silent - I find our Meetings are not as large in the extream hot & cold weather as in the Spring & Fall - but in addition to that cause - there are many now complaining & some very sick who usually attend our meetings. -

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
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 July 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 7th M 1827 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was small in consequence of much Rain - In the first Job Chalinor was engaged in a good solid testimony & Hannah Dennis in supplication - In the last we had some exercising buisness particularly the case of Ruth Chase who having married out of the order of society, sent an acknowledgement, about the acceptance of which, there was a difference of sentiment among friends. -- David Buffum returned his copy of a Minute obtained in the 4th M to attend the NYork Yearly Meeting - he gave some acct of his exercise while there & cautioned friends against a spirit of inovation either in the discipline or the Doctrines of the Gospel as held by our Ancient friends. -

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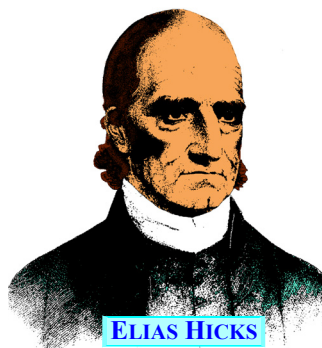
 July 28, Saturday: [Hector Berlioz](#) and three other Prix de Rome candidates received their examination poem, The Death of Orpheus, and were directed to their loges.

The University of Marburg conferred an honorary doctorate on Louis Spohr.

 July 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29th of 7 M / In our Mornng Meeting Hannah Dennis was first in a good solid testimony on the power of truth & the necessity of yealding to its dictates. - then David Buffum was singularly favourd in a very impressive testimony on Faith in God - in which he cautioned us against the danger of adopting the sentiments which is so prevalent among mankind "That we are not under obligation to believe anything we cannot account for or that we cannot comprehend" in which he fully discountenanced the new Ideas of [Hixism](#) & other vague ideas now floating amoung friends. -
After which Hannah made an addition with which I did fully unite.
- as a good appendix to the foregoing
We were Silent in the Afternoon*

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July 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 7 M / On 7th day last Died our fr George Hathaway of Middletown, he has been long sick of a disaese which was supposed to be a cancer on the liver. - His funeral was this Afternoon at One OClock at the House, which I attended. - it was a very solid opportunity & many met on the Solemn occasion - & weighty & impressive testimony were bourne by our friends Job Chalinor, Hannah Dennis & David Buffum. - I walked out to the House took a pleasant circuitous rout, calling first at D Buffums, then at Jonathons Dennis's, thence walked across the Beach at Coddingtons [-] & there took a Sea bathing - then called at James Chases & from thence went a cross to George Goulds, from thence to the funeral - After which I walked up to the old Gould burying ground & went to the widow Molly Goulds & took tea - & on my way home Stopped at Elijah Anthonys & then came home - this was a pleasant walk & one I had long intended to make for the purpose of calling on my relations & friends -

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August 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 8th M 1827 / This Morning My wife & I rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Select Meeting - Stopped on the way at Uncle Peter Lawtons, where we found several of our friends, from diferent parts of the Quarterly Meeting - Our Meeting was rather small but favoured & divers solid weighty testimonies were bourne - particularly by our fr Thos Shillitoe, - We dined at Saml Dennis's & in the latter part of the Afternoon went to Uncle Stantons & lodged. -

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August 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Our Meeting was large & Thos Shillitoe large in testimony. - In the last Meeting we had considerable buisness & amonst it was a certificate for our fr John Wilbur to visit the Western Quarterly Meetings in the State of NYork, which was united with by the Quarterly Meeting, & he set at liberty to proceed in his prospect as truth might open the way. - We dined at My exteemed cousin Shadrach Chases & then rode home.-

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August 3, Friday: [Friend Joseph Ricketson, Senior](#) wrote a letter to his sons [Daniel](#) and [Joseph, Junior](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day feeling an engagement of mind to attend the School committee & Meeting for Sufferings at [Providence](#) I went on board



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the Steam Boat Babcock at 8 OC & arrived at the School House while the committee were at dinner. - & in season to their Second setting & to visit the Schools. - In the Boys School T Shillitoe imparted much excellent advice in a solid impressive manner. - In the Girls School he also had much to say & Alice Rathbone appeared in a very baptizing supplication on behalf of all present & the various classes of Society - I lodged at my dear friend Moses Browns. -

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August 4, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day Attended the Meeting for Sufferings held at the School House & had two labourious sittings which resulted to Satisfaction. - The long tedious concern of the Boston Meeting House, was closed or Settled. so far as respects the Yearly Meeting, if Salem Moy [Monthly] Meeting agrees to it, which there is a prospect of & a hope is entertained that we shall not be tried with the question in the manner we have Done. I lodged at the School House -

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August 5, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day Attended the Meetings for worship at the Institution - In the Morning Obadiah Davis was there favoured in testimony. - In the Afternoon Lydia Wicks bore a good testimony. -- After spending the day in a very satisfactory manner to myself with the superintendents, teachers & Schollars...I went down in the eveng & to Moses Brown & lodged. -

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August 6, Monday: Three songs by Franz Schubert were published by Pennauer as his op.84 (later corrected to op.87): Der Unglückliche to words of Pichler, the 2d setting of Hoffnung and the 3d setting of Der Jungling am Bache, both to words of Schiller.

A treaty between the United States and Great Britain stipulated a joint occupation of the Oregon territory.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning I again for on board the Babcock & came home - My mind during this visit has been almost constantly exercised with the Strong & fervant desires for the wellfare of the School & of Society at large, & for my own right advancement in particular. - I had the comfrtable evidence of love in my heart



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for the brethren, & was encouraged to believe I was beloved by them. – Yet under all this - how depressed do I feel on acct of my own getting along in various respects. –

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August 8, Wednesday: British Prime Minister George Canning died at his house in Chiswick.



August 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 8 M / Obadiah Davis & Ruth his wife attended our Meeting today & had very acceptable service. – both of them were engaged in testimony & Ruth rather more extensively than I now recollect to have heard her. – In the Afternoon Obadiah made us a very pleasant social visit. – Eliza Stephens a young woman who lives with O & R also came in & set a while with us - she was a child at the Charity school some years ago in this town & as my wife was engaged in it had knowledge of acquaintance with her - she is now a plain friend & member of society, & apparantly under good exercise of mind & very tender in spirit. – her company was very pleasant to us, as it furnished ground of encouragement to try to reclaim those who are affar off. –

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August 19, Sunday: Il borgomastro di Saardam, a melodramma giocoso by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Gilardoni after Melesville, Merle and Boirie, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Nuovo, Naples. The audience was enthusiastic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 8th M 1827 / Our hearts were gladdened last eveng with a Letter from our Son John at Hudson. – Our Morning Meeting was a season of favour Hannah Dennis was largely engaged in testimony, chiefly addressed to the Youth. Father Rodman also bore a short testimony. – After meeting in the Afternoon I rode home with D Buffum & took tea. –

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August 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 8th M / An humbling evidence of divine regard in a little space of silence after reading the Scripture at our breakfast table - But Oh how unworthy I feel. –

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August 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 8 M / Our Meeting was small & silent – a committee



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met at the close on acct of a trying case in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, which as far as respects what we had to do with it was pretty satisfactorily resulted. - but the end is not yet-

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August 25, Saturday: During the performance of [Hector Berlioz](#)'s Prix de Rome cantata entry on "The Death of Orpheus," the accompanist, Rifaud, broke down and the music needed to be abandoned. The jury decided that the work was unplayable and the matter was closed — in the awarding of prizes, it would not even be mentioned.



August 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 8 M / In our mornng Meeting Hannah Dennis was much favoured in testimony. - She truly preached Christ & enforced the solid reading of the Scriptures in families We were silent in the Afternoon

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August 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8 M 30th - 5th day / It is our Monthly Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) & my wife & I not there - I am sorry it is so but so it is, & I cannot attribute it to a want of desire & even concern to meet with our brethren - She is quite unwell, & so was I last night -tho pretty Smart this Morning. -

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August 31, Friday: Frederick John Robinson, Viscount Goderich became Prime Minister the United Kingdom, replacing George Canning (who had died at his home on September 8th).



September 2, Sunday: Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka and three others organized a serenade on the Little Chernaya River near St. Petersburg from 9PM until midnight. Aboard a launch in the river, Glinka directed a chorus and accompanied them on piano. Military musicians played from the launch while, in the breaks in the performance, fireworks were sent up from another launch. Crowds of people lined the banks of the stream and a good time was had by all.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 9 M 1827 / Our Meetings were as large as usual & solid seasons - Father engaged in a few words in both of them -

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September 4, Tuesday: Franz Schubert and Johann Baptist Jenger arrived in Graz from Vienna.



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September 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 9 M / Our Meeting was small & quiet & some favour in my own particular - This Afternoon in Abraham Tuckers chaise took a ride over Eastons Beach & went a cross to Sescawest Beach & rode quite across that - & to our surprise we found at Purgatory Jonas Minturn & wife with Abigail Robinson who I suppose has not been across the Beaches in many years before Since writing the above I have been informed Abigail has not made a similar excursion in 30 Years. -

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September 7, Friday: Tsar Nikolai I decreed that [Jews](#) were obligated to the Russian military service, and at a higher rate than [Gentiles](#).

Principe Miguel de Braganca became "Governor of the Kingdom" replacing Manuel Francisco de Barros de Sousa da Mesquita de Macedo Leitao e Carvalhosa, visconde de Santarem as head of government of Portugal.

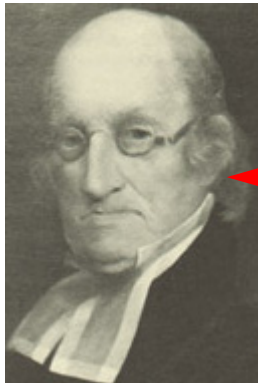
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th of 9 M 1827 / This evening Richard Rodman left us for Philadelphia in the NYork Packet - Capt Bennett - thus our young men are leaving us & our Meeting growing smaller - Three youths J Dennis Jr our John & Richard together with Thos Rodman all left town within one year - My mind is affected with a consideration & feel striped by all that goes -

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September 9, Sunday: "I labored all day under the pressure of a heavy, stupefying cold." The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown exchanged pulpits for the day with the [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) of [Concord](#). His prooftext for the Concord morning service was "1st Corinthians 13:11 and his topic was "The Difference between the Present and Future State Illustrated by the Difference between Childhood and Manhood." His prooftext for the first of his afternoon sermons was 1st Kings 20:11 and his topic was "The Danger of Premature Confidence and Exaltation Illustrated." His prooftext for the second of his afternoon sermons was Mark 4:26-28 and his topic was "Religion like Seed Cast into the Ground."



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 9th of 9 M / In the morning Meeting D B was very lively & pertinent in testimony - grounded in the 1st Psalm. - In the afternoon we were Silent - - In the eveng with my wife & Sr Ruth took a walk to the lower end of the Town & stoped a while at Wm Lee's -

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September 11, Tuesday: On his 1st trip to see a production of Shakespeare, [Hector Berlioz](#) first laid eyes on Harriet Smithson, playing Ophelia in Hamlet at the Theatre de l'Odeon. The composer later remembered that this was the beginning of "the supreme drama of my life ... The impression made on my heart and mind by her extraordinary talent, nay her dramatic genius, was equalled only by the havoc wrought in me by the poet she so nobly interpreted." As for Ms. Smithson, it was her initial performance in France. She was an overnight sensation.

Clara Wieck played a concerto for the 1st time in public, at an orchestral rehearsal before a small invited audience in Leipzig. She played a concerto by [Mozart](#) in E flat.



September 12, Wednesday: Three Italian Songs for bass voice by Franz Schubert to words of Metastasio were published by Haslinger as his op.83.



September 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 9 M Our Meeting today was very small, owing the Absence [?] number of our members & the indisposition of a considerable number of others. - it was however a precious season of favour to me for which I desire to be thankful. - John Mitchells family are very sick, himself seems to be coming down with a fever - Dorcas Earl is very low, my wife Watched with her last night & unable to attend Meeting today - several of our numbers are also complaining of indisposition & unable to be at Meeting -

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September 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 m 16 / Our morning Meeting was a solid good one. Father Rodman bore a good testimony & to me it was a season I felt thankful for - We were Silent in the Afternoon - After I was glad of the opportunity of reading a letter from Richd Rodman to his Father, mentioning his safe arrival in Philadelphia & comfortable reception at new place of abode for a considerable time to come. --In the eveng went over [to] see Abigail Robinson & set till 8 O'clock --


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 September 19, Wednesday: Ferdinand Herold's ballet La somnambule to a scenario by Scribe and Aumer was performed for the initial time, at the Paris Opera.

 September 20, Thursday: Music publisher Carl Friedrich Peters died in Sonnenstein at the age of 48. He left his firm to his daughter Anna, who was only 11 years of age.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 9 M / The day was very stormy, Wind & Rain, & Meeting very small - it was however to me a sweet little opportunity - my mind being much turned to the primitive days of our fathers who [?] sounded & settled The Society, formed the discipline & preached about [?] Jesus & him crucified, & raised up a noble band who followed in their path. - Things now look discouraging as to numbers, in [our?] Moy [Monthly] Meeting - we are small - yet in the reflection, that Arm is not shortened, nor the Power weakened, that caused the dry [bones] to live, Streams to break forth in dry places, & barren fields [?] & fruitful. we have consolation & ground of hope that Zion may arise & shine in her Ancient splendor.

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 September 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21st of 9 M 1827 / My heart was deeply affected this morning with the news of the death of Sarah C Greene wife of my cousin Joseph Greene of Connamicut - She had been complaining the last summer, but was so as to be over to [Newport](#) at meeting a number of times. - a bout two weeks ago she went on a visit to her Fathers in Hopkinton, where she was taken ill, her husband was sent for & the next we hear, is, that she is removed from time, & this is the day fixed on for her funeral. - Her husband will loose a valuable wife, & society an exemplary member & Elder, careful in the discharge of every duty, & unoffending in all the walks of life - I believe there are few whose garments were more unspotted by the things of time. - I have no doubt she is now in White Robes, enjoying the presence of her God & Saviour with the ransomed & redeemed of All ages. -

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 September 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 9 M / Our Morning meeting was pretty well attended & Father Rodman engaged in testimony - Henry Channing was there who was once a Presbyterian Minister in New London & attentive to friends when they happened to be there & several times loaned his Meeting House for them to have Meetings in In the Afternoon Father was again engaged in a few words - Wm & Caleb Rodman with a young man from Yarmouth who is here erecting



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a Salt Works on Robins's lot at the South end of Thames street took tea with us. his name os Leonard Underwood. – In the eveng cousin Henry & Abigail Gould joined us in company, & in the latter part of it we had an unexpected call from Joseph Tillinghast of Bedford, who has come to see his father now very sick. –

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September 25, Tuesday: Der blinde Knabe D.833, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Cibber translated by Craigher, was published in the Zeitschrift fur Kunst, Vienna.



September 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27 of 9 M / Our first Meeting was unusually favoured, before any thing was spoken, I was sensible divine help & goodness was near – Anne Greene was engaged in a testimony in which Gospel power was remarkably displayed, perhaps as much so as I ever saw it thro' her – She was followed by Ruth Freeborn & Father Rodman –
The buisness of the Meeting was well conducted & on the whole it was a comfortable Meeting. –*

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September 29, Saturday: Great Britain and the United States agreed to submit their Canadian-boundary issue to international arbitration.



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September 30, Sunday: [Sam Patch](#) had relocated to Paterson, New Jersey, where the industrialist Tim Crane had bought up some land at the side of Passaic Falls that had been used by working-class people for their picnics and on it had been creating a hoity-toity pleasure garden, building over the falls a bridge to this garden, on which a toll was being charged in order to keep out the riff-raff:



The working-class locals, enraged at this exclusionary toll, began to beat up the children he employed as toll takers. When Crane staged a celebration of his “improvements,” Patch participated in the working-class protest by jumping 70 feet off the bridge in front of a large crowd. He jumped wearing the marching uniform of his craft guild, which must have been a political statement of sorts. Then during a class-based dispute over the town’s 4th-of-July celebration, he would make the jump again. Then during the town’s first labor walkout, he would make the jump again. This of course began to attract media attention. Having shaken the dust of [Rhode Island](#) from off his sandals, he was coming to be termed “The Jersey Leaper.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th [sic] of 9 M / Father Rodman in Supplication in the Mornng & in testimony in the afternoon Meeting - both pretty good meetings -

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 October 1, Monday: Russian troops occupied Yerevan.

[Sam Houston](#) was inaugurated as governor of Tennessee, replacing 2-term Governor William Carroll.

Riga's schoolhouse opened.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 10th M 1827 / This Afternoon I crossed both Ferrys & went to Narragansett to Clean James Robinsons clock, when I got on the Narragansett side I found an oxx cart there in which I rode as far as Tower Hill Meeting House & then got out & went over across to James Robinsons on foot & reached his house a little after candle light. -

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 October 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day was very Rainy & I in the house attending to my buisness - the time passed pleasantly & interstingly -

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 October 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day after Breakfast James Robinson Brought me in his Chaise to the ferry - I crossed to Connanicut & went to cousin Joseph Greenes & dined - spent a little time with him in sympathy for his late affliction & then came home

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 October 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 10 M / Our frd Abigail Robinson was remarkably favourd in testimony & Father Rodman made an acceptable addition - it was an excellent meeting to me for which I believe I am thankful -

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 October 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 10th M / I may acknowledge another pretty favour'd meeting [this] Morning in which Father Rodman was very lively & accepably engaged in testimony. - Recd last eveng a pleasant letter from [Moses Brown](#) giving some acct of Ohio Y Meeting [?] given him by our friend Elisha bates. - This Afternoon our Frd D Buffum was singularly lively in testimony he began with saying "Take heed to the light. this is necessary for us all - But my mind has been especially turned



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*[to the] young & rising generation that you be careful to mind the light & whatsoever makes manifest is light. it justifies for good & reproves for evil, & quallifies us to fill our Stations in the civil & religious society with propriety - for on you the important concerns of both civil & religious society must soon devolve - he then went on in a very lively strain of exhortation for some time & said it was his concern to see the youth come up in the paths of virtue, now in his old age, not expecting to have much more opportunity to stir up our minds by way of remembrance, to those things which make for our present & everlasting peace & which if obeyed would qualify us to sing triumphant songs of praise in the world to come -
I went home with him After meeting & took tea & set the eveng.
- I might have added that Father Rodman followed him in a very lively pertinent & edifying short testimony*

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October 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 10 M 1827 / Today was our Select Meeting After which, in the Afternoon Aunt Stanton being in Town I went to [Portsmouth](#) to See my dear Aged Mother who was very glad to see me, as I was her. - I staid all night & 6th day Morning Walked home.-

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October 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 10th M / Not at meeting all day - - finding myself quite unwell this morning I thought best to take some medicine that rendered it necessary to stay at home -
This eveng by Brother Isaacs return from NYork we had a very comfortable letter & accounts from John at Hudson - it was longer than usual since we heard from him & had become very anxious -*

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October 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 10th M / In both Meetings Father Rodman bore lively testimonials. - In the eveng we had calls from J Sherman Wm Potter & Leonard Underwood, the latter set most of the evening.-

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October 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22nd of 10th M / Attended the funeral of John Tillinghast tho' the Afternoon was Stormy, high wind & some rain, yet there



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was a considerable number attended & the sitting, which friends conducted, was solid & quiet & lively testimonys were borne by Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis. –

He died last 7th day the 20th inst about 3 OC in the morning, after a long & painful illness aged about 57 Years – -In his last illness he was favour'd with much quietude & patience & manifested as well as at other seasons of his life, much love for friends, & for many years was a regular attender of our Meeting on first Days. –

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October 23, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23rd of 10 M / Joseph Tillinghast son of John called to see me. I was glad of the visit as he is one I love & esteem for his honest sincere heart, as well as for his love for Truth & friends

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October 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 10th M 1827 / Various causes conspire to keep me from Moy [Monthly] Meeting this Day held at [Portsmouth](#) – I am informed by those who did go, that they had a good meeting & that Mary Hicks & Ruth Freeborn bore good acceptable testimonies. –

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October 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 10 M / Hannah Jackson, Ruth Dennis & Sister Mary passed the Afternoon & evening with us. –

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October 28, Sunday: Lowell Mason conducted a performance of the [Boston](#) Handel and Haydn Society for the 1st time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 10 M / Our Meetings were seasons of some favour but attended with trial - a good deal of preaching & some of it (at least) of doubtful Authority –

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October 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 10 M / At tea time we had Wm Brown son of Smith Brown - he is a young Physician settled now at Falmouth –

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October 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 10 M / Friends have a pleasant Day to hold their Select Quarterly Meeting at Swansey. Eleanor Lawton & Sister mary set the Afternoon & took tea with us. -

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November 1, Thursday: The contract on Riga's schoolhouse was paid off — \$157.50.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 11 M 1827 / Set out this Morning in the Steam Boat Babcock for [Providence](#) but the Wind was so hevy & ahead that we put back after sailing up as far as Gould Island. -

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November 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2 of 11 M / Set out again for [Providence](#) in the Babcock & reached there about half after 2 OClock & went immediately to the School House, where I found the committee in the Girls School. - After examining the Books & hearing the children read -After which we set in Silence & good appropriate & feeling communications were made by David Clapp Rowland Greene & Abigail Robinson. - we then went to the Boys School & after looking over their books, we sat in Silence with them. Stephen A Chase first addressed the Schollars on the subject of their education, in an appropriate manner Daniel Clapp then delivered a short testimony which was honest & well ment & in good degree impressive then Rowland Greene addressed them very appropriately - he was followed by [Moses Brown](#) on the Subject of Pride, which he endeavoured to guard them against, & encouraged humility as a beautiful ornament & adorning. - David Buffum then in a very affectionate manner said he had been favourd once more to visit the school, in which he had been often interested, & as he had advanced very far in life & felt the infermities of body & mind, it was quite within probability that it might be the last time he might Sit with them, he encouraged them to practice every virtue, & bid them affectionately fare well, reminding them that the way to fare well is to do well both here & hereafter - Mary B Allen then followed in a lively, sweet & pertinent testimony, alluding to the favour we experienced in the company of the beloved Ancients present, & closed in a manner which left much solemnity over the gathering - The committee retired from the School room & met again in a committee capasy - after transacting the buisness necessary we separated & I went home & lodged at the house of my dear friend [Moses Brown](#) -

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November 3, Saturday: Le roi et le batelier, an opera comique by Fromental Halevy and Rifaut to words of Saint-Georges, was performed for the initial time, by the Opera-Comique, Paris. It would receive only 13 performances.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Spent this day at the [School House](#) attending the School Committee & Trustees Meeting exceptibly [acceptably], we went into [Town](#) to attend the funeral of Caleb Wheaton, an old acquaintance of mine which was a season of favour - the corpse was carried to the Meeting house & several good testimonys were delivered the last & most expressive was by Mary B Allen. - went to my old Quarters at Night

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November 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day attended Meetings at the [School House](#) in the Morning Deborah Otis, Royal Southwick Abigail Robinson, were all very lively & solemn in testimony & to me it was one of the most Watering Seasons I have experienced in a long time my mind travelled with the Ministers & favoured with the incomes of love & life in a manner which raised in my heart gratitude & humble admiration of continued love mercy & goodness vouchsafed in time of need. - I was also at the School Meeting in the Afternoon wherein Deborah Otis prayed & preached & Lydia Breed also offered an instructive testimony - lodged again at [Moses Browns](#)-

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November 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day The Meeting for Sufferings having adjourned to the Meeting house in [Providence](#), we met there at 9 OC & set till late dinner time when we closed - Dined at Wm Jenkins, where also a committee of the Meeting for Sufferings had agreed to meet in the Afternoon to inspect the Memorials of dead Friends - it was an interesting interview, & rendered perculiarly so from the circumstance of knowing two ancient friends present Vizt [Moses Brown](#) & David Buffum, who remembered most of the Subjects of the memorials & particularly, signed the Memorial of one friend & watched with him the night he died over 50 [?] years ago. - the additional anecdotes which they stated of some were very interesting to us that had the opportunity of hearing them - we did not finish the reading the testimonies till 9 OC in the evening when I went home with [Moses Brown](#) & set an hour



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very interestingly & Memorably to me. –

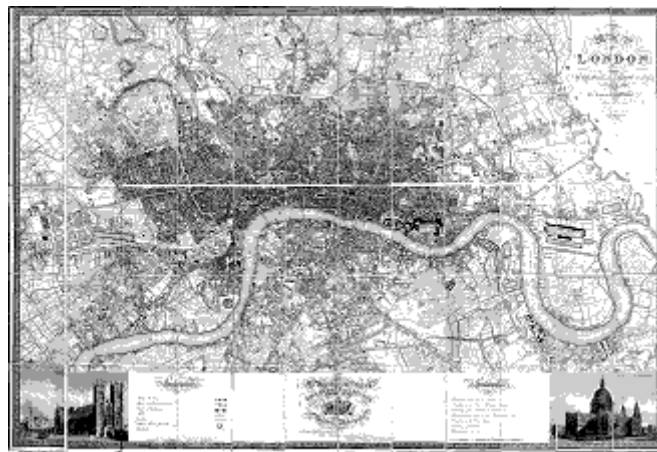
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November 7, Wednesday: The Reverend Elijah Demond was installed as minister at Lincoln.

A notice appeared in the London Times that Greenwood's Map of London was finally, after a couple of years of surveying, available for distribution to its subscribers.

<http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/greenwood/imagemap.html>



CARTOGRAPHY

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

In the Morning I rose early to come into town in order to return home, but found my Kind & affectionate friend had left word with his family to tackle the Chaise & carry me in, if I was in a hurry to go before breakfast - mentioning to them that he wished to continue his attention to me as this might be the last opportunity we might have together. –

I set out with D Buffum & Abigail Robinson in his carriage & arrived in Newport at little before Dark at night & was glad to find myself at home. –

At no time of my visiting the School have I felt more Satisfaction - & found more solid well concerned young men & girls at the Institution

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November 8, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 11 M / A good meeting to me & a little preaching - there are many trying things afloat in the World, & some trials attend me - but we were greatly comforted in our late visit to Providence, under a consideration of the general good state of




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 November 9, Friday: In Carlisle, Massachusetts, the funeral of the Reverend [Paul Litchfield](#).

THE SERVANT OF CHRIST

[Nicolò Paganini](#) performed at the Teatro del Falcone of Genoa, before the king and queen.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day 11th M 9th / Isaac Austin took tea & set the evening with us – he was my youthful associate, & I was glad to see him – This evening we had a very gratifying letter from our Dear J S Gould. – which really did our hearts good. –

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 November 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 11th M 1827 / Hannah Dennis & Father Rodman in testimony in the Morning & Father in a few words in the Afternoon. – Both were to me seasons of some favour, for which I desire to be thankful. –

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 November 15, Thursday: The Creeks ceded all their remaining territory in Georgia to the United States of America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th [sic] of 11th M / A good Meeting to me, a few words by Father Rodman – Several friends absent from meeting to attend the funeral of Nathan Chase at [Tiverton](#). –

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 November 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 11th M / In the Morning Father Rodman & Jona Dennis broke the silence. D Buffum was engaged in an acceptable testimony. – Silent Meeting in the Afternoon – Our Meetings were both well attended & to me they were seasons of some favour. –


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 November 22, Thursday: Maria Szymanowska met the poet Adam Mickiewicz in St. Petersburg. She would set four of his poems to music. After her death, Mickiewicz would get married with her daughter Celina.

[Hector Berlioz](#) conducted in public for the 1st time in a performance of his 1825 mass in St. Eustache, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 22nd of 11th M / Silent Meeting, & no buisness in the Preparative Meeting. -

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 December 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 12th M 1827 / In the mornng Meeting D BUffum was unusally lively & pertinent in testimony. - & father Rodman said a little after him - Silent in the Afternoon - We set the evening with Abigail Robinson. -

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 December 9, Sunday: From the journal of the [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown:

This day [Mr. Emerson from Cambridge](#) preached for me, though I performed the other services. His sermons were from 1 Timothy V, 4 - "let them learn," & from II Chronicles XX, 20, "believe in the L. your G.", &c - These sermons were distinguished by great felicity of thought & style, by rich moral eloquence, & by a fresh & fervent earnestness. It is delightful to see & hear such as young man as Mr. E. -



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 12 M / Silent & poor wandering meetings to me, was however led to make some effort for a settlement & to feel a little of the rise of life - Last eveng we recd a very pleasant letter from John & in the evening I finished one to him. -

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December 12, Wednesday: Four songs by Franz Schubert were published by Weigl as his op.88: Abendlied fur die Entfernte to words of von Schlegel, Thekla: eine Geisterstimme to words of Schiller, An die Musik to words of Schober, and Um Mitternacht to words of Schulze.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12th M 12th 1827 4th day / This Forenoon Bathesheba Searing went to the House of Wm Ennis to dine & spend the day & soon after she got in, & was seated in the Chair she died immediately - this is an Awful instance of the slender tenure by which we hold life. -

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December 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 12 M / Our Meeting was small but to my mind a solid quiet time, mingled with distress - but I was never more sensible that "Jerusalem was a quiet habitation to them that seek it, a refuge to which we may flee & be safe, amid all the storms, tempests, temptations & besetments that can assail us. - It is however hard under some dispensations to attain to it, yet I am also renewedly confirmed, nothing will be required of us that we shall not be able to perform - no temptations will be permitted to assail us, but that there will be a way be made for escape, as we cleave with the power given us, to the Almighty helper who never failed Israel in their hardest seasons, & his Arm is not Shortened under the Christian dispensation, but is mercifully lengthened out for the help of all who put their trust in him, Above all other powers, for against it, divination nor enchantment nor the powers of Satan cannot prevail, but deliverance will be experienced thro' faith & patience to our humbling Admiration. - Father Rodman was engaged in a short but I have no doubt fervant prayer

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December 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 12 M / Meetings solemn & Silent - between Meetings was the funeral of Br John Rodman.

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December 20, Thursday: The Spanish [negrero](#) *Guerrero* had 561 [slaves](#) aboard and was being chased by a British cruiser, when it grounded itself on the Carysfort Reef off Key Largo in the Florida Keys. Of the 520 chained slaves left alive after the impact on the reef, 121 would be rescued and offloaded at Key West and seized by the collector there, while 250 would be carried away by the Spanish and taken to Cuba (HOUSE JOURNAL, 20th Congress, 1st session page 650; HOUSE REPORTS, 24th Congress, 1st session I, No. 268; 25th Congress, 2d session I, No. 4; AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, NAVAL AFFAIRS, III, No. 370, page 210; [Niles's Register](#), XXXIII. 373).

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

While the dust was settling, the 121 Africans who had been seized by the US government would be put to field labor alongside the slave work crews of the Kingsley and Hernandez plantations.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 12 M / Our Meeting was silent & solid & to me was a season of some favour for which I desire to be thankful

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December 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 12 M / In the Morning Meeting D Buffum & H. Dennis were engaged in testimony - & in the Afternoon the Meeting was silent - Both were seasons of some trial to me - Divine help has since been afforded, & the arisings of life sweetly spring up in my heart - I believe I am thankful

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December 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 12th M 1827 / This Morning about 10 OC Died Our friend Dorcas Earl - she had long stood in the Station of Elder in this Moy [Monthly] Meeting & from my first recollection of Meetings 'till she left off attending them from Age & infirmity, she sat at the head of the Meeting on the Womens side. - She was in the 88th Year of her Age. - It is also our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) & partly from indisposition of body, the State of the Weather (a Snow Storm) & some other considerations & did not attend. - it is always unpleasant to have to omit attending a Meeting that I have a right & ought to attend. - but it is not always best to go when we can - I desire my love for the Truth & the Assembling ourselves together, for which & the transaction of our concerns in the Church. may continue, & I believe it does - Society is very precious to me.

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December 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 12th M 1827 / I recognize this day as the same of



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the month & Week, that I was born 46 Years ago - I am never willing to let it pass without taking note of it - I feel that it is probable much the greater half of my days are passed & perhaps they may be nearly closed - of this however I have no Knowledge - Many events have taken place since last Year this time, which pass in review before my mind - I am thankful under a present sense of some divine favour - Our Meeting this morning was large Silent solid & solemn to my feelings. -

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December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 12 M / With this day ends the Year, it has been a favourable Year to me & I trust many occurrences of 1827 will not soon be forgotten - some of a trying nature, & some very pleasant & encouraging - On the whole I think there is much to be grateful & thankful for, & the ballance is on the pleasant side of the scale - Oh Lord preserve us in thy [love?] & enable us to be thankful for thy Mercys & favours

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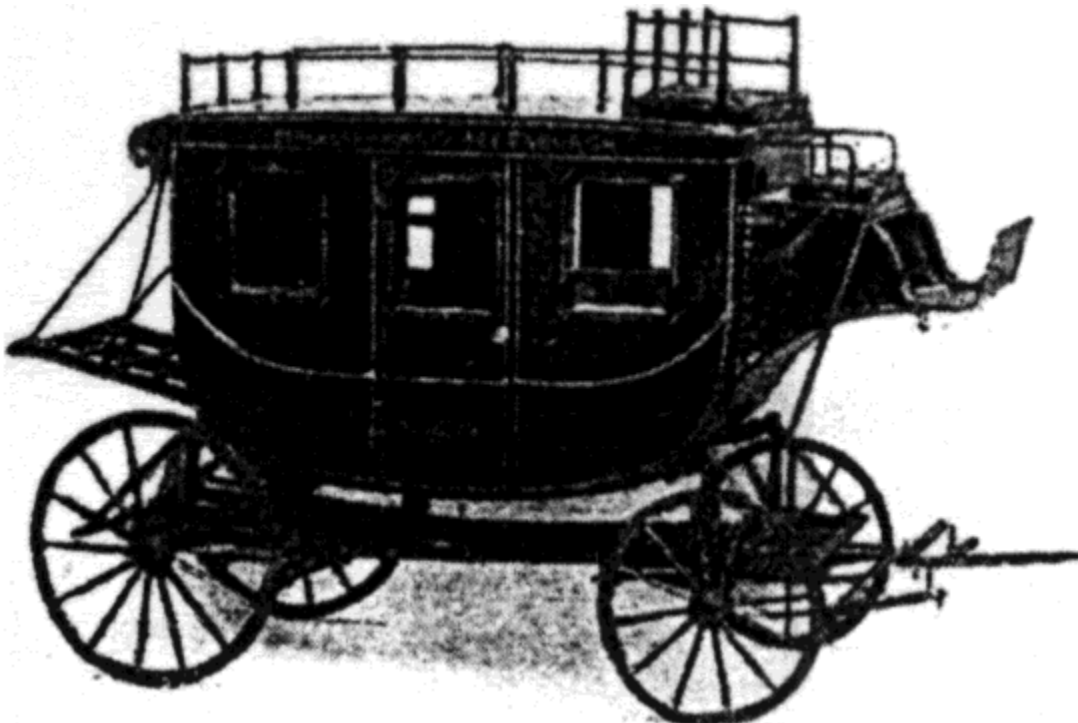
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January 1, Tuesday: J. Stephens Abbot became a partner of Lewis Downing, Senior in Concord, New Hampshire in the manufacture of the Concord Coach, which was basically an English-model carriage modified for rough American roads, with its body suspended well above its axles upon leather straps which converted much of the up-and-down jarring into a less unsettling side-to-side swaying. There would be models of this that would seat 6, 8, 10, or 12.



While other carriages were undergoing an infinite variety of changes in style, this design was so excellent so



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early that it would scarcely require any modification at all.

L'esule di Roma ossia Il proscritto, a melodramma eroico by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Gilardoni after Marchionni, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, Naples. The audience granted it an enthusiastic reception.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about a stagecoach ride out to visit his mom in [Portsmouth](#), and then a pleasant walk home:

3rd day 1st of 1st M 1828 / This morning when I awoke my mind was lead to reflect on the New Year, & among other thoughts it seemed to me it would be best for me to go to [Portsmouth](#) to visit my aged Mother who I have not seen in some weeks. She passes the Winter at Uncle Stanton's being pleasant company to Aunt Patty Stanton - Accordingly I got into the Stage & rode out, found them all comfortable, & very glad to have me to dine with them the first day of the Year

About 3 O'clock Uncle Stanton had his Waggon tackled & sent me on the way as far as Christopher Sweets, the rest of the distance I walked. It was just a pleasant exercise. —³⁵⁰

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January 3, Thursday: Franz Schubert's vocal quintet Mondenschein D.875 to words of Schober was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 1st M / Our Meeting was small, but a good solid little opportunity. Father Rodman had a few words to offer very satisfactorily. —

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January 6, Sunday: The Reverend [Andrew Bigelow](#) preached in Reading's North Parish on "Signs of the Moral Age." This would be published in Boston by Bowles and Dearborn, 72 Washington Street, and the press of Isaac R. Butts & Co.

SIGNS OF THE MORAL AGE

(During this year he would also publish a sermon on "Pastoral Responsibility" preached before a congregation in Washington DC.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 1 M / In the Morning we had an unusual solid Meeting. D Buffum Rose with the text "Mind your calling brethren" - he exhorted us to faithfulness as he did not believe our society was raised up for a day but designed to stand. We

350. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1823-1829: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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had been of great use in the world in abolishing Slavery & enlightening mankind respecting Priest crafts - & notwithstanding the many discouraging prospects from revoltings in various parts, he believed our society would stand - he was followed in short testimonials by Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis. - Silent Meeting in the Afternoon

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January 10, Thursday: Gute Nacht, the 1st in Franz Schubert's song cycle Die Winterreise D.911 to words of Muller, was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

Charleston, South Carolina's Courier carried the intelligence that the "Papyrotomia" with "cuttings" by William James Hubbard was being shown. At this point although Hubbard's famous name was still being used, and although Hubbard was still producing the occasional cutting on his own, the silhouettes of this establishment were being cut by another child prodigy by the name of Jarvis or Jervis Hanks or Hanks (Samuel Thomas Gill would also advertise himself as having been at Hubbard Gallery).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 1 M / A Short testimony by Father Rodman - the walking bad & the gathering small & poor to me -

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January 13, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 1st M / We had a little preaching & to me they were dull Seasons - Meetings vary in my feelings sometimes the[y] afford me some good degree of satisfaction & at others Oh the Poverty that I set in. -

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January 17, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 1st M 1828 / Our Select Meeting was attended by nearly all the Members who are able to attend - it was a season of some exercise, but on the whole things moved on pretty well. - Uncle B Freeborn & Aunt Ruth dined with us

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January 20, Sunday: Abraham Lincoln's married sister Sarah died while giving birth.

The Fantasy in C D.934 for violin and piano by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the County Hall, Vienna. The response was mixed and, programmed at the end of a long noon concert, many in the audience had already departed.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 1st M / Our Morning Meeting was well attended &




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a solemn impressive one - Our frd D Buffum was engaged in lively good testimony "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for you know not what a day may bring fourth" his communication was remarkably impressive & I dont know when have seen more impression made on the countenances in audience. - Abigail Sherman followed him in short & well approved testimony. - In the Afternoon Father Rodman was engaged in a good testimony & both were favourd Meetings to me Our young frd Francis Lawton took tea & spent the evening with us, his company was pleasant & intersting & I do strongly desire he may make a good useful man in society & the community at large


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 January 24, Thursday: Franz Schubert's Standchen D.921 for alto, female chorus, and piano to words of [Franz Grillparzer](#) was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 1st M / Silent meeting - In the last we had a request from Hannah Brayton for Membership - It is of a doubtful nature & a committee in both meetings were appointed to consider the propriety of forwarding it to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - she has been under derangement of mind, tho' now quite calm & quiet but whether enough so as to render it prudent to receive her into membership is at least questionable. -

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 January 25, Friday: [Robert Schumann](#) played the last of several performances at the Gymnasium in Zwickau — a d minor piano concerto by Friedrich Kalkbrenner.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25th of 1st M / Went to [Portsmouth](#) on buisness this Afternoon lodged at Uncle Stantons - 7th day walked up to the rode & waited at Dr Richardsons for the Stages & then rode home

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 January 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 1st M / Both meetings were Silent & rather low times, but was favourd at the close of the Afternoon Meeting in company with David Rodman, in an Opportunity with F Carr, on account of his neglect of the attendance of our Meetings. - The poor Man seems quite confused in his Ideas, about our principles, & tho' we were favourd with clearness & a good degree of ability in speaking with him, yet it did not appear that we made much favourable impression. -

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January 31, Thursday: On Franz Schubert's 31st birthday, his song Ellens Gesang III D.839 to words of Scott translated by Storck was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Musikvereinsaal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 31st of 1st M 1828 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was a time of unusual favour, solid, quiet & – Daniel Clapp accompanied by Amos Aldrich from [Smithfield](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting attended & Daniel preached in the simplicity & sweetness, very much to the comfort of Friends. his visit was very acceptable. –
In the last Meeting, buisness went on in a comfortable satisfactory way & we had reason to believe the Lord was yet with his Church & people & to trust that he would remain with them, as they keep to the Law & testimony. –
Daniel & Amos Dined with us, & My wife set the evening at Sister Rebecca's –
After Meeting I recd a comfortable letter from my friend Wm Almy & also one from my frd Abraham Sherman Jr, the latter gave an account of the decease of our dear friend Elizabeth Rotch wife of Wm Rotch Jr after a short Illness. – she died on the Morning of the 30th inst. –*

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February 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 2nd M 1828 / The walking was very muddy & Meetings Small – but remarkably solid good ones to me – silent in the Morning & in the Afternoon Father Rodman was engaged in a solid & I believe living testimony

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February 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 2nd M 1828 / Contrary to previous prospects for some time past, I set out by land this morning by land to [Providence](#) with the view of attending the Quarterly Meeting & the School committee & to attend to some other buisness & appointments there. – My journey was a long one, the roads exceedingly muddy & we did not reach [Providence](#) till 8 OC in the eveng – lodged at Joseph Anthonys – on third day attended the Sub-School committee – & lodged at [Moses Browns](#) – on 4th day our Select Qtly Meeting was a season of favour mingled with a little sufferings – – on 5th day our Meeting at large was held, it was large & a number of savory & seasonable offerings were made – & our friend Rowland Greene was set at liberty to perform a religious visit to the Quarterly Meeting of Purchase in the State of NYork & also to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting in the City of NYork in the 5th M next – After a Meeting of the Trustees of O Brown I went home with my Aged kind friend [Moses Brown](#) & spent 6th day in the School House attending the School



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committee on 7th day our Meeting for Sufferings was held at the School House & we had two long sittings. I staid that night at the School House & attended the Meeting there on 1st day [Sunday] which were solemn & to the feelings of many if not all present, were very interesting. – Rowland Greene in the Morning & in the Afternoon Rowland Greene & Ruth Freeborn were engaged in lively & powerful testimonys -towards night I walked into town, visited Nancy Pickering & lodged at Wm Jenkins & 2nd day [Monday] Morning came home by Water. –

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February 7, Thursday: Civil War officer Ely Parker, author of the terms of surrender at Appomattox, was born on the Tonawanda Reservation in Indian Falls, New-York.

The Leonore Overture no.1 by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#), that had apparently been intended for a Prague production of Fidelio, but coming to light only after the composer's death, was performed for the initial time.

Charles Baker got married with Joanna Jones of [Concord](#) (when they had published their intention to marry “the bands were forbidden by Messrs. Gregory Stone & Daniel Haynes of said Lincoln & after trial before Ebenr Hobs, Charles Wheeler, & Elisha Wheeler, Esqr the Certificate given”).

Henry Neele, still a relatively young man, committed suicide by slitting his own throat.



To Despair.

I.

It was Despair,
He roll'd his large red eye around,
And laid his wither'd hand upon the lyre;
Then woke that strain so wildly terrible,
That Madness
Ceas'd for awhile her idiot grin, and Fear
Call'd Disappointment from his iron cell,
To pause and listen while his own pale cheek



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Grew paler.

II.

It was Despair:
The man of dark imaginings,
Who sits sullen on some blasted heath,
Which the pale moon-beam saddens, not relieves;
There raving,
Fashioning shapes huge, strange, and horrible,
And starting wild, he points at vacancy,
And to the spirits of the night-blast tells
His sorrows.

III.

He asks not aid,
Nor does the big sigh heave his breast,
Nor does the sorrowful tear suffuse his eyes,
For sighs and tears bespeak a spirit worn,
Not withered;
Bended, not broken: they are like the rains
That bless the plains they deluge, when the flow'rs
E'en while they bend beneath their weight, are seen
Reviving.

IV.

There was a light,
That us'd to flit across his path,
Lonely, yet lovely, and it cheer'd his soul,
And he would cherish it, and call it Hope:
That vanish'd—
And he must wander now despairingly,
Where never taper lends its little ray,
Where never moon must soothe, and never sun
Shall gladden.

V.

Despair is Death:
And though he come not in the storm
That blasts the roses, yet he lurks unseen,
Eating their core away, and o'er them sheds
His mildew:
While of such sad, sad change, the cause and cure
Alike unknown, we can but mourn the flow'rs
That look less beautiful and count the leaves
That wither.

VI.

Thou Sun of heaven!
Tho' thou art cheerful, and he dull
As blackest night, Despair resembles thee;
Fierce as thou art, and lasting as thou seem'st,
His sorrows
Thy setting sees the same pale marble cheeks,
Thy rising radiance vainly strove to gild;
The same dull eye's fix'd glare, the same wild steps,



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Still wand'ring.

VII.

Yet he can smile
With seeming careless jollity,
And o'er the goblet gay will join the laugh,
And strive to play the courtier deftly.
But vainly—
The worm that fattens in the dead man's socket,
Looks not less like the life that glitter'd there,
Than that faint smile, the heart-exulting mirth
It mimics.

VIII.

O saddest lot!
Thus barely doom'd to breathe and be,
To wander up and down this care-bound sphere,
And only know we live, because we feel
Life's sorrows;
And only shrink from death because we fear
The grave itself may hold some dream like life,
And even that dark slumber may not be
Unbroken.



February 14, Thursday: [Edmond François Valentin About](#) was born at Dieuze, in the Lorraine region of France.

[William John Broderip](#) was elected a member of the Royal Society.

The initial of several customs treaties in the [German](#) Confederation was signed between Prussia and Hesse-Darmstadt, providing a basis for greater [German](#) unity.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 2 M 1828 / Meeting nearly silent & I apprehend
had better been entirely so. — it however was generally a good
Meeting to me*

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February 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17th of 2 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended,
Father Rodman made a small acceptable offering - he was followed
by our Ancient frd David Buffum Rose & observed, that he had
apprehended it to be his duty, occasionally to say a few words
for many years in our solemn Meetings, to stir up the Minds of
his fellow candidates for immortality, to a closer attention to
those things which would make for their peace - he said he had
seldom thought it his place to enter much on nice disputed
doctrines or go much into metaphysical reasoning, but had been
generally lead to speak on those subjects which were plain & on
which most agree - while he had been sitting he had felt the
language to revolve in his mind, "Mind the light - take heed to*



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the light, for it is the Light which makes manifest & does teach, & will teach more abundantly all those who yealds to its sacred influence - he made a solemn appeal to all present, if they could not say, they had felt this inward light of Christ in their hearts to operate, by reproving them for evil & justifying them for good, & observed if there were any that could say they had not - he should be willing they should at proper time inform him of it. - as he had uniformly believed the divine light of Christ in the soul was as difusive & universal as the rays of the outward sun. - he observed that he was concerned for his friends present that they be faithful to its dictates, not expecting to stand among them much longer in that capacity. - he closed his testimony in a very feeling manner, which left a remarkable solemn covering over the Meeting. -

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February 21, Thursday: A printing press arrived at the headquarters of the Cherokee council in Echota, Georgia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 2nd M / Very Rainy, small Meeting & silent - no buisness in the Preparative Meeting, tho' the womens side a request from Hannah Brayton for membership was forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Put a letter & several pamphlets on board the Packet for John S Gould. -

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February 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 2nd M / Meetings both silent & to me not very lively Meetings. - Nor have I thro' the day experienced Much of the arisings of divine life. -

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March 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 3 M / Silent meetings & neither of them were very lively with me, tho' not wholly destitute of good -

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March 6, Thursday: Hongi Hika, Ngapuhi War Chief of New Zealand, died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 3rd M 1828 / Silent meeting & to me a season of poverty. How poor & weak I am, but amidst it all I have much to be thankful for, in that I am sometimes favoured with an evidence of continued favour from the divine hand. -

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March 9, Sunday: The initial performance of the new Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire took place at the Paris Conservatory. The group had been formed to promote modern symphonic music, particularly that of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#). This day marked the first performance of the “Eroica” Symphony in France. It would be these performances during this Spring season which would introduce [Hector Berlioz](#) to Beethoven –to the expressive power of his music– and solidify for him the symphony as a dramatic form, capable of extra-musical associations.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 3rd M / In our morning Meeting Anne Dennis said a few words & in the Afternoon Meeting Father Rodman bore a short testimony - In the forepart of the Meeting we were disturbed by a man who appeared to be deranged, he rose up & asked us if we knew Arther Howell or Wm Savery, by which I concluded he knew something about friends & had live in Phila as both those names were familiar to a number present - after a time at the request of Father Rodman & Benj Cornell he withdrew. - Yesterday we had a pleasant letter from John, he appears to be making satisfactory progress in his buisness in Hudson & expects to attend our next Y Meeting in the 6th M -- My Brother James W Gould who had been on a Whaling voyage out of [New Bedford](#) came into this harbour last night & on short this morning - he looks better than he did when he was at home in the 6th M 1825. - he went with Isaac to [Portsmouth](#) to see Uncle & Aunt Stanton & Mother - & will sail for Bedford in the ship he came in, (called the Persia), tomorrow morning

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March 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 3 M / At meeting poor & barran, but our frd Hannah Dennis had a few words in the Sweetness towards the close, which did me good. -

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March 16, Sunday: This year [Nicolò Paganini](#) was beginning an extended performance tour that would not end until a performance in Paris in September 1834! On this day he arrived in Vienna from Italy for his 1st concertizing in Vienna. Antonia Bianchi would be singing alongside him.

[WALDEN](#): Near at hand, upon the topmost spray of a birch, sings the brown-thrasher -or red mavis, as some love to call him- all the morning, glad of your society, that would find out another farmer's field if yours were not here. While you are planting the seed, he cries, -"Drop it, drop it, -cover it up, cover it up, -pull it up, pull it up, pull it up." But this was not corn, and so it was safe from such enemies as he. You may wonder what his rigmarole, his amateur Paganini performances on one string or on twenty, have to do with your planting, and yet prefer it to leached ashes or plaster. It was a cheap sort of top dressing in which I had entire faith.

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NICOLÒ PAGANINI



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd M 16 1828 / In consequence of much Snow which fell on 7th day the walking was such that only about 4 women got to meeting in the morning & as many in the Afternoon - both were silent & very lifeless seasons to me. -

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March 26, Thursday: The first concert consisting entirely of the works of Franz Schubert took place in Vienna. Originally planned for March 21st, it was changed to coincide with the first anniversary of the death of [Ludwig van Beethoven](#). Songs performed for the initial time were Auf dem Strom D.943 to words of Rellstab, Fischerweise D.881 to words of Schlecht, Der Kreuzzug D.932 to words of Leitner, and Die Sterne to words of Leitner. Other premieres included the Schlachtlied D.912 for double male chorus to words of Klopstock and the first movement of the String Quartet D.887.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 3 Mo// Wm Almy was at Meeting & was concern'd in public testimony to the edification & comfort of Many minds present.— In the last for discipline there was two requests for membership Vizt Job Watson & [blank] Slocum - Benj Anthony & Catherine Almy published their intentions of Marriage with each other. & a committee appt to treat with E W Lawton. -

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March 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 3 M 1818 / This morning we unexpectedly found our friend William Almy at meeting, the gathering was about as large as usual - Wm was engaged in a truly Orthodox sermon, which was remarkably attended with life & power - his supplication was far exceeded any thing I ever heard from him & indeed do not know the time when I have felt the Divine life, solemnity & power so evidently over a meeting as it evidently was particularly at the close of his prayer. - The Afternoon Meeting was silent - the hearts of many brethren were made glad to rejoicing for this days favour - a first token that divine help is near. -

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April 2, Wednesday: The packet boat *Niagara* was the first boat of the season to pass Syracuse, heading west on the [Erie Canal](#).



April 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 4 M 1828 / Our Meeting was small & silent but a good degree of favour. - Yesterday I went to the steam Boat as she came in from NYork & unexpectedly met my frd Saml B Tobey just returned from Philad- where he has passed the Winter in completing his studies of Medicine. -[He is the Dr. Tobey who wrote the memorial for Anna Jenkins who started the [Providence Shelter for Colored Children](#); refer to A SHORT HISTORY OF THE PROVIDENCE SHELTER FOR COLORED CHILDREN, page 4]

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April 6, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day 6th of 4th M / Our Mornng Meeting was larger than usual and our frd D Buffum was engaged in a very lively & earnest testimony, & of greater length than he has usually appeared of late - he began with a commendation of the Scriptures & recommending the reading of them, & then observed a small portion of which had ocured to his mind in a lively manner Vizt "Righteousness exalteth a Nation but sin is a reproach to any people" - he shewed in a clear & animated manner the hideousness of Sin & beauty of Excellency of righteousness to Nations & individuals & from that exhorted us to the ground work of Christianity & repeated the text "There was a man sent from God to bear Witness of the light, but he was not that light, but sent to bear witness of it &c. - Hannah Dennis then had a short acceptable testimony
The Meeting was silent in the Afternoon In the evening we went to Cousin Henry Goulds & passed a little time pleasantly with them. -*

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April 10, Thursday: Incidental music to Ozaneaux' play *Le dernier jour de Missolonghi* by Ferdinand Herold was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre de l'Odeon, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 4th M 1828 / Our Meeting was silent after it was our Select Meeting, which was a season of some distress but on the whole ended well, in that I trust no hurt was done taking things as they were. Sarah Fowler [Towles] ? dined with us.

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April 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 4th M / A little preaching in both Meetings. - but rather barran seasons to me. -

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April 14, Monday: At Newgate prison in London a healthy 24-year-old woman, Catherine Walsh, was [hanged](#) because she had killed her 6-week-old infant. This would be a treasure for the Royal College of Surgeons — a fit young female body to dissect (they would make the most careful drawings, and these still exist).



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OTHER WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1828

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
17/03	Mary Magrath	60	Dundalk	Murder
22/03	Jane Scott	22	Lancaster Castle	Murder
08/08	Elizabeth Commins	22	Bodmin	Murder of child
16/08	Ann Harris		Shrewsbury	Murder
22/10	Isabella Mc Menamy	22	Glasgow	Robbery & assault

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 4 M / Today we had a friendly call from Job Otis of [New Bedford](#) on his way to NYork. – our interview was pleasant & to me interesting. –

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April 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 4th M / Silent meeting & Preparative in which all the Queries were Answered. – I felt under the necessity of recommending the more frequent reading the Scriptures, believing a blessing would attend the daily reading of them in our families when quietly convened. –

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April 20, Sunday: French explorer Rene-Auguste Caillie became the 2d European to reach Timbuktu (unlike his predecessor Alexander Gordon Laing, he would live to tell the tale).

[Nicolò Paganini](#) performed before the Empress of Austria and her children in the Redoutensaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 4th M / A very Stormy day of high wind Rain & Hail Meetings very small, silent & poor. –

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April 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 4th M / Our Meeting were rather small & to me not of the most lively Kind. –

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April 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th M 29th - 3rd day / This Morn'g in company with other friends on board & David Buffum in company we set out for Greenwich to attend the Quarterly Meeting & were seven hours on board the boat, but had a very pleasant passage. - on our arrival we went immediately in to Daniel Howlands where we were kindly recd

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April 30, Wednesday: Documentation of the international slave trade, per W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: "Africans at Key West: Message from the President ... relative to the Disposition of the Africans Landed at Key West." -HOUSE DOCUMENT, 20 Cong. 1 sess. VI. No. 262.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day - Our Select Meeting was a season of some favour & some labour. - I dined at Mary Spencers & My wife returned to D Howlands. - I spent the Afternoon in attending to some concerns of moment & then returned to D Howlands -

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April 31, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day Our Meeting at large was Much favour'd under the Ministry of Our frd Wm Almy & the buisness was well conducted - We dined at our friend Abigail Prouds, after which we went with Wm Almy to his House & lodged. -

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May 2, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day went to the Y Meeting School & spent the day there in the committee & went to Moses Browns to lodge. -

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May 4, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal about the events of the weekend:

7th day Spent the day again at the School House attending the Meeting for Sufferings. - we lodged at Wm Jenkins & 1st day [Sunday] Morning we went on board the Steam Boat Babcock & got home by Noon & attended our Afternoon Meeting. - & took tea at Father Rodmans. -

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May 5, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:



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2nd day 5th of 5th M 1828 / This forenoon Uncle Peter Lawton was in town & called to see me perhaps for the last time before he becomes an inhabitant of Dutchess or some other county in the State of NYork, for whence he expects to set out tomorrow. -

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May 7, Wednesday: Russian armies, led by Tsar Nikolai I, crossed the River Pruth (Prut) into Ottoman territory.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7th of 5 M / Uncle Peter Lawton did not set out for Nine Partners till this Morning. - May his removal be peaceful & prosperous in every sense. -

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May 8, Thursday: [Jean Henri Dunant](#) was born.

[Sharbel Makhlef](#) was born.

[Mauro Giuseppe Sergio Pantaleo Giuliani](#) died.

[Robert Schumann](#) and fellow law student Gisbert Rosen went to visit [Heinrich Heine](#) in München. Contrary to their expectations, they found him charming and spend several hours with him touring the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 5 M / Our Meeting was Silent, solid & better attended than usual. - to me it was a pretty good meeting. -

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May 10, Saturday: Franz Schubert and Franz Lachner performed Schubert's Great Fantasia D.940 in f minor for 4-handed piano, for Eduard Bauernfeld, in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 5 M / This Afternoon in the Steam Boat Chancellor Livingston Hannah Ann, Catherine & Obadiah Lawton set out for NYork on their way to Nine Partners where they expect to settle with their Father Peter Lawton, who set our by land a few days ago. - he had sold his home-stead at [Portsmouth](#) in hopes of bettering his circumstances Which were not poor before he left R I I wish them All well & hope they may realize what he expects - but I cannot but regret the circumstance of their leaving this Island with so little necessity, a spot of land to go out of the family where Friends have so long resorted & lived, together



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with a promising family to leave the Monthly Meeting is no small trial to us that remain, but there is no alternative but to do the best we can. -

I hope Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting will not be left distitute of helpers, hower [however] discouraging it may appear in some respects -

I trust there is a few exercised for the prosperity of Truth & engaged to promote its cause - but the burden of active labour falls heavy on a few. -

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May 11, Sunday: Capriccio on "La ci darem la mano" from Mozart's Don Giovanni by [Nicolò Paganini](#) was performed by the composer in Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 5 M / Silent & low meetings. - Elizabeth Huntington Died about 10 OClock this morning in he 80th [?] year of her Age

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May 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13th of 5th M 1828 / This Afternoon Attended the funeral of our friend Elizabeth Huntington who was a woman well exsteemed in society & for some years was acceptably engaged in the Appointment of overseer. - The funeral went to the Meeting House. The Sitting was silent excepting a few words offered towards the close by Father Rodman. -

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May 15, Thursday: Passage of the bill commonly termed the “Tariff of Abominations.”

The following is a snippet from Charles Haskell’s REMINISCENCES OF NEW YORK BY AN OCTOGENARIAN:
Occupants of the State Prison in Greenwich Street were removed to the newly constructed building at Sing Sing, the construction of which had been commenced in 1825.... The city stages (omnibuses) had so increased at this time (twenty in number) that there were five routes in operation, viz.: Greenwich, Broadway, Manhattanville, Grand, and Dry Dock (via Water and Cherry streets, etc.).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 5th M / Our Meeting was silent, very solid & to me a season of favour - & tho' it was rainy it was better attended than on more pleasant days. -

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May 19, Monday: William Ladd founds the American Peace Society, in New-York.

To protect northern industry from European goods, the US Congress forwarded and President John Quincy Adams signed the “Tariff of Abominations,” supported both by [Daniel Webster](#) and Henry Clay. Tariffs on imports would be increased as a result of this bill, and prices of goods, both raw materials and manufactured items, would quickly rise, to the dismay of the southern states.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about the events of the previous few days:



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7th day 17th of 5 M / Went to Connanicut on buisness - lodged at John Weedens - 1st day [Sunday] Attended Meeting on the Island & lodged at Joseph Greenes - & staid there all night - 2nd day [Monday] returned home. -

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May 24, Saturday: United States Statute: "An Act making an appropriation for the suppression of the [slave trade](#)" (STATUTES AT LARGE, IV. 302; HOUSE JOURNAL, 20th Congress, 1st session, House Bill No. 190).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 5 M / Being under appointment from the Select Quarterly to visit the Select Monthly Meeting of South Kingston I went this Afternoon to Narragansett & lodged at cousin Hannah Gardiners - where I found her & cousin Patty Hazard comfortable but very lame & both of them Much bent with the infermity of advancing age & the rheumatism - it was pleasant to meet these aged connections of mine, as I have not had an opportunity of being much in their company for some years.

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May 25, Sunday: The Reverend [Waldo Emerson](#)'s 25th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Clarke Collins carryed me to South Kingston Meeting, where I found Hannah Dennis & Lydia Breed with their Husbands - Hannah & Lydia were both much favour'd in testimony & I considerd it a season of favour to many as well as myself. --I dined at Rowland Hazards, after dinner I went to James Robinsons at Point Judith, spent the remainder of the Afternoon & lodged -In the Afternoon we were joined by Walter & Mary B Allen & Wm Reynolds & his wife, who was a very comfortable & interesting addition to our company -

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May 26, Whit Monday morning: The police in Nürnberg found a small youth, of approximately 16 years of



age, wearing old and somewhat bedraggled peasant clothing, apparently dazed and either incoherent or entirely unable to articulate, standing in the public square. He carried notes, or fragments of notes, or something was pinned to his clothing, explaining that his name was Kaspar Hauser and telling something about his birth and with whom he has been living for 16 years. Although rumors circulated that he was the son of a noble, and the rightful prince of Baden, most of these rumors were quickly seen to be [false](#).³⁵¹

351. Refer to Verlaine's and Trakl's poems, Jakob Wassermann's novel, Peter Handke's play, Werner Herzog's movie, and a more recent movie playing on the fantasy that this boy might have been the legitimate pretender to the throne. Also refer to Masson, Jeffrey Moussaieff, translator. *LOST PRINCE: THE UNSOLVED MYSTERY OF KASPAR HAUSER (ILLUSTRATED)*. NY: The Free Press, 1996.



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: And here be it submitted that apparently going to corroborate the doctrine of man's fall, a doctrine now popularly ignored, it is observable that where certain virtues pristine and unadulterate peculiarly characterize anybody in the external uniform of civilization, they will upon scrutiny seem not to be derived from custom or convention, but rather to be out of keeping with these, as if indeed exceptionally transmitted from a period prior to Cain's city and citified man. The character marked by such qualities has to an unvitiated taste an untampered-with flavor like that of berries, while the man thoroughly civilized, even in a fair specimen of the breed, has to the same moral palate a questionable smack as of a compounded wine. To any stray inheritor of these primitive qualities found, like Caspar Hauser, wandering dazed in any Christian capital of our time, the good-natured poet's famous invocation, near two thousand years ago, of the good rustic out of his latitude in the Rome of the Cesars, still appropriately holds:-

"Honest and poor, faithful in word and thought,
What has thee, Fabian, to the city brought?"

Though our Handsome Sailor had as much of masculine beauty as one can expect anywhere to see; nevertheless, like the beautiful woman in one of Hawthorne's minor tales, there was just one thing amiss in him.

No visible blemish, indeed, as with the lady; no, but an occasional liability to a vocal defect. Though in the hour of elemental uproar or peril he was everything that a sailor should be, yet under sudden provocation of strong heart-feeling, his voice otherwise singularly musical, as if expressive of the harmony within, was apt to develop an organic hesitancy, in fact, more or less of a stutter or even worse. In this particular Billy was a striking instance that the arch interferer, the envious marplot of Eden, still has more or less to do with every human consignment to this planet of earth. In every case, one way or another he is sure to slip in his little card, as much as to remind us - I too have a hand here.

After much politicking and despite the opposition of Luigi Cherubini, [Hector Berlioz](#) mounted the initial concert in his career of concert-giving, at the Paris Conservatory. Included on the program were 1st performances of his La revolution grecque, scene heroique for vocal soloists, chorus and orchestra to words of Ferrand, the Waverly Overture, Marche religieuse des mages, and the overture to the opera Les francs-juges. The audience was not large — mostly musical luminaries and personal friends of Berlioz. The performance was mostly good, although there were a few flaws. He lost money but generally pleased the critics, and made a name for himself.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day We set out for the Western Meeting House where the
Monthly Meeting was held & arrived there at 9 OC & had an*



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opportunity with the Select Members of that Moy [Monthly] Meeting which resulted to a good degree of satisfaction, & I am lead to hope, good will result from our labours - after which came on the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - the public part of it was an eminently favourd time Hannah Dennis & Lydia Breed were favourd in public testimony but our frd Mary B Allen was deep powerful & reaching to the state of the Meeting & her testimony was sKilfully [sic] managed - & it seemed to me the minds of Many were greatly reached. - The buisness of the Meeting was well conducted & a good degree of weight attended- Jamed Robinson carried me to Hezekiah Babcocks to dine & then I returned to his house & Lodged.

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May 27, Tuesday: [Robert Schumann](#) described in his diary his initial bout with mental illness. "I was agitated, but I don't know by what. It seems to me that I will go mad one day." He went on to describe an anxiety attack.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day morning his son Sylvester carried me to the ferry & I came over the ferrys home.

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May 28, Wednesday: A SERMON DELIVERED BEFORE HIS EXCELLENCY LEVI LINCOLN, GOVERNOR: HIS HONOR THOMAS L. WINTHROP, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE HON. COUNCIL, THE SENATE, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, ON THE DAY OF GENERAL ELECTION, MAY 28, 1828, by James Walker (Dutton and Wentworth, printers to the state).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 5 M 1828 / My Brother Isaac returned from NYork this Mornng - bringing the intelligence that a division has taken place in the Yearly Meeting of NYork on 2nd day [Monday] last - I dare not to give & hardly to feel a sentiment on this great & momentous event, but I can truly say my heart is filled with fear & Alarm, at the accounts I hear - perhaps further information may make it more easy to my feelings. -

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May 29, Thursday: [Robert Schumann](#) again described an episode of mental illness. "But on the way back to Leipzig I seemed to be losing my mind: I did have my mind, yet I thought I had lost it. I had actually gone mad."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 5th M / Today was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held



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in Town. It was about as large as usual - In the first we had a solid good time David Buffum rose with an excellent, lively & precious testimony beginning with the Text "What more shall I do for my Vineyard that I have not done in it." - after a little opening the subject & expressing his own feelings as being hardly able to rise & very feeble in mind, he began with the 5th of Isaiah & went on to the end of the 6th verse "My well beloved had a Vineyard in a very fruitful hill, and he fenced it, and gathered out the stones therof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, & also make a wine press therin: & when he looked that it should bring forth grapes, it brought it forth wild grapes? - And now go to, I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge therof, and it shall be trodden down, And I will lay it to waste. it shall not be pruned nor digged, but it shall come up briers & thorns. I will also command the Clouds they rain no rain upon it." - He then applied it to individual states & desired that such might be the individual care so to dress the vineyards, of our hearts that when fruit was expected by the great husbandman that he may not be disappointed. -

Sarah Fowler rose & said the words of our blessed Saviour had been so impressive on her mind that she thought it would contribute most to her peace just to express them "If ye believe not that I am He & die in your sins, whither I go ye cannot come." -

A few words were then expressed by Mary Weaver & the Meeting closed. -

The Buisness of the last meeting was pretty well conducted - The request of our dear tried sister Rebecca Rodman was received & a committee appointed in both meetings to take a solid opportunity with her, & I can feel no doubt they will report in favour of her being recd into membership -

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June 5?, Thursday: The Reverend Lyman Beecher preached in [Concord](#) at the formal opening of the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Walden Street (this body had split away from the First Parish Church as it had begun its slide toward Unitarianism, and its edifice was already a year and a half old).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 6th M 1828 / This Morning in the Steam Boat Washington our only & dear Son John S Gould arrived home from Hudson after an absence of one Year & four Months It is nearly three years since he left us & enter'd as a Schollar at the Yearly Meeting School in [Providence](#). - we feel thankful for the priviledge of again seeing him for a little while. - Our meeting which he attended was small, but solid, & a short acceptable testimony from Father Rodman. - We Drank tea with John at Father Rodmans

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June 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 5th [sic] M / Accounts recd from NYork Yearly Meeting, while they are distressing - they are also relieving, to find that Friends, holding the Ancient & true principles of our dear predecessors in the Faith were favour'd to hold solid quiet meeting in which they were evidently owned by the Great Head of the Church Christ Jesus our Lord & Saviour - & tho' compelled to leave the Meeting House & Assemble in a public Seminary of learning which was Kindly loaned for their accommodation, there were favourd with quiet & the Arm of divine help, which was over all & above all, tho' the wicked Seemed to triumph for a season. - yet I have no doubt their partial & seeming prosperity will prove their ultimate overthrow & defeat After Dinner John left us for [Providence](#) intending to visit his old friends there & the Institution at which he long resided, & loved sincerely & also to attend to some buisness for Benj Marshall at some of the Factorys at Lowel Massachusetts - expecting to be gone from us about a week - This Afternoon Our frd D Buffum called at the shop, he seemed feeble, & in many respects very unwell, particularly with a humor on his hand which he thinks is of a cancerous kind & which he had this Afternoon applied caustic for an hour. - he seemed pleasant & cheerful observing that it had been his desire to enjoy the passing moment pleasantly & virtuously. he remarked that he did not expect to remain long with us, that he had a desire to live & be able to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting - This Afternoon we heard of the Sudden removal of our aged respectable cousin Martha Hazard - it appears that she died last night of a fit of which she was taken yesterday morning. - She rose in the morning & ate her breakfast in usual health, which was in general of late was feeble tho' chiefly rheumatic & very lame - She sat down to sewing & soon the work fell from her hands - she observing that she believed, that had come upon her, which she had feard for years - was helped to bed, & very soon became speechless & died the night following. - She was first cousin to my mother & an intimate & much loved cousin too - She was on a visit to her sister Hannah Gardiner in Boston Neck -where I saw he about two weeks ago in a pleasant & tranquil state of mind. - little then thinking it would be the last time I should behold her in mutability tho' I dont know but it might have had a passing thought in my mind. -

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June 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 6th M / Father Rodman was engaged in a lively sound & I thought pertinent testimony - The Meeting small as it generally is the 5th day previous to Yearly Meeting - many have other cencerns which they cannot leave. -

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June 13, Friday: Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka left his civil service post in the office of the Council of Communications (he would spend the following 3 years in Italy in an attempt to restore his health).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 13th of 6 M / Yearly Meeting has now commenced. -Arrrived in the Steam Boat this Morning our friends Isaac & Anna Braithwaite, Elizabeth Robson & her companions - our frd Anna Mott of NYork & Hannah Hartshorn of Pennsylvania. - with several other friends. -
Daniel & Thos Howland & Thos Anthony & wife, our guests arrived from [Greenwich](#) in season to dine with us. -
At tea time John S Gould returned in the Stage from his eastern tour having been to Boston Salem & Lowell*

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June 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 6 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my wife to attend the Select Yearly Meeting - Stopped a few moments at Asa Shermans then went to the Meeting house, where we had a solid & solemn sitting - Our dear venerable fathers in the Church David Buffum & [Moses Brown](#) were Absent which is the first Select Yearly Meeting they have been absent since I have sat in them - the first appearance was a most baptizing supplication from dear Anna Braithwaite - followed in a short pertinent & Solid communication from Wm Almy - then Danl Howland then followed Elizabeth Robson in a truly acceptable testimony attended with life & power, in no common degree - Afterwhich the buisness of the Meeting was enterd on & gone through, when several short communications were made & prayer by hannah Hartshorn. - Dined at Isaac Almays, & I returned to attend the Meeting for Sufferings & after that to Isaac Almays took tea & rode home & found a goodly company of folks at our house. -

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June 15, Sunday: [Joseph Smith, Jr.](#)'s 1st child died shortly after birth, leaving Emma Hale Smith seriously ill. Sometime after this Joseph would journey to his parents' home to retrieve his 116-page manuscript from his scribe Martin Harris, only to be informed that the manuscript had gone missing.

Grand Duke Carl August of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach died on his way back home from Berlin (he would be succeeded by Carl Friedrich).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 6 M 1828 / Rose early & filled up my tour of duty & buisness of various kinds & had a little time of rest



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before meeting. –

Our Meetings were large as usual - In the morning Elizabeth Robson first appeared in Supplication & then A Braithwaite in Testimony - sound & in great gospel Authority -The Meeting was unusually quiet & solemn - In the Afternoon Elizabeth Robson in testimony & Anna in Supplication It was a remarkably still meeting for the Afternoon & Truth seemed to bear the victory - Our friends A Braithwaite & E Robson took tea with us - & in the evening a large circle of room folks came in & the time passed in pleasant & interesting conversation. –

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June 16, Monday: King Charles X of France, at the urging of Prime Minister Jean Baptiste Silvere Gaye, Vicomte de Martignac, signed ordinances attacking the Jesuits. Henceforward, all religious teachers would need to obtain the approval of the state.

In spite of offers from Turin, Venice, and Naples, Vincenzo Bellini signed a contract with Teatro alla Scala, Milan to produce an opera during the following Carnival.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Meetings opened under a solemn covering -& we had offerings from several dear brethren. –
Here I intended to have kept a minute Diary of the proceedings from Day to Day during the course of the Yearly Meeting, but in addition to the usually business of the family & an unusual round of company I had to take my share in the transaction of the Meetings - & seldom able to get to bed before past 11 O'clock & frequently up by 5 O'clock in the morning which rendered it quite out of the question for me to write from day to day. –
It now remains for me to add to my Journal that the Several sittings of the Yearly Meeting were seasons of much divine favour - The hearts of the brethren were never more in unison & love, & the various important concerns of society were well conducted. -A Clear declaration of the Faith & present agitated State of Friends in America was drawn up & directed to be printed, & much other important business was done, & the meeting concluded in harmony. –
As respects ourselves we have had much to be thankful for, in a partial enumeration of these [illegible word] favours I may mention that the company of our friend Jonathon Taylor & his companion as lodgers at our house - & twice that of our friends E Robson & Anna Braithwaite, once at tea & once at dinner. – together with many other friends whom we have long known & loved. – The company of our dear son John Stanton Gould who had been absent from us about sixteen months at Hudson, was here & attended the Yearly Meeting, I trust to his great comfort & help in religious understanding, & certainly his being with us was greatly to our comfort & consolation. –
The Meeting held till 6th day evening, which is longer than



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I ever remember of its holding before. –

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June 21, Saturday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) and [William Wordsworth](#) with his daughter Dora went on a tour of the Netherlands and the Rhine.

[Ferdinand André Fouqué](#) was born.

The initial steps for the foundation of King's College in London were taken at a meeting over which the Duke of Wellington presided.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 6 M 1828 / Our friends have mostly left us today, for their homes & different services & my time has been wholly devoted to them & unable to attend the School committee which met at 7 OClock at the Meeting house. –

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June 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 6 M / In our Meeting this morning Father Rodman had a Short testimony & also a short lively testimony from David Buffum - Silent in the Afternoon. –

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June 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 6 M / It is our Monthly Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) - Tho' our minds were drawn thither we did not think best to go as our dear & only son was here & needed some preparation made for him previous to his setting out for Hudson, which he expects to do tomorrow if nothing happens to prevent. –

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June 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28th of 6 M / At Three OClock this Afternoon, In the Steam Boat Washington, Our Son John Stanton Gould left us for NYork on his way to Hudson, his company has been truly consoling & comfortable to us. – Our hearts are glad, thankful & Humble to find him in good measure preserved on the right foundation, & desire for him an establishment in the everlasting & unchangeable Truth. – He occupies a large space in our feelings & thoughts & is very near & precious to us, yet I think we have been favoured to give him up, to be separated from us with a freedom that we could hardly have expected. – As he parted with me at the head of the Wharf - Our frd Mary B Allen came out of the boat & came home with me. – after setting



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a while she went up to Sarah Perrys to see a Niece of hers on whose acct she came to [Newport](#). She returned & lodged with us & we were glad of her company. -

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June 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 5th M 1828 / Our frd Mary B Allen being determined to return to [Providence](#) this morning, she went early to the Store on the long Wharf to wait for the Steam Boat that was expected to arrive from NYork. - but it was very foggy & she was disappointed of Attending Meeting as well as myself, as I did not feel free to leave her in waiting alone in the Store. - She went up this Afternoon at Four OC in the Babcock Our Afternoon Meeting which I attended was rather larger than usual & silent. -

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July 2, Wednesday: Lydie, a ballet by Ferdinand Herold to a scenario by Aumer, was performed for the initial time, in the Paris Opera.

After [Sam Patch](#) had made his famous leap at the Passaic Falls in September of the previous year, an explanation for his conduct had begun to be offered. Patch, unlucky in love, had been drunk and had attempted to put an end to his miseries. It had been nothing but a failed suicide leap. On this day Patch was interviewed by the local newspaper, and attempted to explain — that that simply wasn't it:

I am perfectly sober and in possession of my proper faculties, and [leaping waterfalls] is nothing more than an art which I have knowledge of and courage to perform, an art which I have



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practiced from my youth.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 7th M 1828 / Understanding this forenoon that my dear long beloved cousin Bathsheba Gould had fell & hurt her hip & lay in a manner that it was likely she could continue long I went up this evening with my wife to see her - I found her very low, & tho' from her Advanced age & feebleness of body she had been for sometimes very weak & childish in mind & at times a little Shattered in her intellects, yet this evening She was entirely sensible & very sweet in spirit - This she always was, for I have seldom known a person in all situations in life more uniformly concientious & desirous to live in the life of the spirit of Truth - When she was told that I was in the room, she said Oh is it Stephen, I always loved Stephen, & when he was a little child his Aunt Patty Gould brought him to our house & laid him on my bed to sleep, so she did - She repeated this over twice & then after laying quiet a while she said - I cant remain so long, I am a very poor weak creature - I am glad thou hast come to be with me a little while. - When I got up to go away



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she bid me very affectionately farewell & repeated her professions of love & wished me to come again – When my wife went to the bed she recognized her & expressed her love to her saying Oh yes it is Hannah I always loved thee, I have one son & his name is John, he has gone away & and I hope he will live, she spoke of my wifes Services to Friends & said considerable besides evincing her love for friends. – all in childlike simplicity

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July 3, Thursday: The father of Clara Wieck, Friedrich Wieck, got married for a 2d time, with Clementine Fechner.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 7th M 1828 / Our meeting was small & to me a season of some favour – Father Rodman bore a short but good little testimony, to states afflicted. –

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July 6, Sunday: The [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) made a notation in the records of his 1st Parish Church in [Concord](#), that “Our sister [Cynthia Thoreau](#) changed her mind, and did not offer herself for communion with the Trinitarian Church, and is still a member of this church.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 7 M / Our Meetings were well attended & both nearly silent. – The Afternoon was an uncommonly dull one to me. – Before I went to meeting this morning I met with a plain looking man at the door, who I took to be a man from Lynn & from his open & familiar look it seemed as if I had seen him & as he advanced I gave him my hand – he told me he was from Phila & after a little familiar conversation I asked him in to the house On conversing further I found he was not a member of our society, but had been in his youth & was disowned for his outgoings, but had become (as he called it) convinced, but had not joined any society & was now travelling on truths account – I told him as he was not a member we could not consent to his preaching in our meeting, he said he did not attend any Meeting, but went round chiefly conversing in families – said he had been to [New Bedford](#) & Staid at S Rodmans. – well I said didst thou feel Saml & his wife to be friends in the life of truth. – he replied, he did not feel free to speak on that subject, but he could say thus much that “while he was there he felt free” – finding what he was, I felt but little openness [the word is crossed out] with him & we frequently fell into long pauses. – I however told him that I had no unity with discenters from friends such as followed [Elias Hicks](#) – after a little dissultory conversation he got up to go away saying that he was going to NYork in the Steam Boat this Afternoon – I expected him at meeting but found he did not



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come. —

Just as I rose from dinner he knocked at the door, came in & set down to wait for the boat — I asked him some leading questions on doctrinal subjects, particularly of his belief in the Divinity of Jesus Christ, whether he believed in his character as God & man, & whether he considered him as a meer prophet & good man — he expressed an unwillingness to give his opinion on these points of doctrine, & engaged[?] the necessity of attending to the inward Light — said he was a friend to all good folks of any denomination & that he did not meddle with particular doctrines, especially the points on which Friends are divided — but still where ever I found him he was associated with those of the separatists or new order. — I told him he could not get along so, that I knew as well as he knew any thing that there were points which they held to that were not christian & took away their claim to the name, that I wanted him to acknowledge the true principle & give his strength to Orthodox Friends & not to carry out two [?] but to come out on the right side, thus he would openly & show himself subserve the good cause &c.

He told me that very soon after he came in in the Morning that he perceived I was under bondage & oppression from a sense of feeling. — I told him as to bondage, I acknowledged more of that than I wished, & as to oppression, he was correct for I did silently set up Lamentation over him, from an apprehension that he had known something of the purifying power of truth in his heart & been in some measure enlightened by it, but from a want of properly embracing the Doctrines of the Gospel, he had not attained to that clearness which he ought to have done — he should bring what I had said to judgement & if it was for him he should take it & if not it would pass off. — & urged the necessity of Love &c & wished me to examine & see if my own words did not apply to myself &c

This is a very imperfect outline of all that passed between us. — but as the opportunity was a little remarkable I thought best to insert something of it here — we parted Kindly. —

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July 8, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 7 M 1828 / Nancy & Eliza Pickering, & Thos P Rodman took tea with us. —

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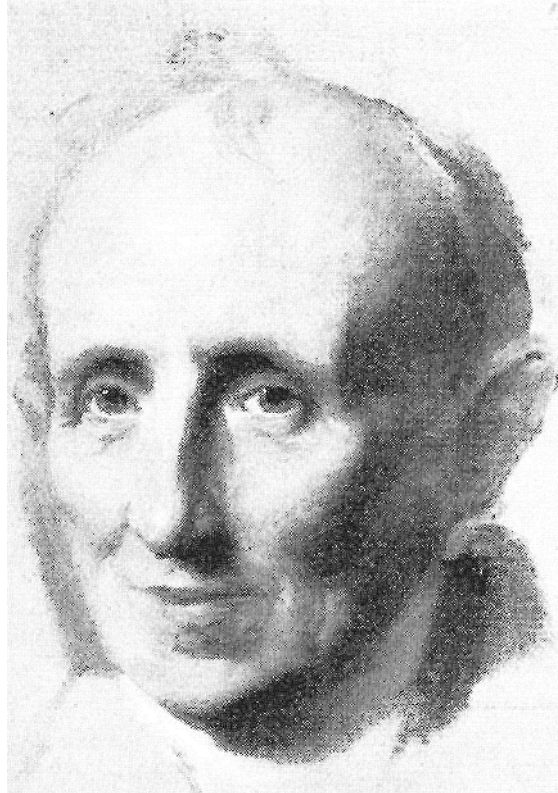
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July 9, Wednesday: Gilbert Stuart died in Boston with his portrait of Nathaniel Bowditch still unfinished.



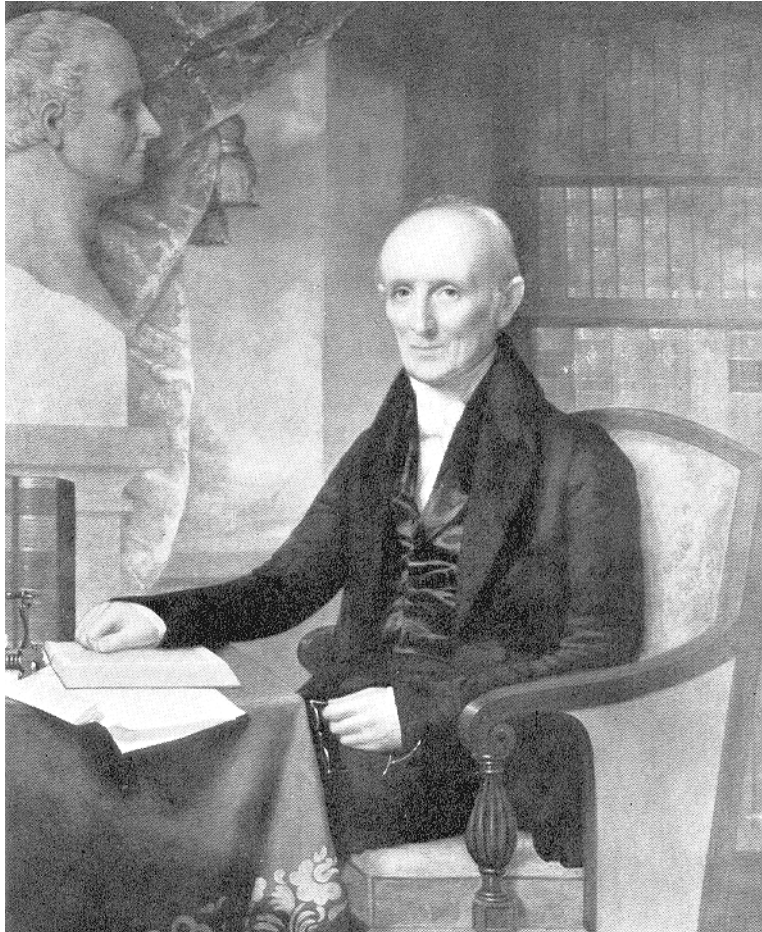
The East India Marine Society of Salem, which had commissioned this painting, would refuse to accept it in that condition, so Bowditch himself sprang for the cost and hung the portrait, the best one of him ever made, in a hall on the second floor of his home: The East India Marine Society would offer its cash instead to the painter Charles Osgood, and the portrait of Bowditch would be completed in 1835 or 1836:



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9th of 7 M / Samuel Rodman was in town from [New Bedford](#) - I had buisness with him on acct of [Moses Lopez](#), which brought us together, & he called & set the evening with us a sociable way. - the time passed on pleasant subjects & not a word on disputable points. - but Oh the secret silent lamentation that pervaded my heart on acct of the loss he has sustained in a separation from the Society of which he was once a useful & ornamental Member. -

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July 10, Thursday: The City of Vienna confers on [Nicolò Paganini](#) the Medal of St. Salvator.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 7 M / Silent & small Meeting - It is the season of haymaking, & the atmosphere very damp which makes people that



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[?] *anxious to be doing while they may. – I cant plead excuses for such as stay from Meetings, but it seems as if it was more justifiable under sime circumstances, than others. –*

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July 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 7 M / Meetings again Small - In the Afternoon it was unusually so, the rain coming in torrents prevented many from attending. – In the Morning Anne Dennis spoke a few words and in the Afternoon Father Rodman said a little. –

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July 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 7 M / In our public Meeting we had a deep searching even prophetic testimony from Abigail Robinson & a very lively comfortable one from Ruth Freeborn. – The last was a Select Meeting which was a season of Exercise & even trial to me

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July 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 7 M / My mind much oppressed with the state of things among us. Our society is indeed in a low state - its members low & even inefficient - I have long time hoped we should get [on?] without difficulty but my feelings are fearfully alive of what may happen among us.

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July 19, Saturday afternoon: [Sam Patch](#), promised \$15 for his daring exploit, again jumped the Passaic Falls. This gratified a crowd of 6,000 to 10,000 persons — a crowd considerably larger than the entire permanently resident population of Paterson, New Jersey.



"One thing can be done as well as another."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 7 M 1828 / Went this Afternoon in John Peters boat to Connanicut, from his house walked up to John Weedens, attended to the buisness I went upon & lodged there –

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July 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Walked from J Weedens to Meeting, called at Mercy Weedens – Dined at Joseph Greenes, spent the remainder of the day & lodged there – The Afternoon was Rainy with Thunder & lightening, which prevented my taking a little excursion round the Island. It was my intention to have visited my Ancient cousin Mary Howland & also to have gone to the old burying ground where



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my great Grandfather Samuel Clarke was buried. –

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July 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day Morning Joseph Greene brought me home in his boat –
a pleasant sail across the river. –*

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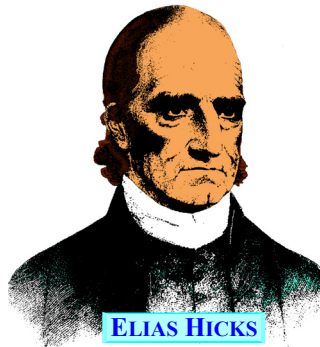
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July 22, Tuesday: Friend [Elias Hicks](#) preached at the Hester Street Meeting House of the Religious Society of Friends in Brooklyn on *Paumanok* "Long Island."³⁵² Their worship was orderly and settled — for the Orthodox (segregationists) had departed.



ELIAS HICKS

Friend Elias went out during this year on the third of his three very extensive visits to [Quaker](#) meetings. On this third journey, he went in a one-horse carriage from the Jericho meetinghouse on Long Island (still extant, as pictured) to visit meetings in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. He wouldn't be back home until some time in 1829.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


3rd day 22nd of 7th M / This Afternoon Edw & Mary Lawton took tea with us. —

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July 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 7 M / In the morning we had a pretty large Meeting tho I expect some were deterd by rain - Father Rodman bore a short testimony & D Buffum a pretty large one to the Truth —

352.A meeting that [Henry David Thoreau](#) would later  visit to hear the [Hicksite](#), Friend [Lucretia Mott](#).



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Father again was that in testimony in the Afternoon.

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July 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 7 M / Abigail Weeden wife of Holder Weeden Died night before last & at One OClock her funeral went to [Portsmouth](#) & after a Meeting held at the Meeting house her remains were interd there

My Cousin Bathsheba Gould aged about 90 Years Died yesterday - I attended her funeral today at the House of cousin Henry Gould, the sitting was solid & a short testimony from Father Rodman, her remains were carried to Middletown & buried in the family burying ground there. -

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July 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 M 31 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was a quiet favourd time to me Father Rodman & Abigail Sherman bore short testimmonies - but little buisness. - Uncle Benj Freeborn & wife & Deborah Chase Dined with us. -

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August 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 8th M 1828 / Our Mornng Meeting was of usual size & D Buffum engaged in testimony - Silent in the Afternoon. - In the evening went with my wife to Abigail Robinsons - Where we Saw our friend Mary R Morton who presented me with a view of the residence of Richard Jordan with him & his old Cow upon it - Richard Jordan's memory is precious to me, his person, his manner & his powerful preaching when on a religious visit from N Carolina in the year 1797 will long remain with me. - his voice when under the gospel influence was remarkably reaching - & well do I remember the hearty prayers he put up for the youth, a precious seed among whom, he said the Lord had given him to believe were then among us. -

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August 6, Wednesday: [Andrew Taylor Still](#) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 8 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my H, & D Buffum in his carriage - Attended Select Meeting - Dined at Asa Shermans - And after a setting of the Trustees of Obadiah Browns Fund, We went to Uncle Stantons & lodged. -

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August 7, Thursday: Friend [Benjamin Lundy](#) and William Lloyd Garrison staged an abolitionist meeting in the vestry room of the [Baptist](#) church in Boston. After they had said their piece the reverend of the church arose to caution his parishioners against allowing themselves to be swayed by such dangerous enthusiasms as these.



(What was the Reverend suggesting? Was he suggesting “Remember, we’re white people here, this really isn’t any of **our** problem”? —Well then, can you offer a **more plausible** parsing of what he was suggesting?)

[Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) and [William Wordsworth](#) with his daughter Dora returned from their tour of the Netherlands and the Rhine.

Russian forces captured Akhalkalaki from the Turks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / Our public Quarterly Meeting was not a very satisfactory one, the preaching was far from being sound tho' charity would induce the hope that the preacher was honest in her views, & what she said did not convey her real meaning else she was very ignorant of what our principles – In the Meeting for buisness we had several cases of importance – particulalry an appeal from a Woman & a case of difference between two Monthly Meetings was referred to the Quarterly Meeting & by them to a committee. – The excellent epistle from the Yearly to the subordinate Meetings was read &c. – After Meeting I rode with Wm Jenkins to [Bristol](#) ferry & Dined at Jeremiah Giffords, after crossing the ferry – I rode the rest of the distance to [Providence](#) with John Farnum & lodged at Wm




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Jenkins's

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*6th day Spent this day at the School House on committee buisness
- Our visit to the Schools were favoured opportunities - lodged
at my kind friend [Moses Browns](#) -*

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 August 9, Saturday: An agreement between Great Britain, France and Egypt provides for the withdrawal of [Egyptian](#) forces from Greece.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


7th day Spent the day in [Providence](#) attending the Meeting for sufferings - Dined at Wm Jenkins & after the setting in the Afternoon rode with Wm Almy to his place in Cranston where I lodged & had a pleasant visit. -

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 August 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*First day - Rode with Wm to [Providence](#) & attended Meeting there.
- Dined at Wm Jenkins & went to the School to Meeting in the Afternoon Wm Almy had sound clear & lively testimonies in both.
- After tea at Wm Jenkins I walked out & visited J S Anthony & Jonathon Congdon & returned to W. Jenkins & lodged. -*

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 August 11, Monday: [William Corder](#) was [hanged](#) at Bury St. Edmunds, England for the murder of Maria Marten at the Red Barn a year earlier.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day - After completing a little buisness that was necessary to attend to I got on board the Reformation Capt Pratt & came home -

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August 12, Tuesday: French explorer Rene-Auguste Caillie reached Fez, Morocco, having crossed the Sahara from Timbuktu. As the 1st European to reach Timbuktu and return alive, Caillie would win a prize of 10,000 francs from the Societe de Geographie.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 12th of 8 M / Spent at home attending to some necessary
buisness. - of my own.*

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August 13, Wednesday: Vier Refrainlieder by Franz Schubert to words of Seidl were published by Weigl as op. 95.

With notches in his belt for 14 concerts in Vienna [Nicolò Paganini](#) departed on a triumphal road tour covering some 30 cities in Germany, Bohemia, and Poland at the rate of about a city a month (he would be venturing as far east as Warsaw, as far west as Strassbourg).

[WALDEN](#): Near at hand, upon the topmost spray of a birch, sings the brown-thrasher -or red mavis, as some love to call him- all the morning, glad of your society, that would find out another farmer's field if yours were not here. While you are planting the seed, he cries, -"Drop it, drop it, -cover it up, cover it up, -pull it up, pull it up, pull it up." But this was not corn, and so it was safe from such enemies as he. You may wonder what his rigmarole, his amateur Paganini performances on one string or on twenty, have to do with your planting, and yet prefer it to leached ashes or plaster. It was a cheap sort of top dressing in which I had entire faith.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 8 M 1828 / I left home this morning in the Stage for [New Bedford](#) on buisness of the Meeting for sufferings, to procure Signers, members of the Meeting to the deed of the Boston Meeting house lot which friends has lately agreed to sell & the late act of the Massachusetts Legislature requires the signature of a certain number of the Members of the Meeting to give a Deed I arrived in Bedford a little before 4 OC PM & after getting a little dinner at a tavern, Joseph Tillinghast assisted me in getting a chaise & rode with me to John R. Davis's & after obtaining his name with that of Abraham Sherman Jr who happened to be there we rode on to Obadiah Davis's, took tea, and obtained his name, & rode back into [New Bedford](#), And arrived there about 9 OC in the evening - after sitting awhile at Francis Tabers & arranging for the Morrow I went to J S Tillinghasts & lodged. -

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August 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day, rose early & accomplished all my buisness & after taking breakfast at Francis Tabers, got into the Stage & rode to [Providence](#) Wm Rotch James Nichols[?] & his wife & daughter on board. - we rode along very pleasantly, - no subject started that would occasion or call forth altercation. we arrived in [Providence](#) between 3 & 4 OC PM, after attending to a little buisness I had in town I walked up to the School House on my way there met John Griscom of NYork & his daughter bound there Also.



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- we passed several hours at the School House & John & his daughter visited the School & inspected the institution generally & then went to Moses Browns, took tea & lodged -

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August 15, Friday: Augustus Sabin Chase was born in Pomfret, Connecticut, the only son of Seth Chase and Eliza Hempstead Dodge Chase.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day - Spent the forenoon in attending to some little buisness in Providence, delivr'd up my buisness to those who were to complete it & took the Steam Boat at 2 OClock and came home. - In this little excursion I have rode Further than I ever did before in one day, & the whole distance is further than I ever went before in the same time. - It is the first time I was ever in the town of New Bedford. - tho' there are several indeed many more, with whom I am intimately acquainted. -

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August 17, Sunday: Maria Deraismes was born in Paris.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 8th M / In the forenoon Meeting Anne Dennis, Father Rodman, Hannah Dennis & D Buffum in succession bore short testimonys. - Silent in the Afternoon.

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August 21, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 8 M / Our frd Wm Almy was unexpectedly at Meeting with us & was acceptable & pertinent in testimony After Meeting I went with him to David Buffums who was not at meeting being confined by indispositions We spent the Afternoon very pleasantly together the conversation on various subjects - particularly relative to the affairs of our society. -

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August 23, Saturday: :In The Mirror of Literature, Amusement, and Instruction, price 2d, of this day appeared the following accounts:

MOTTOES FOR SUN DIALS.

By the Rev. W. Lisle Bowles.



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MORNING SUN.— *Tempus volat.*

OH! early passenger, look up — be wise,
And think how, night and day, TIME ONWARD FLIES.

NOON.— *Dum tempus habemus, operemur bonum.*

Life steals away — this hour, oh man, is lent thee,
Patient to "WORK THE WORK OF HIM WHO SENT THEE."

SETTING SUN.— *Redibo, tu nunquam.*

Haste, traveller, the sun is sinking now—
He shall return again — but never thou.

CHARMS OF SAVAGE LIFE.

It is remarkable that whites or creoles do not always avail themselves of opportunities to return to civilized society. There seem to be pleasures in savage life, which those who have once tasted, seldom wish to exchange for the charms of more polished intercourse. For example, a creole boy was carried off at the age of 13; at 26 he returned to Buenos Ayres, on some speculation of barter. He said that whoever had lived upon horse-flesh would never eat beef, unless driven by necessity or hunger; he described the flesh of a colt to be the most deliciously flavoured of all viands. This man, having transacted the business which led him to Buenos Ayres, returned voluntarily to his native haunts, and is probably living amongst the Indians to this day.

— General William Miller (1795–1861), MEMOIRS,
published by his brother John Miller in London in 1827



August 24, Sunday: The western part of New Guinea was claimed for the Netherlands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24th of 8th M 1828 / Morning Meeting silent & in the
Afternoon a few words by Father Rodman. —
Went with D Rodman to D Buffums & took tea he being very unwell
& confined to his house for several Days*

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August 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 26th of 8 M / Visited our frd D Buffum, who had a concern
to speak with an individual & wished me to be present. —*

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August 28, Thursday: Russian troops captured Akhaltzikhe west of Tiflis (Tbilisi).

In Dublin, Ireland, it was proposed among the English Protestants that “Brunswick Clubs” be formed — Orange societies to prevent Roman Catholic emancipation.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 8 M / Got into the Morning Stage & rode with Sister Ruth to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) — Hannah Dennis & Ruth Freeborn were favoured in seasonable & pertinent testimonies. — In the last meeting a young couple were published for Marriage & not much further buisness of importance or out of the general course. — When Meeting broke up the Stage passed & we got in & rode home without dinner, a thing I do not remember of ever doing before. —

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August 31, Sunday: Sarah Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin (eventually she would get married with Isaac Buteau).

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 8 M / Our Meetings were rather smaller than usual. In the forenoon Father Rodman bore a short testimony, & Silent in the Afternoon. — After tea took a walk into the Clifton burying ground, where are the remains of many of our Ancient brethren & sisters in The Church & many of our Ancestors & kinsfolk. — I like to go there some times, it brings into mind the memory of many whose character & standing in our society I venerate & love. — I reflect also that this is the last day of the Month & also of the Summer & where I may be or how situated at the end of another, is not known — a desire to be thankful for present good, & hope for more to come. —

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September 1, Monday: On advice of the court physician, Dr. Ernst Rinna, Franz Schubert moved in with his brother on Kettenbrückengasse 6 in the Vienna suburb of Neue Wieden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 9th M 1st 1828 / Wrote a letter to Wm Almy & finished one I had begun some time past to our son John — & also attended to some little concerns
My mind weak & rather low, but somewhat favoured. —*

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September 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th of 9th M / Father Rodman bore a short acceptable testimony
-Meeting rather small, but quiet & comfortable time.*

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September 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7 of 9 M / Our Morning Meeting was nearly silent & ought
have been quite so. - silent & solid in the Afternoon.*

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September 11, Thursday: A court in Carlsbad ordered [Nicolò Paganini](#) to pay 150 florins to Antonio Caccia (the violinist had hired Caccia as a secretary at the beginning of July but after an unremunerative concert on August 22d had dispensed with his services, in breach of contract).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 11th of 9th M / Anne Dennis & Father Rodman bore short
testimonies the Meeting was small & grows smaller, several
expect to remove soon, - James Mitchells daughters Rhoda Sarah
& Elizabeth will go in a few days to [Providence](#). - others sick
& confined from Age render our gathering small yet attended with
some encouragement & comfort. -*

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September 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14 of 9 M / Father Rodman & Hannah Dennis bore short but
good testimonys - In the Afternoon silent After tea I went to
see our frd D Buffum yet confined & at times very poorly. -*

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September 18, Thursday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#)'s cantata Begrussung for solo voices, male chorus, winds, timpani, cellos and basses to words of Rellstab was performed for the initial time, in Berlin (it had been commissioned by [Alexander von Humboldt](#) for performance at a meeting of natural scientists).



The following is a snippet from Charles Haskell's REMINISCENCES OF NEW YORK BY AN OCTOGENARIAN:

A traveller from Cincinnati reached here in the unprecedented time of seven days; so remarkable was this considered that it was noticed and commented upon in the papers....

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 9 M / Silent small but comfortable meeting Recd P [per?] Mail this Afternoon a very pleasant letter from our dear John -

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September 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 9 M / Meetings nearly silent but solid good ones to me - After tea walked out to our frd D Buffums house & set the evening with him. -

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September 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 9 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting in Town - Considerable important business was transacted - New Trustees to Eastons Point was agreed upon &c & what was of moment & interesting to my feelings was a certificate was granted Our Son John Stanton Gould directed to Hudson Moy [Monthly] Meeting where he resides. - My desire & prayer is that he may be preserved from evil & established in the Truth. -

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 September 28, Sunday: Varna was taken by the Russian army.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 28th of 9th M 1828 / Our Morning Meeting was nearly silent, a few words was spoken towards the close of it. -at the close of it I rode with Richard Mitchell to his house & dined & then walked down to Uncle Stantons, spent the Afternoon & lodged there -

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 September 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

on 2nd day Morning it Rained & I was detained till sometime after dinner when I set out on foot & walked as far as Mitchells Shop when the rain came on again, & I stoped & waited for the Stage & then rode home. -

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 September 30, Tuesday: An attitude was being expressed on this day by Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#). I am so horrified by that attitude, which we might characterize as a “quietist” attitude, that I will attempt to characterize it here as follows: “Watch out for those violent Quakers who are the deluded followers of [Friend Elias Hicks](#)! We Quakes are neither black slaves nor white slaveholders (well, at least, not now, not any longer), so whatever it is that these black slaves and these white slaveholders have got going on between them, it’s in some other universe, not in the ‘Quaker Close’ universe which we inhabit! It ain’t none of our freaking religious business! Be nonviolent! –Don’t impose yourself! –Leave it alone at the jeopardy of your soul!” Here is what Friend Gould expressed precisely as he expressed it:

3rd day 30th of 9 M / Last eveng I recd a letter from my valued friend Wm Jenkins now at Mount Pleasant Ohio, whither he went to attend the Meeting of the Committees from the yearly Meetings & the Yearly Meeting of Ohio. - he gives me a sad detail of events that have taken place The [Hixites](#) were violent, to a



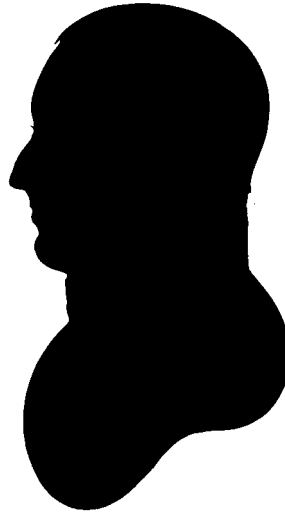
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degree unknown in civil much more religious society. –

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It strikes me that the attitude exemplified above by our “quietist” Friend Stephen is precisely the attitude toward human enslavement that [Henry David Thoreau](#) criticized (and the attitude exemplified by Friend Elias and his “Hixites” is precisely the attitude that Henry embraced, by way of the influence on him of Friend [Lucretia Mott](#)). Here is how Henry would take a flying dig at this not-so-Friendly “quietist” aberration, in his lecture “A Plea for Captain John Brown”:

What sort of violence is that which is encouraged, not by soldiers but by peaceable citizens, not so much by laymen as by ministers of the gospel, not so much by the fighting sects as by the Quakers, and not so much by the Quaker men as by the Quaker women?



October 1, Wednesday: Founding of the University of London on Gower Street in London (afterward, this would be known as University College). [Professor George Long](#) of the University of Virginia had returned to England to become professor of Greek there (until 1831, when he would become editor of the Quarterly Journal of Education). The Long family would reside in Jacksons Lane, Highgate, to the west of Hornsey and would have three female servants, a coachman, and a gardener. With them from America they had brought one of the family slaves, Jacob Walker, who in England would be assigned the role “M.S.” (male servant), and it is not known whether it was Jacob who was that coachman, or that gardener.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st 10th M 1828 / Today Joseph S Tillinghast from N Bedford on his way to NYork Hudson &c called & dined with us & took letters for John whom he expects to see next first day. – he went in the Steam Boat Connecticut this Afternoon. –

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There's a sketchy painting above the case that holds the Torah scrolls at the [Touro Synagogue](#) in [Newport](#). It is a painting of the short names used, in the Hebrew language, for the Ten Commandments that Moses received from YHWH on Mount Sinai. I don't have any better photo of the crude painting in question, which also depicts three golden crowns, than this one, for your edification,





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but here is a modern representation of the Hebrew characters in question. Read them from right to left:



One of the stories that grew up in Newport over the years had to do with those three golden crowns we can see so nicely depicted at the top of that painting. The story was that the synagogue building had been saved from being trashed during the occupation of the town in Revolutionary War years, when so many of the buildings in the abandoned town were being stripped for kindling to keep the occupying British soldiers warm, because the soldiers presumed that this building must have something to do with the King of England.

Another of the stories that grew up was that this painting, since it is, allegedly, “so fine,” must have been by the famous painter Gilbert Stuart, who resided in nearby [North Kingstown](#). However, it is not listed as one of his known works, nor do we know that he ever painted anything even remotely like this.



As anyone who reads Hebrew who now visits this Newport [tourist trap](#) can look up and plainly see, the



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character that is shown in this painting as the third letter, in the captions of the 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Commandments in the left column, is not correct! Four of the ten labels have been reduced to nonsense! If that painting had been hanging up there above the case of Torahs while the building was being used for Jewish worship services during the 18th Century, why would it have been that none of the members of this congregation, and none of the honored Jewish visitors to this synagogue, ever informed anyone of this error in the painting, and why would it have been that nobody went and fetched a ladder and some oil paint and climbed up there and touched over the linguistic error with a few simple dabs? This is what the character does look like  (the artist did get the character right when he painted it in the 6th Commandment, at the top of the left column!), and this is what it might have been made to look like with a few more dabs of paint, had anyone known to correct that painting: 

Granted, the Marranos³⁵³ who created this synagogue had been living a submerged life as pretend Christians³⁵⁴ since the Inquisition in Spain in Portugal, and granted, they had only just gotten back into the process of recovering their cultural roots — but surely some of them must have known enough Hebrew to be able to recite the Ten Commandments! So, why didn't they correct this painting?

We discover in the records of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, that on this date the sum of \$12.⁰⁰ was paid to the clerk for the town of Newport, Benjamin Baker Howland, who was treasurer of the Newport Savings Bank and a local historian and artist, as reimbursement for a painting of the captions in Hebrew of the Ten Commandments.³⁵⁵ Clearly, Mr. Howland had as little actual knowledge of Hebrew as any other deacon of the local 1st Baptist Church. This painting of his had been created as a mere piece of esoterica, only marking this structure as having formerly been in use as a synagogue, and there would be no opportunity to discover and correct its error — since in point of fact, during the decades of the 1830s, 1840s, and 1850s, there would be no religious services whatever in the structure — since in point of fact, there were no longer any Jews residing in Newport.

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Maybe, as a deacon in the 1st [Baptist](#) Church, this Howland should have stuck to designing Christian T-shirts

353. Marrano = a Spanish or Portuguese Jew of the late Middle Ages who converted to Christianity, especially one forcibly converted but adhering secretly to Judaism.

354. For instance, for the first twenty or so years of his life, the President of this congregation, [Aaron Lopez](#), had been living in Portugal as a Christian by the name of Duarte Lopez. He had been under such deep cover that he and his wife, who was always called "Anna" in Portugal, had had their wedding ceremony in a Catholic church. It was only after they were safely in Rhode Island that they were able to live openly under their given names Aaron and Abigail.

355. This is a "Mayflower" family and as you might imagine, there have been any number of Benjamin Howlands. A Benjamin Howland (1755-1821), had been a Democratic legislator in Rhode Island legislature, and had from 1804 to 1809, as a Jeffersonian Republican, served as one of the US Senators from Rhode Island. This clerk Benjamin Baker Howland of 1828 was not the son of this Senator Benjamin Howland who died in 1821. He was, instead, the son of Henry Howland and Susan Baker Howland, and had been born in Newport on December 11, 1787. At an early age he had been thrown upon his own resources, and having a taste for drawing and painting, had begun the study of portraiture under Robert Feke. In September 1825 he had succeeded Charles Gyles as town clerk of Newport, and soon afterwards became probate clerk. For many years he would be reelected without opposition, and he would serve his community as clerk until 1875. He died on October 20, 1877 and there is now a portrait of him in the mayor's office.

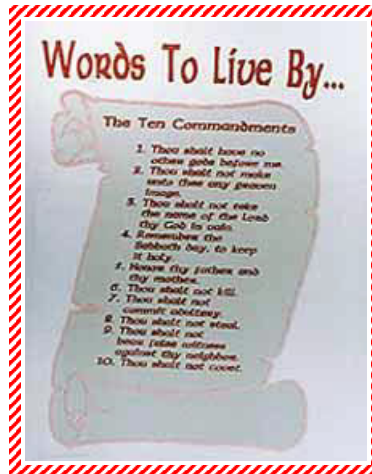


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for sale to the summer tourists:



So it is clearly false, that the British troops of occupation spared the wood in this building because they saw those three golden crowns and thought of their monarch. The painting in question wouldn't come into existence for another two human generations! More probably, the reason why this building was spared was that some British officer came along and said to himself "Now here's a nice brick building, neat and spacious, with a raised platform at one end of a columned hall, to properly set off my desk and chair — I think this is the one I'll have for my headquarters."

And Gilbert Stewart? Give me a break, take a close look at the actual painting and recognize that a child could have painted something like this on the basis of a paint-by-the-numbers kit purchased at the K-Mart.

The preposterous stories that once circulated about this synagogue painting present an interesting example of the dangers posed by pseudohistorical accretion tendencies.



October 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 10 M / [Friend Stephen goes to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School in Providence until 21st of 10th Month] This Morn'g in the Steam Boat Chas Livingston I left home for Providence expecting to spend some time at the YM Boarding School in the Absence of Enoch & Lydia Breed who are on a visit to their friends in Ware NH. - I arrived in season to attend the Morning Meeting which was silent. John Farnum of the committee present. - In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended the Meeting & was engaged in an interesting testimony on the important doctrine of our society it was attended with life & in the close was remarkably in the Authority The day passed pleasantly as the weight of care I feel will admit

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October 6, Monday: Franz Schubert's song Glaube, Hoffnung und Liebe to words of Kuffner was published by Diabelli, Vienna as op. 97.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 10 M / This forenoon we had a pleasant visit from [Moses Brown](#). – I feel Awkward in my situation as caretaker. but the family are respectful & kind. –

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October 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 10 M / The day has been pleasant & this Afternoon my frd Wm Jenkins called to see me yet it is the first time I have seen him since he returned from his important mission to Ohio on the yearly Meeting committee of Conference – We sympathized with each other, & I did most feelingly & sincerely so with him in his sufferings bodily & mentally both while on the journey to Ohio & while attending that Y Meeting. – And his experience I trust is greatly enlarged & I have no doubt he has deepened in the root of Truth. –

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Isaiah Thomas (1749-1831), “the first American capitalist of the printing business,” witnessed the 1st [canal](#) barge from [Providence, Rhode Island](#) arriving at its Worcester dock at Thomas Street, on property which he personally had donated to the city.

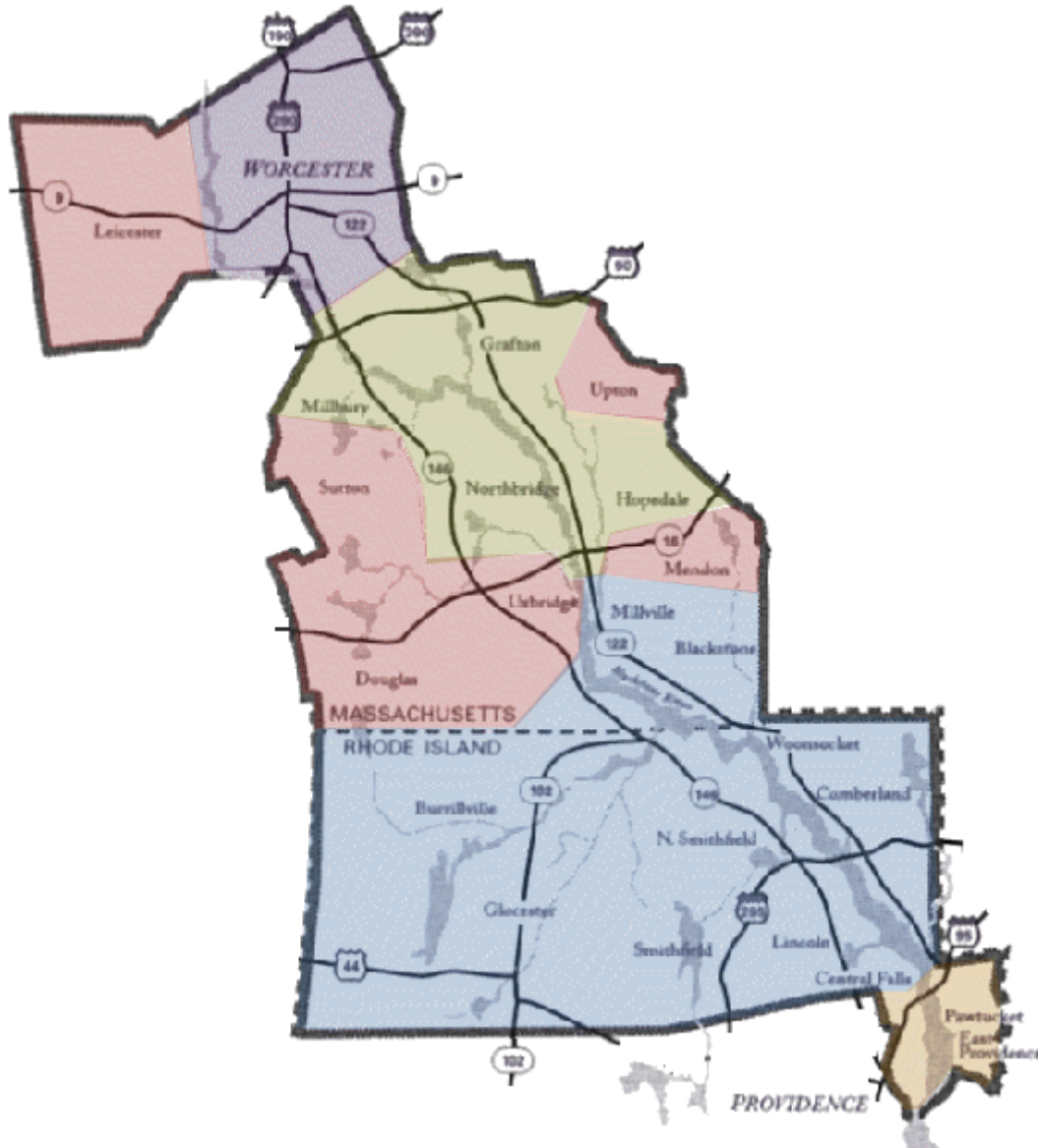
The barge that was the 1st to travel the entire length of the new waterway opening up the center of Massachusetts was the *Lady Carrington*. One official guest had fallen overboard and had had to be rescued with a boat hook. The [Blackstone Canal](#)'s depth was a minimum of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and it descended $451\frac{1}{2}$ feet by way of a series of 62 locks to its outlet in Providence. Until this canal opened, it cost more to freight Boston



goods 40 miles overland to Worcester than it did to ship them the 3,000 miles across the Atlantic to Liverpool,

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England. The new canal was 45 miles long.



There not being enough water in the [Blackstone River](#) watershed to supply both the canal and the mills along the way, a river mill faction would dump boulders into the canal and a canal faction would conspire to burn down mills. (What a coup! —Providence would be a commerce winner for 19 entire years, until the steam-powered railroad which was just being proposed, and its route explored, would come along in 1835 and

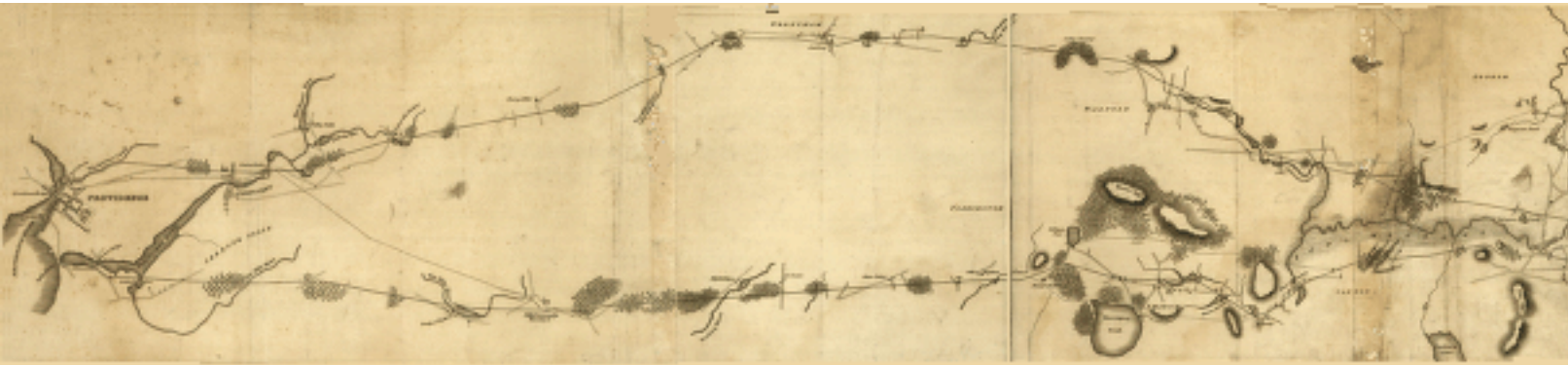


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instantly obsolete the old mills along the river, and this canal and its single terminus.)



October 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 10th M / Our Meeting at the [School](#) today was to me a season of weight, in which I had to feel my infirmity & weakness - yet a good degree of strength was vouchsafed, & I did not feel that sense of depression which I sometimes do when there is much responsibility devolving upon me. -

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October 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9 of 10 M / Today is the adjournment of our Moy Meeting at home - tho' absent I am present with them in mind - I know there is not much of importance to engage their attention, but feel interested with all there is doing in [Newport](#). - Today Hannah Hussey of our family was taken ill with the Pleurisy & in the evening Dr Toby was called - Had an interesting opportunity with Benjamin Keene son of Jonah who had been here sometime as a schollar & is now going with his Father to Darien in Georgia. -his being taken from this Garden inclosed & placed in the wide world & in a very corrupt part of it too -has excited my tender feelings & much interest on his account. -he has appear'd to be religiously inclined for some time & I felt it my duty to take a solid opportunity with him, & was favoured with enlargement of mind & spirit towards him. - I imparted what impressed my mind in a manner which was satisfactory to my self & he recd my communication with attention & an apparant feeling which encouraged me to hope he will remember the opportunity when afar off. -

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October 10, Friday: [Nicolò Paganini](#) underwent an operation for an ulcerated tooth in Prague. This would produce severe inflammation of his lower jaw.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 of 10 M 1828 / The usual rounds of duty & my time mostly occupied in the [Library](#) in sorting the loose pamphlets & preparing them to be bound. much of this kind of care in necessary here. -

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October 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 10 M / We have had considerable company at the [Institution](#) today & among the callers has been our frd [Moses Brown](#) - Joseph Tillinghast of [New Bedford](#) & Susan Ann Buffum with her son Thos on their return from Pembroke where they have been visiting their relations -

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October 12, Sunday: After a 3-month siege, Varna, north of Constantinople, fell to the Russians.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 10 M / At our morning Meeting we had the company of our Friend Royal Southwick, whose ministry was acceptable, seasonable & edifying - Saml Newett & his wife on their return from their journey into NYork state to visit their relations were also at Meeting & Saml offered a short but acceptable testimony. - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was with us & bore a noble & rich testimony to the Truth & both meetings were Seasons of favour I trust not soon to be forgotten by many minds present. - a couple of young women came in just before meeting & requested liberty to set the meeting with us which they did & at the close they both looked serious & one seemed much effected - I believe their minds were unexpectedly affected & I trust they carried away no bad impressions of our order, & the solemnity of our meetings. -

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October 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13 of 10 M / Nothing special has occured, but I find myself brought into a close investigation of things here. - I believe there are many things here which need to be helped, - but how they can be helped I do not clearly See. - Mary B Allen



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came this eveng & staid all night – her company was very agreeable to me. –

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October 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 10 M / Thos Howland of the committee came & dined – his company was very pleasant tho' the time was short that he staid. – Toward night my Brother Isaac came & brought a letter from my wife – his wife & Daughter Susanna are in [Providence](#) & Yesterday I called to see them –

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October 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 10 M 1828 / Our Meeting was silent but solid & quiet. – This is the first day that we have had no company at meals since I have been here. –

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October 16, Thursday: As part of the opening ceremonies for the [Delaware and Hudson Canal](#) connecting Honesdale, Pennsylvania with Rondout, New York, the packet *Orange* left Kingston, New York, to be the initial boat on the waterway. This canal would make the anthracite of northeastern Pennsylvania economically available to cities along the coast of New York and New England, as a substitute for wood fuel.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 10 M / Today is our Select Meeting at home – I feel much about the little gathering & hope divine support has been near them. – This eveng for the first time since I have been here, went down & sat a little while with [Moses Brown](#) & found him friendly & affectionate. –

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October 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 10th M / Spent the day wholly at the [Institution](#) & this eveng while our friend [Moses Brown](#) was sitting with us a fire was discovered in [Providence](#). – he left us to go in & see what it was –

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➡ October 18, Saturday: The *Orange* arrived at Honesdale, Pennsylvania to begin the transportation of coal from Pennsylvania fields to Eastern industrial cities.

CANALS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 10 M / The fire last eveng proved to be in the North main Street near the [Baptist](#) Meeting house - in which the Druggist shop of our late townsman Wm H Taylor was considerably injured. - his goods moved out & consequently damaged - I went into town this morning & met with Several [Newport](#) folks of my acquaintance, & called to see nancy Pickering. -

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➡ October 19, Sunday: [Lydia Maria Francis](#) got married with [David Lee Child](#), becoming Mrs. [Lydia Maria Child](#).³⁵⁶



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 10 M 1828 / Our Morning meeting was silent &
356. [David](#) was a Harvard grad who had gone to Spain in 1817 as secretary to the American legation, but then in Spain had abandoned this position in order to participate in the rebellion of 1823. Once he had gotten back to Boston he read law, but in order to represent defendants who were indigent. At the point at which the couple got married, he was editing a newspaper and was already in deep trouble over libel. Clearly this was not a marriage of convenience.



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rather a poor time to me – In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & bore testimony to the Truth, but either he or I, or both of us were not as lively as we Sometimes are – Our friend Moses Brown came to see us in the eveng & Attended the Collection in the boys School & gave them good advice. – my mind was impressed with something to say to them, but fearing I should make an unnecessary addition prevented my speaking – tho I believe I should have felt better if I had have made the attempt. –

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October 20, Monday: Clara Wieck performed at the Leipzig Gewandhaus for the initial time, playing one part in a piano duet by Kalkbrenner.

Horatio Gates Spafford was born.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 20 of 10 M / Enoch & Lydia Breed returned this evening & I hope to get home tomorrow – This eveng after they arrived I called again on my friend Moses Brown & set a while with them. –
My stay here has been as pleasant as it could be separated so long from my beloved wife & friends at home. – The family here has been uniformly kind & respectful & the children in good measure obedient & towardly in their deportment – all this is a satisfaction & encouragement & withall I have been favoured with religious sensibility, that has kept my spirit in a solid weighty frame & enabled me to go in & set[?] before the family in a manner which on introspection does not appear to leave any sting or disagreeable feelings – many times have I felt the need of increased Salt in myself that I might be enabled duly to Season others & this I have in small degree been favoured with.
– to my own consolation & encouragement –*

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October 21, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21st of 10 M 1828 / After taking leave of my friends at Providence this morning – At 12 OC I went on board the Chancellor Levington & came home finding my wife well but – Anut nancy Carpenter & James Hammond quite unwell.

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October 23, Thursday: Le Corsaire published an obituary for Franz Liszt, claiming that he had died on the previous day on his 17th birthday. He had lately been so despondent over a failed love affair that the rumor of his death spread easily through Paris.

The Christiania (Oslo) Public Theater gave its initial performance (it would concentrate on opera and singspiels).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23rd of 10 M / Silent Meeting - In the Preparative Meeting nothing but the usual buisness -
In my absence at [Providence](#) my wife recd letters from Several of our friends, a very comfortable one from John, one from Moses Lopez & one from Thomas Thompson. - The one from Thomas was very agreeable on every acct but more especially as it gave information of the arrival at home of our friend E Robson after a Passage of about 20 days from Philadelphia. -*

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October 26, Sunday: Izzet Mehmet Pasha replaced Benderli Selim Sirri Pasha as Grand Vizier of the Ottoman Empire.

[William McKendree Robbins](#) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 10 M / Yesterday an accident happened to the Chans Levingston which occasioned her return in a short time after she left the Wf for NYork - Our frd A Sherman being on board I went down & invited him to stay with us, which he did last night & was at our morning meeting - & left town again this Afternoon in the Benj Franklin. -
Father Rodman was engaged in testimony this morning & in the Afternoon we were silent Went with David Rodman to David Buffums & took tea with them which is the last time I expect to visit them as housekeepers, they intending tomorrow to remove to their Son Davids & spend the residue of their lives with them unincumbered with the things of this life. - We were joined in the evening by Edw & Mary Lawton & the time was instructively spent. -*

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October 27, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27th of 10th M 1828 / In order to find a place for Redwood Hazard to board (our frd D Buffum wanting him no longer) I got into a Chaise & rode about six miles on that account & at length succeeded temporarily. - on my return I stoped at David Buffum Junrs & saw his father & Mother in their new habitation which



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*looked pleasant & I doubt not they will find themselves
pleasantly situated –
Today recd another short letter & parcell from my frd Thos
Thompson. –*

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October 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*30th of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my Wife to attend our Moy
[Monthly] Meeting – we went out the West road & stoped at
Shadrack Chases on our way out – At Meeting Mary Hicks preached
a little very good. & Hannah Dennis also bore a short testimony.
– In the last we had but little buisness & it soon closed. –
We went to Uncle Stantons to dine, where I found my Aged Mother
in good health as usual. – On our return we found Dr Hazard had
got home who has been absent about 3 Weeks at Hartford attending
his son Alfred who has been very sick there. –*

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November 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2nd of 11th M 1828 / Father Rodman had a short testimony
in the Afternoon otherwise our Meetings were Silent -to me
unusually favourd seasons. –*

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November 3, Monday: Ferdinand Herold was created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 3rd of 11 M / This morning with Sister Ruth Rodman got
into the Stage & rode to Swansey to attend the [?] Y Meeting –
left her at Nathan Chases & went to the Meeting house to meet
with a committee from the Quarterly Meeting on a difficult case
existing between the two Monthly Meetings of Swansey & S
Kingston – We sat sometime & after spending most of the Day we
returned to Nathan Chases & took quarters for the night. –*

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November 4, Wednesday: Franz Schubert took his 1st lesson in a projected course in fugue with the noted theorist Simon Sechter.

In a 2d operation on [Nicolò Paganini](#) in Prague to treat an ulcerated tooth and correct the results of the 1st operation, all his lower teeth were removed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 4th of 11th M 1828 / Was our Select Quarterly Meeting - Which was a season of much favour, perhaps my own mind has seldom felt more savour & weight. - Dined at Daniel Braytons & lodged at Nathan Chases

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November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day The Meeting at large was a season of uncommon favour - Divers friends were engaged in the ministry & in particular our friend Alice Rathbone. - After Meeting Ruth with Wm Almy & I with my cousin George Gould proceeded to [Providence](#) & a little after dark arrived at the School House where I lodged. -

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November 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Our School committee today has been a most interesting one to me - particularly, as I have been called to take a part in the Affairs of the Institution by a very unanimous voice of the committee present. It has been under consideration for some Months to have Some further Assistance in the Superintendency & My Wife & I have concluded to accept of it, which will occasion our residence at [Providence](#) for some Months to come. - The committee divided - a part going to visit the boys & a part the girls School I went with those who visited the boys & a very interesting opportunity it proved to be Rowland Greene & Thomas Anthony being much favoured in public testimony & general advice to the children. -

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November 7, Saturday: Sculptor Leonard Wells Volk was born in Wellstown (today's Wells), New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Was our Meeting for sufferings, which was held in the forenoon at the Meeting House & in the Afternoon was a Meeting of the Trustees of the O Brown fund at Wm Jenkins. - I lodged at Wm Jenkins.

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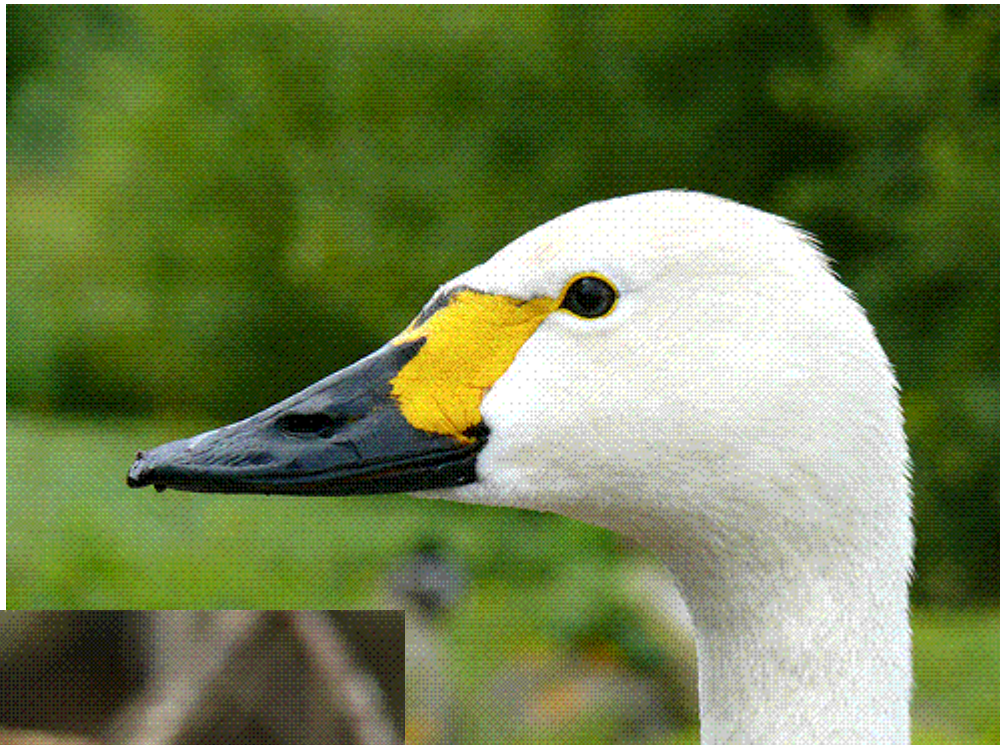
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November 8, Saturday: [Thomas Bewick](#) died. Soon, in commemoration of him, a species of swan would be designated as Bewick's Swan *Cygnus columbianus bewickii* (it's a mute swan that hoots, so I suppose one might term it a moot mute swan). There would also be a species, Bewick's Wren *Thryomanes bewickii*.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*1st day This Morning I got on board the new Steam Boat Ruth Light
& got home in Season to attend the Afternoon Meeting. –*

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November 13, Thursday: [Timothy Alden](#) died at the age of 92 after being pastor at Yarmouth for more than six decades.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12th [sic] of 11 M 1828 / We have been buisily engaged
in attending to our affairs of getting in readiness to go to
[Providence](#). – Attended meeting. Silent – but to me a Season of
much reflection. – I feel much at leaving the Meeting only for
a time where I had my birth & growth so far Spiritually &
Naturally – there are many endearments at the place of my birth
but it will not do to dwell too much upon them. –things must be
taken as they are & we acquit ourselves as much like men as we
can –*

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November 16, Sunday: In the London Protocol, France, Great Britain, and Russia guaranteed the Peloponnesus and Cyclades Islands, effectively recognizing the independence of Greece.

Dr. Josef von Vering, a recognized expert on the treatment of syphilis, was called to visit [Franz Schubert](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th of 11th M / Our meetings were both well attended &
to me they were seasons of interest – particularly as I expect
to leave for a season the scenes of my youth to the present day.
–The place where I have taken much comfort, & known some bitter
draughts but I can but feel that the move is as nearly right as
things commonly get. – Father Rodman bore short testimonies in
both Meetings – After Meeting in the Afternoon we rode out to
D Buffums & took tea with him & wife & son David & family in
their new habitation. – Mother Rodman was also there & staid the
evening –*

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November 20, Thursday: Dithyrambe D.801, a song by Franz Schubert to words of Schiller, was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 11th M 1828 / Silent public Meeting & no buisness
in the Preparative Meeting. –*

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November 22, Saturday: [Concord's Yeoman's Gazette](#) included a tall tale which [Henry Thoreau](#) would be able to recycle as "We read that the traveller asked the boy if the swamp before him had a hard bottom. The boy replied that it had. But presently the traveller's horse sank in up to the girths, and he observed to the boy, 'I thought you said that this bog had a hard bottom.' 'So it has,' answered the latter, 'but you have not got half way to it yet.'"

[WALDEN](#): There is a solid bottom every where. We read that the traveller asked the boy if the swamp before him had a hard bottom. The boy replied that it had. But presently the traveller's horse sank in up to the girths, and he observed to the boy, "I thought you said that this bog had a hard bottom." "So it has," answered the latter, "but you have not got half way to it yet." So it is with the bogs and quicksands of society; but he is an old boy that knows it. Only what is thought said or done at a certain rare coincidence is good.

Was this tall tale original with the [Yeoman's Gazette](#)? –Clearly, it was not, for this is a jest that was first published in an English joke book dating to the late 17th Century:

"A Gentleman ask'd a Shepherd, whether that River was to be passed over or not.
Yes, says he, but going to try, flounc'd over head and ears.
Why thou rogue, says he, did you not tell me it might be past over?
Truly, Sir, says he, I thought so, *for my Geese go over and back again every day.*"

The managers of London's Covent Garden Theater announced that they would remove the stinking gas lighting that had been installed in 1817, and return to the use of candles.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 22nd of 11 M 1828 / According to previous conclusion & preparation, we this Morning at 10 OC wnt on board the George & Mary Capt Waldron for [Providence](#) where we expect to pass sometime as Assistant care takers at the yearly Meeting Boarding School
The prospect was very dull on Setting out but the Wind breazed up & we got to the School about 2 OC PM & just before it began to rain -
We were kindly received by Enoch & Lydia Breed the Superintendents & the family in general - & in a manner which was very encouraging to our feelings. - the eveng passed pleasantly.*

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November 23, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23 of 11 M / Our Morng Meeting was silent & solid in the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & delivered an excellent testimony.
- I could but admire at the goodness of our heavenly father in the help afforded - - Tho' we find ourselves in a large family*



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& in a responsible situation we are favoured with quiet & a good degree of confidence that we may be favoured to get along pretty well

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November 24, Monday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 11 M / Today our Frd [Moses Brown](#) called to see us & set some time. - I have also spoken with several of my friends who seem glad to see us. -

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November 26, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 11 M 1828 / We attended Monthly Meeting in [Providence](#) & the Schollars that were members also attended. - it was a season of favour to my mind being comforted with the preaching of Wm Almy & the offerings of Hannah Robinson & another woman were acceptable to me. - I found a good degree of christian submission among the members in management of their affairs, & tho' a difficult & trying case was before them, it seemed to me all were aiming at the right thing. - I must acknowledge that I fear I did not do right in restraining a few words which I felt to make

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November 27, Thursday: Documentation of the [international slave trade](#), per W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: "Report of the Secretary of the Navy." -AMERICAN STATE PAPERS, NAVAL AFFAIRS, III. No. 370.

A requiem mass in memory of Franz Schubert took place in St. Ulrich's Church, Vienna. The Requiem of [Mozart](#) was performed.

Widerspruch D.865, a vocal quartet by Franz Schubert to words of Seidl, was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 11 M / This also is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at home - I feel for the dear friends I have left & desire they may be favoured to support the ark with firmness. - Oh that they may be Strengthened & Truth Prosper every where. - I desire in myself renew'd faithfulness in its cause. -

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November 29, Saturday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 29th of 11 M / A week has now passed since we left home with a prospect of spending some time here – I may acknowledge that since we have been here my heart has been made thankful in many respects & particularly for the religious savour with which my spirit has been seasoned & renew'd from day to day. – It has really seemed very much like a right beginning & it does not now seem as if we can look back with regret let what may occur to damp our future progress – I feel cautious in writing too much knowing the critical situation in which all are placed in a family like this. –

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➡ November 30, Sunday: Johann Franz Encke (1791-1865)'s comet returned.

SKY EVENT



In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 11 M 1828 / Both Meetings silent but solid opportunities to me. –

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➡ December 2, Tuesday: In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 12 M 1828 / Today has been our sub committee – nothing unpleasant occurred and the number rather larger than usual attended & Among them our frd Moses Brown but very feeble & hardly disposed to take any part in the concerns of the Meeting

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December 3, Wednesday: The Democrat from Tennessee, General Andrew Jackson, was elected President of the United States of America, with 648,286 popular votes and 178 electoral votes.

“A large and respectable meeting of the citizens of [Concord](#) was convened ... at the Centre brick school-house, pursuant to public notice given by [Rev. Dr. Ripley](#) after the religious exercises on Thanksgiving Day [that was the week before], to take into consideration the expediency of forming a Lyceum in Concord.” [John Keyes](#) became the chairman of that Concord Lyceum project, and Lemuel Shattuck became its secretary. A committee consisting of Samuel Hoar, [John Keyes](#), Nathan Brooks, Daniel Shattuck, [Daniel Starr Southmayd](#), Samuel Burr, Daniel Stone, and [Lemuel Shattuck](#) was charged to prepare a constitution for this new society.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 12 M / Our week day Meeting which Mary B Allen Attended & had searching & powerful labour much to my consolation & edification & I have no doubt she spoke to the States & condition of many present. – Called a little while at [Moses Browns](#) on buisness found him more bright than yesterday –

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December 4, Thursday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 12 M / Felt a drift to attend the Meeting in [Providence](#) & accordingly went. – it was smaller than I expected but favourd with Solemnity & quiet. – Betsy Purinton spoke to pretty good Satisfaction. –

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December 7, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 12 M / Our Morng Meeting was silent & I believe a dry time generally. – In the Afternoon Hannah Robinson bore a short testimony - honest but I doubted, her being specially called or its being best for her to appear among us - SKill was wanting 4th day 10th of 121 M 1828 / Our School Meeting was silent excepting a short testimony from Lydia Breed - to me it was not a very bright meeting & I apprehend the current of life was low with most present. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



December 11, Thursday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11 of 12 M / Attended Meeting in [Providence](#), it was silent, & to me rather a hard time. The spring of life was low with me, but I hope others were better off. – [Moses Brown](#) who had been unable to attend for several Meeting days, was there



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December 12, Friday: Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation between the United States of America and Brazil.

READ THE FULL TEXT

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12th of 12 M / Today Philip Wanton Robinson who has been for some time a Schollar at the [Institution](#) left & went home - he had been several weeks confined to his room & bed from raising blood but had recovered so as to be able to be removed to his home in Point Judith. -

This eveng [Moses Brown](#) was here at the [Institution](#) & spent it very pleasantly Among other interesting anecdotes. - he said he well remembered when [tea](#) was first drank in [Providence](#) & that two ounces was as much as was bought at a time, & a person who had half-pounds was considered extravagant -

The first Hyson tea that was seen in [Providence](#) was prise goods & bought here in the Year 1758 - he bought a canister of it & he well remembers that he & the family were quite excited by its effects & that it was as perceptable as if they had drank a glass of wine. -

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December 14, Sunday: Franz Schubert's Symphony no.6 D.589 was performed publicly for the initial time, in the Vienna Redoutensaal.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 12th M 1828 / Our Morning Meeting was Silent - In the Afternoon we had the company of Our friends James Tucker & Sarah his wife - Sarah was sweetly engaged in testimony & very much to my comfort & help - having had rather a low day. - I was lead to recount, & look back on the visitations of my youth, & especially to remember some seasons of favour when in Sarahs company in [Newport](#). - particularly one at Jeremiah Austins, when divers of us, then young people, were together & we fell into silence, when Sarah had something to offer remarkably fitting the States of some present. - on mentioning the circumstance to her I found she also remembered it. -

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December 16, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*4th day 16 of 12 M / Silent but favour'd meeting to me & I hope
we were favourd
Wm Almy called to see us a little while & went in to the [Schools](#)
a few minutes –*

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 December 18, Thursday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*5th day 18th of 12 M / Attended Meeting in [Providence](#) which was
their Preparative Meeting & also ours in [Newport](#)
Wm Almy preached, tho' good I thought not as much in the life
as I have sometimes heard him
I am thinking much about our meeting at home today – the little
gathering there I hope will be favour'd to hold on their way. –*

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 December 21, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 12 M 1828 / Morning Meeting Silent – In the
Afternoon Wm Almy favourd in testimony – Our collection in the
boys room in the eveng a time of labour I rejoiced in the
Services of Mary B Allen & [Moses Brown](#) who were both present –*

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 December 24, Wednesday: A 2d Kindersymphonie by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 24th of 12th M 1828 / Today is Moy [Monthly] Meeting
held at [Smithfield](#) lower Meeting house [Saylesville, in Lincoln]
– My wife & I have both been quite unwell for some days which
prevents our attending. –*

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December 25, Thursday (Christmas): Taking as his model a series of annuals which he had seen in London, Samuel Griswold Goodrich was putting out the first of a 15-year series of gift books, THE TOKEN, A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFT FOR 1828. At this point Goodrich's illustrated children's book THE TALES OF PETER PARLEY ABOUT AMERICA had become a favorite of the American public, and so an expanded edition was in the works. A copperplate frontispiece of "Peter Parley Telling Stories" was being added to supplement the illustrative woodcuts in the book. Cutting a new cookie from the successful mold, Goodrich was also self-publishing THE TALES OF PETER PARLEY ABOUT EUROPE, employing some of the same woodblocks that appeared in the AMERICA volume. As you can see, the concept of the nonbook was already ready to be born — and why not?³⁵⁷

Publication of the Lyrical Album for 1829, edited by Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka and Nikolai Ivanovich Pavlishchev, was advertised in the Journal de St. Petersburg (it was a collection of music, some of it by Glinka).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 12 M / Today is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at home I feel for the little but well tried band that will assemble at [Portsmouth](#) today - May they experience true help to be near. -

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December 28, Sunday: In Echigo, [Japan](#) an earthquake killed 30,000 (give or take).

I have a record that on this day James Walker Bartlett was born, the 4th child of [Dr. Josiah Bartlett](#) and [Martha Tilden Bradford Bartlett](#) of [Concord](#) (I have another record, that he was born on December 18, 1827).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28 of 12 M / Our Morning meeting was silent - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & was much engaged on acct of the School - his Gospel labours were lively edifying to me & I have no doubt to many minds present. -

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December 30, Tuesday: The Swan River Settlement was created by Britain in western Australia.



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

357. This series would publish some of the first works of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. The historian George Bancroft, Collector of the Port of Boston, would also contribute articles.



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3rd day 30 of 12 M / This is my birth day which completes my 47th Year – I have often silently remembered this thro’ the day, with a feeling which I hope may be proffitable. – It has Also been our Sub committee Meeting & many of our friends have been here & it has been a pretty pleasant time mingled with some fear. – After transacting the buisness, the committee visited the boys School which was a time of searching & of favour in which our friend Wm Almy & Thos Anthony was engaged in close but encouraging testimony to the Schollars - In the Girls School Wm Almy & Thomas were again engaged in testimony & [Moses Brown](#) closed the opportunity with a few very pertinent & feeling remarks, which I trust as coming from his aged lips will be long remembered

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December 31, Wednesday: Formation of the Concord Lyceum, an expansion of the Debating Society which had been in existence since 1822. The initial slate of officers of this association would be the [Reverend Doctor Ezra Ripley](#), President, Josiah Davis, 1st Vice-President, Reuben Brown, 2d Vice-President, the Reverends [Daniel Starr Southmayd](#) and Hersey B. Goodwin, Vice-Presidents, [Lemuel Shattuck](#), Recording Secretary, [Phineas Allen](#), Corresponding Secretary, Phineas How, [Ephraim Merriam](#), Treasurer, and [Dr. Josiah Bartlett](#), [Nehemiah Ball](#), Samuel Burr, Cyrus Hosmer, Daniel Stone, and Colonel William Whiting, Curators.³⁵⁸

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12 M 31 1828 4th day / I feel that this is the last date that I shall make in this Year
In a retrospection of the past Year I have the encouraging hope that I have done nearly as well as I could - my Secret trials have been many - know only to my God & my own Soul - & yet I feel that I have been many ways favoured - indeed the evidence has been often renewed that I am still cared for, preserved & protected by the God of my life - & how unworthy do I feel - We have had the acceptable company of our friend Thos Howland today, the weather being cold he Staid here after the committee Yesterday & has been engaged today in writing an important subject now pending in the Qry & Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould

“Stack of the Artist of Kouroo” Project

358. Shattuck’s HISTORY OF [CONCORD](#) would allege that the constitution of the society was adopted and the officers elected as this date, but that would not happen until January 7th.



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January 1, Thursday: According to an almanac of the period, “The General Congress of Mexico assembled, and was opened by a speech from President Victoria.”

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

As an experiment, a gas streetlamp was placed in Dock Square in [Boston](#).

Martin Van Buren became governor of New York State.

[Prince Ibrahim](#), an Islamic prince who had four decades earlier been sold into slavery, recently manumitted on condition that he return to Africa, was an honored guest of the black citizens of Philadelphia in their New Year’s Day parade up Lombard and Walnut streets, and down Chestnut and Spruce streets.

The overture to the opera Fierabras D.796 by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Musikvereinsaal, Vienna.

John Henry Eaton got married with the widowed Peggy O’Neale Timberlake (her husband had during the previous autumn committed suicide aboard the USS *Constitution*, where he was serving as Purser; she would be accused of promiscuousness and of having had a miscarried pregnancy, by Secretary of War Eaton, prior to their marriage, and would be ostracized by the society women of Washington DC, building toward the fall of President Andrew Jackson’s first cabinet).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about attending Friends worship in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), and there seeing Friend [Moses Brown](#) in the 91st year of his age:

*5th day 1st of 1st M 1829 / In dating the New Year I sensibly feel that I have passed the old one & entered on another - & where or how situated & circumstanced We may be at the end of this, is wisely hid from us. - On entering our kitchen this morning to go to breakfast Many of the girls came up in a Sprightly manner to wish us a happy new Year innocency & sprightliness of their countenances was striking, & evinced the sincerity of their hearts - I hope it will be a happy Year to us & to them - but ear [ere] it may be passed it may not be presumptuous to apprehend that some of the members of this numerous family may be numbered with the silent dead & wheather living or dead I cordially wish all a happy Year
After breakfast I went into town to visit James Mitchell & his sisters - I found James very low & apparantly closing on this world & all the things of it to enter a new scene— as I entered the room I felt my mind solemnized & on drawing to the bed side he put out his hand to take mine. — After sitting a little time with him I asked him if he suffered much pain, he told me he had distress at the lungs - on which I took occasion to remark to him that we were but poor creatures without divine help - Oh yes he replied poor miserable creatures indeed - I then observed*



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that it had been a consolation to me in times of disertion & poverty to feel that we have an advocate with the Father, this he signified was his consolation. - a little more was said, in which it was manifest that he had given up the world & the prospects of it, & his sisters told me he had fully expressed that to them & his anxious desire to depart & be at rest - it seemed to me his situation was even a desirable one. & I dont know that I ever visited a person in their last moments where there appeared to be a better hope on genuine christian ground. After this satisfactory, & even consoling visit to James - I attended Meeting in [Providence](#) which was silent & rather less Sensibility in my feelings than I had reason to expect from the previous opportunity. — Our frd [Moses Brown](#) was present on the day of the New Year - now in the 91st Year of his Age. —³⁵⁹

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Superintendents.

1819-1824.	Purinton, Matthew and Betsy.
1824-1835.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1829-1835.	Gould, Stephen Wanton and Gould, Hannah , Asst. Supts.
1835-1836.	Davis, Seth and Mary.
1837.	Breed, Enoch and Lydia.
1838-1839.	Rathbun, Rowland and Alice.
1840-1844.	Wing, Allen and Olive.
1845-1846.	Thompson, Olney and Lydia.
1847.	Congdon, Jarvia and Lydia.
1847-1852.	Cornell, Silas and Sarah M.


359. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1823-1829: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 13: October 2, 1823-March 6, 1829; Box 8 Folder 14: April 1, 1829-December 31, 1832; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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 January 7, Wednesday:³⁶⁰ A constitution was adopted, officers were chosen, and Josiah Holbrook inaugurated the Concord Lyceum. Initially 57 persons signed up as charter members.


President	Rev. Dr. Ripley
1st Vice-President	Josiah Davis
2nd Vice-President	Reuben Brown
Treasurer	Ephraim Merriam
Recording Secretary	Lemuel Shattuck
Corresponding Secretary	Phineas Allen
Curators	Samuel Burr, Cyrus Hosmer, Daniel Stone

(Of course, this list of 57 lyceum members does not include the name of little [David Henry Thoreau](#); however, there is a story that when he turned 12 years of age he would join.)

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7th of 1 M / Silent & rather low meeting at the Institution. -

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 January 17, Saturday: The [Yeoman's Gazette](#) carried a report of an "adjourned meeting of a large number of the Citizens of Concord" which had taken place on January 7th and which had been about the planned formation of a town Lyceum.

The Reverend [Waldo Emerson](#) wrote in his journal:

I am called by an ancient and respectable church to become its pastor. I recognize in these events, ... the hand of my heavenly Father. This happiness awakens in me a certain awe: I know my imperfections: I know my ill-deserts; and the beauty of God makes me feel my own sinfulness the more.... O God direct and guard and bless me, and ... especially her [his fiancée Miss [Ellen Louisa Tucker](#)] in whom I am blessed.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 1 M 1829 / I trust I am under a thankful sense of the many favours & mercies which I receive from the good hand & providence of God, who I know has [?] extended kindness

360. Shattuck's HISTORY OF [CONCORD](#) provides the date December 31, 1828, but that is inaccurate.



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*towards me far beyond my deserts
Various occurrences to day have called to mind some very
interesting Scenes & incidents of my early life, & may they long
remain. –
Yesterday we had a satisfactory letter from our dear John, on
his acct we feel a mixture of gratitude & fear - Gratitude that
he is doing as well as he is doing, & Fear as to what may befall
him in his tender Years. –*

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January 18, Sunday: According to an almanac of the period, "Dispersion of the guerillas and destruction of the Patian faction in the southern part of Colombia by General Cordova."

[CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS](#)

[Nicolò Paganini](#) gave a command performance before the King of Saxony and his court at Bruhl Palace, Dresden.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18 of 1st M / Both our meetings were silent but solid &
precious opportunities to some present –
Abraham Tucker & his Sister in Law Nancy has been here some days
on a visit to her children - they left After Meeting in the
Morning on their way home expecting to be at [Newport](#) took letters
for us from our friends –*

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January 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 21 of 1 M / Silent instructive meeting – I feel it right
to acknowledge that my mind has of late been favoured with the
precious incomes of life & my spirit humbled under a sense of
the goodness of Israel Shepherd to my soul. – I have of late
often recurred to the days of mine [blot]usals, & many [-]ions
of late had precious conversations with divers [who have?]
been long walking in the path of duty. –*

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January 22, Thursday: According to an almanac of the period, "Four hundred and fifty Indians belonging to the army of the Provinces under the command of Molina, surprised and cut to pieces by General Lavalle, provisional Governor of Buenos Ayres."

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[Sam Houston](#) got married with Eliza Allen, 18-year-old daughter of a well-to-do planter, in her father Colonel John Allen's plantation home on the Cumberland River 3 miles south of Gallatin, Tennessee (for some reason this marriage was over essentially before it even began).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 1 M / Attended the Preparative & Select Meeting in [Providence](#) - Wm Almy preached & Lydia Breed prayed. -the children at the School attended & I was glad of their company.

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January 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 1st M 1829 / Silent Morning Meeting - in the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & preached. -

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January 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 1st M / Moy [Monthly] Meeting in [Providence](#). The first was silent with the exception of a short testimony from Hannah Robinson. - In the last a long & trying case which has long exercised friends here was brought to a conclusion. Sampson Almy after having been nearly or quite two years under dealings was restored to membership. - taking the case where it was & is It seemed to me it was the best that could be done with it. - I feel disposed to acknowledge that my mind is from season to season in good measure replenished with good, humility & thankfulness often pervades my heart & I desire to be preserved in this frame.

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William Burke was [hanged](#) in Edinburgh for the crime of murdering admittedly 15 persons by suffocation in order to sell cadavers to doctors for dissection (a woman named M'Dougal, who was charged with having been his accomplice, had been acquitted):

"LIFE WITHOUT PRINCIPLE": The last resource of our energy has been the robbing of graveyards on the Isthmus of Darien, an enterprise which appears to be but in its infancy; for, according to late accounts, an act has passed its second reading in the legislature of New Granada, regulating this kind of mining; and a correspondent of the *Tribune* writes: -"In the dry season, when the weather will permit of the country being properly prospected, no doubt other rich '*guacas*' [that is, graveyards] will be found." To emigrants he says: -"Do not come before December; take the Isthmus route in preference to the Boca del Toro one; bring no useless baggage, and do not cumber yourself with a tent; but a good pair of blankets will be necessary; a pick, shovel, and axe of good material will be almost all that is required": advice which might have been taken from the "Burker's Guide." And he concludes with this line in italics and small capitals: "*If you are doing well at home, STAY THERE,*" which may fairly be interpreted to mean, "If you are getting a good living by robbing graveyards at home, stay there."

The US House of Representatives received, from its Committee on Commerce, Bill #399, a proposal to amend the Act of 1807 dealing with the [international slave trade](#).

Referred to Committee of the Whole. HOUSE JOURNAL, 20th Congress, 2d session, pages 58, 84, 215. Cf. HOUSE JOURNAL, 20th Congress, 1st session, pages 121, 135.



February 10, Tuesday: At the Vatican in Rome, Pope Leo XII (Annibale Francesco Sermattei, conte della Genga) died.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10th of 2 M 1829 / During the last week our Quarterly Meeting was held - It was a time of favour to many tho' my dear wife was taken Sick the day of the Select Meeting which she attended & took a Sever cold followed by Severe fever. it has never the less been to me a season of watering & general refreshment - the School committee which followed it was attended with weight & the labours of the committee in the Schools was of a cast not soon to be forgotten - John Wilbours prayer in the Boys School & his Sermon in the girls apartment was truly memorable & I trust will long be remembered, by the Members of the family & Schollars. - During the Qrly Meeting week my dear wife was very sick of a cold & fever which she took



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attending the Select Meeting on 4th day—

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March 4, Wednesday: King George IV granted an audience at Windsor Castle to the [Duke of Wellington](#) as his Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, and Baron Lyndhurst. After almost six hours of this interaction the Prime Minister became preoccupied with the thought that his king was mad.³⁶¹

According to an almanac of the period, “Andrew Jackson inaugurated as President of the United States at Washington. Senate convened, and John C. Calhoun sworn in as Vice-President of the United States.”

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Per the ceremony which went down on the East Portico of the Capitol building on this day, the general known as “Andy” or “Long Knife” or “Old Hickory” became 7th President of the United States of America until 1837. As the first military leader to be elected President since George Washington, he was much admired by his electorate. In fact the election of this general was being heralded by many white Americans as a new page in the history of their Republic. Outgoing President John Quincy Adams did not at all share in this enthusiasm and disdained to be present at the swearing-in ceremony. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Marshall administered the oath of office. Jackson was inaudible in delivering his inaugural address. A large group walked with him down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House and entered the executive mansion. There was such public cheer that the White House staff had to relocate the munchies out onto the lawn. To avoid the crush the President himself needed to make his exit by way of a window. This was our 1st president born in a log cabin and, in the drunken carouse that night at his inaugural ball, his rough buddies would be doing considerable damage to White House furnishings.

These had been the President’s (inaudible) remarks:

Fellow-Citizens: About to undertake the arduous duties that I have been appointed to perform by the choice of a free people, I avail myself of this customary and solemn occasion to express the gratitude which their confidence inspires and to acknowledge the accountability which my situation enjoins. While the magnitude of their interests convinces me that no thanks can be adequate to the honor they have conferred, it admonishes me that the best return I can make is the zealous dedication of my humble abilities to their service and their good. As the instrument of the Federal Constitution it will devolve on me for a stated period to execute the laws of the United States, to superintend their foreign and their confederate relations, to manage their revenue, to command their forces, and, by communications to the Legislature, to watch over and to promote their interests generally. And the principles of action by which I shall endeavor to accomplish this circle of duties it is now proper for me briefly to explain. In administering the laws of Congress I shall keep steadily in view the limitations as well as the extent of the Executive power, trusting thereby to discharge the functions of my office without transcending its

361. We know that sometimes George would claim to have been at the Battle of Waterloo — but we do not know for sure that this was dementia because there is a possibility that he was merely attempting to annoy the Iron Duke. At any rate, he would die in about a year.



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authority. With foreign nations it will be my study to preserve peace and to cultivate friendship on fair and honorable terms, and in the adjustment of any differences that may exist or arise to exhibit the forbearance becoming a powerful nation rather than the sensibility belonging to a gallant people. In such measures as I may be called on to pursue in regard to the rights of the separate States I hope to be animated by a proper respect for those sovereign members of our Union, taking care not to confound the powers they have reserved to themselves with those they have granted to the Confederacy. The management of the public revenue—that searching operation in all governments—is among the most delicate and important trusts in ours, and it will, of course, demand no inconsiderable share of my official solicitude. Under every aspect in which it can be considered it would appear that advantage must result from the observance of a strict and faithful economy. This I shall aim at the more anxiously both because it will facilitate the extinguishment of the national debt, the unnecessary duration of which is incompatible with real independence, and because it will counteract that tendency to public and private profligacy which a profuse expenditure of money by the Government is but too apt to engender. Powerful auxiliaries to the attainment of this desirable end are to be found in the regulations provided by the wisdom of Congress for the specific appropriation of public money and the prompt accountability of public officers. With regard to a proper selection of the subjects of impost with a view to revenue, it would seem to me that the spirit of equity, caution, and compromise in which the Constitution was formed requires that the great interests of agriculture, commerce, and manufactures should be equally favored, and that perhaps the only exception to this rule should consist in the peculiar encouragement of any products of either of them that may be found essential to our national independence. Internal improvement and the diffusion of knowledge, so far as they can be promoted by the constitutional acts of the Federal Government, are of high importance. Considering standing armies as dangerous to free governments in time of peace, I shall not seek to enlarge our present establishment, nor disregard that salutary lesson of political experience which teaches that the military should be held subordinate to the civil power. The gradual increase of our Navy, whose flag has displayed in distant climes our skill in navigation and our fame in arms; the preservation of our forts, arsenals, and dockyards, and the introduction of progressive improvements in the discipline and science of both branches of our military service are so plainly prescribed by prudence that I should be excused for omitting their mention sooner than for enlarging on their importance. But the bulwark of our defense is the national militia, which in the present state of our intelligence and population must render us invincible. As long as our Government is administered for the good of the people, and is regulated by their will; as long as it secures to us the rights of person and of property, liberty



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of conscience and of the press, it will be worth defending; and so long as it is worth defending a patriotic militia will cover it with an impenetrable aegis. Partial injuries and occasional mortifications we may be subjected to, but a million of armed freemen, possessed of the means of war, can never be conquered by a foreign foe. To any just system, therefore, calculated to strengthen this natural safeguard of the country I shall cheerfully lend all the aid in my power. It will be my sincere and constant desire to observe toward the Indian tribes within our limits a just and liberal policy, and to give that humane and considerate attention to their rights and their wants which is consistent with the habits of our Government and the feelings of our people. The recent demonstration of public sentiment inscribes on the list of Executive duties, in characters too legible to be overlooked, the task of reform, which will require particularly the correction of those abuses that have brought the patronage of the Federal Government into conflict with the freedom of elections, and the counteraction of those causes which have disturbed the rightful course of appointment and have placed or continued power in unfaithful or incompetent hands. In the performance of a task thus generally delineated I shall endeavor to select men whose diligence and talents will insure in their respective stations able and faithful cooperation, depending for the advancement of the public service more on the integrity and zeal of the public officers than on their numbers. A diffidence, perhaps too just, in my own qualifications will teach me to look with reverence to the examples of public virtue left by my illustrious predecessors, and with veneration to the lights that flow from the mind that founded and the mind that reformed our system. The same diffidence induces me to hope for instruction and aid from the coordinate branches of the Government, and for the indulgence and support of my fellow-citizens generally. And a firm reliance on the goodness of that Power whose providence mercifully protected our national infancy, and has since upheld our liberties in various vicissitudes, encourages me to offer up my ardent supplications that He will continue to make our beloved country the object of His divine care and gracious benediction.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 3 M 1829 / Today I got into the Stage & rode to [Bristol](#) and the travelling very bad & finding a Packet at [Bristol](#) was going to [Newport](#) where I was bound got on board her & arrived at Aunt nancy Carpenter about 7 OClock in the evening. Found she & Polly Mc Cush with the rest of the family all very glad to see me. After taking a dish of tea & calling to see my Mother & Brother Isaacs family & then making a visit to Father Rodmans & calling at [-] Taylors shop I returned to Aunt Nancy Carpenters & lodged

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April 1, Wednesday: The American ship *Sachem* left Bangkok carrying the [Chinese](#) conjoined twins [Chang and Eng](#), to Boston and their career in show-biz.

[Edward Everett](#) set out to discover what sort of western country it was, that had spawned a personage such as Andrew Jackson.

According to an almanac of the period, "General Guerrero inaugurated as President of the Mexican Republic at [Mexico](#)."

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(Which is to say, Vicente Ramon Guerrero Saldana succeeded Guadalupe Victoria.)

Back home in [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th M 1st 1829 / Today Daniel Puckett from Indiana & his companion Charles Lippincot from Jersey left [Providence](#) in the Steam boat for NYork intending to attend the Yearly Meeting approaching at Philads & from thence Daniel expects to return home - Daniel has made several visits at the School, & his testimony, has had a remarkable reach on the mind of some of the children. - I accompanied him to [Swanzey](#) to an appointed meeting there, & was well satisfied with his communication. - It is now a longer time than has occurred in many years since I have written regularly in my journal, & as I do not feel satisfied with the omission, conclude to attend more to it in future than I have for the Month past.

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April 5, Sunday: In [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 4th M 1829 / Silent Meetings all day. & to me hard dull seasons. -

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April 8, Wednesday: In [Providence](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 4th M / Silent meeting & to me a poor hard time, tho' I was sensible of a good degree of solemnity being spread over the Meeting. - I have been looking for cause of my barrenness & unfruitfulness of spirit of late - it [in] the first place I apprehend it is owing in measure to the State of my body, which is not very smart & in the next, a want of due Watchfulness & care over my heart. -

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April 9, Thursday: According to an almanac of the period, "Great inundation of the Vistula, near Dantzic [Danzig]. A great portion of that city and fifty villages overflowed. Nearly all of 8 or 10,000 head of cattle, and 4 or 5000 houses destroyed, and a considerable number of persons perished."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

[Sam Houston](#) and his 18-year-old bride Eliza separated.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 4th M / With Isaiah Jones rode to Cranston Meeting house to attend the marriage of Abraham Tucker & Mary Almy - It was a remarkable solid Meeting - Wm Almy preached a little previous to the ceremony being performed, which was performed with uncommon dignity on both sides - After the certificate was signed Lydia Breed bore a short impressive testimony & the Meeting closed in a very Satisfactory manner. --By invitation We went to Wm Almys to attend the wedding where were a considerable collection of solid friends. & a pleasant satisfactory opportunity it proved. -

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April 15, Wednesday: This was the final day of Victor Hugo's contract with the publisher Gosselin in Paris, to turn in the manuscript for [THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME](#). The day came and went.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 4th M / Silent & again a hard meeting to me - I have been favoured the past Winter with good favoured meetings - but it seems as if the return of the time of outward singing of birds has not proved to be so with me in the inward. -

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April 19, Easter Sunday: [William De Wolf](#) died.



For the 1st time, and unexpectedly, Patriots' Day fell on the day on which Christians were to celebrate the ascent of Christ the martyr Son to the throne of his Father in Heaven. New England's political orators became aware that repeatedly there would arise this cultural coincidence, and that repeatedly they would need to be inventive in their oratory in order to rise to a considerable challenge, in the overcoming of a cognitive dissonance between two parts of a mentality, and two parts of a culture — parts which might function as



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intended only when gripped within a discretely compartmentalized mindset.³⁶²



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 4 M / Morning Meeting Silent & hard to me - In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & had good service, but it was not a time of much life to me - there seemed to be a heavy obstruction & whether it was Wholly in myself I do not certainly know. -

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April 22, Wednesday: According to an almanac of the period, "Lepanto surrenders by capitulation to the Greeks."

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 4 M / Our Meeting today at School was a dull heavy time to me - I am wonderfully tried with Poverty in meetings of

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*late but have enjoyed some comfortable times out of them, but
for which I should feel almost forsaken. –*

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April 26, Sunday: Fanny Wright delivered an address which would soon be published as INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS, DELIVERED BY FRANCES WRIGHT, AT THE OPENING OF THE HALL OF SCIENCE, NEW YORK, ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1829.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 4 M 1829 / Our Meetings were both Silent & to
me rather heavy seasons. the Afternoon setting was the most
favourable – Tho' I am so tried with poverty in Meetings it is
not always so for there are seasons when love & life is sweetly
renew'd. – for this I desire to be thankful as well as for
numerous other favours, from the source & fountain of good. –*

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April 29, Wednesday: John Quincy Adams's son George Washington Adams, summoned by his father to Washington DC, arrived by stage in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) and there boarded the steamboat *Benjamin Franklin*.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 29 of 4 M / To day some of our family went to lower
[Smithfield](#) [the Saylesville meetinghouse in Lincoln] to attend
Monthly Meeting held there Hannah went with Enoch & Lydia in the
Chaise & I staid at home to have a care of things here. –*

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April 30, Thursday: In the early morning, John Quincy Adams's son George Washington Adams, on the steamboat *Benjamin Franklin* out of [Providence, Rhode Island](#) because summoned by his father to Washington DC, jumped overboard and drowned (it would seem that he had been hearing voices and fearing other passengers).

Publication of Systematische Anweisung zum Fantasieren auf dem Pianoforte op.200 by Carl Czerny was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30 of 4 M / To day is our Monthly Meeting at [Rhode Island](#)
held in [Portsmouth](#) – My mind is much with them but I feel
satisfied that my body is here. –*

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May 2, Saturday: According to an almanac of the period, “Extraordinary hail-storm in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It fell to an average depth of twelve inches, and destroyed a great amount in gardens, orchards, windows, &c., in some instances killing animals exposed to its fury.”

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Great Britain took formal possession of Western Australia.

In Washington DC, perusing the Baltimore American, John Quincy Adams and Louisa Adams learned that their son George Washington Adams had disappeared from a steamboat on the Long Island sound.

There was serious rioting in Manchester, England — a factory was burnt, and numerous provision-shops robbed.

In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 5th M 1829 / Today the committee appointed by the General School committee for the purpose met in order to examine the accounts of the Institution for the past Year & I have the satisfaction to say that they found them in pretty good order & seemed well pleased with the State of them. — As the care of the Accounts has fallen to me since we have been here. —it is cause of no Small pleasure, & excites gratitude, & I dont know but I may say Thanksgiving that it is so.

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May 3, Sunday: Bronson Alcott, in Boston: “Heard Mr. [Ezra Stiles] Gannett in the forenoon on the effects of the Lord’s Supper upon communicants. With my views on this subject, the effects which he mentioned could not be produced. I do not regard the participation in this ordinance as the best profession of religion. Profession, it seems to me, consists in practice. It is practice itself. A true follower of Truth is best known by avoiding everything like a connexion with or profession in any peculiar form in which that truth has been presented. He bows to the authority of no man... He would not stop the progress of his own mind by narrowing its observation to the doctrines of a sect and creating a prejudice against others.”

In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 5 M 1829 / Our meetings were both silent but solid & pretty favour’d Seasons to me, tho’ of late I have not been favoured with any very high banquet in Meetings, but am favoured at Seasons with precious feelings & many deep & Serious reflections & am encouraged to believe that I am still cared for.—

While we were sitting in our Morning Meeting Isaiah Jones returned from his visit to NYork & Philad & gave us some favourable account of the yearly Meeting which he attended in Philad.— We had his company at Meeting in the Afternoon & was glad again to see him in his old Seat tho’ he intends to leave



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us again tomorrow to Commence School Keeping in Pawtucket. –

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May 4, Monday: According to an almanac of the period, “Riot in Manchester, England. One large factory burnt, and two others nearby destroyed.”

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Gioachino Rossini signed a new contract, to receive an annual government stipend on top of reimbursement for any musical activities.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#) Jacob Wood [manumitted](#) a female of colour known by the name of Hetty and passing commonly by the name Hetty Smith, whom he had purchased from Thomas McCall for the bona fide sum of \$450 on January 8, 1828 in Georgia.

Note (see a nearby page) the interesting detail in the document, recorded on page 158 of volume 57 of the Providence, Rhode Island town DEEDS AND MORTGAGES books, that in its body one deliberate condition and restriction is stipulated, to wit, that “that the said female of colour Hetty, shall not at any time hereafter, go to, stay, or reside in either of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, or Louisiana, without first the consent of the said Jacob Wood or his executors in writing obtained, which may be general or special and which shall continue in force, until revoked, and any refusal to comply with such revocation + go out of the said three states, or any or all of them, makes this deed null + void ab initio to all intents and purposes + restores to the said Jacob Wood his original rights,” but that immediately after the body of the document, and the witnessed signatures thereunto, there appears a signed codicil of the very same date, **revoking** that one explicit condition. Well, what happened? –Did Hetty Smith throw a fit right there in the town office when she found out that she wasn’t to be allowed to visit her relatives in the South, and did then Jacob Wood grasp the error of his ways and immediately relent? (Intriguing, isn’t it?)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 5 M / This morning I took Isaiah Jones in our Chaise & went with him to Pawtucket & Landed him at Nathan Buffingtons where he has taken lodging for the present. – This is the first time I was ever as far north of this house. -Pawtucket appears to be a pleasant place, well built & many of its houses considerably ornamented by Iron fences &c.

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State of Rhode Island, City of Providence -

To all persons to whom these presents may come: I, Jacob Wood of Potosi, Georgia do send greeting. Whereas James Smith esquire of Liberty County, in the State of Georgia on the _____ day of 1799 did by a deed of gift under his hand and seal and which is of record in said County, give unto his sister then Miss Elisa M. A. M^cCall a girl of color known by the name of Hetty + with the same deed delivered her into possession: And whereas the said Elizabeth M. A. Smith after the aforesaid deed + having the said girl Hetty in possession, did legally intermarry in Liberty County in said State with Thomas M^cCall by virtue of such ^{inter}marriage + the laws of said State all her property real + personal became vested in her husband Thomas M^cCall + especially the said female of colour [sic] Hetty + was long after his marriage, in his actual possession. And whereas the said Thomas M^cCall in virtue of said rights, did, for the bona fide sum of four hundred and fifty dollars to him paid by the said Jacob Wood on the eighth day of January in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, execute a bill of sale of the said female of color Hetty, to said Wood + which is recorded in the Intosh County in said State, by which all the said Thomas M^cCall's right + title in her became vested in the said Jacob Wood: Now Know Ye, That I, Jacob Wood, being now the legal owner of Hetty, for good + sufficient causes + benevolent motives to me thereunto moving, and being now personally present in Providence in the State aforesaid + she the same Hetty in the said City + State, hath granted liberated, manumitted + set free, + by these presents doth grant, liberate manumit + set free the said female of Color, aforesaid called Hetty (and passing commonly by the name Hetty Smith) subject to the sole + only condition + restriction, that the said female of colour [sic] Hetty, shall not at any time hereafter, go to, stay, or reside in either of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, or Louisiana, without first the consent of the said Jacob Wood or his executors in writing obtained, which may be general or special and which shall continue in force, until revoked, and any refusal to comply with such revocation + go out of the said three states, or any or all of them, makes this deed null + void ab initio to all intents and purposes + restores to the said Jacob Wood his original rights. And the said Jacob Wood for himself his heirs executors + administrators, the liberation of the said female of colour [sic] Hetty, at all time against himself or them or any claiming under them shall + will warrant + defend forever. In witness whereof the said Jacob Wood has hereunto affixed his hand and seal this fourth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Signed sealed + delivered
in the presence of
J. C. Carpenter

Isaac Peace Hazard

I do hereby give my consent, to the female of color called Hetty in the annexed deed returning to the State of Georgia whenever she pleases. Providence Rhode Island 4 May 1829.

Witness, J. C. Carpenter

Jacob Wood

Recorded June 10 1829.

Jacob Wood ((L.S.))



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May 6, Wednesday: According to an almanac of the period, "The French Consul General at Buenos Ayres demanded his passports and left that place, in consequence of alleged insults to his flag and nation; The French Admiral took possession of the Buenos-Ayrean fleet of four brigs and several gunboats, after a hard action. One of the brigs burnt."

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C. Demian of Austria was awarded a patent for an accordion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 5 M / With my H rode to [Greenwich](#) & attended our Select Quarterly Meeting & in the Afternoon the Meeting for Sufferings held there. - We Dined at the Widow Abigail Prouds & lodged at Daniel Howlands. -

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May 7, Thursday: According to an almanac of the period, "The Budget presented to the British Parliament by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The most important fact stated in the speech of the Chancellor, was an anticipated decrease in the revenue of £850,000, arising from a depression of commerce. This depression was, however, considered as temporary, and the future prospects of the country were represented as encouraging," and "The French Minister of Marine stated, in his Budget presented to the Chamber of Deputies, that the Navy had been increased by the addition of seventy-nine vessels within the year."

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 5 M 1829 / Our Quarterly Meeting held at large was a time of favour Our Friends Thos Anthony & Wm Almy was both favoured in testimony & the Meeting concluded after prayer by Abel Collins - There was an unusual quantity of business. - A Certificate was granted our Frd Rowland Greene to attend the Y Meeting in NYork to be held about the close of this Month & also to visit the Meetings generally in that State & in Canada. - Joanna Peck from [Greenwich](#) & David Rodman from [Rhode Island](#) Moy [Monthly] Meetings were approved in the Station of Elders. -- This latter appointment of my dear Brother in Law David Rodman is very consoling to me. - as I feel much on account of the poor & striped condition in which the particular Meeting of [Newport](#) is now reduced. - it is only within my short remembrance that the High seat in that House was filled from end to end & now there is but two men that occupy it. - I feel however a hope that the numbers may yet increase & that the meeting in which I had my breath & being may not be suffered to go down. - We rode home thro' Warwick by the way of Loyd Greenes. - by getting out of our way we increased our Journey several miles but it was a pleasant jant & we got to the School House [what



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is now the "Moses Brown School" in Providence] before dark. –

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May 8, Friday: Louis Moreau Gottschalk, who would become the 1st internationally recognized US pianist, was born in New Orleans, 1st of seven children born to Edward Gottschalk, part owner of a cloth shop, and Aimee-Marie Brusle, daughter of a baker.

According to an almanac of the period, “Decree issued by Bolivar imposing additional duties on imports, for the purpose of increasing the revenue to meet the exigencies of the state” and “Severe but indecisive engagement between the Turkish garrisons of Rudschuk and Giurgevo and the Russian besieging army.”

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

[Sam Houston](#) and his travel buddy Haralson got off the barge at Little Rock, Arkansas after 15 glorious days drifting together down the broad Mississippi. They would proceed up the Arkansas River aboard the steamer Facility, to Webber’s Falls near the mouth of the Illinois River (not the same river as the Illinois River that runs through Illinois), would be met there by Cherokee headman *Oolooteka*, and would proceed some 30 miles to the confluence of the Verdigras, Arkansas, and Neosho rivers, Three Forks near present-day Muskogee, Oklahoma, where Fort Gibson had been established.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day [sic] 8th of 5 M / Today has been our general committee meeting which has been a time of harmony & love among brethern & I believe among the Sisters also. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 5 M 1829 / Thomas Howlad of the committee attended Meeting today – Wm Almy came in the Afternoon & preached. –

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May 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 13 of 5 M / Hannah Robinson attended Meeting & preached a little. – acceptably to me.

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May 18, Monday: Niblo's Garden opened at Broadway and Prince Street in New-York.

According to an almanac of the period, "Peruvian Frigate Prueba destroyed by fire in the harbour of Guayaquil, and a considerable number of persons killed."

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May 20, Wednesday: "Les deux nuits," an opera comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Scribe and Bouilly, was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre Ventadour of Paris (initially a success, it would ultimately fail).

According to an almanac of the period, "Death of the reigning Duke of Oldenburgh."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 20th of 5 M 1829 / Our Meeting was silent & a time of some life & favour to me – In the Afternoon I went into Town where I found a letter from my Brother Isaac giving me the Information that Our Venerable & much loved friend **DAVID BUFFUM** died this morning at 2 O'clock. – he had been much in my mind thro' the course of the day & from his infirmities of body & very advanced Age (about 86 Years) I had reflected that his Stay might be short tho' I did not expect to hear of his removal quite so soon – Yet the news was not surprising or shocking to my feelings. – There is no man with whom I have been in closer habits of intimacy. he scarcely ever came into [Newport](#) for many years without coming to my shop & spending a social hour & I more frequently visited him at his house than any other person as the notes of my journal will testify. – his company was always interesting to me. I seldom was in it without deriving some instruction, his ministry from season to Season has been truly edifying to me & I have often seen & felt the good affects of it in others & I never saw a friend who sat at the head of a Meeting with more dignity & I never knew him to close the Service of it at an improper time.*

In our Meetings for discipline no friend was more judicious in their remarks & management of the Affairs of society, & from early life none devoted more time to the Service of it. – he frequently has made long journeys on committees from the Yearly Meeting. – But I am giving an account of him not designed for this place tho' my memory will long or as long as I live love to dwell on his life & the fatherly care he has extended towards me from season to season for many years

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May 21, Thursday: August replaced Peter I as Duke of Oldenburg.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) arrived in Warsaw from Frankfurt-an-der-Oder.

Robert Schumann arrived on foot in Heidelberg from Mannheim, because he had exceeded his budget and didn't have enough for coach fare. "My lodgings face the asylum on the right and the Catholic church on the left, so that I'm really in doubt whether one is supposed to go crazy or become a Catholic."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 5th M 1829 / Attended Preparative Meeting in [Providence](#). - Wm Almy preached & excellently too. - John & Elizabeth Meader from Sandwich NH was there but were silent they are on their way to NYork to attend the Y Meeting there & have in Prospect a long journey throughout that I several other Y Meetings. -

I dined at Wm Jenkins's in hopes of receiving information of the time of David Buffums funeral in season to go to [Newport](#) to attend it but no boat being going & not receiving a letter till the arrival of the Mail I gave up the prospect for tonight -when the Mail arrived a letter from Br David Rodman informed that it was to be tomorrow at 2 OC PM at the Meeting house.

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May 22, Friday: According to an almanac of the period, "A law passes the Mexican Congress, prohibiting the importation of most descriptions of woollen and cotton goods."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22 of 5 M 1829 / Rose early this morning & went into [Providence](#) with some expectation of setting out for [Newport](#) with Wm Jenkins by land to attend the funeral of our fr DAVID BUFFUM but the Morning proving Warm & neither of us feeling very well & no boat going in season to attend the funeral we finally gave up the prospect & I came home & settled down quietly & now between 2 & 3 OC the time that I have no doubt the funeral is sitting in the Meeting house I spend in my chamber in pensive reflection & in writing this minute

The last time I saw my dear departed friend was when I was down at [Newport](#) in the 3rd M last - on the 7th day of it I went out to his house & took tea spent the evening & lodged, & next Morning being the first of the week I parted with him for the last time, at which time he told me that he did not expect to see me again & was much affected when we parted. - it was however common for him of later years to frequently advert to the closing period in that way - he thought much of death & often warn'd us publicly & privately to prepare for the great & solemn event -- The last time he was at [Providence](#) was I think in the 5 M 1828 when he came by land from [Greenwich](#) Quarterly Meeting & attended




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the School committee at which time at a Setting in the boys School he bid them affectionatly farewell, observing that he did not see or know that that was the last time he should ever be here. yet from his advanced age & infermities of body he thought he might with propriety bid us farewell. – I well remember the Solemnity with which he pronounced the words & the savour of life that attended his & other communications at the time. – But he is gone. The earth is now closed upon him & we have nought but the remembrance of his virtues. – which I have no doubt will long remain. –

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 May 24, Sunday: After [Nicolò Paganini](#) performed at the banquet in Warsaw celebrating coronation of Tsar Nikolai as King of Poland, the monarch presented him with a diamond ring.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 5 M / Our morning Meeting was silent & to me a season of some Suffering in body - being quite unwell & hardly fit to Sit in Meeting my wife was so much so that she Staid in her room thro' the day. – In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & had acceptable Service. –

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 May 30, Saturday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) performs Carl Maria von Weber's Concertstuck in f minor in the Argyll Rooms, London. His performance without music causes amazement among his listeners.

According to an almanac of the period, "Captain Ross sails from Woolwich, England, in the steamboat Victory, on a voyage for the discovery of a Northwest passage."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 5 M / Last 4th day I went to [Newport](#) & attended Our Monthly Meeting - after meeting on 5th day I went to [Portsmouth](#) & visited my aged Mother & Uncle & Aunt Stanton Spent Yesterday in visiting my friends in Newport & this Afternoon came home in the Rush Light

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 May 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 5 M / Morning Meeting Silent - In the PM Wm Almy attended & preached –


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 June 3, Wednesday: In the Wellington administration in Britain, Earl Rosalyn became privy seal.


According to an almanac of the period, "A detachment of men from the Austrian squadron under Baron Bundicra, land near Morocco, and destroy two Moorish brigs; and succeed in re-embarking with a loss of 22 men."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 6th M 1829 / A[t] Meeting Lydia Breed preached & I dont know as I have much more to say -

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 June 5, Friday: In [Baltimore](#), a school for black girls was established by the Sisters of Providence.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 5 of 6 M 1829 / Took a pleasant ride to Pawtucket with Lydia P Nichols & Eunice Easton. I went for the first time to the common burying ground in [Providence](#). -

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 July 1, Wednesday: Water was let into the [Lehigh Valley Canal](#).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 M 1st 1829 / Today was our week day Meeting at the Institution [the Quaker school in Providence] it was rather a dull time to me but I hope & trust others were benefited by it

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 July 5, Sunday: According to an almanac of the period, "Spanish invading expedition against Mexico sails from Havana. It consisted of one 74, two frigates, three corvettes, one brig, one schooner, and transports containing 4500 troops. The fleet commanded by Commodore Laborde, land forces by General Barradas."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 7 M / Again poor Meeting Wm Almy was here in the Afternoon & laboured faithfully but in weakness. -

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July 8, Wednesday: Abraham Mendelssohn wrote to his son Felix in England urging him to adopt the name Bartholdy in place of Mendelssohn, in order to proclaim his Christian faith.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 7 M / Our dear Ancient Brother Thomas Shillitoe from England was here at Meeting with our. - Our dear friends [Moses Brown](#) also attended with him. - Thos was largely & baptizingly engaged in public testimony - he was also engaged in testimony at the dinner table in the girls apartment. - he spent the rest of the day here & was very interesting & Sweet in conversation - I trust his visit will be remembered for good.

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July 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 7 M / Today we have had rather a Solemn parting with Abigail Pierce who has been about ten years the principle teacher at this Institution. - She resigned her place & has been Succeeded by Deborah Ramsdell- & having paid her visits round among her friends left us today & took passage in the Steam boat Chanselor Livingston for NYork - Our dear friend Thomas Shillitoe also went in the Same boat expecting to attend the General Conference at Philad & after that is over he expects to take Passage pretty soon from NYork for his home in Old England - The other day when he was at the Institution I walked across the fields with him down to [Moses Browns](#) - & while Sitting with him in Moses's keeping room he gave me a Small Silver Watch Seal as a token of remembrance This seal he told me belonged to his great great grandfather & he believed to his great great Grandfather & he apprehended it might be two hundred Years old. - he informed me he had worn it himself many years, & it had been constantly with him in all his journeys on the Continent of Europe in England & America untill that time which was the 8 of 7 M 1829 - I took it in remembrance of him & shall leave or make an impression with it on wax on this page that if by any means I should look it I may retain the impression which is a Stags head [there is a rectangular space, taking up three line, of two by four inches with the mark of the seal in the middle.]

Thomas leaves us in much love, & we feel that his services in this country has been a blessing to Society, & truly wonderful that a man of his uncommon nervas sensibility & advanced age of 76 should be so favoured thro' the many trials he has had to pass through, of false brethren & in various other respects. -


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
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 July 12, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12th of 7 M 1829 / At our morning Meeting we were Silent
Nicholas Congdon & wife & also Walter Allen were present. -
In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & engaged in testimony -
After meeting this Afternoon Our much respected & beloved second
teacher Lydia B Allen left the Institution [the Quaker school
in Providence] not expecting to return to it in that capacity
She carries with her the good will & wishes of every member of
the family & Schollars*

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 July 19, Sunday: Russian forces crossed the River Kamchyk south of Varna and routed the waiting Turks north of Constantinople. According to an almanac of the period, "Choris and Berbus, in Asiatic Turkey, occupied by the Russians."


CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

After a stay of two months, and ten concerts in Warsaw, [Nicolò Paganini](#) was departing for Berlin and was given a farewell reception.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 7 M / In the Mornng our Meeting was silent & in
the Afternoon William Almy was here & delivered a good
instructive testimony. - It was a dull day however to me - life
was low in my mind. -*

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 July 22, Wednesday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) departed London for Edinburgh in the company of his friend Karl Klingemann.

According to an almanac of the period, "A division of 6 or 7000 Turks defeated by the Russians in descending the Balkan; 400 prisoners and a considerable number of cannon taken."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 22nd of 7 M / After meeting today with my wife E & L
Breed & Several others - went to Wm Jenkins & took tea - it was
a pleasant social visit - was there also Mary B Allen & Alice
Rathbone who are in town expecting to set out tomorrow for Philad
to attend the General Conference. - Saml F Hussey went in the
Steam Boat on his way for the same purpose. -*

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July 23, Thursday: According to an almanac of the period, "Capture of Mesembrin with 2000 men and 15 cannon," "Capture of Achiola, with 14 cannon and 2 powder magazines." and "Greek National Assembly opened at Argos, on which occasion Count Capo d'Istria made a long speech."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23 of 7 M / We attended Preparative & Select Meeting in [Providence](#). - Tho' weakness & fear was my companion yet the Meeting was not of the poorest class with me We had some good preaching from Anna A Jenkins & L Breed & on the whole I felt pretty well in the conclusion - & quite as well for having been silent as to remarks on the buisness. - As it is now likely we may remain here for a year to come - we begin to think it best for us to have a certificate to set us a little more at liberty among our friends & to qualify us to be useful & used as occasion may require - for we feel that it is our duty to stand resigned to do what may be required at our hands - being sensible that we are advancing in life, the evening curtain draws on & we may be nearer a close of life than some who are much older
In the Steam Boat today our friends Wm Almy Moses Sleeper Thos Howland Mary B Allen & Alice Rathbone took Passage on their way to Philad to attend the General conference to be held there next 2nd day [Monday] the 27th inst. - they apparantly have a good time & the language of my heart has been "Go O Lord with them that go, stay with them that stay. - help for we are weak."*

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July 24, Friday: According to an almanac of the period, "Capture of Bourgas, with ten cannon, and large quantities of stores."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 24 of 7 M / In the Stage a little after dinner time, arrived Father Rodman & Br David on their way home from Salem where they have been to visit Sister Elizabeth Nichols - We were very glad to see them, it is the first time Father has been here since we have been in [Providence](#) & as he has now entered his eightieth Year it is more than probable he may never be here again. - In reflecting on the subject of his visit, I can but feel that it well be a privilege for which I ought to be thankful, if I live as long & as well as he has done. -1st day [Sunday] 26th of 7 M 1829 / Yesterday Morning Father Rodman & Br David left us after spending one night & part of two days with us, & returned home -
Our Meetings today were Silent & not very lively seasons to me. - I trust I feel thankful for all my favours & blessings which I*



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acknowledge to be many, altho' due acknowledgements & returns are not made to God the Author & dispencer of the, all, yet I do trust & believe, it is in good measure so, - that is, I labour to cultivate in my heart a sense of blessings dispenced to me & may the humble tribute of thanksgiving & praise be ascribed with renewed ardor where it is justly due. - for myself I can do nothing & am Unworthy of them all. -

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July 29, Wednesday: According to an almanac of the period, "Simultaneously movements by Russian corps from Maraseh and Karnabat; the former against the rear of Schumla, by General Krassowski, and the latter toward Jambouli, by General Sheremetief."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 7 M / Monthly Meeting has been held in [Providence](#) - the first Meeting was a very good solid comfortable one to me. - life was brought into operation if not into dominion by the preaching of Anna Jenkins & supplication by Lydia Breed - a good testimony was born by Daniel Howland & an old friend by the name of Crowell from Bass river said a little that I could not reject, tho' I did not understand it so fully as some communications. - The buisness in the last was pretty well conducted, but as their is a difference in their management from what I have been used to in [Rhode Island](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting it did not seem as natural to me as at the proceedings of our own Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - however there was some encouragement & some trial - there were two disowned & one hopeful application for membership from a daughter of George Benson - This evening Perry Chase the Young man who lives with [Moses Brown](#) & drives his carriage came up to the Institution & brought the heavy & very afflicting intelligence of eleven failures in Pawtucket in the course of the day - & three in [Providence](#) & among them just at night, it came out that Jonathon Congdon & Charles Hadwen had failed. - this is indeed a sad shock. - in Jonathon's failure his whole hopeful family are involved & his son Arbold is clerk of [Providence](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting & R I Quarterly Meeting It seems as if the stoutest heart shudders at the consequences, & we learn that some who have been remarkable for their firmness was much affected & not a little Shaken at recent occurrences. -

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August 9, Sunday: According to an almanac of the period, “Entire change in the French ministry by a decree of the king. The Liberals or moderate party dismissed from office, and an Ultra-royalist ministry, with Prince de Polignac at its head, appointed in their places. This measure is said to have been effected through the influence of the British cabinet.”

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 8 M / Lydia Breed & Anna A Jenkins attended Meeting at lower [Smithfield](#) - which Seemed to me like a right concern. - Our Meeting at School this Morning was Silent - Our friend Abram Sherman from [New Bedford](#) attended with us. - Saml Foster & his Mother & our Nephew Wm Rodman was also - in addition to the foregoing In the Afternoon we had the company of Loyd Greene & wife - Lydia Breed having returned was present & she & Loyd had short acceptable offerings. -

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August 10, Monday: Race rioting began in Cincinnati, Ohio.³⁶³

After giving 4 concerts in Breslau (Poznan) [Nicolò Paganini](#) reached Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 8 M / Saml F Hussey & daughter Miriam have Spent most of the day with us on their return to Portland from Philad where they have been Saml being one of the delegation from our Y Meeting to General Conference lately held at Philad. -After we rose from Dinner there arose a Mighty rush of Wind preceeded by distant thunder & attended by mighty Showers of Rain. - In the midst of this I was in the Library & from the Window saw a woman & little boy walking up the Avenue making for the east end of the Institution, & it appears entered at the door there & went into the Ironing room where our folks were engaged at work - Soon after my wife came & told me who she was, & it appeared to be Polly Wenwood that was of [Newport](#) now the widow of Nathaniel G Senter - [Senter applied to [Paul Cuffe](#) to go to Sierra Leone in 1814, but Cuffe explained he was taking chiefly People of Color] with Her husband I was well acquainted being brought up next door to him - our fathers houses joined & I well knew both her & her family in Newport. - The History of these individuals are truly affecting & Strikingly exhibit the danger of a loose unguarded & irreligious education. - Just in a few words to State that her husband was among the wickedest boys of his time - his father a professed Dash & took great pains to proselite others, giving the rein loose & unchecked to his sons, (his daughters being more carefully educated & guarded by their Mother) who running on, all came to their ends Speedily - Nathl Lived the longest & marrying this poor girl, who also was none

363. The rioters were, and this goes without saying, white.



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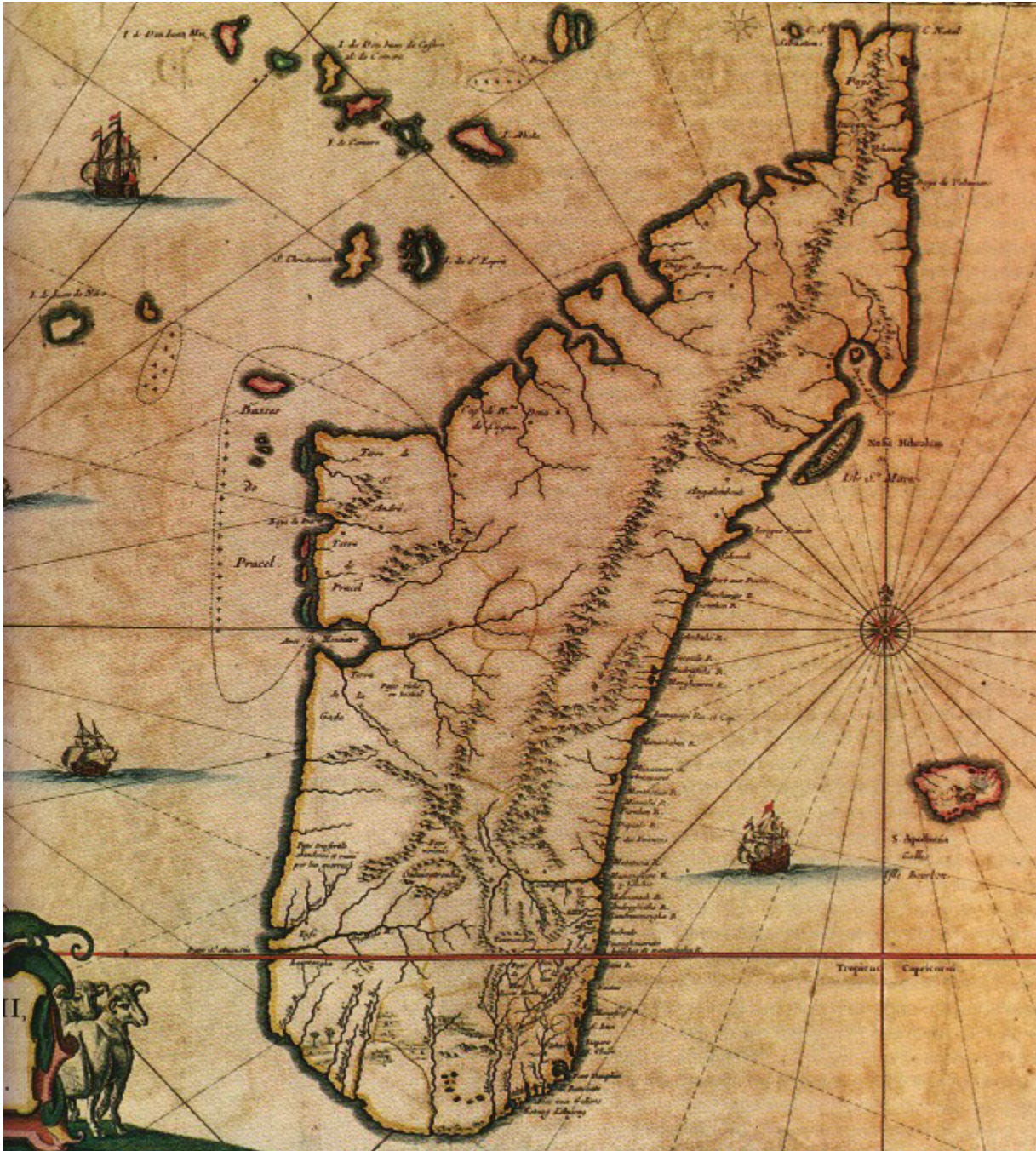
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of the most prudent - they lead an unsettled & miserable life & he finally died in Ohio a few years ago leaving his wife destitute with one child, a fine looking little boy, who now are little more than wanderers on the face of the earth. - Their Situation excited my tender feeling exceedingly - she had Known better days he father Godfrey Wenwood was among the bivers in Newport She knew no want from childhood to her marriage with Nath Senter -since which her sufferings has been great as she told both me & my wife

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August 12, Wednesday: On the island of Madagascar, the coronation of Queen Ranavalona I, who would be the mortal foe of all things Christian. She would excel in the devising of newer and better ways to torture to death anyone caught in possession of a BIBLE. Over the course of her 33-year reign, she would murder a very significant percentage of the population of this large island.



[Sam Houston](#) fell ill with malaria and was treated with Indian medicine while staying with Headman



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Oolooteka (John Jolly), his adopted father (into September).

According to an almanac of the period, "Selimno, to which place the Grand Vizier had made his way from Schumla, attacked by several Russian corps, amounting to about 27,000 men, collected from different posts by General Diebitsch, into whose hands the place easily fell, the Turks flying in dismay," "Mr. M' Lane, Envoy to Great Britain, and Mr. Rives, to France, embark on board the United States frigate Constellation at New York," and "Tampico declared a free port, for the admission of provisions, by General Barradas, the Spanish commander."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12th of 8 M 1829 / Our Meeting was silent & to me a time of but little life - leanness & poverty of Spirit was my lot - Was in town this Afternoon & felt grieved to see the depression in buisness & sorrowful countenances about the streets - many have failed in Trade & one or two failures have occurd today, but it is hoped the worst is over, At least it seems as if one great failure that was expected is averted, by arrangements which have been made in the course of yesterday & today -

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August 16, Sunday: The Sachem, docking in [Boston](#) opposite the India Wharf, delivered not only "sugar, sapan wood, gamboge, buffalo horns, leopard skins, and tin," but also the "Siamese twins" Chang and Eng — Dr. John C. Warren was going to have an opportunity to examine an interesting pair of specimens.

"SIAMESE TWINS"

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 8 M / Our Morng Meeting silent - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & was engaged in a lively pertinent & on the whole excellent testimony on the subject of the Lords Prayer - I have seldom known better justice done to a subject. - Several of the Towns people came in to attend out of curiosity & sat very attentively. - John Farnum was also here & staid to tea. -

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August 20, Thursday: According to an almanac of the period, "Capture of Adrianople [Edirne, northwest of Constantinople] by a Russian force consisting of 28,000 men, commanded in person by General Diebitsch. The garrison of the city, amounting to 100,000 regular troops, laid down their arms immediately on the approach of the Russians, to whom the Turks also abandoned all their artillery, camp equipage, and munitions of war; 54 pieces of cannon, 29 stands of colors, and 5 horse-tails, fell into the hands of the conquerors," and "British Parliament prorogued to the 15th of October."

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[Robert Schumann](#) departed from Heidelberg on a journey to Switzerland and Italy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 8th M / We attended preparative Meeting Hannah Robinson & Wm Almy preached -the latter a very satisfactory communication to my mind. - Several new [Schollars](#) arrive this Afternoon - the family is now enlarging fast -

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August 22, Saturday: The anti-black rioting in Cincinnati, Ohio reached its peak on this weekend with white attacks on a slum known as "Bucktown." More than 1,000 Americans, more than half this city's black community, fled the city to attempt to find relative safety in Canada.

According to an almanac of the period, "The Mexican army, under General Santa Anna, make an unsuccessful attack upon the Spaniards in Tampico" and "A new levy of troops ordered by the Emperor of Russia of three men out of every five hundred."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22nd of 8th M / Enoch & Lydia returned from Lynn Qrtly Meeting - Saml Brown son of the late Smith & Lydia of Pembroke was here today - I was glad to find him apprantly an improving Friend

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August 23, Sunday: According to an almanac of the period, "Rodosto, on the sea of Marmora, captured by the Russian army under General Roth."

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 8 M 1829 / Our morning meeting was silent but a pretty solid time - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was with us & added



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to the number of his excellent Sermons at this house. - I have always considered his services at this Institution as truly valuable. -

In our eveng collection in the boys School I selected to be read from the Annual Monitor of 1822 The "Striking instance of the influence of Divine Grace" which appeared in the H G of Philad - I seldom ever saw the children & even young men more solemnly attentive. - This afforded some encouragement. -

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August 26, Wednesday: Stopping in Milan on his way from Paris to Bologna, Gioacchino Rossini sought out Vincenzo Bellini at his home and the two meet for the 1st time. They have nothing but compliments for each other. Rossini went on to spread his praise for Bellini throughout the city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 8 M / Today we attended Monthly Meeting held at lower [Smithfield](#) - this is the first time I was ever at [Smithfield](#) - it seems like a pleasant Meeting house & I was much interested with its situation - The Meeting was an interesting one to me Wm Almy & Lydia Breed were acceptably engaged in testimony - There appeared to be but very little buisness on the Minutes - but Our fr [Moses Brown](#) introduced the subject of the recent Alarming occurence of Failures in Trade among the Members of our Society & particularly among the Members of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting, by which our good name has been evilly Spoken of in the world - it resulted in the appointment of a committee to Inspect into the state of things & report accordingly

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August 27, Thursday: Treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States of America and Austria-Hungary.

READ THE FULL TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

8th M 27 of 1829 / This forenoon our frd William Buffum Died at his house in [Smithfield](#). He was in the 88th Year of his Age - his remains are to be interd on the 29th from the Meeting house at Woonsocket, he was brother of My much endeared friend David Buffum & was a man of great worth in society I well remember his labours in discipline & pious care to keep the concerns of our Society in wholesome order - he attended Yearly Meetings regularly for many years. -

In the Afternoon I went to Town & heard the unpleasant news of the Bleech house &c belonging to Benj Marshall at Hudson was



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burned last 2nd day [Monday]. – This affected my mind very deeply not knowing what might have befallen our dear son who is there engaged at the works. – I have no doubt it must have occasioned him great fatigue, if it is otherways well with him –

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September 1, Tuesday, 1829: Ad in the [Boston Daily Courier](#): “GREAT NATURAL CURIOSITY Last Week of the Exhibition of the Siamese Double Boys ... the Forenoons of Thursday, Friday and Saturday next, will be devoted to the reception of Ladies, from 9 to 1...”

“SIAMESE TWINS”

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 9 M 1829 / To day was our sub committee meeting It was a good harmonious time in which brotherly & sisterly affection was prevalent & good concern manifest for the prosperity of the Institution [what is now the "Moses Brown School" in Providence]. – The School was visited. I did not go into the Girls apartment - but in the boys I did - Wm Almy gave much suitable council & our Ancient frd Job Chalinor gave much suitable council & caution.

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September 2, Wednesday, 1829: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 9th M 1829 / Our frd Job Chalinor attended our Meeting & was engaged in testimony & supplication I thought it a time of some favour tho' life did not rise into dominion as at some times. – Job is now nearly 79 Years of age & feeble in body & Mind but I believe is concerned for the cause & labourd faithfully in the ability afforded. I have been acquainted with him from my childhood - at which time he lived in [Newport](#) & I went to School to him - & was at Meeting the day he first appeard in public & well remember the circumstance –

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September 6, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini and his wife arrived in Bologna from Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 9 M / Morning meeting silent – In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & preached in a lively & pertinent manner. —

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September 8, Tuesday, 1829: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 8th of 9 M / Yesterday & today I have been quite sick commencing in the Morning with an oppression at my Stomach which increased thro' the forenoon & at Dinner time I found it necessary to take Active medicine. which made me very sick in the Afternoon so that I kept my room & nearly or quite fainted way - In the eveng I thought it necessary to consult Dr Tobey who administerd an emetic but I passed the night comfortably & this morning felt a little better but the cause not removed When the Doctor came today he with our frd [Moses Brown](#) thought my symptoms indicated fever & that I had better keep my room & take more medicine which I have done this Afternoon Lydia Keene of Lynn returned to School today & says Matthew & Betsy Purinton are there & that Betsy is very sick & Doubts are entertained of her returning to [Providence](#). -

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September 9, Wednesday, 1829: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 9 M 1829 / Confined to my room & mostly to my bed.

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September 13, Sunday, 1829: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 9 M / I attended Meetings they were both Silent & pretty good ones to me. -
I doubt whether at any time in my life I was sicker than I have been in the course of last Week - my general system was affected & an approach of Inflammatory Bilious Fever was indicated by almost every symptom, I applied medecine closely under Dr. Tobey & was successful in reducing the force of the disease pretty soon. - I may acknowledge that my mind was favoured with quiet on the occasion. & also acknowledge my thankfulness for the favour. -

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September 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 9 M / At our Morning Meeting we had the Acceptable company & edifying Ministry of our friend Mary B Allen - In the Afternoon I felt a drawing in my mind to attend the Meeting in [Providence](#) - which I did much to my satisfaction it being a very quiet solid opportunity - Wm Almy attended at the Institution & I am informed had good service among the children. -

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September 23, Wednesday: London's new postoffice building opened.

The Philadelphia Free Enquirer related that a few nights earlier, the celebrated "High Priestess of Infidelity" Fanny Wright had been scheduled to deliver a lecture in the Walnut Street Theater, rented by her for \$75, but had found upon arrival that the theater's stockholders had overridden their manager's agreement. She then arranged to rent Washington Hall, but its proprietress was pressured into cancelling. Finally, near Military Hall, she managed to deliver a few words to a tightly packed street crowd of her admirers, from her carriage.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 9 M / Having buisness at Newport I expect to go down in the Steam boat at 12 OC - I remember that is it Moy [Monthly] Meeting in Providence & that tomorrow is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at R Island which I expect to attend - I also remember that our frd Moses Brown is this day 91 Years old & spent the Afternoon here inspecting the Schools yesterday with as much Pleasantness As many that had not attained half his age - I also remember that it is the Anniversary of the Great Storm 14 Years ago -

I arrived safe in Newport about 3 OClock & nearly as soon as I had landed an acquaintance of mine informed me that Our dear & only son John Stanton Gould had arrived here the day before -on going to Aunt Nancy Carpenters I found he had just left the house to go to Providence in a Packet that Afternoon. I repaired immediately to Banisters Wharf & got there just in time to prevent his going - & detained him with me. -

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October 5, Monday: Chester A. Arthur was born.

Fanny Kemble made her 1st appearance on the stage when she appeared as Juliet in her father's production of "Romeo and Juliet." London's Covent Garden Theatre was £13,000 in debt when she started her career but she proved so popular than within a short period it was back in the black. Fanny soon had several elderly admirers including Sidney Smith, Thomas Macaulay, and George Stephenson, who would invite her to the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway.

In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5th of 10th M 1829 Since the last date we have enjoyed the company with us, at the Institution, of our dear son J S Gould, which has been very pleasant to us both to see him as a steady hopeful Youth, having been during his absence from us preserved in plainness of Dress & address & I trust in good measure from the contaminating influence of the spirit of the World & I think has deepened in the best sense. - This Afternoon he & his Mother have gone to Newport on his way home to Hudson where we expect he will remain for some time to come -& perhaps as long as he or we may live but we are thankful deeply so, that he is doing so well, & desire not to repine at the loss of his



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company tho' we feel it sensibly & keenly

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October 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 10 M / I was very unwell last night & thro' this forenoon which prevented my attending Meeting – Anne A Jenkins was there & preached sweetly as I was informed by those I esteem good judges – This Afternoon We had a Meeting of the sub committee to consider of Benj B Hussey preposition to leave the School on account of Ill health which was acceded to & he expects to leave us next 1st day [Sunday] to spend the Winter at Savannah in Georgia- At the same time [Moses Brown](#) & myself were directed to write to Isaiah Jones inviting him to return & take charge of the School. –

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October 15, Thursday: Asaph Hall, who would discover the moons of Mars (Phobos and Deimos), was born.



In about this timeframe, Fanny Wright and William S. Phiquepal were setting out from New-York on a combination lecture tour and mission to free the [slaves](#) of Nashoba (when they attained New Orleans they would debark with these blacks, toward freedom in Haiti).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 10 M / Tho' quite unwell I attended Meeting in Town which was silent & an uncommonly solid favourd time to me. – I was thankful for this renew'd extension of Divine regard & hope it may be continued. –

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October 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 10 M / Morning Meeting Silent – In the Afternoon



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Sarah Tucker attended & was lively & pertinent in testimony & also Supplication.

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October 21, Wednesday: [Sam Houston](#) was made a Cherokee citizen, by admission letter issued at Tahlontuskee in the Indian Territory.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 [sic] of 10 M / Our Meeting was silent & rather a low time with me. -

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October 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 10th M 1829 / Today was Preparative Meeting & also the Select Meeting in [Providence](#) - In the first Wm Almy was engaged in a very lively & well adapted testimony - & the last Meetings were solid & good. -

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October 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25 of 10 M / Silent in the Mornng & in the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & was much favoured in testimony, & it was a good meeting
This eveng Joseph Tillinghast & Wm Taber from [New Bedford](#) came here & brought a letter from Abraham Sherman Jr.*

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October 28, Wednesday: Destruction by a mob of [The True South](#), an abolition newspaper published at Newport, Kentucky.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 28th of 10 M / We attended Monthly Meeting held at [Smithfield](#) at which our Certificate was read & received, which unites us to [Providence](#) Monthly Meeting. - I know not that I shall ever feel as if that was as much my own as [Rhode Island](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting, but I desire to be united to the living body where they or I may be - There are those here that I love & feel nearly united to, & hope I may be willing to contrirubute my mite & usefulness. -
In the first Meeting Hepzibah Harris a friend in the Station of an Elder, & now quite blind - appeard in testimony in a few words, which evinced a lively concern for the cause of Truth & willingness to be engaged for its support - She was followed by a lively & powerful testimony by Wm almy & after a few words in tenderness of Spirit by Caleb Fisk the meeting closed - We rode*



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home to Dinner

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October 29, Thursday: A Roman Catholic council was held in [Baltimore](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 10 M 1829 / Today is the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held at [Newport](#) - I have mentally been with them Seveal times in the course of the day & remembered some very precious time I have had there, & some low depressing seasons. -

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October 31, Saturday: From the log of the lightkeeper on Matinicus Rock: "*a saver [severe] gail Broak over rock*"

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 10 M / Christopher Almy an old acquaintance in [Newport](#) now in Vermont spent the day with us as it was a violent North East Storm of wind & Rain we were confined within doors which gave opportunity for much pleasant & interesting conversation about old times & old occurrences. I recounted this day with one I spent at his fathers in [Portsmouth](#) in the 1st M 1803 when I was confined there in a great Snow Storm. - which was a truly pleasnt & memorable day of my life being then just out of my time & on a visit to my cousin Zacheus Chase & family & other friends there -

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November 5, Thursday: At a meeting of the new [Concord Academy](#) Debating Society that had recently been organized by Preceptor [Phineas Allen](#), [David Henry Thoreau](#) debated Edward Wright on the topic "Is a good memory preferable to a good understanding in order to be a distinguished scholar at school?" Neither contestant having made any preparation, the record of the encounter reads "Such a debate, if it may be called so, as we have had, this evening, I hope never again will be witnessed in this house or recorded in this book."

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day was the Meeting at large which was larger & I think it may be said a solid favourd time, tho' we had quite as much preaching as I thought was necessary - The Preachers were in quick succession & early in the commencement of the Meeting & I think in rotation as follows - Wm almy - Obadiah Davis long Anne Wing late Dennis - Ruth Davis & Hannah Dennis - some of them made short rejoinders & considering the number of Appearances the Meeting ended well -
The Meeting for buisness was well conducted & After Meeting we rode home without dinner - Br David Rodman & wife in company. - We found a large accession of our Family & Friends expecting to*



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attend the General Committee tomorrow -

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November 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 11 M [too faint to be transcribed]

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November 18, Wednesday: In the Massachusetts Spy:

[Sam Patch](#) jumped down the falls at Rochester on the 6th inst.
in presence of 10,000 gapers.

The Leipzig Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung denominated [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) "one of the brightest meteors on the musical horizon."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 11 M / Meeting Silent at the School House - In the Afternoon Attended the funeral of Amy Hadwen wife of Charles Hadwen it was a very solid opportunity - Wm Almy preached & Anne A Jenkins prayed. -

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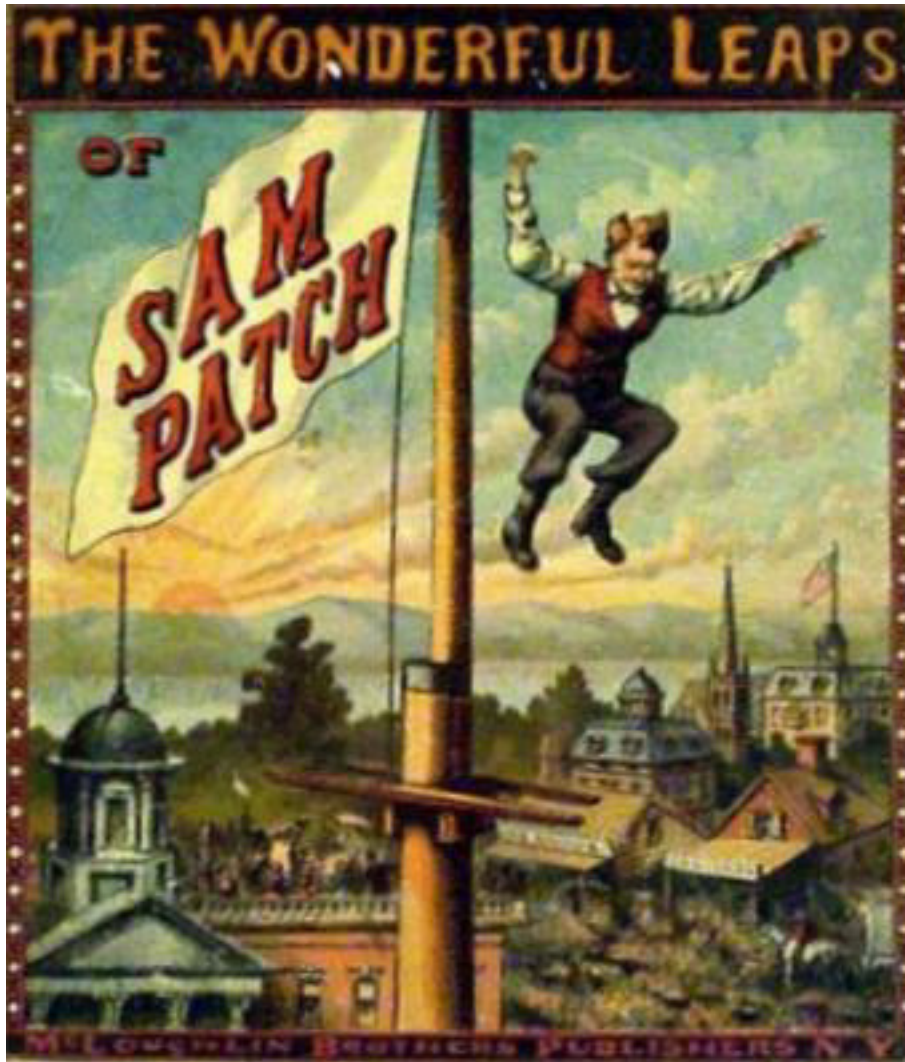
November 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 11 M 1829 / Attended Preparative Meeting in Town - Lydia Breed was engaged in a seasonable & lively testimony in which she was followed by Wm Almy in a short appropriate communication. -

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November 21, Saturday: New-York's The Constellation commented that [Sam Patch](#) was "indisputably the most distinguished man of his day, with the exception of Miss Fanny Wright." The Providence, Rhode Island Daily Advertiser outed Sam by revealing that he had been doing honest work for a day's pay as a mule spinner in a mill in [Pawtucket](#) "until his vaulting ambition o'r-lept itself and the loss of his life has been the consequence."



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 11 M 1829 / It is one year this day of the week, & of the Month, tomorrow, Sice we left our home in [Newport](#) & arrived at this house early in the Afternoon. - We commemorate the day & on looking back feel abundant cause of gratitude - in that we have been favoured to get along (at least) pretty well - no very thorny parth has fallen to our lot & yet we have not been devoid of trials -



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The Year has been passed as pleasantly as generally falls to the lot of Mortals & if we can finish our course here as well as we have begun it we may well count ourselves as highly favoured. – May we ascribe all to the Goodness & Mercy of Him who was with Moses in the Bush. –

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November 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22 of 11 M / This day the 22 of 11 M which fell last Year on 7th day - completes one Year since we came to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School. –
Our Morning Meeting Silent - In the Afternoon Wm Almy Attended & had an excellent testimony to the Children - his Subject
Blessed are the Peace Makers &c –*

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November 24, Tuesday: From the log of the lightkeeper on Matinicus Rock: “a man of war passed hear to Day.”

On this day or the following one Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th (?) of 11 M 1829 / Silent Meeting - This eveng we had the Company of David Buffum from R I who brought the account of the welfare of our friends & relations there in general – Aunt Nancy Carpenter excepting - who we had been previously informed by letter from Dr. Hazard was on the 20th inst was attacked with a Shock of a fit - she is some better but yet poorly.

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November 26, Thursday: The Reverend Lyman Beecher preached a sermon on the topic of atheism, which would eventuate in a book “dedicated to the working men of America,” LECTURES ON POLITICAL ATHEISM.



Bushrod Washington died, bequeathing 160 acres to the [manumitted](#) mulatto [slave](#) West Ford who is suspected to be the only son of George Washington, with a slave woman named Venus. John Augustine Washington III inherited Mount Vernon, and West Ford –although he had become a free man– would continue to work at Mount Vernon as an overseer (West’s mother Venus would deacease before he would become financially able to purchase her [manumission](#)). Refer to <http://www.westfordlegacy.com/home.htm>.

[Josiah Haynes, Jr.](#) got married with 25-year-old widow Mary Hayward.

On this day or the previous one, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 (?) of 11 M / Today was our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in [Providence](#) - Wm Almy largely & very pertinently engaged in testimony - The committee from the Quarterly Meeting attended on account of the recent failures in trade, Which has lately occured in society & particularly in This Moy [Monthly] Meeting - They gave suitable service & were helpful. -

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November 29, Sunday: After two months convalescence, [Felix Mendelssohn](#) left England for Berlin.

Gott im Ungewitter D.985, a vocal quartet by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna Redoutensaal.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley was appointed organist at St. John, Waterloo Road, London.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 11 M / Our Morng Meeting Silent - In the Afternoon Wm Almy laboured in the Gospel acceptably among us. - Saml Brown of Pembroke was here being an old acquaintance & his parents intimate friends of my father & Mother - together with



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a religious sympathy I feel with him - drew him quite near. -

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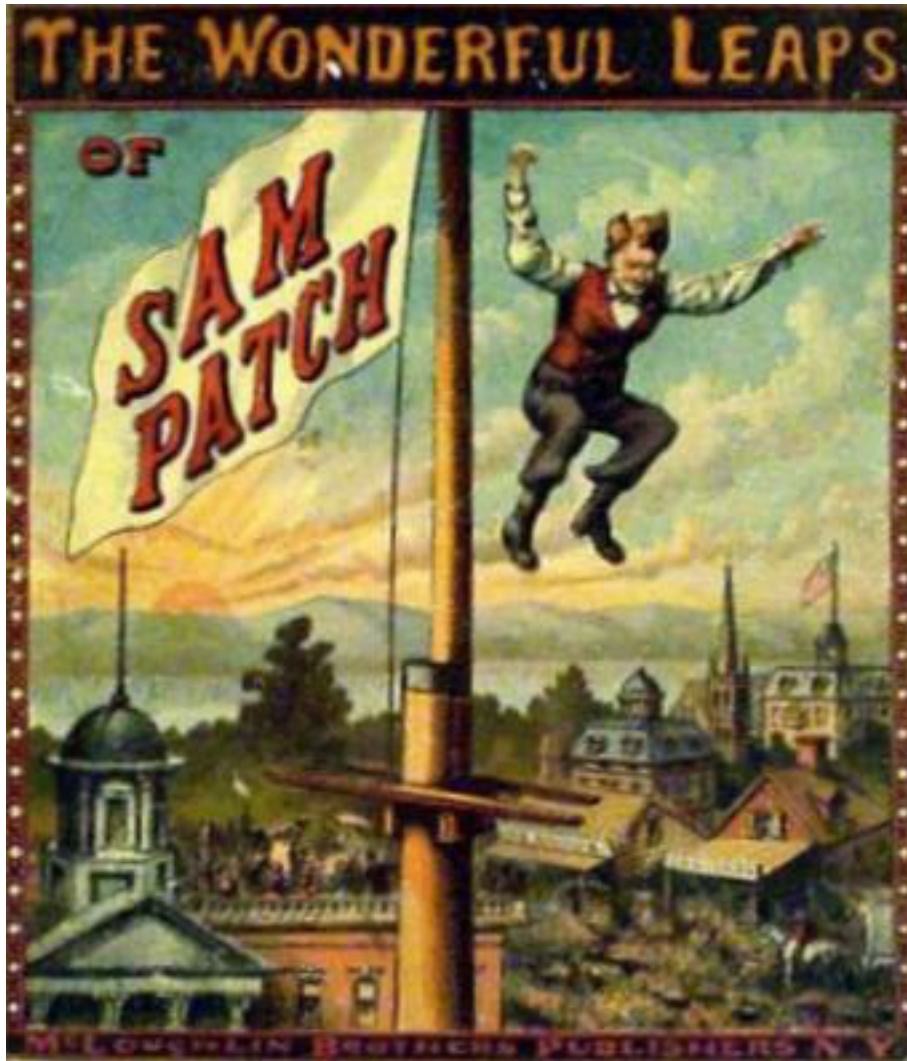


December 2, Wednesday: To prevent unrest, President Vicente Guerero exempted the Tejas Territory of [Mexico](#) from the antislavery decree of September 15th.

“A Monody,³⁶⁴ made on the late Mr. Samuel Patch, by an admirer of the Bathos,” by Robert Sands, appeared in the New-York Commercial Advertiser:

... he dived for the sublime,
And found it.

364. For another “monody,” see July 22, 1882.

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In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 12th M 1829 / Silent Meeting. –
This morn'g I awoke from a Dream just before the Clock struck three – I at [Portsmouth](#) & on a piece of Ground near Lawtons Gulley, where I have often been both Sleeping & waking – I dreamed was with me a child it seemed as if he inclined to turn in to a certain place to get some water from a certain spring – I remarked to him he had better not go as it was dangerous but he inclined to, & stepped round, on my going in another position I saw him opposite, & saw the Rock was shelving & crumbly or rotten, of which I appraised him & requested him to step round



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& come on my side - but as he moved his foot hold gave way & down he went into the water & tho' it was not higher than his middle -he was evidently hurt & crying - in agitation I awoke This dream convey'd instruction & warning which I hope to remember & proffit by - & I dont know but I may convey it to [blank] believing it was for his warning as well as mine.-

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December 7, Monday: In President Andrew Jackson's first address to Congress, he wrote (it was usual in those times for such addresses to be in writing rather than delivered orally) of "setting apart an ample district west of the Mississippi, ... guaranteed to the Indian tribes as long as they shall occupy it"; and he called the Bank of the United States a failure at the very thing it had done really well, establishing uniform and sound currency.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 7th of 12th M 1829 / Got into the Stage this Morning & rode to [Newport](#) where I had been intending for some days - Stopped at [Portsmouth](#) & visited my Mother at Uncle Stantons then took the Boston Stage & rode - Newport finding our friends all well

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December 8, Tuesday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) arrived home in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day spent in attending to a little buisness & in visiting my friends & relations much to my satisfaction.

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December 9, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day took the Steam Boat & returned to [Providence](#). -

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December 26, Saturday: Two new works by the Mendelssohn siblings were performed for the initial time, at the Berlin home of the composers' parents, in honor of their silver wedding anniversary: Die Heimkehr aus der Fremde, a liederspiel by [Felix Mendelssohn](#) to words of Klingemann, and Festspiel for vocal soloists, chorus, and orchestra by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel to words of her husband, Wilhelm Hensel.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 26 of 12 M / This evening our Ancient & beloved friend [Moses Brown](#) called & set several Hours with us & was very pleasant & interesting - We recd also a pleasant letter from our dear John - Many things we have to be thankful for. - & I often



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*feel that I make poor returns for favours recd. –
Have thought much of things & friends at home. –*

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December 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 12 M 1829 / This day is my Birthday - I am now 48 Years of Age - There has been nothing very remarkable to insert, save that I have often recured in mind to the time & Age I have attained too. – I feel that I am on the down Hill side of life - that time passes swiftly & that I may be much nearer the conclusion of it than I may be aware. –

We attended [Providence](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting held at [Smithfield](#) – Wm Almy Preached powerfully & instructively - he was followed by Hannah Robinsons in a testimony which felt lively & pertinent to me. –

After Meeting we rode home to dinner - Found Eliza Bowen & Anthony Shoves wife here from [Newport](#) - & that Brother Isaac had also been here & was coming again. - Jonathon Fry of Bolton also came towards Night with his daughter

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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January 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) about being in the company of [Friend Moses Brown](#), in the 92d year of his age:

*6th day 1st of 1st M 1830 / We commence a new Year — It has been a comfortable day to me in body & mind - I have been twice into town & transacted small concerns & feel thankful & grateful for my many favours. - I know that few who have lived 48 Years have got along more easily & pleasantly than I have tho' attended with some close trials yet I have much to be tankful for & desire to cultivate a disposition to be grateful & render the tribute of praise Where it is alone due
This eveng we had the company of our friend [Moses Brown](#), now in his 92nd Year - he is still pleasant animated & interesting in conversation.—³⁶⁵*

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Anastasio Bustamante y Osegera became acting President of Mexico.

In South Carolina, meeting of merchants renounced a proposed state loan for railroad construction as inadequate, and “adopted a resolution urging the company to apply again for a congressional appropriation” — to the disgust of state’s rights radicals. Senator Robert Hayne and Representative William Drayton would be willing to present the petition to Congress, but not to support it. Ironically, it would then be presented to Congress by Hayne’s famous antagonist, [Daniel Webster](#).

In [Baltimore](#), an illustrious party, including William Wirt, rode a carriage pulled by one horse on the new railroad as far as the Carrollton Viaduct at a speed of 15 miles per hour (note that, to duplicate this feat on a conventional road, the carriage would have required four horses).



January 6, Wednesday: Fanny Wright and William S. Phiquepal boarded the brig they had chartered, the *John Quincy Adams* anchored off New Orleans, to convey their Nashoba slaves to Haiti and there set them free.

General Manuel de Mier y Teran reported on a plan to defend [Mexico](#) against encroachment by the USA.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 1st M / Our dear friend Mary B Allen was at Meeting with us & bore a living & faithful testimony much to our comfort & Strength Lydia Breed also bore a short but good and appropriate testimony. —

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365. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1829-1832: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 14: April 1, 1829-December 31, 1832; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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January 10, Sunday: Caleb Atwater attends President Andrew Jackson's "First levee"; "opened at 5:00,... President [and cabinet] were there at an early hour.... The Secretary of War, and all his family were dressed in the neatest but plainest manner. The Secretary's lady ("Peggy" Eaton), whose person is symmetry itself, neither needed nor wore any thing, but plain American calico for a dress, without a ruffle, or a single ornament, on her person... no sooner had she taken her place, near the President's family, than all the beauty and fashion in the room, gathered around her, to do her honor.... During five long hours, they stood, almost without moving from their places on the floor, shaking hands with those who had just entered the room, or were about to retire from it."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 1st M / Silent Meetings but pretty good ones - I feel renewedly that the Silent Wing of time passes very swiftly with me. - Had it not been for the Stormy weather I expect my wife & I should have gone to attend [Smithfield](#) Meeting today. -

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January 13, Wednesday: Samuel Wesley began his last lecture series, in Bristol.

A great fire of suspicious origin struck New Orleans causing over \$300,000 damage. Slaves were blamed.

The State of Venezuela seceded from Gran Colombia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 13 of 1 M Silent Meeting but pretty good. I however was sensible of much barrenness & unfruitfulness of Spirit, both in & out of meetings - it is far from a season abounding - but I hope to proffit by it -

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January 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 1st M 1830 / Silent in the Morning- In the Afternoon we had the pious labours of Wm Almy - Daniel & James Buffum of Salem were here & attended both Meetings - They appear to be a couple of clever solid young men & I also like the appearance of their Brother Samuel who has come as a Schollar to the School - I am glad to see such good looking young men - James Buffum told me that the Schooling he recd here some years ago had done much to attach him to the Society of Friends. - he is an acquaintance of J S Gould. -

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February 3, Wednesday: Ministers of Great Britain, France, and Russia met in London and agreed on three protocols which established a completely sovereign Greece and fixed its boundaries, creating it a hereditary monarchy, establishing peace between Greece and the Ottomans, offering the Greek crown to Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, and guaranteeing the religious freedom of Catholics in Greece.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 3 of 2 M 1830 / Attended Select Quarterly Meeting in
[Providence](#), which was a time of favour indeed*

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February 4, Thursday: Charter of the Camden and Amboy railroad of New Jersey.

Charter of the [Delaware and Raritan Canal](#).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day, Attended the Quarterly Meeting at large this was also
a time of favour & all the testimonys approvable except one which
was from Abraham Chase a disowned Member which was unsound and
unsavory. – The buisness was conducted well & things ended well
Edmond Chase of Fall River was confirmed in the Station of an
Elder. –*

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February 5, Friday: [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) was awarded the Imperial Order of the Southern Cross by Emperor Pedro I of Brazil in Paris.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day our General School Committee [what has become the "Moses
Brown School" in Providence] was a very favoured time & I believe
many were thankful for it. –*

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February 6, Saturday: [Hector Berlioz](#) wrote to Humbert Ferrand of his mental state under the simultaneous burdens of conceiving the Symphonie fantastique and his infatuation with Harriet Smithson. "I listen to the beating of my heart, its pulsations shake me like the pounding pistons of a steam engine. Every muscle in my body quivers with pain.... Futile!... Horrible!"

The Argyll Rooms, London, home of the Philharmonic Society, burnt to the ground. The orchestra's library was saved.

I pazzi per progetto, a farsa by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Gilardoni, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro del Fondo, Naples. The work was a success.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Attended Meeting for sufferings and harmony prevailed

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February 7, Sunday: In England, after the very severe cold and snowfall of January, a period of rapid and decisive thaw commenced.

[Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) played his Piano Concerto no.2 in f minor for the initial time, in a private performance in the Chopin home, Warsaw.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 2nd M 1830 / In our Morning Meeting our fr Deborah Otis appeared in the forepart in Supplication & in the rest of the time was occupied in a testimony of great life & power by John Wilbourn - it was indeed at time of watering for which my heart was glad & thankful - In the Afternoon Deborah rose four times & imparted much good counsell to the children. -

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February 10, Wednesday: Boston's mayor, Harrison Gray Otis, deflected a southern demand to punish David Walker and suppress his AN APPEAL ... TO THE COLORED CITIZENS OF THE WORLD...: "notwithstanding the extremely bad and inflammatory tendency of the publication, ... the author was an old-clothing dealer who openly avowed the statements in the book when questioned by a representative of the Mayor's office ... in short he is acting on his own, not as a pawn in some conspiracy, and cannot be taken seriously ... the book had caused no excitement in Boston."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10 of 2 M / Silent good meeting. - My mind yesterday & today had been lead to view many subjects that are past, some that are present, & some that are in prospective. - it has been a time of deep seriousness with me. - Last evening I had an inward time to go to [Smithfield](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting which commences there today - tho' not seeking much object in going & feeling no special drift to attend that Meeting - I did



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*not feel warranted in leaving the Institution at this time. –
it is not always best to run when there is an opportunity for
running – but it is best for us to be careful to go when
required. –*

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February 11, Thursday: La noce de village, a ballet tableau by Ferdinand Herold was performed for the initial time, in the Palais de Tuileries, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11 of 2 M / A good Meeting to me in Town Wm Almy preached.

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March 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 14th of 3rd M 1830 / My Diary neglected for much longer
time than usual for many Years –*

*Since the last date we have had no very unfavourable occurrences
& yet some trials in the School. –*

*We have recd a very acceptable & comfortable letter from John &
several of our friends. –*

*Today in our Morning Meeting we had the company of our Sister
Mary B Allen, who appeared in Supplication & Lydia Breed
preached.*

*In the Afternoon Wm almy was here & very acceptable in the
Ministry. –*

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March 16, Tuesday: Led by Liberals, the French Chamber of Deputies voted to request of King Charles that he make changes in his council to remove right-wing elements.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 16th of 3rd M 1830 / Called this Morning to pay a visit
of sympathy at John Earls who lost a child yesterday between 15
& 16 Months old, while he was absent from home. – it called to
Mind the loss of our first Child Caleb, who died while I was
absent at Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Portsmouth](#)*

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March 17, Wednesday: To help defray expenses, William S. Phiquepal left Fanny Wright in Haiti to return the *John Quincy Adams* to New Orleans with a cargo of Haitian coffee. By this time she was pregnant by him, which would lead to a most unhappy marriage. "Mingling in the easy social life of Haiti's mulatto aristocracy, she and Phiquepal spent a month together on the island. There were garden parties and dinners, rides on horseback, strolls through Port-au-Prince...."

[Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) made his official debut performance in Warsaw, in the National Theater, playing his f-minor Piano Concerto publicly for the initial time, plus the premiere of his Fantasia on Polish Airs opus 13.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 17 of 3 M / In our family Meeting today Lydia Breed was engaged in a close searching & pertinent testimony. - We attended the funeral of John Earls Child - tho' the Day was stormy & Rainy a considerable number attended & among us was Jas Fenner Gov of the State of R I which was the first time I was ever in his company I informed him after the funeral of the recent death of his old friend & acquaintance Christopher Fowler of [Newport](#), with which information he Seemed much surprised - they were very intimate & he had not heard of his illness At the funeral Lydia was again engaged in testimony much to my satisfaction. -
Yesterday I recd a good letter from my old friend & acquaintance Sarah Tucker.*

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March 21, Sunday: Kantate zu Ehren von Josef Spendou D.472 by Franz Schubert to words of Hoheisel, for solo voices, chorus and orchestra was performed for the initial time, in the Landhaussaal, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 3 M 1830 / After the funeral on 4th day Lydia returned & was taken sick & remains poorly. -
Our Mornng Meeting was silent - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & much favoured in testimony - After Meeting I walked with him to [Moses Browns](#) & took tea Moses has been very sick but is some better. -*

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March 24 Wednesday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave a very successful concert in the Salle Chantierine, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 3rd M 1830 / Attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting in [Providence](#) Wm Almy engaged in Testimony & also Anna A Jenkins very sweetly & encouragingly to some minds present. -

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In the last Meeting we had four cases reported from [Smithfield](#) Preparative Meeting of Friends who had failed in Trade Vizt Wm Harris, Abraham Wilkinson, Timothy Greene & Nathan Buffington. – My name was on the committee to treat with them –it is an undesirable Situation to be placed in, but I saw no other way than to submit & do the best I could. – This is a day of trial in which we live. There is much to encounter many ways, but as the eye is kept single to the Truth –I have some faith left to believe, way will be made even in hard places, to effect all that is necessary to effect, in the discharge of Duty both in ourselves & the Church. –

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March 28, Sunday: [Stephen Elliott](#) died of “apoplexy” (that would be most likely a stroke) in Charleston, South Carolina. His grave in St. Paul’s churchyard there would initially be unmarked. His herbarium is now at the Charleston Museum. He is remembered “in a genus of plants of the Heath family ... established by Dr. Muhlenberg,” presumably *Ericaceae Elliottia racemosa*.



The Reverend Charles Grandison Finney and his wife Lydia Finney had their 2d child in New-York, naming it Charles Beman Finney after their friend Nathan Beman.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 3rd M / In the course of this Week Lydia Breed



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has remained sick & confined to her chamber. – Dorcas Innman has been taken with the Pleurisy & is quite sick. Several other occurrences of a trying nature has presented which seem to render the task somewhat more proving & difficult than at other times. – I may however acknowledge that Strength seems given according to the day.

Silent Meeting this Morning, & also in the Afternoon - both were poor times to me.

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March 31, Wednesday: A Reform bill was proposed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 3 M 1830 / Our meeting at the School was a poor hard time.

– Oh for more Salt.

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April 1, Thursday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 4 M 1830 / Attended Meeting in town, but alas my leanness, my weakness & Poverty followed me even there. -- In the Afternoon we had a call from [Moses Brown](#) & Wm Jenkins & agreed to write to Phebe Burgess to come here as Second teacher.

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April 2, Friday: “L’Armonica cetra del nume,” a cantata for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra by Gioachino Rossini in honor of Marchese Sampieri, was performed for the initial time, in the dedicatee’s Bologna home.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2 of 4 M / Went this Afternoon to Pawtucket with John Farnum to visit those complaind of at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting – it so worked that we got an opportunity with all of them. – it was a time of some searching & painful labour – but the committee were favoured in the discharge of duty –

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April 3, Saturday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave the 2d and last concert of his trip through Paris.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) learned that Moses Lopez had died in New-York, and that his body had been carried to the [Jewish](#) cemetery in [Newport](#) for burial:

7th day 3 of 4 M / By the News Paper from [Newport](#) this evening I discoverd the removal by death of several of my old neighbours



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& friends - Among Whom were Wm S N Allen - James Dinfer[?] of [Portsmouth](#) - Capt Henry Hunter - & Also my old acquaintance Moses Lopez had died on the first inst at NYork & was carried to Newport on the 3rd & buried in the Jews Burying ground there. Tho' he was not by profession a Christian but a Jew, yet he possessed some of the promonent Christian virtues & was a very kind & good friend to me in many respects - I loved him & hope he has gone to rest thro' the intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord.-


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 April 4, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 4th M 1830 / Wm Almy was here in the Afternoon & preached. - The Morng Meeting was silent & a low time to me. -

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 April 9, Friday: Eadweard Muybridge, who would pioneer the study of motion in photography, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 4 M / I woke this Morng just before the Clock struck three in a State of great destitution leaness & poverty of spirit. - wherein I was In Light to see & feel the necessity of living in a continual state of watchfulness & prayer - of keeping the mind in a state in which it in appeal to God for help, strength & confidence in him who is alone able to help be as an Anchor for the soul to flee to on all occasions. - Ah in such seasons of destitution how little can our own Wills & Human reason do for us - Unsanctified Human reason is totally insufficient to afford the mind any consolation in seasons of disercion - yet aided, refined & enlightened by divine grace, it may be called in for our help - but Divine Grace is the essence at last. -

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April 11, Easter Sunday: Louis de Chaisne, Comte Bourmont became the 1st French military commander of Algeria.

In the Anna-Kirche of Vienna, Acts I & II of Lazarus, oder Die Feier der Auferstehung D.689, an oratorio by Franz Schubert to words of Niemeyer, was performed for the initial time.

While in Frankfurt, Robert Schumann for the 1st time witnessed a performance by [Nicolò Paganini](#). This was of course impressive but he wondered whether such a virtuoso might be lacking in “that great, noble, priestly serenity characteristic of the genuine artist.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 4 M 1830 / Silent Meeting in the Mornng In the Afternoon we had the company of Wm almy who preached acceptably. – his labours at this house I hope may be blessed to the rising generation as well as to some in more maturer years. –

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April 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day [sic] 18 of 4 M / Silent Meetings – seasons of some favour to me, tho’ not a little tried with unsettled & roving feelings. –

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April 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 4 M / Recd a letter from John, very pleasant & good.

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April 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20th of 4th M / Recd a letter from Abraham Tucker containing a good deal of acceptable & interesting matter. –

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April 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21st of 4 M / Our Meeting in the family was silent & rather a low time to me. –

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April 22, Thursday: [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) was elected a corresponding member to the Academie Royale des Beaux Arts de l'Institut de France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 4th M 1830 / In the first Meeting Lydia Breed had a short but good testimony - In the Preparative meeting we had a complaint presented against Anson Potter & one against Rowland E Hazard which were forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting.

In the Select Meeting which followed, - The Usual buisness of answering the queries were attended to & our friend Anna A Jenkins opened a concern to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting at New York which was fully united with. -

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April 23, Friday: The ship from Haiti, bearing Francis Wright, docked in Philadelphia. Fanny was pregnant. She would soon leave for New-York, to be with her sister Camilla.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 4 M / Our frined [Moses Brown](#) had a severe ill turn yesterday & last night - I visited him today & found him comfortable and pleasant. -

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Because of an unfortunate dalliance, when Fanny Wright arrived in Philadelphia from Haiti, she arrived pregnant. She would go on, to New-York, in an attempt to assist her troubled sister, Camilla, whose life had been wracked by tragedy and illness, and who was “visibly sinking.” The only person with whom she was hanging out was Robert Dale Owen, and the two were very possibly in love but he was attempting to cope with “the impossibility of their situation by burying his emotions in work.” He was commuting every day five miles on horseback from their rural home in the upper reaches of Manhattan Island to “the city” (south of Houston Street), and working there twelve hours a day.



Harriet Arbuthnot was the wife of a Tory MP and a great friend to Wellington. She secretly became his “social secretary” at No. 10 Downing Street. According to *THE JOURNAL OF MRS. ARBUTHNOT 1820-1832*, as edited by Francis Bamford and the duke of Wellington (Macmillan, 1950),

The King goes on much the same. The Doctors say he is a little better, but I think Halford is persuaded he will die. He gets black in the face & his pulse alters when he has these attacks on his breath, which they think shows something wrong about the heart. They took him out airing ten days ago &, when he got to the Lodge, he was so bad they were frightened to death & thought he would die. They gave him quantities of brandy, & he rallied so completely that he got into his carriage & drove 20 miles. His mode of living is really beyond belief. One day last week, at the hour of the servants’ dinner, he called the Page & said,



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"Now you are going to dinner. Go down stairs & cut me off just such a piece of beef as you would like to have yourself, cut from the part you like best yourself, & bring it me up." The page accordingly went and fetched him an enormous quantity of roast beef, all of which he eat, & then slept for 5 hours. One night he drank two glasses of hot ale & toast, three glasses of claret, some strawberries!! and a glass of brandy. Last night they gave him some physic and, after it, he drank three glasses of port wine & a glass of brandy. No wonder he is likely to die! But they say he will have all these things & nobody can prevent him. I dare say the wine will not hurt him, for with the Evil (which all the Royal Family have) it is necessary, I believe, to have a great deal of high food, but the mixture of ale & strawberries is enough to kill a horse....



April 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 4th M / With my H Rode to [Smithfield](#) & attended Meeting there, - it was silent & a dull season to me. - I Returned to the Afternoon Meeting at the Institution Wm Almy was there & preached instructively

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April 28, Wednesday: Franz Liszt and Henri Herz played duets at the Salle Chanteraine, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 4 M / Rode to [Smithfield](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - it was a very pleasant Ride - we enjoyed the Scenery - the beautiful pines & the other forest trees were highly inteersting & particularly the wild plums which is in full blossom

But the Meeting tho' highly favoured in some respects was a season of painful exercise Wm Harris Abraham Wilkinson Timothy Greene & Nathan Buffington were disowned - & three others were taken under dealing - the Meeting held over four hours. -In the first Meeting our friend Wm Almy preached & was followed by Anna A Jenkins - Lydia Breed closed in Supplication - In the last meeting Anna A Jenkins opened a concern to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting at New York & recd a copy of a Minute for the purpose & Lydia Breed felt a drawing to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meetings of Dartmouth & [New Bedford](#) & had a copy of a Minute for that purpose. - So that amidst all the discouraging circumstances which attend us - there are some which evince that there are some alive & ready to go fourth in the great course of their Lord & Master. -

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May 2, Sunday: James Watson Webb assaulted Duff Green, who,... drew from his breast a pistol and presented it at Webb, who immediately ceased all hostile demonstration, and on his return to New York published an article over his name.

Those New-Yorkers who had moved out of their apartments as of May Day, but had failed to find new apartments and were camping in parks such as the City Hall Park, were being taken by the police to jail. Here is a snippet from Charles Haskell's REMINISCENCES OF NEW YORK BY AN OCTOGENARIAN (1816-1860):³⁶⁶

James Watson Webb of the Courier and Enquirer feeling aggrieved at some action of Duff Green, editor of a paper in Washington, went there for the purpose of resenting the charge against him by punishing Green, who, upon the appearance of Webb in a threatening manner, drew from his breast a pistol and presented it at Webb, who immediately ceased all hostile demonstration, and on his return to New York published an article over his name, relating the meeting with Green on the steps of the Capitol, and that the pistol was of a given length with a mahogany stock. The article was held to be very injudicious and humiliating to his friends. Bennett, upon his publication of the Herald in 1838, took advantage of it; and for a long while after when he referred to Webb, it was "mahogany stock," "barrel and all," etc. A new line to Philadelphia was established in the spring: running time (by steamboats and coaches), twelve hours —*mirable dictu!* About this period India-rubber overshoes first appeared; the exact date I cannot give. They were wholly made of pure rubber, and were very rough and unsightly in fashion. Prior to this, provident elderly persons wore overshoes of leather, men and boys greased their boots or shoes in winter, or suffered with wet feet. The popular letters of Major Jack Downing first appeared in the New York Advertiser. They assumed to be from the pen of an Eastern pedler, who having been intimate with General Jackson, the President, they jointly occupied a bed, and he addressed him in that strain. They were written by Charles Augustus Davis of this city.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 5 M 1830 / Silent Meeting in the Mornng - Wm Almy was here & preached in the Afternoon.

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May 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 5 M / The sub-committee Meeting was larger than common at this time, it was a comfortable Meeting after which several Friends set out for Quarterly Meeting at [Greenwich](#).

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366. Other of the "Jack Downing" letters were written by Seba Smith, of the Portland ME Courier. Some of Davis's Jack Downing sketches satirizing the controversy over Andrew Jackson's dismantling of the 2nd Bank of the US are reprinted in THE ANNALS OF AMERICA, Volume 6, Selection 10 (page 41).



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 May 5, Wednesday: Franz Liszt dined at the home of Victor Hugo in Paris, where he met Prosper Merimee.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*4th day 5th of 5 M 1830 / We rode to [Greenwich](#) to attend the
Select Qry Meeting - a Good Meeting. -
Lodged at Danl Howlands. -*

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 May 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day - Qry Meeting at large Wm Almy in testimony & A A Jenkins
in Supplication
In addition to the usual buisness there was a good testimony
from R I Moy [Monthly] Meeting concerning Our dear friend David
Buffum decd. - but it fell far below the Standard of his worth
& usefulness in society. - Dined at the Widow Prouds & rode
home.-*

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 May 11, Tuesday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave his 2d concert on his current stay in London, in the concert hall of the King's Theater, Haymarket.

L'auberge d'Auray, an opera comique by Ferdinand Herold and Carafa to words of Moreau de Commaguy and d'Epagny, was performed for the initial time, in the Theatre de Ventadour, Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day [sic] 11 of 5th M / This Morning Phebe Burgess arrived
in the Steam Boat from NYork to take her place as teacher at the
Institution. She was brought up by [Moses Brown](#) in his carriage
& by him introduced to us. - Soon After her arrival I left with
Lucy Nichols & took the NYork Steam Boat for [Newport](#). - where
we arrived safe & found our friends in health. - on 4th day I
took Chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#) to see My Mother who was 83
Hears old the day before - found her & Aunt Stanton pretty well
- Uncle having gone into Town I missed the opportunity of seeing
him -After dinner I rode across the Island to Visit my old
friends & relatives Shadrack Chase & his sister Elizabeth at the
old mansion House of their late father & my much loved cousin
Zacheus Chase - after a pleasant visit & a Dish of Tea with them
I rode home, enjoying the beautiful Scenery of the West rode,
which I have so many times traveled & admired & loved from my
early childhood to the present Day. -*

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 May 13, Thursday: The State of the South of Colombia (Ecuador) was declared independent of Gran Colombia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On 5th day attended our Week day Meeting in [Newport](#) - it was silent - & comfortable to meet with my old friends.- The day was rainy & the number smaller than usual in pleasant weather. -


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 May 15, Saturday: Fanny Wright responded in the [Free Enquirer](#) to the allegation in a “scabrous pamphlet” by Dr. William Gibbons that her followers advocated “promiscuous, if licensed, concubinage” and that her philosophy of life could offer “no remedy for the evils of life other than a pistol or a hangman’s noose.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On Seventh day after having attended to such buisness as I went upon - came on board the Steamer Rush Light & returned to [Providence](#) & the Institution with Lucy who went down with me to visit our friends & Relations there. -

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 May 16, Sunday: King Charles X of France dissolved Parliament and called for new elections.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 5 M 1830 / Silent meeting in the morning In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & was very instructive in a deep Doctrinal testimony on the subject of Faith. -

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 May 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 5 M / Silent meeting & but little life in me. -My mind is variously exercised. I pray that in all things it may be stayed on Gods to feel after him as the place to depend in all exigencies. - I have known his power to support in seasons of great desercion. -

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June 1, Tuesday: In England, threshers, and other agricultural machines, were impacting the lives of farm laborers so radically that they began to fire the ricks of straw in the fields. The unrest would become famous as the “Swing Riots.”

Maine’s [Cumberland and Oxford Canal](#) was completed.

In [Concord, Massachusetts](#), this was the day of the federal census enumeration. We notice immediately that the federal government was interested in how old a white American was but considered it to be a matter of indifference, how old an American of color was.

	Male	Female	Total
Under 5 years	151	126	277
Of 5 & under 10	119	116	235
Of 10 & under 15	104	115	219
Of 15 & under 20	116	89	205
Of 20 & under 30	192	195	387
Of 30 & under 40	124	120	244
Of 40 & under 50	80	82	162
Of 50 & under 60	48	63	111
Of 60 & under 70	30	46	76
Of 70 & under 80	26	27	53
Of 80 & under 90	11	11	22
Of 90 & under 100	0	2	2
	<u>1,001</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>1,993</u>
Free persons of color, any age	15	13	28
	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>2,021</u>

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 6 M 1830 / To day was our Sub Committee Meeting - On the whole it was a pleasant time, tho' some subjects were before us which interested & tried my feelings - particularly that of omiting to employ Moses Mitchell & Jos Hoag as teachers in the Boys School - They have been honest & faithful teachers & their conduct such in trying cases as has inspired my respect & confidence, & if they leave the Institution it will be with my esteem & love. -



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The Trustees of O Browns Fund also had a Meeting & such of us as was present agreed to appoint Samuel B Tobey to the trust in the place of Maik Coffin who has been disowned by the Monthly Meeting of [Nantucket](#) -

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June 8, Tuesday: The USS *Vincennes* returned to New-York harbor as “the first warship to circumnavigate the earth.” Well, anyway, that was its blurb in the patriotic press.

The [Quaker](#) educational institution in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), on its way to becoming today’s [Moses Brown School](#), was visited by a couple of traveling [Hicksite](#) Quakers, and Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), living in an apartment of the boarding house for students as a kind of house parent, found himself in deep opposition to these Hicksites and everything they stood for:

*3rd day 8th of 6th M / Today Stephen Wilson & Hannah his wife from Goose Creek in Virginia called at the Institution - they are Hixites & Hannah as Preacher & has come on here to impose on Friends - She was formerly Hannah Pope of Bolton & an old acquaintance of ours as a Yearly Meeting lodger. - We treated her civilly but cool & felt grieved that one who had once been esteemed & no doubt in good measure religious should be attached to wrong principles - they were accompanied by Anson Potter a disowned Member of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting at whose house they lodged last night - From here they went to James Scott another disowned member. -
After tea I went down to [Moses Browns](#) & sat with him & Elisha Bates. -*



June 10, Thursday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 6 M 1830 / Elisha Bates attended Meeting in [Providence](#) at their regular Week Day Meeting & had one appointed at 5 OClock for the inhabitants of the Town - I could not conveniently attend either having much to do to get ready to go to Yearly Meeting - We however undertood he was favoured in each & the one appointed for the inhabitants was very satisfactory. - A good many friends arrived this Afternoon at the School House on their way to Yearly Meeting & among them some whom I have long known & been glad to meet -



June 11, Friday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 6 M / At 12 OClock we came on board the Steam Boat President for [Newport](#) to attend our Annual Meeting - Arrived at about 3 OC & went immediately to Aunt Nancy Carpenters found her feeble but about, & our house cleaned up & ready to receive us - we expect to occupy our own rooms & bed but to make her house our eating home. - By this we can have considerable of the



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*company of our friends & furnish rooms for friends to resort to
& transact much of the buisness of society - hold committees -
do writing &c -*

*We took tea at Brother isaacs & in the evening called to see
many of our old friends & relations. -*



June 12, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 12th of 6th M 1830 / This morning commences our Annual
Meeting for Ministers & Elders at [Portsmouth](#)
Took Chaise & with my wife rode our the West road enjoying the
beautiful Scenery of the Island & got to Meeting in Season. -
The meeting was favourd with solemn quiet - on sitting down in
it there was a comfortable feeling attendant on my mind - in
part for Worship Wm Almy opened the service & was followed by
Elisha Bates - a few words after by Phebe Field I think was about
all that was said -*

*The part for the transacting the affairs of the Church was
attended with some exercise but on the whole a time in which
Truth had the ascendancy - We dined at Uncle Isaac Almys - After
which I returned to the Meeting house to the Meeting for
Sufferings - from there to Uncle Isaac Almys took tea & rode
home as conductors to Elisha Bates & companion where we expect
we shall Board this Y Meetingtime having the use of our part of
the house to accomodate our friends with sleeping & sitting
apartments. - After I got to bed I was very unwell & had a poor
night. -*



June 13, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day - Our Morning Meeting was very large Phebe Field opened
the Service by directing the people to the breaking of bread to
the Multitude, how he commanded them to sit down on the grass,
& The fragments that were left which I thought had a solemnizing
effect on the Assembly - & soon after Our friend Elisha Bates
rose on the necessity of laying a right foundation - that no
building would stand that was built on uncertain foundation &
it was of consequence that religious opinions & principles on
wrong foundation could not Stand & from this branched out &
delivered one of the most copious sermons on the christian
religion that I perhaps ever heard, & attended with great
Authority & power - he stood over an hour & the people were
profoundly attentive & singularly Still for so great an Audience
In the Afternoon the Meeting was much larger than in the Morning
- Wm Almy commenced the service by calling the attention of the
Audience to the subject of Worship & a little hinting at the
Nature of this great & important duty - he was soon followed by
Joseph Brown who commenced with the Text "Faith hope & Charity
& the greatest of these Charity" - he followed these subjects
thro' in masterly manner, & his testimmony attended with life &*



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power - concluding with a most affectionate & solemn appeal to the Youth present, which left as much savour as I have lately seen on so great an Audience. Phebe Field concluded in a few expressions on the Necessity of preparing for death reciting the passage "All flesh is as grass" &c -

The Steam Boat arrived this Morning from [Providence](#) with about 500 Passengers to Attend our Meeting today, & at night returned with about 90. - This is probably as great a number of people as ever sailed in this River in one Boat. -



June 14, Monday: French troops began landing in Algeria.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Meeting commenced at the usual hour, 9 OC in the Morning. - After sitting some time in Silence, a Solid covering over the Meeting but not of the most lively cast. - The Meeting Moved to buisness & the usual reading of epistles & other transactions at this sitting were gone thro' & I thought under the most favourable circumstances. - We adjourned to the 3rd house & again met & enterd on the State of Society. - Several very weighty, deep & reverend communications were made by Elisha Bates & Joseph Browne, Wm Almy & several of our own members participating usefully in the discussion of subjects before us, relating to the State of society as represented by the Answers to the queries & part which only were gone thru at this time. The Select Meeting being adjourned to 8 OClock this evening it met & went thro' the State of Society which took till the hour of Ten to which the Meeting at large was adjourned - when the Select Meeting adjourned till 5th day Morning

At 10 the Meeting at large met & proceeded to the reading of the document prepared by the General committee of the different Meetings - the Shutters between the Men & Women were raised so that one reading answered for both Meetings - it occupied just two hours in the reading & a most solemn quiet prevailed the whole time & after it got through, the quiet in which the greatest flood of Approbation flowed from every quarter of the house, & from every class, young & old, I ever heard on any occasion -

The Meeting being much exhausted rose at Two OClock & Adjourned till 5 OC -



June 19, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

It was my intention to have kept a more regular Diary of events thro' the course of this Yearly Meeting than I have done of late years, concluding that as we were exempt from close family care it might be in my power so to do - but tho' we were not house keepers, we were residing in our own hired house & recd many visitors, what with the continual service of society, in meeting & out which devolved upon us, we were not able to retire to bed



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till about 12 OClock each night & generally rose at 5 in the Morning. - I am however now at the close, & after Friends have gone, being in my old shop where I have long lived & had many pleasures, for which I desire to be thankful, & many pains which I desire may & believe has, taught me much experience, & there for duly to appreciate their value. - I say now, at the close I am able in retrospect to say, that great & Manifold have been our favours together, at this very important season of our Yearly Meeting - The divine blessing has manifestly attended us & while on some accounts, some trials have presented & some bitter herbs dispenced yet "The hearts of many have been made to burn as he has talked to us by the Way." The Lord has evidently directed our councils & himself "Presided chief Speaker in & among us - & Many young & Old will have to commemorate his gracious dealing at this season. - Our friends Elisha Bates & Joseph Browne have been favourd instruments & by the weight of these spirits helped to keep things in order they have also labourd in Word & doctrine & been favour'd to reach the witness for God in many Minds, & I trust sow some seeds, which may take root & flourish in the Garden of the Lord We had much of the company of our fr Elisha Bates & his companion Abel Townsend who lodged in our part of the house & Ate with Aunt Nancy Carpenter. - With the other Public friends we have had but little families intercourse. - tho' we have seen & heard enough from them to Satisfy us they are acceptably here The Meeting closed yesterday Morning (6th of the Week) under a most solemn covering, after a weighty deep & searching testimony from Elisha Bates -

After attending the usual organising settings of the Meeting for Sufferings, & School committee Friends parted, & most of them left town & I have reason to believe many can say it is good for me that I have been here. - 10ock[?] most of this evening, & drank tea at Father Rodmans having the company of our dear Brother & Sister Nichols. -

This Morning (7th day of the Week) My wife feeling it best for her to return to Providence she took the Steam Boat & went accordingly. - I remained behind to attend to some concerns which appeard necessary - & have spent the day in putting things at home in as good order to leave as I can. -



June 20, Sunday: The British possession of Gibraltar became a crown colony.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day It was my calculation to have taken the Steam Boat & been in Providence by 9 OClock this Morng but we could not reach it in season to get on board before it left - so we took the Wind Packet in hopes to get to the Afternoon Meeting - but the Wind Slackning we did not reach the School House till Meeting had been set half an hour It rained most of our passage - Br & Sister Nichols were on board with me & came to the School House



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June 22, Tuesday: [Sam Houston](#)'s initial newspaper column written to defend the position of native Americans was published in [The Arkansas Gazette](#) under the name *Tah-lohn-tusky*.

The pillory in the Old Bailey in London was used for the final time.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22nd of 6 M 1830 / Brother & Sister Nichols left us this Morning taking with them his son Isaiah & daughter Lydia continuing Lucy at the School. -



June 23, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 6 M / Rode with my H to [Smithfield](#) to attend Monthly Meeting - It was a pleasant Ride & a good Meeting Wm Almy, Hepzibah Harris & Anna A Jenkins bore good & precious testimonies. - In our ride home we took a rode which brought us to one of the Locks of the Worcester Canal & we had the satisfaction of being there & saw two boats pass the Lock, one up, & the other down - This is the first time I ever saw a Boat pass a Canal lock. - It was an interesting sight to us both. -



June 27, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 6 M / In the forenoon our fr Lydia Breed was engaged in a seasonable pertinent & lively testimony & in the Afternoon Wm Almy was similarly concerned among us. - it was a day of some favour for which I desire to be thankful - It is a favour which might be acknowledged & gratefully remembered that we are able to enjoy present good - to see & feel that the Gracious Arm of Divine Mercy is extended & is supporting us thro' the vicisitudes, temptations & multiform trials of this life. - My heart is often fraught with gratitude that I am enabled to see & enjoy the pleasant scenery around this institution & above all, that my heart is preserved in a State of some religious sensibility. - & inabled to make some progress in the path way of religious improvement. -

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June 30, Wednesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 6 MM 1830 / Our Meeting was a dull heavy one - render'd more so to me from indisposition of Body Abigail Arnold of the committee set with us - Yesterday was our sub committee meeting. - We had a pretty large company & some important buisness before us - particularly that of employing a teacher in the higher branches of education.-no conclusion come to - a proposition was made to employ an individual Not a member & the name of one was mentioned - I must



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*acknowledge that this proposition was trying to my feelings,
from a sense of the danger we run in introducing Such to care &
Authority here who have not the best interest of society at
heart. –*



July 3, Saturday: French elections concluding on this day would result in a loss for pro-government forces.

The Savannah, Georgia newspaper The Georgian carried an intriguing story about the Spanish [negrero](#) *Fenix*, which had been stopped by a US warship because it was robbing an American ship off Cuba:



The schooner *Swift* at Charleston from Key West, on the 25th ultimo off Key West, was boarded by a boat from the R.C. *Pulaski* [Capt.] Swiler, from Key West for Pensacola, with a piratical Guineaman under convoy, who reported that the above slaver had been taken a few days previous off the East end of Cuba while in the act of robbing an American brig (the *Kremlin* of Boston from Europe bound to Havana) by the U.S. schooner *Grampus* – She had, when taken, 83 slaves on board, of which 3 had died since their capture. The pirate was formerly the pilot boat built schooner *Trimmer*, of New York. The *Grampus* left Key West 24 ultimo for Pensacola – officers and crew all well.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Have you ever wondered what happened to people who got freed from [slave](#) ships? As this article reported, there were 82 or 83 Africans, 3 of whom died before the warship reached its home port, Key West. They were taken on to Pensacola, and then to New Orleans, where a federal judge ruled they were free persons of color — but of course he could not free them in Louisiana lest they be seized and sold. The matter would need to be taken to the US Supreme Court before these people could be safely released.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 7th M 1830 / This Morning Our friend [Moses Brown](#) waited on Benjamin Chappell Stanton a young man from Ohio to see us, after sitting a while he found himself very unwell & returned home, leaving Benjamin in our Care. – his object in coming from Ohio is to Solicit subscriptions for Barclays Works which he proposes to publish entire. – he appears to be a solid well concerned young man & I do heartily wish him success. –

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Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Sunday: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s 26th birthday.

In Columbia, South Carolina the 4th had already been celebrated, on Saturday the 3rd — of course because Down Here In God's Country We Remember The Sabbath Day And Keep It Holy.

Vice President John C. Calhoun, at the Anniversary celebration in Pendleton, South Carolina, stirred up a certain amount of controversy with a toast in which "consolidation and disunion" were the "two extremes of our system" — whatever the hell that was supposed to mean.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me, an anthem by Lowell Mason, was performed for the initial time, by a children's choir in Park Street Church, Boston.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 7 M / Both Meetings Silent & in the mornng Enoch & Lydia at [Smithfield](#). —
Benj C Stanton was here in the Mornng & went to Town in the Afternoon. — The more acquaintance I have with him the more I esteem him. —*

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July 7, Wednesday: There had been an ambush and massacre of Fox tribesmen by the Dakota and Menominee, probably in early May, as the Foxes had been at the request of Joseph Street en route to a conference at Prairie du Chien. On this day, with the Sauk, Fox, Dakota, and Menominee assembled, the sessions began. The differences would not be reconciled and the conference would not succeed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 7th of 7 M 1830 / In setting down quietly this Mornng in our Chamber - I was lead to a view of my many blessings & favours, outwardly & inwardly, & I trust I have always been in good measure sensible of them, but not enough grateful to Him who dispenced them. — whose Merciful & Kind Providence has been signally manifest for my help on various occasions, all my life long.
Our Meeting was a rather more dry time than I expected when it first began. Previous to going my mind was in a lively sensible frame & I was thankful for the favour - but probably by not keeping close to the Inward watch I soon fell in a low condition as to life & was not able to rise out of it. —*

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July 9, Friday: Stanislaw Moniuszko received a certificate attesting that, through private education, he had attained adequate progress up to the 4th form.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9th of 7 M / Our fr Joseph Bowne from Butternutts in the State of NYork called to see us with Wm Jenkins a little while. – he is on his return from [Nantucket](#) & a few Meetings that way where he has been spending his time Since Yearly Meeting & is now bound to Salem & Lynn to take those Meetings & then to return here & go directly home. – Phebe Field with Anna A Jenkins called at the door a little while in the Afternoon. – After tea I took Jon Slocum a Scholar & at present assistant teacher in the Absence of B B Hussey – & went down to [Moses Browns](#) & spent a little time J Bowne & Phebe Field being there. – it was a pleasant visit & interesting to us all. –

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July 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 7 M 1830 / We attended Meeting in [Smithfield](#) at the close of which a Meeting was appointed at 4 OC in the Afternoon by Our fr Phebe Field who was in the Mornng at Cumberland meeting & to be here at the time appointed in the Afternoon – We went to the widow Hepzibah Harris to dine. –this extended my journeying North, about 3 Miles. – I was much pleased with some acquaintance with Hapzibah. I have been in the way of frequently seeing her at Meeting, but never before in her company – She is a good patient old woman & tho blind, can see further in some things, than many who has two good eyes. – The Meeting in the Afternoon was large, & very solid – Phebe was much favourd. She appeard to have a good understanding of States – & was sound in Doctrine & her Ministry & Supplication appeard in the life & with a good degree of Power – She returned with us to the School House & lodged. –

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July 12, Monday: Very heavy rain began falling in western New York, and would continue through the following morning.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12th of 7th M 1830 / Phebe Field & her daughter spent the forenoon with us & after dinner Enoch carried them to Town. – We recd a letter from Sister Ruth Rodman –

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July 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 14th of 7 M / Our Meeting was held at 9 OC this Morning to accomodate Our friends Joseph Bowne & Phebe Field who wished to attend, so as to go on Board the Steam Boat at 12 OC for NYork. Joseph & Phebe were both engaged in testimony very acceptably, they were comforting and encouraging, both to the Caretakers & Scholars -

Samuel Emlen son of our late friend Samuel Emlen was also at Meeting, & our always acceptable friend [Moses Brown](#) Ahab Arnold Wm Jenkins & Anna A Jenkins also attended. -

I have no doubt that tender impressions were made on the minds of the Scholars & others present - Josephs preaching was well calculated to live in the minds of the children. -

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August 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 8th M 1830 / Silent Meeting in the Morning & In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & was favoured in testimony. -

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August 3, Tuesday: Commander [George Back](#) travelled up the Rhine River to Switzerland. He would spend more than a year touring Italy.

Louis-Philippe, son of the Duc d'Orleans, was elected King of the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 8th M 1830 / After Attending the Meetg of the Sub committee My wife & I took the Chaise & rode down to [Rhode Island](#) & Staid at Uncle Stanton's where I found my Aged Mother as comfortable in health as when I last saw her at the Yearly Meeting time. -

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August 4, Wednesday: James Thompson, a civil engineer hired by the [Illinois](#) Legislature, filed a survey and plat of the town of [Chicago](#) in Section 9, Township 39, Range 14, and the municipality received its first legal description — although the town would not incorporate for another three years.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Attended the Select Quarterly Meeting & After Meeting rode into [Newport](#) & lodged at our Own home. - Visited many of our friends & relations in the course of the evening. -

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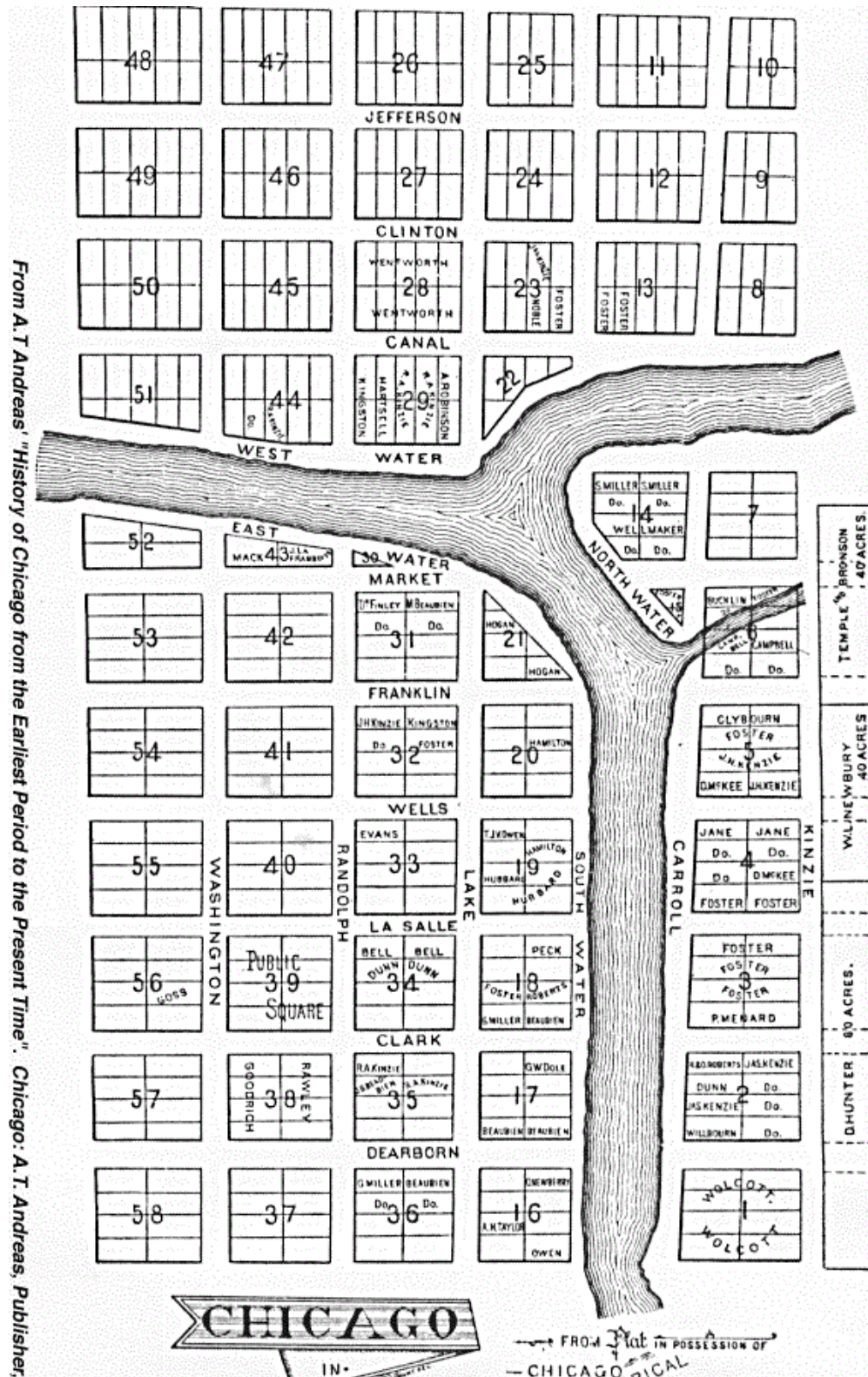
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 August 5, Thursday: Charles Wesley Jr. reported that his brother Samuel was “deranged and strapped down” but was better after being bled by doctors. He said the cause was “drink.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


*5th day After making a number of calls & doing a little buisness we again Rode to [Portsmouth](#) & Attended the Quarterly Meeting at large held there –
In the first meeting Wm Almy was very extensively engaged in a sound pertinent testimony – was followed in a short good testimony from Anna Macomber from Westport & the Meeting concluded after a prayer by Betsy Purinton.
We then rode to [Bristol](#) ferry & took some dinner at Jeremiah Giffords & from hence crossed the ferry & rode to our now home at the Institution before Dark.*

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 August 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 8th M 1830 / To day has been our General Committee Meeting, which has been largely attended & several new members who was never at a similar Meeting. – The Subject of an extended education at this Institution was before us & it was unanimously agreed that Measures be taken to procure a teacher who was capable of teaching the higher branches of learning such as Latin Greek &c &c – but in the Settlement of the premises on which it should be done occasioned some exercise & both Meetings of the committee were occupied in the consideration of the subject – It resulted in the appointment of a committee to dispose of the subject by agreeing with an instructor as way should open for. –

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 August 7, Saturday: In an all-day session, the French Chamber of Deputies rejected republican demands for a constitutional convention and a national referendum. They revised the constitution and named Louis-Philippe as the new King of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7th of 8 M 1830 / Attended the Meeting for Sufferings – It was a time of exercise tho’ there was no very important buisness before it. – things however ended pretty well. –

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 August 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 8 M / We rode to [Smithfield](#) & Attended Meeting there. – It is a very pleasant Meeting place & the company who meet there considerably interesting. – The number at Meeting



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today was rather smaller than at some time but it was a comfortable season. –

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August 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 8 M 1830 / Our Meeting was not a season of much life to me. I am thankful however in being able to insert in my Diary that however short I come in devotion to the Cause of Truth I have occasional renewals of life springing up in my heart.

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August 12, Thursday: Johanna Schumann grudgingly approved a plan of Freidrich Wieck to allow her son Robert to study piano and theory and assess his progress after a 6-month period.

Ground was broken at Schenectady, New York for the Mohawk and Hudson Rail-Road. Backer and lawyer C.C. Cambreleng addressed the crowd.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 8th M / After waiting on Lydia Breed and my wife to Meeting in [Providence](#) which they had a mind to attend - I took the Steam Boat for [Newport](#) having buisness there which required my personal attention. – Found Aunt Nancy & all my particular friends well & had time to accomplish some things I went on - in the course of the Afternoon. Took tea at Father Rodmans & lodged at our own hired house

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August 13, Friday: Achille Charles Leonce Victor, Duc de Broglie replaced Marie Jean Paul Roch Yves Gilbert Motier, [Marquis de Lafayette](#) as prime minister of France.

Congressman Warren Davis, on the nullification “solution” to the tariff: “An oppressive and tyrannical law, that is driving almost to madness a generous, patriotic and highminded people, would be seen to be annulled, avoided, and made harmless by the quiet and peaceful intervention of ‘trial by jury’.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day - Was informed today that Peleg Heng on [?] had had the whole of one of his eyes taken out in consequence of a Cancerous affection & day before yesterday a painful & dreadful operation was performed on my cousin Thomas B Gould. –

Spent the day in various concerns among others a visit to my Aged Aunt Hannah Gould tho' circumstances required my dealing closely with her & setting in order before her the exceeding Sinfulness of Sin Yet my labour afforded peace to my own mind and I am in good hopes that the effect of it on her will be lastingly useful I visited most of my friends in the course of the day - & effected some buisness which may hereafter be much



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to my advantage & got ready to leave in the Morning –

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August 14, Saturday: A Constitutional Charter for France was promulgated. It called for an elected monarchy, legislation initiated in the Chambers, an end to press censorship, and the disestablishment of Roman Catholicism.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Rose early & on going to the house top to see if the Steam Boat was in sight found she had turned Brentons Point & Ringing her Bell - I repared immediately to the head of Long Wharf & was soon joined by Sister Ruth Rodman in a carriage & had a pleasant Passage up & arrived at the Institution between 8 & 9 OClock finding all things well & comfortable.

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August 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 8 M / Our friend Elizabeth Wing from [Tiverton](#) in [Rhode Island](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting Attended our Afternoon Meeting very acceptably - She is now out on a Religious visit to the Meetings of this Quarterly Meeting. - her Travelling companion is her husband Edward Wing & a very suitable one he is. They Lodge at the Institution, & expect to attend an appointed Meeting at Cumberland tomorrow.

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August 16, Monday: Despite the fact that he had little sympathy for such republican changes and was wary of service under the new constitutional monarch Louis-Philippe, Alexis de Tocqueville took the oath of loyalty as mandated. He began musing on ways of avoiding all this unpleasant commonness, such as by visiting the United States of America to “see there what a great republic is like” and to observe whether or no that sort of



thing could ever be good for France. He commented that his only fear was that upon his return, he would find France also had become a republic.



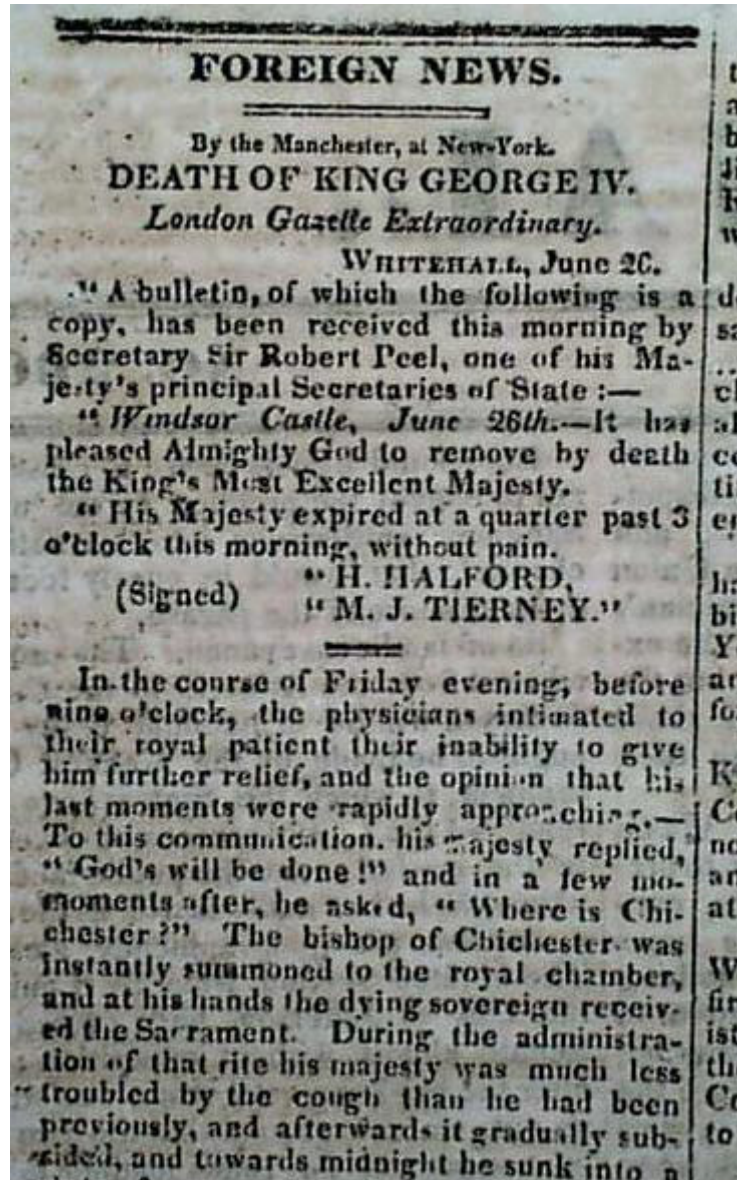
Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16 of 8 M / Took Sister Ruth & rode to Cumberland Meeting with Edw & Elizabeth Wing - Stopped at Davis Metcalfs & refreshed before Meeting. The Meeting was not large but a season of favour. – Dined at Davis Mercalf then left Ruth & came home, as they expected to be at [Smithfield](#) tomorrow. –

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The news arrived in America, that King George IV of England had died. Note the black banner at the top of the column, the manner in which printers of the period announced a death:



August 17, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8th M 17th 1830 / Rode to [Smithfield](#) to attend the Appointed Meeting & Joined our friends & Sister Ruth. —Elizabeth was favour'd in the language & encouragement to all & there were a pretty respectable number of Females who were not members & some men. — Elizabeth requested the members present to remain - & to them she had very encouraging service. After the Meeting closed I rode home with them to the Institution



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& After dinner & resting a while - our kind young friend Gilbert Congdon took Sister Ruth with him in a Chaise & Conducted them to Elihu Bowens in Scituate where they expect to be at Meeting tomorrow & next day at Cranston. -

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➡ August 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 22 of 8 M 1830 / Silent Meeting in the Morning - In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & preached a sound acceptable & I thought seasonable sermon

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➡ August 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 8 M 1830 / Silent Meetings all Day. -

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➡ August 31, Tuesday: A British patent was awarded to Edwin Beard Budding of Stroud, Gloucestershire, for a lawn mower.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 31 of 8 M / Today was our Sub committee Meeting - which was a pleasant time & a considerable important buisness transacted
It was pretty much concluded to build an Addition to this House for the accomodation of a School for the higher branches. -*

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➡ September 1, Wednesday: A poem by Sarah J. Hales, "Mary Had A Little Lamb," was published in Boston.

[Sam Houston](#) and several of his associates purchased the Grand Saline and the land surrounding it, located 25 miles northwest of Fort Gilson, from the Osage children of A.P. Chouteau.

The following is a snippet from Charles Haskell's REMINISCENCES OF NEW YORK BY AN OCTOGENARIAN:
Charles Kean made his first appearance at the Park Theatre in "Richard III" before a great audience. Booth was playing tragedy at the "Bowery" Theatre at this time, and the rival performances were very interesting to the public. Kean may be said to have laid here the foundation of his great reputation. He returned to England in 1833, when his countrymen acceded to the American opinion of him.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 9 M 1830 / Mary B Allen was at Meeting & very




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acceptable in the Ministry. –

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 September 5, Sunday: Imelda de' Lambertazzi, a melodramma tragico by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Tottola, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, Naples.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 5th of 9 M / Rode with my wife to [Smithfield](#) & attended Meeting there - it was Silent but Solid & a considerable number present. - After Meeting we went to Aza Arnolds & dined - I was much gratified with an opportunity to visit this Aged & respectable friend now in his 83rd Year. - We spent the Afternoon with him very pleasantly & then rode home.

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 September 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 9 M / Silent Meeting. – It was a very Solid quiet which seemed to prevail, but I could but lament my own poverty & weakness.

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 September 12, Sunday: Elector Wilhelm II of Hesse-Kassel returned to the capital from Karlsbad. In a few days, unable to depend on his military, he would call for a new constitution for the country.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12th of 9th M 1830 / Silent Meetings at the [Institution](#) – In the Afternoon John Brown of Dover a member of the committee & his Brother Moses Brown of Philadelphia, attended. – Immediately after the close of our Meeting a number of us went to Town to attend the Funeral of Wm Jenkins's child Wm Almy Jenkins who died at his gan rd father Wm Almy's in Cranston yesterday Morning & was brought to Town this & buried from his fathers house this afternoon In the burying ground used by Friends here
This is a heavy loss to the Parents & connections who I have no doubt will be supported under it by the religion which they have long professed & I have no doubt professed in a very good degree. The funeral was Solemn the setting quiet & Wm Almy appeared in reverend supplication & also in a short testimony at the close. –*

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September 22, Wednesday: State of the South of Colombia was renamed the State of Ecuador.

Holland's Belgian provinces were separated.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 9 M / Today was our Week day Meeting at the Institution. - Oh Poverty & leanness is Yet upon me - but the Meeting today was a little better than at sometimes - Our fr [Moses Brown](#) called to see us a little while this Afternoon, but my wife being under engagement to go to Dorcas Anthonys & Phebe Holdens on buisness of the Meeting we were obliged to leave hi. -Finished & mail'd a letter to John this Afternoon -

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September 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 23 of 9 M / We attended Meeting in town it was a good solid quiet Meeting tho there was great noise in the Streets with Drums &c it being a Military general muster. - Our friend [Moses Brown](#) was at Meeting, it is his Birthday being 92 Years of age this day - he Seemed pleasant & cheerful after Meeting & offered a few remarks to the buisness in the Preparative Meeting. -
When we returned from Meeting we found a letter from John, which had been left in our absence by Benjamin Marshall who has gone to Pawtucket & will be at the Roger Williams Hotel this Afternoon -
I spent most of the Afternoon in waiting & looking for Benj Marshall - but found him not - concluded he had gone further than Pawtucket*

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September 25, Saturday: Charles Sumner and Barzillai Frost graduated from [Harvard College](#). (During October 1829, the young Frost had submitted a requirement "Algebraic Geometry" (21 ¼ x 38 ¾ inches) that is still on file there: <<http://oasis.harvard.edu:10080/oasis/deliver/~hua17004>>.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7 day 25th of 9th M 1830 / Benj Marshall came & we had a good opportunity with him in our room to make many inquirys about our dear John
He staid about an hour & an half & then I carried him into Town. -*

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➡ September 26, Sunday: To Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), it was a distinctly unpleasant experience to encounter in the public street his former friend William Rotch — since he had been [disowned](#) from the [Religious Society of Friends](#) for having [Hicksite](#) leanings:

1st day 26 of 9 M / Silent & measurably favour'd Meeting. —After meeting in the Afternoon I rode into Town. — In the Street I met Wm Rotch & noded to him, & he to me — but he did not look nor feel to me, as Wm Rotch once looked & felt. — I deplore his departure from Society — but nothing can be done — he must remain as he is. —

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➡ September 29, Wednesday: John F. Knapp was hanged in Salem, for having murdered 82-year-old Joseph White on April 6th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 29th of 9 M / Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town Wm almy was short in testimony encouraging the youth
The buisness was pretty well conducted — Elisha Bowen dined at the Institution the first time since we have been here —*

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➡ October 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 10 M 1830 / Silent Meetings & rather heavy times. Between Meetings we had a short visit from Thos P Rodman —he now resides at [New Bedford](#), but has it in contemplation to remove. —

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➡ October 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 10 M / Our Sub-committee meeting was a pleasant time. — Our friends Edw & Elizabeth Wing were here. — After Dinner several Set out to attend the Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich, where a time of some trial is expected from what was anciently demanind [denominated?] the HOT SPIRIT

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➡ October 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 6th of 10 M 1830 / Silent Meeting at the [Institution](#)
We have had many Silent meeting of late.*

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➡ October 9, Saturday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) arrived in Venice.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 10 M / This Morning our friends who left on 3rd day



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to attend Sandwich Quarter returned bringing with them the Satisfactory account that things went well & apprehended difficulty was averted & things probably in a better State but it is feared not long to be depeneded on

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October 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10 of 10 M / My wife & I attended [Smithfield](#) Meeting in the forenoon & at home in the Afternoon. - Mary B Allen was at the Institution in the Morning & we were inform'd had good Service in the Ministry. - We also had the company of Thos Howland who was here on his return from Sandwich -

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October 11, Monday: At his final performance in Warsaw, [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) premiered his Piano Concerto no.1 in e minor.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 11 of 10 M / This Afternoon Enoch & Lydia Breed Set out on a journey to their home in Weare, to visit their children & attend Salem Quarterly Meeting - they expect to be absent from the Institution about sixteen days

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October 17, Sunday: Dutch forces bombarded Antwerp.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 10th M 1830 / Silent Meetings at the Institution. -

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October 20, Wednesday: [Robert Schumann](#) moved into the Leipzig home of his teacher, Friedrich Wieck, which included Wieck's daughter, Clara.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 10 M / Silent Meetings again & rather poor hard times to me -

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➡ October 21, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 10 M / Attended Preparative & Select Meetings held at the Meeting house in [Providence](#). – Wm Almy was engaged in an encouraging & instructive testimony to those who are Young. -- Dined at Doctor Tobey's - after which had an opportunity with a young man on acct of his marrying out of the order of Society - in company with Elisha Bowen. – These are generally hard cases

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➡ October 24, Sunday: Andrew Jackson, in a letter to Mary Eastin, copied the attitude that John Caldwell Calhoun was “persecuting Peggy Eaton in order to renew the assault on Rachel Jackson.”

The State of Venezuela was renamed the Republic of Venezuela.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 10th M / In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & delivered an excellent testimony. –

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➡ October 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27th of 10 M / Attended Monthly Meeting in [Smithfield](#) where Wm Almy was much engaged in testimony & very acceptably. Enoch & Lydia Returned from Weare

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➡ November 4, Thursday: Harriet Arbuthnot, wife of the Tory member of Parliament Charles Arbuthnot and close friend of the [Duke of Wellington](#), noted in her diary that “Parliament was opened by the King on the 2nd. He was very well received by the people who, however, were very disorderly, hooted and hissed the Duke wherever they could see him. People complain that the Duke did harm by declaring publicly he would not lend himself to any reform and that he thought, in its results, no form of representation could be better than ours. I don't believe there will be any disturbance. The wretched state to which Belgium is reduced by their desire for reform is a pretty good lesson for sober and reflecting people such as we are.”

John Cab Hobhouse, a Whig politician, recorded in his journal that “The [Duke of Wellington](#) made a speech in the Lords, and declared against Reform. I hear he was hissed, and hurt by a stone. I heard this evening that a very unpleasant feeling was rising among the working classes, and that the shopkeepers in the Metropolis were so much alarmed that they talked of arming themselves.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


3rd day [sic] 4th of 11th M 1830 / To day was our Sub-committee – It was a pleasant harmonious time & after it was over divers of our friends set out to attend the Quarterly Meeting approaching at Somerset. –



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 November 12, Friday: [Waldo Emerson](#) began reading Volume I of Friend [William Penn](#)'s SELECT WORKS.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 of 11 M / Recd a letter this Afternoon from my brother Isaac informing me that my old friend John Slocum Died yesterday Afternoon in [Newport](#) - I respected him much. -

 November 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 11th M 1830 / Silent Meetings all day & pretty good times to me. -

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 November 20, Saturday: Publication of the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra op.113 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the Allgemeiner Musikalischer Anzeiger, Vienna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20th of 11th M / A number of callers at the Institution & Several new Scholars. -

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 November 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 11 M / Daniel Clapp attended our Mornng Meeting & bore a very sound good testimony & rose twice. - Lydia Breed was also acceptably engaged in testimmony. - Silent in the Afternoon.

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 November 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 11th M / Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting in [Providence](#) it was a good comfortable Meeting & Wm Almy was engaged a testimony of unusual length & unusual or uncommon life & power on the great fundamentals of the christian religion. - Betsy Purinton was also engaged in acceptable testimony. - There was not a great deal of buisness in the last Meeting. & it closed pretty soon - The day was very Rainy & none of our Scholars attended - My wife was also sick & unable to attend. -

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 November 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 28th of 11th M / Silent Meetings. – Enoch & Lydia went to Warwick to attend the Meeting held there the last first day in each Month. –

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November 30, Tuesday: The Revolutionaries were in control of Warsaw. The Russian army and Grand Duke Konstantin were forced to retreat.

Riots broke out in Tambov southeast of Moscow, in response to a cholera epidemic and the government policy of quarantine.

Pope Pius VIII, Francesco Saverio Castiglioni, died in Rome.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 11th M 1830 / The day was violent stormy with Wind & pelting rain from the North East It was our Sub committee Meeting & not enough of the committee were able to get there to make a meeting & they adjourned. –

Having felt my mind drawn to attend the approaching Quarterly Meeting to be held in [New Bedford](#) for Sandwich - Stormy as the Morning was & the whole Day proved I got into the Stage by way of Tanton [Taunton] & set out –

When we arrived at Tanton I met with Wm Dean of Salem who I had not seen in a number of Years. – Tho' he has left the Society of Friends of which he was once a useful member, his external appearance was plain – & his conversation open & Friendly – we conversed freely on the subject of his separation from society & I discharged my mind freely to him & with a plainness which I apprehend has seldom been used with him – on our arrival at [New Bedford](#) he stoped at his Brother in Law Wm Rotchs & I went to my friend Joseph Tillinghast by whom I was kindly received & entertained while there & had time in the evening to call on several of my friends & acquaintances. –

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December 1, Wednesday: Polish troops outside Warsaw decided to join the uprising and they marched into the city to defend it.

English explorers Richard and John Lander reached Fernando Po (Bioko) after having traversed the lower Niger River by canoe over the last four months.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 12 M 1830 / Attended the Select Qrly Meeting which was a season of distress but some relief towards the close by the Ministry of John Wilbour, – Dined at Francis Tabers & also took tea there & in the evening met there with a committee from the Y Meeting & the Select Meeting of [New Bedford](#) on account of existing difficulty among them – tho' I was not a Member of that



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committee & met with them by invitation - I had an opportunity to relieve my mind of some exercise which I had been under. - it was a season to be remembered - divers who were as carts heavily pressed with shieves were encouraged to bear the burden & our hearts were cemented together in much love. -

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December 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Attended the Qrly Meeting at large - Thomas Anthony from our Qrly Meeting was there & well engaged in testimony. -Several other appearance but neither of the others were very satisfactory to me. - In the last there was but very little buisness & several burdensome appearances by way of Preaching. - This is the second time I was ever at [New Bedford](#) & the first Quarterly Meeting I ever attended excepting that of [Rhode Island](#) to which I belong. - I dined at Geo Howlands & took tea & set most of the eveng at Francis Tabers. - Took the Stage to Fall River & came home from there by the Steam Boat. - In looking over this journey I am not conscious of doing any hurt & perhaps no good - but I do feel as if I had got some good by going & I desire to be thankful. -

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December 5, Sunday: Christina Rossetti was born in London.

Warsaw was considered “liberated” after the defection of the army and the withdrawal of the Russian regent.

In Vienna, [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) and Tytus Woyciechowski learned of the uprising in Warsaw. Tytus returned to participate, but he convinced Chopin to stay in Vienna. Chopin apparently changed his mind and tried to catch his friend as he was leaving, but was unable to do so.

Afternoon. Episode de la vie d'un artiste: Symphonie fantastique en cinq parties by Hector Berlioz was performed for the initial time, at the Paris Conservatoire. Also on the program was the premiere of Berlioz's Chant guerrier for voice and piano to words of Moore, translated by Gounet. [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) and Gaspare Spontini were among the admirers. Berlioz would later remember that Liszt “forcibly led me off to dinner at his house and praised me with the most energetic enthusiasm.”

Tonight Harriet Smithson appeared at the Opera in the title role of Auber's La Muette de Portici. Her performance was a failure. Berlioz did not attend as he was having dinner with Liszt.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 12 M 1830 / We rode to [Smithfield](#) [the Saylesville meetinghouse in Lincoln] & attended Meeting there - In the Afternoon at Meeting at the Institution [what has become the



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"Moses Brown School" in Providence]. – Thomas Howland is here acceptably as his company always is. –

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December 25, [Christmas](#), Saturday: An overture in B_b "Drumbeat Overture" WWV 10 by Richard Wagner was performed for the initial time, in the Royal Saxon Hoftheater, Leipzig. It was Wagner's public debut as a composer.

The *Best Friend of Charleston* began to carry passengers over the first completed six miles of track, on a scheduled basis between Charleston and Hamburg SC, and thus became the first regularly scheduled steam railway carrier of the New World:



Away we flew on the wings of the wind at the speed of fifteen to twenty-five miles an hour, scattering sparks and flames on either side, passed over three saltwater creeks, hop, step and jump and reached the end of the line at State and Dorchester Roads before any of us had time to determine whether it was prudent to be scared.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 25 of 12 M 1830 / A longer time than usual has now elapsed since I have written in my Diary - I may humbly acknowledge that it has been a time of much favour & sweetness & quiet to my mind tho' trials have awaited us - I have been for more than a week since the last date confined to the room by sickness & about two days to the bed - We have also been tried with accounts from [Newport](#) that the Small Pox was in Br David Rodmans family - but are now comforted by hearing that the child is getting well - We hope none of the others will take it & that our Aged Father will be preserved from it; who has not had it & declines being inoculated for the kine Pock. -
What a blessing it is to be favoured to dwell in the quiet in times of Peril & dismay - Truly we have been tried, deeply tried but I must say I never felt more confidence in the divine Arm of support. - Oh may this continue - Human Philosophy may do much, but it falls far short of yealding the rich consolation & firm Anchor of hope, which is to be found in the Religion which comes by our blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. -*

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December 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

12 M 29 1830 (4th day) / Rode to [Smithfield](#) & attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first Meeting Betsy Purinton prayed & I thought it was a pretty good Meeting, tho' my own mind was very much secluded from Good, & perhaps preserved from much that



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was positively bad -

In the last Meeting we got along pretty well with the buisness. -

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December 30, Thursday: [Wilkes Allen](#) was born to Mary Morrill Allen and the [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) in Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Hon. [Wendell Davis](#) died in Sandwich. The body would be interred at [Plymouth](#).

Hector Berlioz reluctantly left Paris for Rome to fulfill his Prix de Rome obligations. He intended to stop at his home, La Cote-St.-Andre along the way.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30th of 12 M 1830 / This day 49 Years ago I was born in [Newport](#) - I do not know as I can say much on the event. - I have much to be thankful for - have passed thro' some trials & recd many blessings & favours - & my heart is often deeply fraught with gratitude, & desires raised that some due returns of devotion may be made to HIM who has cared for & protected & preserved me all my life long - Thro' the step - by paths of youth, to sober man hood, & to the advance of Old Age. - But I have nothing of my own to offer. - all is thro' his mercy & the Intercession of Christ our Holy Redeemer - For some time past it has been a season of favour with me. - The love of my youth & the days of mine espousals have been remembered & in some degree renewed - We are now situated at the Yearly Meeting Boarding School in [Providence](#) where we have an ample field to exert ourselves in the promotion of the good cause & devote ourselves to the service of the Society which both me & my dear wife love & wish to serve.

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John Randolph writes from London, sick, on his way back from a fruitless mission to Russia:

"... Congress and the Virginia Assembly both meet this day, and I pray God to send us, the people, a safe deliverance.

It will be very unlucky in case of a general war in Europe, which some look forward to, that we shall have eaten all our wheat, for I learn that there is a total destruction of Indian corn.

...A great discovery has been made on the Continent, far surpassing any of Archimedes or Newton. The people have discovered the secret of their strength; and the military have found out that they are the people...

Commend me earnestly to all my old friends ... I shall be



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among them (dead or alive) next Summer. I have provided for a leaden coffin, feeling as I do an inexpressible desire to lie by the side of my dear mother and honored father at old Matoax." (Source: Bouldin, Home Reminiscences of Randolph, p227)

12/07 Jackson delivered his annual message to Congress. He "crowed over his triumphs in foreign affairs, the wisdom of the Maysville Road veto and [progress towards paying] the National Debt [and] argued the right ... to use his veto at will to implement his reform program (as opposed to only vetoing on the basis of unconstitutionality)." (Source: Remini, Jackson, vol 2, p301) (Text of the Annual Address)

The first issue of the Washington Globe, published by Francis Blair. It carried advertisements and was sold by subscription in a move to avoid party dependency. (Source: Derr, Fronteirsman, p178)

12/10 - A deep freeze sets in in Boston - "All Boston shrank, braced and blued with a steady cold that deepened without a break from December 10 through Christmas. ... 'God save the poor,' Emerson wrote in letter after letter. (Source: Richardson, Emerson, p117)

12/16 Abraham Lincoln, age 21, with John Reed, "having been called on to apprais an Estray Mare ... Do find her to be four years old next Spring a bright bay 14 hands high -- a Small blaze and a Snip in her face -- right hind foot white ... appraised to 30 Dollars". (Source: Basler, Works of Lincoln, vol 1, p3)

12/25 - Snow began to fall in Illinois and accumulated to a depth of several feet for many days, accompanied by temperatures 10 and 20 degrees below zero. "Cattle died; deer and turkey which had been numerous were nearly exterminated. Of wild animals, only the wolves survived (other sources say that, after slight rain caused a crust to form on the snow, wolves were able to get around on the snow, while hooved animals, like cattle and deer, were trapped). (Source: Beveridge, Lincoln, vol. 1, p104)

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January 1, Saturday: William Lloyd Garrison began publication of [The Liberator](#) in [Boston](#) (this would become the leading abolitionist journal in the United States).

I am in earnest, I will not equivocate – I will not
excuse – I will not retreat a single inch. AND I WILL
BE HEARD.

400 copies were distributed. In the first year of its publication, this new newspaper would attract only 50 white subscribers — but considerably more subscribers among the free blacks of the North. There were, of course, no slave-state subscribers of either race, and there was no Southern distribution.

... Every place I visited gave fresh evidence of the fact that a greater revolution in public sentiment was to be effected in the free states – and particularly in New England – than at the South. I found contempt more bitter, opposition more active, detraction more relentless, prejudice more stubborn, and apathy more frozen, than among slave owners themselves.... I will be as harsh as the truth, and as uncompromising as justice....

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Here is an illustration of the period, indicating what sorts of people the illustrator believed read The Liberator:



In this same illustration, note what the illustrator suspected that such a person might have on his wall, besides an illustration from a Shakespearian play:



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I've had enough fun, I'll show you the whole illustration:





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The Reverend [Adin Ballou](#)'s "Epistle General to Restorationists" in the Independent Messenger would bring about a confrontation with the Reverend Thomas Whittemore in the Independent Messenger and the Trumpet and Universalist Magazine.



The following, about early connections between Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison in [Baltimore](#), is from pages 30-31-32 of William S. McFeely's FREDERICK DOUGLASS (Norton, 1995):

When Frederick was nine, and again when he was twelve, Baltimore was the scene of legal actions involving white men who had insulted each other. The disputes were of seemingly small importance. In the first instance, one party was knocked to the ground and the assailant was fined on dollar; in the second, the man who had done the insulting was jailed, but his punishment was not fierce – the prisoner took his meals with his jailer's family. Yet these quarrels reverberated down through out history.

The man knocked to the ground was Benjamin Lundy; the man put in jail was William Lloyd Garrison. The men with whom they had their disputes were slave traders; the subject of the disputes was slavery.

Austin Woolfolk was a prosperous Baltimore merchant whose place of business was on Pratt Street. Like other businessmen then and since, he was eager to be regarded not only as successful but also as benevolent. In his advertisements he stressed his discretion and kindness. Woolfolk was a slave trader.

The Maryland economy was changing. There were fewer and fewer huge slaveholding enterprises like Wye House. Landowners were looking for nonagricultural sources of income, which, it turned out, were not dependent on slave labor. It was not considered good form for Marylanders of substance to mistreat their people by dividing families, but it was even worse form to slide down the ladder economically. The landowners sold certain assets – slaves– in order to invest in others – mercantile or manufacturing enterprises. The Maryland archives record hundreds of sales of slaves, then in great demand in the cotton belt south and west of Maryland. Frederick's aunt Maryann and his cousin Betty were sold south in 1825, for example. That year, Talbot County slaveowners received \$22,702 from sales of their people to Woolfolk alone. They made their sales discreetly, but



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they made them.

In 1827, Benjamin Lundy was indiscreet. The unembarrassable Quaker, publisher of the Genius of Universal Emancipation, which he worked on whenever he happened to be on his peripatetic crusade to end slavery, printed an account of Woolfolk's having cursed one of his wares as the black man stood on the gallows, about to be hanged for participation in an attempted seizure of the *Decatur*, carrying him from Baltimore to Savannah. In his narrative, Lundy called the slave trader a "monster in human shape." The merchant sought out the editor and knocked him to the ground. Picking himself up, Lundy did not strike back, but instead went to the courthouse and sued Woolfolk for assault. After many delays, a judge levied a fine of one dollar, saying Woolfolk had been greatly provoked.

A week later in Boston, Lundy described the incident, and the ugliness of the slave trade, to a group that included another editor, the conservative young William Lloyd Garrison. Garrison later credited his commitment to the antislavery cause to this meeting with Lundy, in the boarding house at which they were both staying; soon he was attacking slavery in his Vermont newspaper. Impressed by his convert, Lundy walked from Baltimore to Bennington in the winter of 1829 to persuade Garrison to join him in Maryland.

The following summer Garrison did come to Baltimore – the city where his mother had lived, briefly, and died. He and Lundy stayed at a boarding house on Market Street run by two Quaker ladies. Garrison soon met Jacob Greener, John Needles, and William Watkins, antislavery leaders in the black community. Immediately, the two editors began to take as their primary target in the Genius of Universal Emancipation the locally hated slave trade that resulted in the sale south of slaves who, in Baltimore, held hopes of entering the growing and articulate free black society. Their most sensational attack was on two New Englanders, Francis Todd and Nicholas Brown, the owner and captain, respectively, of a Newburyport ship, the *Francis*, then conveying eighty-five slaves, sold by Woolfolk, from Maryland to a plantation on the Mississippi River south of New Orleans – the site of the most dreaded slave markets.

Todd and Brown sued for libel, and Garrison, as author of the piece (which was no more offensive in its rhetoric – "domestic piracy," "horrible traffic" – than the typical campaign invective of the day) was fined fifty dollars. And when he did not pay the fine, he was sent to jail, and from his cell skillfully assailed slaveholders everywhere. Eager to quell this incipient and effective martyrdom, Garrison's jailers released him after forty-nine days. The publication of his new newspaper, the Liberator, followed, beginning on January 1, 1831.

In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 1st M 1831 / In commencing the new Year - my mind is engaged to supplicate for a renew'd engagement of heart to



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*love & serve Him who has long been gracious & Merciful -
dispensing his favours to me, who am unworthy of them.
We know not what we may have to pass thro' from season to season
- nor how much we may stand in need of from his Holy hand - but
may our minds be gathered increasingly to a humble reliance on
his mercy & Holy support. — I was early convinced that the
Religion of Jesus Christ stood preeminently above all other
sources of consolation & help thro' the various changes incident
to this life - All the Philosophy of Seneca & other Moralists
falls below, & cannot stand without the aid & help of revealed
religion & may we flee to it as our only rock of refuge against
which the Storms of time has ever beat in vain. —
The days has passed pleasantly & may it be an earnest of the
future thro' the coming year. —³⁶⁷*

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In New-York, the English traveler Thomas Hamilton was experiencing local customs.³⁶⁸

It is the custom in New York, on the first day of the year, for the gentlemen to visit all their acquaintances; and the omission of this observance in regard to any particular family, would be considered as a decided slight. The clergy, also, hold a levee on this day, which is attended by their congregation.... The routine is as follows: The ladies of a family remain at home to receive visits; the gentlemen are abroad, actively engaged in paying them. You enter, shake hands, are seated, talk for a minute or two on the topics of the day, then hurry off as fast as you can. Wine and cake are on the table, of which each visiter [sic] is invited to partake. The custom is of Dutch origin, and, I believe, does not prevail in any other city of the Union. I am told its influence on the social intercourse of families, is very salutary. The first day of the year is considered a day of kindness and reconciliation, on which petty differences are forgotten, and trifling injuries forgiven. It sometimes happens, that between friends long connected, a misunderstanding takes place. Each is too proud to make concessions, alienation follows, and thus are two families, very probably, permanently estranged. But on this day of annual amnesty, each of the offended parties calls on the wife of the other, kind feelings are recalled, past grievances overlooked, and at their next meeting they take each other by the hand, and are again friends.



January 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2 of 1 M 1831 / Silent in the Morning In the Afternoon
Wm Almy was here & large in testimony- I have no doubt his*

367. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1829-1832: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 14: April 1, 1829-December 31, 1832; also on microfilm, see Series 7

368. Men and Manners in America would be published anonymously two years later through Carey, Lea & Blanchard of Philadelphia.




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preaching does good here


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 January 4, Tuesday: [Noah Webster](#) wrote to his wife “Becca” that his lecture on the English language before the House of Representatives had been well received, and pointing out that former President John Quincy Adams had been in his audience.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4 of 1 M / Recd this eveng a very comfortable letter
from our dear Son at Hudson –*

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 January 9, Sunday: A new constitution was announced in Hesse-Kassel. During the celebrations Louis Spohr’s Jessonda was performed, as was a play by Niemeyer. In the play was a new hymn by Spohr: Hessens Feiergesang for chorus and winds to words of Wolf.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 1st M 1831 / Our Mornng Meeting was silent In the
Afternoon Wm Almy was here & preached a wonderful sermon from
the admirable one, preached on the Mount - grounding his remarks
on “Blessed are the Meek” &c to my mind it was one of the
greatest evidences of inspiration I ever heard from him. it was
calculated to do good & I am fully of the belief it did do good
& I was willing & desirous to take all of it that belonged to me*

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 January 12, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 12th of 1st M 1831 / Silent Meeting, & to me a pretty
good one. – I desire to be thankful for all my favours. – They
are not a few – I know of no better way than to receive with
meekness the offers of present good – & if trials await us, &
come upon us, then appeal to Him who will sustain us, as our
confidence is placed in Him
His mercy & kind Providence is overall his works & does
wonderfully help all who depend upon him. –*

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 January 16, Sunday: The insurrection that had broken out at Göttingen in Germany on the 8th was suppressed.

This was the 3d and final day of the “Great Snowstorm” of 1831. Some three to three and a half feet had been deposited, with drifts of up to twelve feet. Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16 of 1 M / It has been a Violent Snow Storm all Day. –
Silent Meetings. – to me they were pretty comfortable seasons. –*

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January 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 19th of 1st M / Today our venerable friend [Moses Brown](#) came to see us & attended our Meeting - it was Silent & a good meeting -
This evening Wm Dow of Vassalborough came on a visit to his sister. - Wm was an old Scholar & an intimate of Johns. - he appears to respect him & speaks of the testimony with interest*

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January 20, Thursday: Austria, France, Great Britain, Prussia, and Russia set the boundaries of the Netherlands and Belgium and agreed to the perpetual neutrality of Belgium.

Six months after receiving a patent for the 1st (well, the 1st practical) [sewing](#) machine, [Barthélemy Thimonnier](#) was assaulted in his factory in the rue de Sevres district of Paris and forced to flee for his life. A mob of approximately 200 tailors ransacked the factory, destroying the machines.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 1st M 1831 / Today we attended Meeting in Town - In the first Wm Almy preached very good - After which the Preparative Meeting & Select Meeting were heald [held] - Today was buried Our Friend Lydia Wilkinson at Pawtuicket She was an Elder in Society & we regretted not being Able to attend her funeral as it was appointed at the hour of our Meeting in addition to which the travelling was so bad from the great quantity of snow which had fallen - that it was inconvenient for many to go who otherwise would have gone - She was about 85 Years of Age & the widow of Oziel Wilkinson -

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 January 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 1st M / Tho the sky is clear, it has never the less been a driving Snow Storm - the Wind has been high at North West, & the Snow has blown violently - I apprehend a number of Small Meetings in this quarter may have fallen through - particularly [Smithfield](#) where no Man lives within a very considerable distanc

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 January 26, Wednesday: Children's author Mary Mapes Dodge was born in New-York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th dat 26 of 1 M / Today was Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in [Providence](#) Wm Almy Preached particularly to the Scholars, the largest of whom attended - The travelling so bad that no acct was recd from [Smithfield](#) Preparative Meeting -

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 January 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 1 M 1831 / Today Arnold Paine was here from Cumberland & informed us of the decease of Old Jeremiah Wilkinson Aged 91 Years & that his funeral is to be this Afternoon. -There is also a funeral this Afternoon of an Aged Woman friend at Scituate

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 January 30, Sunday: A Polish national government was elected. Adam Czartoryski was made president.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 1 M 1831 / Silent Meetings - The traveling hard & bad. -

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January 31, Monday: Congressman Crockett started a fight in the US House of Representatives over which committee of the House would be the proper one to receive a petition that had been sent in by three [Cherokees](#), that they be granted 640-acre land tracts.



Gaetano Donizetti left Milan for Rome. He would find his destination city in turmoil.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 1 M / Today our friends Edw & Elizabeth Wing arrived at the Institution after a very hard travel in Snow & cold - to attend Quarterly Meeting & the Meetings of the School committee we were glad to see them & feel their devotion to the cause. -

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February 1, Tuesday: [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) entered into a contract with the librettist Scribe to produce an opera comique entitled Le Portefaix. The composer would be unhappy with the libretto and would back out.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st of 2 M / Our Sub-committee Meeting was small but enough to transact buisness. - The day passed pleasantly. - Our frd Edw & Elizabeth Wing were acceptably with us

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February 2, Wednesday: Bartolomeo Alberto-Mauro-Cappelari was elected Pope Gregory XVI. Among the crowd receiving his 1st blessing was a visiting German, [Felix Mendelssohn](#), on the eve of his 22nd birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 2nd of 2 M / Select Meeting was small but considering the travelling it was remarkable that so many were able to attend. – Dined with Wm Almy at his New residence & attended the Meeting for Sufferings in the Afternoon. –

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February 3, Thursday: “Statutes relating the Theological Department in Harvard University” were confirmed by the Overseers of [Harvard College](#). With their adoption the functions of the Directors ceased and the “Society for promoting Theological Education in Harvard University” became disconnected from [Harvard University](#), under the name of the “Society for promoting Theological Education.”

The federal Congress amended the law of copyright, extending its term from 14 years to 28 years and allowing a renewal period of an additional 14 years, and permitting an author’s wife and children to file for such a renewal in the event of the demise of the author himself. [Noah Webster, Esq.](#) considered that in lobbying for this bill, he had done a service not only to his own financial interests but of course to all its future authors and hence to the Nation itself. Also, while he had been lobbying in Washington DC, 100 members of the Judiciary and both Houses of Congress had endorsed “the whole Websterian series of books from the great DICTIONARY to the SPELLING BOOK.”



The Belgian Congress proclaimed Louis-Charles-Philippe-Raphael d’Orleans, duc de Nemours, son of King Louis-Philippe of France, as king (the father had refused the throne in favor of his son).

Revolution broke out in Modena, Parma, and the Papal States. Revolutionaries in the Duchy of Modena proclaimed the Duke of Reichstadt, [Napoléon](#)’s legitimate son, as king of Italy (this young gentleman was, however, at the time the prisoner of Metternich in Vienna).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 2 M / Quarterly Meeting well attended considering the travelling – Wm Almy Thomas Anthony & M B Allen labourers.-- Our friend John Wilbour has a weighty concern to visit England & Ireland which was committed to the consideration of a committee to report at next Quarterly Meeting. –

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February 4, Friday: Gioachino Rossini departed Paris for Spain in the company of the banker Alejandro Maria Aguado.

An insurrection began in Bologna, Italy in opposition to papal government and a provisional government was proclaimed (with the assistance of Austria the sovereignty of the Pope would be restored).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 2nd M 1831 / Today was general committee Meeting which was well attended & the buisness pleasantly conducted. - My Wife I again renew'd our contract to Stay at the Institution another Year. - at present it Seems as if we are useful here, & in the way of laying up a little for advanced life - this we were never in the way before. - but in the closest times I never despaired - & have great cause to be thankful, & I believe I am in a good degree so that we have been mercifully preserved alive - from hunger, from cold, & from Nakedness - & also from the fear of it - but Most of all that we are yet favoured with some little spiritual life. -

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February 6, Sunday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont were given an 18-month leave to study the penal system in the United States of America. Don't blow it, guys.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 2 M / Silent Meetings. - Our friends all left us who were here at Qrly Meeting & Lydia Breed sick so that we had no preacher

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February 9, Wednesday: Inspired by last July's revolution in France, citizens of Reggio and Modena overthrew Duke Francesco IV d'Este and set up provisional governments.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 2 M / Silent Meetings again but a pretty good Meeting to me -

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February 13, Sunday: Gioachino Rossini conducted a production of *Il barbiere di Siviglia* before King Ferdinando and the Spanish court in Madrid, and became the toast of the court.

David Crockett wrote to a constituent: "*Thare will be an explosioin take place this week that will Tare their party into sunder Mr. Calhoun is coming out with a circular or a publication of the correspondence between him & the President that will blow their little Red Fox or aleaus Martin van buren into atoms.*" Crockett's optimism mirrored Calhoun's hopes of exposing Van Buren as a Machiavellian, who had orchestrated all his troubles.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 2 M / Silent in the Mornng - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & had good service

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February 14, Monday: In Ethiopia, Ras Marye of Yejjju marched an army into Tigray and, although he himself did not survive, defeated the warlord Dejazmach Sabagadis of Agame at [Debre Abbay](#) (at the end of the battle Sabagadis, who surrendered, was executed).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 14th of 2 M / This eveng recd a long & intersting letter from Sister Ruth - She informs us that recent accounts from Richd Rodman are unfavourable to his health & that he is blind with one Eye -

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February 16, Wednesday: Representative Mercer moved that the rule of the US House of Representatives in regard to motions be temporarily suspended, so that he might submit a resolution requesting the Executive branch of the federal government "to enter into negotiations with the maritime Powers of Europe, to induce them to enact laws declaring the African slave trade [piracy](#), and punishing it as such." The House would not, however, allow its rule to be thus suspended (Gales and Seaton, REGISTER OF DEBATES, VII. 726).

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 2 M 1831 / I desire to inculcate in my own mind,



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& would in other's if I could, a disposition to take the benefit of present goods, without looking behind or before, at ills that have happened or that may be perceived may happen - the longer I live the more I feel the force & verity of the saying that "the present time is only ours" & believe it is our duty to improve it in the best manner we can & at all times & in all things labour after a thankful humble state.- I know from experience this is sometimes hard to arrive at, but I believe we may attain to much more than is generally practiced by a careful & watchful disposition to keep out & keep down, all which would destroy in Gods Holy Mountain - all which would arise to lay waste the precious seed of life in our hearts - I do not conceive this to be effected of our selves, but as we cultivate the disposition we shall be assisted thro' the assistance & Mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord & Saviour, to know an establishment which the Storms & probations incident to this life will not effect or remove - some times the center may be permitted to be shaken but as we keep to it we shall find it sufficiently under all circumstances. - May I, may all who have had this precious shield of faith committed to us, not cast it away, as tho' it had never been anointed with Oil. -

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February 20, Sunday: After a 2-day battle at Grochow near Warsaw, 2,000 rebellious Poles and 7,000 Russians lay dead.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 2 M / Our frd Wm Almy was here this Afternoon & preached an excellent Sermon, & in it gave a little history of the rise & progress of this Institution. -

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February 23, Wednesday: Richard Wagner matriculated at Leipzig University as a music student.

Polish and Russian forces clashed at Grochow. They would fight for 3 days without strategic result.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 2nd M 1831 / Today is our Monthly Meeting at [Smithfield](#). - The travel is so bad that none of us from the Institution have attempted to go. - There is a large quantity of snow remaining on the ground it rained most of last night, & is raining hard this Morning, so that it is neither Sleighing or Wheeling, & every step a horse takes will sink him (in many places) to his knee joints, & in some places worse than that - so that we have not ventured to undertake to go. -

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February 24, Thursday: Paul Devaux replaced Charles Rogier as head of the provisional Belgian government.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24 of 2 M / We learn today that ten men & one woman were all that could get to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, yesterday at [Smithfield](#), - they adjourned the Meeting till three weeks from today, - to meet at [Providence](#)

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February 27, Sunday: Etienne Constantin de Gerlache replaced Albert Joseph Goblet d'Alviella as head of government for Belgium.

[Captain John Biscoe](#) discovered the existence of land, farther to the south than Captain Cook had been able to go in his circuit about the South Pole in a high latitude in 1773 (in 1832 Biscoe would set foot on Graham's Land and in 1841 [Sir James Clark Ross](#) would discover a continent down there which would initially be termed "Victoria Land").

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 2 M / Wm Almy attended Meeting here in the Afternoon & had good service. - Both our meetings were Seasons of some favour to me. -

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March 1, Tuesday: In the House of Commons, Lord John Russell introduced a "Great Reform Bill" intended to reduce the electoral dominance of the landed aristocracy.

The town of Newcastle had in 1599 volunteered to pay a duty of one shilling per chaldron on its coal to Queen Elizabeth on account of certain tax arrears, and because King Charles II had passed on this shilling per chaldron in 1677 to the duke of Richmond it had come to be referred to as "the Richmond shilling." The tax arrears of the town of Newcastle having long since been oversupplied, as of this date that duty shilling finally was relinquished.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 3 M 1831 / Today was our Sub-committee, there were but few of the committee here but enough to transact the buisness that was necessary. - The traveling is so bad that many could not get here. - Pliny Earl was agreed with as a teacher &



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March 2, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 3 M 1831 / Silent solid Meeting & my mind was particularly solemnized under several considerations. –

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“An Act making appropriations for the naval service,” etc. “For carrying into effect the acts for the suppression of the [slave trade](#),” etc., \$16,000 (STATUTES AT LARGE, IV. 460, 462).



March 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3 of 3 M / Went to town & having Abby Rodman to see on board the Steam Boat for home I did not attend Meeting in town -perhaps it will be no more than honest to say that I forgot it



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till it was too late to go –

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Inventor George Mortimer Pullman was born in Brocton, New York.

Representative Mercer moved that the US House of Representatives temporarily suspend its rules so that he could submit a resolution. The House voted 108 over 36 to suspend and Mr. Mercer's resolution passed by a vote of 118 over 32.

"Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to renew, and to prosecute from time to time, such negotiations with the several maritime powers of Europe and America as he may deem expedient for the effectual abolition of the African slave trade, and its ultimate denunciation as piracy, under the laws of nations, by the consent of the civilized world." HOUSE JOURNAL, 21st Congress, 2d session, pages 426-8.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE



March 6, Sunday: La sonnambula, a melodramma by Vincenzo Bellini to words of Romani after Scribe and Aumer, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Carcano, Milan, to great success. A sojourning Russian, Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka, was in the audience. "Shterich and I ... embraced one another and shed a flood of tears from emotion and joy."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 3 M / Wm Almy was here this Afternoon & had good service at Meeting –

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March 9, Wednesday: With a little help from some Austrian soldiers, Duke Francesco IV d'Este reasserted his power in Reggio and Modena, bringing to an end the month-old provisional government.

A day after his arrival in Rome Hector Berlioz met Felix Mendelssohn (the duo would over the following few weeks be spending a lot of time in each other's company).

[Nicolò Paganini](#) encountered wild enthusiasm as he performed at the Opera in Paris for the initial time. Luigi Cherubini, Friedrich Kalkbrenner, Giacomo Meyerbeer, Fromental Halevy, Adolphe Adam, Heinrich Heine, George Sand, and Victor Hugo were in the audience — which is to say, most of artistic Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 3 M / Mary B Allen attended our meeting today & was much favour'd in testimony

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March 13, Sunday: Casimir Pierre Perier replaced Jacques Lafitte as prime minister of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 13th of 3rd M / Lydia Breed had acceptable service in our Morning Meeting – In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & preached. - his ardent & faithful labours with the Scholars & inmates of this Institution I hope will be blessed to many, & I can hardly think that, so much good service can be wholly lost -I am induced to believe that it will be remembered by some & the effects of it felt when he may be removed from works to reward. -3rd day 15th of 3rd M / Recd a letter this eveng from Our friend Elisha Bates - by which it appears he is like to attend our approaching Yearly Meeting of which I am glad & have no doubt of its being right for him to make the Sacrifice - in coming so great a journey to see us. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16th of 3rd M 1831 / Silent but pretty good meeting at the [Institution](#) -

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Victor Hugo's NÔTRE-DAME DE PARIS ([THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME](#)) appeared in print. One of its chapters had been misplaced and left out of this initial printing.

1st production of [Concord](#) playwright [John Augustus Stone](#)'s play *TANCRED, KING OF SICILY; OR, THE ARCHIVES OF PALERMO*,³⁶⁹ at the Park Theater in New-York, with the author in the cast.

After 36 hours of labor, Anna Bronson Alcott was born to Abba Alcott. For days after the birth, the husband and father [Bronson Alcott](#) never left the room. He was hunched over the table writing HISTORY OF AN INFANT: OBSERVATIONS ON THE PHENOMENA OF LIFE AS DEVELOPED IN THE PROGRESSIVE HISTORY OF AN INFANT DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS EXISTENCE (although this, and Bronson's observations of his other children, would amount to some 2,500 pages). Although it is arguably the first work of child psychology done in the United States of America, the manuscript has of course never been published. Bronson carefully recorded such things as the onset of the vowel sounds, and noted at what point the consonants f, g, k, j, and l could be distinguished. (Does this remind you of the "melting bank" section, in WALDEN? –It should.) To keep the family going, the Alcotts asked Abba's father for a loan of an additional \$300.⁰⁰.

THE ALCOTT FAMILY



March 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 3 M / Today was an adjourment of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in [Providence](#) - the walking was so bad that the girls did not go, but the boys did - It was a good Meeting & Wm Almy was engaged in a testimony of uncommon clearness, life & power - to the efficacy of the Christian Religion & the excellency of it as professed by our Society.-

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369. Note that this is a completely different play than 1827's *TANCRED; OR, THE SIEGE OF ANTIOCH*, which never was performed.



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March 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 18 of 3 M / Walked out to Wm Almys new habitation, dined
& spent a few hours with him very pleasantly. —*

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The following is a snippet from Charles Haskell's REMINISCENCES OF NEW YORK BY AN OCTOGENARIAN:

The Bachelors' Fancy Ball, which had been the subject of great interest in the fashionable circle, took place at the City Hotel. In brilliancy and general success it met all expectation.

The Supreme Court of the United States of America handed down their decision in the case of the [Cherokee Nation](#) v. Georgia, refusing to grant the Cherokee Nation an injunction against the State of Georgia under the treaty of 1791, on the grounds that only a foreign nation could sue in a federal court, but no Indian tribe was a foreign nation, therefore the treaty with the Cherokee was not a treaty with a foreign nation, therefore the Cherokee could not sue.



"...The conflicts of Europeans with American-Indians, Maoris and other aborigines in temperate regions ... if we judge by the results we cannot regret that such wars have taken place ... the process by which the American continent has been acquired for European civilization [was entirely justified because] there is a very great and undeniable difference between the civilization of the colonizers and that of the dispossessed natives...."



— [Bertrand Russell](#),
THE ETHICS OF WAR, January 1915

Bertrand Russell



March 20, Sunday: The Reverend Duncan M'Caig of the Church of Scotland had been observed to shoplift a Bible from a bookstore. Investigation of his home library had produced several other stolen books. Although he asked to be bailed so that he might prepare his sermon for this day, he was committed to confinement. The end result would be that he would be found guilty of this and eleven other distinct acts, and sentenced to transportation for a period of 14 years — one year for each of the volumes he had been proven to have purloined.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 20 of 3 M / Silent Meeting in the morning In the
Afternoon Wm Almy was here & much engaged for our welfare. —
his testimony plain powerful & prevalent
His preaching is very satisfactory to me & I have no doubt will
do much good to the youth of this Institution —*



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Moses Farnum & wife were also with us today –

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March 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day & 5th day 23 & 24 of 3 M / On 4th day we held Meeting as usual at the Institution - on 5th day The Children went to Town to Preparative meeting - Wm Almy preached a memorable Sermon on the advantage our Society is to its younger Members. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



March 27, Sunday: Samuel Sebastian Wesley resigned his position as organist at St. John, Waterloo Road, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 3 M 1831 / Mary B Allen attended our Meeting at the Institution this morning – she prayed for us in a lively manner & Lydia Breed preached. – In the Afternoon I felt an inclination to attend the Meeting in Town & went in to it - which was a solid Silent time. – walked home & found Wm Almy here who invited me to ride down to visit father Browns with him where I took tea & set part of the evening. –

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March 28, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28 of 3 M / Recd a letter from Brother Isaac today informing me that Our dear Aged Mother was quite weak & feeble -apparently on the decline, in consequence of which I think I must go to [Newport](#) tomorrow - but cannot feel certain about it till tomorrow comes



March 29, Tuesday: The outbreak of the [Bosnian uprising of Muslims against the Ottoman Empire](#) (this would not be suppressed until 1850).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day [sic] 29th of 3rd M / Took the Steam Boat & went to [Newport](#), found my Mother in a very low State, & apparently wearing out –She was very glad to see me as I was to see her. –

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March 30, Wednesday: The Albany, New York Orphan Asylum, in operation for most of the past two years, was incorporated.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 30 of 3 M / Spent this day with my dear Mother & in
calling on some of my valuable friends & acquaintances
Have had much conversation with Mother in the course of the day
- find her resigned & not expecting to stay in this world long. -*

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March 31, Thursday: After struggling at Dembe-Wielkie from 5 in the afternoon until 10 at night, Polish forces routed Russian forces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 31 of 3 M / Attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in
[Newport](#) -Ruth Freeborn preached comfortably & the buisness of
the Meeting was conducted with the usual regularity & weight
with which that Meeting conducts its buisness
But from some circumstances it was a season of depression. -*

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Frederick Brown (1) died at New Richmond, Pennsylvania.

Professor [Charles Dexter Cleveland](#) and Miss Alison Nisbet McCoskry, a daughter of Dr. Samuel A. McCoskry, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania and a grand-daughter of Dickinson College's 1st president, Charles Nisbet, were wed. The couple would have nine children: Alison Nisbet Cleveland, Charles Dexter Cleveland, Samuel McCoskry Cleveland, Alison Nisbet Cleveland, Dexter Cleveland, Treadwell Cleveland, Wilberforce Cleveland, Eliza Cleveland, and Lucy Cleveland.



James Hale, in charge of exhibiting the [Chinese](#) "Siamese Twins" Chang and Eng Bunker, wrote from New-York: "We have not had forty ladies since we opened — they you know are our best customers, if we can get them — Our receipts have averaged but \$20 per day— and two nights at the Theatre paid \$50 per night amounting in all — 15 days to 425 dollars ... I expect to go to Philadelphia on Sunday next and try it there, and feel afraid on coming back we shall have to come down to 25 cents to make money."



April 1, Friday: Polish forces defeated Russians and captured Minsk Mazowiecki east of Warsaw, sending the Russians into retreat.

Worried about the lack of correspondence from his fiancée, [Hector Berlioz](#) left Rome making for Paris, and jeopardizing his Prix de Rome grant.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 4th M 1831 / This Morning took a final leave of my dear Mother & took the Steam Boat for [Providence](#). - She was entirely willing I should leave her, not expecting (as she said) to see me again in this World - & circumstances made it very necessary for me to return to [Providence](#) & I was glad I did finding my dear wife in a very anxious State of mind about her family in [Newport](#) - her brother David having recently Failed in



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
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his buisness & in a low depressed State of mind. –

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 April 2, Saturday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont embarked for America. When their ship *Havre* set sail from Le Havre, it promptly ran aground and did not get out to sea until after midnight.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2 of 4 M / Spent the day at the [Institution](#) writing up the books & in the Afternoon recd a letter from Brother Isaac informing me that our dear Aged Mother departed this life at about half past 10 OClock last eveng Aged 83 Years & about 11 Months. – I did not expect she would have failed quite so soon, but the news did not surprise me - nor Shock my feelings as it is an event I have long anticipated & when we parted Yesterday Morning it was considered a final parting by both of us. & I should not have left her but from very necessary considerations -it was comfortable & relieving to my dear H as she was very anxious to hear from her family at home & in particular from her Br David, whose situation & state of mind is a tried one at present. –

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 April 3, Easter Sunday: [Walton Felch](#) remarried in Hubbardston, Massachusetts with Mrs. Nancy Sullivan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3 of 4 M 1831 / Took the Steam Boat President went to [Newport](#). – found all my friends & relations as comfortable as could be expected
I was glad to find my dear Mothers remains look very natural & composed, & I have no doubt of her being at rest. –*

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 April 4, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4th of 4th M / Today was the funeral of my dear Mother. – The setting was a quiet solid opportunity - the gathering was large, as she was a woman much known & highly respected by all classes of the community – She was really one of the honourable Women of her day - a practical christian, but never made a high profession of religious attainments, but always very humble in

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her pretentions. – Father Rodman made a short offering, which was pertinent & applicable to the living "Oh that my people were wise, that they understood this that they would consider their latter end &c

She was interd in the upper burying ground of friends Medow field on the South side of Fathers grave. –

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April 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*day 5 of 4 M / Finding nothing to protract my stay in [Newport](#) – & it being necessary for me to be in [Providence](#), I took the Steam Boat & came home. – My reflections were of a serious cast on the Passage – but not depressed
Found the Sub committee had separated a little before I arrived & several gone to [New Bedford](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting to be held there tomorrow*

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April 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 4 M 1831 / Silent Meeting at the Institution, but to me a solid good time

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April 10, Sunday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) departed Rome for a 2-month visit to [Naples](#).

The Poles defeated the Russians at the village of Seidlitz near Warsaw, capturing two standards and 15 cannon, and taking 6,000 prisoners.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 4 M / Silent Meeting in the Mornng & in the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & had a short testimony. –

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April 13, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4thd day 13 of 4 M / Silent Meeting at the Institution but a pretty good one to me

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April 14, Thursday: In Florence, [Hector Berlioz](#) received a letter from Mme Moke, stating that her daughter, his fiancée Camille Moke, was going to marry someone else. She suggested that he should not kill himself. He concocted a plan to arrive at their house in disguise and kill both of them. On this night he left for Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14 of 4 M / Rode into Town with my wife & called at Phebe Holders & for the first time saw her Mother aged 88 Years -She looked like a good quiet old woman & the visit was pleasant - then attended Meeting in [Providence](#) & a very solid good one it was to me - Wm Almy bore a short but I have no doubt living testimony. - After Meeting we rode round the lower part of the town & came home. -

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April 17, Sunday: At Genoa, on his desperate trip back to Paris from Florence, [Hector Berlioz](#), weak from not eating and lovesick despair, fell Ophelia-like off the ramparts into the ocean. After almost drowning, he was fished out and for awhile lay on the beach vomiting water.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 4 M / Silent in the Mornng - In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & was engaged in testimony. -

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April 20, Wednesday: Wilhelm replaced Karl II as Duke of Brunswick.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 4 M / Meeting at School a good silent opportunity. -

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In England, the House of Commons's Reform Bill was defeated and the Parliament was dissolved. The gentry were arming their country houses with cannon against anticipated mobs. In the USA, the Washington Globe announced the resignations of John Eaton and Martin Van Buren. Van Buren's friends in New-York, unaware that he had something to do with engineering the whole thing, were worrying.

The following is a snippet from Charles Haskell's REMINISCENCES OF NEW YORK BY AN OCTOGENARIAN:

William Cullen Bryant, editor of the Evening Post, and William L. Stone, of the Commercial Advertiser, met in Broadway near Park Place, and a personal rencontre occurred, Bryant striking Stone with a cowhide, whereupon they closed and were parted by the bystanders. Stone prevailed, to the extent of carrying off the whip with which he had been attacked.



THE POET WITHOUT HIS WHIP



April 21, Thursday: The Rochester, New York Savings Bank was incorporated.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 4 M / Preparative & Select Meeting in Town it was a very good Meeting - Wm Almy much favoured in testimony - The Scholars attended -

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April 24, Sunday: Johann Nepomuk Hummel arrived in London for a concert tour.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 4 M 1831 / Silent in the Morn'g - in the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & much favoured in testimony I consider Williams attendance at this meeting a favour to the whole Institution & particularly to the Scholars on whose acct he is much interested & seldom fails of having something specially for them. -

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April 27, Wednesday: A Polish force sent to raise support from the populace of southeast Poland, after meeting with general apathy, crossed the border and was interned in Austria.

King Carlo Felice of Sardinia died in Turin and was succeeded by [Carlo Alberto](#), son of Prince Charles of Savoy-Carignan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 27th of 4 M / Attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Smithfield](#) Betsy Purinton favoured in testimony - Many of our Scholars took the pains to walk out to this Meeting & I may acknowledge their company & solid countenances was animating & strengthening to my Mind -
Our last Meeting was a remarkable good one there was considerable buisness & among it was a communication from three who have lately failed in trade requesting to be restored to unity with the body. - Oh! how glad I was to find they had a disposition to stand well with the Church, & also to find the Affectionate disposition there was in all to receive them. -*

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April 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 30 of 4 M 1831 / I have been the past week very closely engaged in making arrangements for the Annual Settlement of Accounts - which has strained my head exceedingly so that I was almost sick Yesterday. -
I might have mentioned that on 3rd day last we had an unexpected visit from Benj Marshall & his son John who were bearers of a very acceptable letter from our son John who lives with them at Hudson. - Their account of John is favourable, & indeed we are truly thankful for it. - How greatly do I desire his preservation from evil & establishment in the unchangeable truth*

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May 1, Sunday: The [Duke of Wellington](#) wrote to Mrs Arbuthnot that "Matters appear to be going as badly as possible. It may be relied upon that we shall have a revolution. I have never doubted the inclination and disposition of the lower orders of the people. I told you years ago that they are rotten to the core. They are not bloodthirsty, but they are desirous of plunder. They will plunder, annihilate all property in the country. The majority of them will starve; and we shall witness scenes such as have never yet occurred in any part of the world."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 5 M 1831 / Silent in the Morning Meeting & in the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & had good service.

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May 3, Tuesday: Zampa, ou La fiancee de marbre, an opera comique by Ferdinand Herold to words of Melesville, was performed for the initial time, at the Theatre de Ventadour, Paris.

Wendell Phillips submitted a college requirement "Some beautiful results to which are led by the Differential Calculus in the development of Functions" (21 ¼ x 28 ¾ inches) that is still on file at [Harvard College](http://oasis.harvard.edu:10080/oasis/deliver/~hua17004): <<http://oasis.harvard.edu:10080/oasis/deliver/~hua17004>>

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 5 M / Today was sub committee Meeting. The number present was small as it usually is the Meeting previous to the General committee. - enough however met to transact the buisness necessary to be done - & brotherly & sisterly love seemed prevalent. -

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May 4, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4 of 5 M / Rode with my H to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting. - The Select meeting was solid & good but there was not much preaching. - We dined at Mary Spencers. - After the Meeting for Sufferings we rode out to Daniel Howlands & lodged - here we met with divers of our friends who we loved & the time was spent pleasantly. -

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May 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th M - Our Quarterly Meeting at large was well attended by friends from the different Meetings & a large & respectable Number of Youth were present especially from Fall River Meeting - they have the convenience of a Steam Boat which renders it easy for them to attend. - Wm Almy was large & excellent in Testimony - & Rachael Thornton appeared - in Supplication. - In the Meeting for buisness our Friend John Wilbour opened his prospect of performing a religious visit to friends in Englan & Ireland, which was united with & he set at liberty to lay his prospect before the Select Yearly Meeting. --Our friend Rowland Greene returned the certificate granted him sometime ago to perform a visit to friends in York Yearly Meeting - which visit he has now accomplished. - After dining at Updikes we rode home.-

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May 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 5 M 1831 / Today was the General committee, it was largely attended & the subjects before it resulted in harmony & I thought the conclusions were in wisdom



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It was a day of much interest - as subjects of importance were acted upon. - The brethren present were glad to see each other.-

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May 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 5th M / Our friend John Wilbour attended Meeting this Morning & preached excellently to us. - we were Silent & alone in the Afternoon but it was a pretty good meeting. -

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May 11, Wednesday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont arrived in New-York harbor aboard "a tremendous steamship," the *President*.



[Robert Schumann](#) mentioned for the 1st time a condition that may have been syphilis.

[Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) gave his 1st public concert on this tour to London, in the concert room of the King's Theater, Haymarket. Attendance was lower than expected due to the ongoing election campaign.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11th of 5 M / Silent Meeting at the [Institution](#) & not a very lively one to me

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May 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 5 M / I went in & attended Meeting in Town - it was a very solid meeting & Hannah Robinson offered a short Prayer which seemed to me to be in the life. -

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May 15, Sunday: In New-York, Alexis de Tocqueville's initial impression of Americans: "the Americans seem to us to carry national pride altogether too far. I doubt it is possible to draw from them the least truth



unfavourable to their country. ... In general it seems to me that there is much of the small town in their attitude and that they magnify objects like people who are not accustomed to seeing great things." He wrote in his diary about American preoccupation with business, and the busyness of Americans:

All the Americans whom we have encountered up to now, even to the simplest shop salesman, seem to have received, or wish to appear to have received, a good education. Their manners are grave, deliberate, reserved, and they all wear the same clothes.

All the customs of life show this mingling of the two classes which in Europe take so much trouble to keep apart. The women dress for the whole day at seven in the morning. At nine o'clock one can already make calls. At noon one is received everywhere. Everything bears the stamp of a very busy existence. We have not yet seen any fashionables. I even have the notion that good morals are here the result less of severity of principles than of the impossibility in which all the young people find themselves of thinking of love or busying themselves seriously with it.

Messa di San Alessandro by Simon Mayr was performed for the initial time, in Bergamop, for the entry of Bishop Gritti-Morlacchi.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15 of 5 M 1831 / Meeting silent in the Mornng - in the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & had good service. -

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May 18, Wednesday: There was a news account of the activities of the visitors Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont.



The Salon of 1831 opened in Paris. Among the works shown for the 1st time was the “Liberty Leading the People” of Eugene Delacroix.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18th of 5 M / We rode our to Cumberland to attend [Smithfield](#) Preparative Meeting held there. - we stoped at Davis Metcalfs before Meeting. - The Meeting was silent & very small - but rather comfortable. - We returned & dined at Davis Metcalfs & spent the Afternoon very pleasantly - our ride home was also very pleasant - we came thro' Central Falls a beautiful Manufacturing establishment that we never were at before. - My wife as well as myself enjoyed the scenery exceedingly. -

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May 19, Thursday: At a public dinner organized by Governor Hamilton at St. Andrew's Hall, George McDuffie gave a harangue, denominating the tariff as “a system of stupendous oppression under which we are steadily and rapidly sinking into utter and hopeless ruin,” and labeling the conceit that nullification would end in “blood-shed and civil war” as “utterly ridiculous.” “The Union ... is a foul monster, which those who worship ... are worthy of their chains. ...[S]hall we be frightened by mere phantoms of blood, when our ancestors, for less cause, encountered the dreadful reality? ...[Are we] to be frightened from the discharge of our most sacred duty ... by the mere nursery tales of raw-heads and bloody-bones?”

After having spent a month in Nice, which was as far as he got in his attempt to return to Paris to murder his former fiancée and her mother, and during which he composed his King Lear Overture, [Hector Berlioz](#) began his return journey to Rome.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 5 M / It was exceedingly Rainy this MORning & the children could not go into Town to attend Preparative Meeting - Enoch & Lydia & My wife & I attended. -

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May 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 5 M / Silent meeting. - Enoch & Lydia at



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Smithfield. - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & preached a truly encouraging & interesting sermon both to the children & those having the care of them. - his opening was "Train up a child in the way he should go &c. - Thos Howland & Geo Benson were also at Meeting. -

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May 25, Wednesday: The Reverend [Waldo Emerson](#)'s 28th birthday.



Alexis de Tocqueville toured New York penitentiaries, and wrote to Abbe Leseur.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 5 M / I was very unwell today & did not attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting - My wife went & as it was very rainy the Meeting was small, but enough to transact the buisness in a respectable manner. -

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May 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27th of 5 M 1831 / I took the Steam Boat Rush Light this Morning & went to [Newport](#) to attend to some management for Yearly Meeting - Found things in comfortable progress for accommodation - & our friends in as good spirits as could be expected considering the tried state some of them are in, particularly Father Rodman's family who on Davids account has much to bear. - in addition to the low state of his mind, has failed in buisness, & will come short of paying his creditors all that is due them. - on first day Morning I got on board the Steamer President & arrived at [Providence](#) in season to attend the Morning Meeting After Meeting in the Afternoon I rode home with Wm Almy & took tea with him.-


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 May 31, Tuesday: Lt. James Clark Ross, R.N. reached the North Magnetic Pole on the Boothia Peninsula.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


3rd day 31 of 5 M / Today was our Sub-School committee meeting - we had not a large, but comfortable Number & harmony was prevalent - Our friend Jared Pattison & his companion Henry Stanton from Ohio were here & sat with the committee. -- Jared held a meeting with us in the Meeting room at 3 OC PM & went to [Moses Browns](#) to tea. -

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 June 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 6 M 1831 / Went with our friend Jared Pattison to [Smithfield](#) Meeting - It was small but he had a close preaching testimony to the few present - his testimony was a remarkable one, & closely affected the minds of some present - & was a renewd evidence to my mind of the divine power in directing his Servants. - & showing them the ground & the paths they should persue, where they have not been - We dined at Aza Arnolds, & we returned to town & took tea with Dr Tobey

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 June 4, Saturday: Leopold Georg Christian Friedrich, Prinz von Sachsen-Coburg und Gotha was proclaimed king of Belgium.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 6 M 1831 / Took the Steam Boat Fulton & went to [Newport](#) on a little buisness which I had preparatory to Y Meeting got there in Season to ride out to David Buffums where I took a dish of Tea & had an opportunity of setting a while with my aged friend Hapzibah Buffum the widow of our late Valued & beloved friend David Buffum decs. - Returned & in the eveng accomplished the little errands I had & lodged at our home - Aunt Nancy Carpenter being glad to see me -

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 June 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day Morng rose early & got ready to take the first opportunity - the Chanselor Livingston was in early & by her I returned to [Providence](#) & arrived in season to be at our Morning Meeting. -
It is worthy to remark that the Steam Boat Fulton is the oldest boat of her kind, being built by Robert Fulton in NYork & has*



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made a great many successful trips in the Sound, & from & to NYork & [Providence](#) She has now become so old that she has lately been sold, & is to be broken up - & the Trip she made on 7th day was to be her last, & when she left the wharf a gun was fired as a farewell signal - a gun was also fired when she left the head of the Long Wharf in [Newport](#). -

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June 8, Wednesday: [Robert Schumann](#), writing in his diary on his 21st birthday, mentioned for the 1st time one of his alter-egos, Florestan.

In London, the actress Sara Siddons died.

In consequence of the erection of fences to enclose the forest, a group of more than 2,000 assembled in Dean Forest in Gloucestershire to tear down such fences.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 6 M 1831 / With my dear Wife got on board the Steam Boat & came to [Newport](#) - but I had not been five minutes in Newport before I found I had to return to [Providence](#) the same day, having left the Quarterly Select account & Answers - I accordingly returned on board the Rush Light in which we came & arrived at the School House Sometime before sunset. -

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June 20, Monday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont were attending a trial.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 6th M 1831 / Today we have been engaged in parting with our friends & getting things in order which have been neglected by our absence -

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June 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 21 of 6 M / Engaged pretty much as yesterday, & among others we had the company of our interesting young friend Sarah H Jenkins from Hudson who being an acquaintance of our Son John we took the opportunity of writing to him by her & forwarding a



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few things which will be interesting to him. —

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June 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 6 M / Our friends Jonathon & Hannah Chapman Backhouse & Elizabeth Coggeshall attended our School Meeting - [Moses Brown](#) & A A Jenkins were also present - Eliza Coggeshall spoke a little very sweetly as did Hannah - & Jonathon appeared very sweetly in supplication — he alluded in his supplication to the Aged & venerable head who was with us, in a feeling & appropriate manner, then on behalf of the Caretakers, teachers & Scholars. —

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June 27, Monday: Alexis de Tocqueville had an interview with Hugh Maxwell.



Grand Duke Konstantin, brother of Tsar Nikolai I and Viceroy of Poland, died of cholera.

Otto Nicolai sang the part of Jesus in a Berlin production of the St. Matthew Passion of [Johann Sebastian Bach](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27th of 6th M 1831 / My wife being absent have felt a little lonesome today - tho' there is many around me, yet I have had a rather lonesome & rather low feeling hanging about me - this I know is weakness & I had almost said nonsense. - therefore away with it -

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June 29, Wednesday: In London, a British and Foreign Temperance Society was organized.

At St. James' Palace, Johann Nepomuk Hummel and [Nicolò Paganini](#) gave a joint concert before the King, Queen, and nobility (on his current visit to London, Paganini's presence was overshadowing Hummel; the two performers already knew each other, having shared a stage in Weimar a couple of years earlier).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29th of 6 M 1831 / Rode to [Smithfield](#) with Mary Lafavour to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting. — Wm Almy, Betsy Purinton Dorcas Payne wife of Caleb all preached acceptably. — In consequence of the Rain the Meeting was small, but there were



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*enough present to transact the buisness reputably & in order. –
there however not much to do. –*

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June 30, Thursday: In Yonkers, Alexis de Tocqueville received a letter from Gustave de Beaumont (meanwhile, Beaumont was receiving a letter from de Tocqueville).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 6 M / After dressing & washing this Mornng I set
down at the Window with my face North, admiring the Scenery which
presented of Trees in rich foliage, & the field of grass & Grain
florishing in my view, a degree of humble gratitude & Worship
arose in my mind to the Author of our Manifold mercies &
blessings, which he bestows upon us. It would seem as if some
tribute was due for the many favours He has bestowed on me – not
only what I now enjoy, but for what I have recd & enjoyed all
my life long. – I desire to cherish a thankful remembrance of
them. – & hope to as long as I live –
This Afternoon My dear wife & Wm Jenkins returned from their
journey to Boston Lynn & Salem to accompany Jonathon & Hannah
Backhouse they give a favourable acct of their excursion. –*

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July 2, Saturday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont arrived in Albany, New York.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 2nd of 7th M 1831 / This Afternoon our friend Doctor Wm
Carey arrived in [Providence](#) from his visit to Dartmouth [New
Bedford](#) & [Nantucket](#) – which he has performed since Yearly
Meeting. –*

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July 3, Sunday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont attended a Shaker meeting.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 7 M / Our Morning Meeting was silent. – as was the Afternoon – Doctor Wm Carey a Minister in Society from NYork State was here in the evening, & had the Scholars collected in the Meeting room & had a good & encouraging opportunity with them. –

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July 6, Wednesday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont visited Syracuse, New York, interviewing prison employees. There was an interview with Elam Lynds.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 7 M / This Afternoon the News arrived in [Providence](#) that James Monroe late President of the United States died on the 4th inst in New York. – It is a very remarkable coincidence the three of our expresidents (Adams Jefferson & Monroe) should have died on the 4 day of the 7 Month. – When James Monroe visited New England soon after he was Elected President he was at [Newport](#) & I well remember of calling to see him & of shaking hands with him in company with Rowland Hazard. –I also well remember the embarrassment I felt on the occasion. – Our meeting at the [Institution](#) was a dull Heavy time to me. – This Afternoon our friend John Wilbour called a few minutes at the Institution & took leave of us preparatory to his leaving home, on his religious visit to Friends in Europe. –

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 July 7, Thursday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont departed from Syracuse, New York.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 7 M 1831 / Today Nathan Hunt attends Meeting in town - & Elisha Bates is sick at Wm Jenkins. -

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 July 8, Friday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont visited Frenchman's Island.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 7 M / At 10 OC this forenoon Our frd [Moses Brown](#) came here with Nathen Hunt preposing to have an opportunity with the Scholars - we soon collected them in the Meeting room & Nathan had a great deal to say, all appropriate, feeling & good & a good opportunity it was. — After it was over I took him & his companion over the House & into the New Building, with which he seemed gratified & pleased — After tea we went to See our frd Elisha Bates & spent the evening with him at Wm Jenkins's - he is better & in hopes to be about tomorrow. -

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 July 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 7 M / Nathan Hunt was at [Smithfield](#) Meeting [Moses Brown](#) went with him as did Enoch & Lydia. — Our dear friend Elisha Bates came up & was with us at Meeting in the forenoon - his Sermon was very reaching & I have no doubt convincing to many minds both of the younger & more advanced scholars - all were serious & many in tears. — I have no doubt his visit here will be memorable to Many for years to come — he dined at the table with the Boys & noticed several of them in a way which pleased them & I have no doubt will be useful —



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*The Afternoon Meeting at the Institution was silent. –
The Meeting in Town was put off till five O'clock on Elishas
account & a general invitation extended to the Inhabitants of
the Town. –Our teachers a number of older Scholars went into the
Meeting. –*

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July 13, Wednesday: While leaving Auburn, New York, Alexis de Tocqueville made a journal entry about religion.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 13th of 7th M / Silent but good meeting to me –6th day
15th of 7th M 1831 / This morning we had the company of Jeremiah
Hubbard & wife & our dear Aged friend [Moses Brown](#). –After a
Social time in the family & walking over the house, Jeremiah had
a mind to have the Scholars & family collected in the Meeting
room. – We were soon together & a very favoured season it proved
– he was much favoured in testimony & supplication & the children
were very Solid & attentive –*

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July 17, Sunday: Alexis de Tocqueville arrived in Batavia, New York. In Canandaigua, he interviewed John Canfield Spencer. On this day he and Gustave de Beaumont exchanged letters.



[Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) departed from London for Germany with a gift from Queen Adelaide.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 7 M / Both our meetings at the [Institution](#) were
silent. – The Mornng Meeting a season of some favour – in the
Afternoon very lifeless – perhaps a bad feeling in my head & the
Prospect of Phila might have contributed to it a little – At 5
O'clock attended Jeremiah Hubbards Meeting in [Providence](#) which
was very large & many of the Clergy & gentry of the Town were
present & he preached & prayed an abundance. – & said much that*



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*was good, & a few things that I believe if unsaid his service would have been better. –
It is a great thing to be a great Minister & a thoroughly skilful Minister too. –*

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July 20, Wednesday: At this point Alexis de Tocqueville was stopping over in Erie, Pennsylvania.



[Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin \(Frédéric François Chopin\)](#), seeing no future in Vienna, departed for München. His real goal was Paris, but the Russian ambassador would not grant him a passport for Paris so he obtained one for London knowing that this would take him through Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would in a few days summarize in his journal:

4th day 20 of 7 M 1831 / After attending Meeting at the Institution - I went on Board the Steam Boat for NYork intending for Philadelphia to attend the committee of general conference from several Yearly Meetings - Cornelius Howland[?] Mary B Allen & Lydia Breed of this Y Meeting & Jeremiah Hubbard & wife of N Carolina in company - We had a good Passage to NYork & I put up at Saml Woods where we were soon joined by our friend John Wilbour who was on his way on his religious visit to England expecting to embark on first day the 24inst - - 5 & 6th days rested in NYork & on 7th day Mornng took leave of John Wilbour & set out in the Steamboat for Phila - had a good passage down the Raratan & across in the Stage to Trenton - on board the Steamboat at Borden town we had a heavy thunder gust - here I saw Joseph Bonaparts Observatory - we proceeded on our Passage & landed at Burlington sometime before sunsett & were very cordially recd at the house of our friend Wm Allenson by his sisters Elizabeth Mary & Sybel - Wm being from home when we first arrived, but soon returned. - The house of these dear friends seemed much like home - Elizabeth & Mary have been to New England & we had seen & been acquainted with them before. - Next morning being 1st day [Sunday] the 24th of 7 M before Meeting time Wm Almy Wm Jenkins & Charles & John Warren arrived in the Steam Boat & we all attended Meeting in Burlington. - Wm Almy took the service to me very satisfactorily - After meeting he & Wm Jenkins went to see Susan Smith & we dined at Wm Allensons - They went on to Philad in the Steam Boat & John Warren & I staid to the Afternoon Meeting - John had much & good Service - we lodged at Wm Allensons &


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 July 25, Monday: At 3:50AM, Maria Agata (Wolowska) Szymanowska died of cholera in St. Petersburg at the age of 41.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning the 25th of 7 M we took the Steam Boat & went down to Philad[el]phia.] Took lodgings with Beulah Parker where my Nephew Richard Rodman boards - & at 10 OClock met with the committee at Arch Street Meeting - Dined at my lodgings & at 4 OC PM again met with the committee - took tea at my lodgings & in the evening walked round the City a little with Richard Rodman. -

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 July 26, Tuesday: John Caldwell Calhoun's Fort Hill Address appeared in the Pendleton Messenger.

[Benjamin Peirce](#), the librarian of [Harvard College](#), died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 7 M The committee having adjourned till 4 OC PM I embraced the opportunity of walking round the City [Philadelphia] - called at Thos Kites Store [publisher] & went to the Hospital where I saw Wm Penns Statue & Wests painting of Christ healing the sick & then rode out to fair Mount to see the stupendous Water Works by which the whole City is supplied with Water. - Dined & took tea at Thomas Stewartsons. - The committee at their setting this PM agreed on a report to the Yearly Meetings & closed our buisness at this time - hence we were in readiness to make our Way home

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 July 27, Wednesday: Hymne aux morts de juillet by Ferdinand Herold to words of Hugo was performed for the initial time, at the Pantheon of Paris, to mark the 1st anniversary of the Revolution of 1830.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 9 [sic] M Took the Steam Boat & had a pleasant Sail to Trenton & from thence took Stage across to Frankford where we again took the Steam Boat & arrived in New York & were very Kindly recd by our friends there & particularly by Saml Wood & family where most of us lodged. - as there was no Steam Boat going on

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July 28, Thursday: On the 1st anniversary of the July Revolution, [Hector Berlioz](#) wrote to Charles Duveyrier from Rome that he was devoted to the social reform program of the comte de Saint-Simon (this letter would be intercepted by agents of Prince von Metternich).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day the 28th of 7 M We all attended Westbury Quarterly Meeting held in the City of NYork in which Wm Almy had good service. –
Feeling my mind much drawn to Hudson where our beloved son now resides & it being very convenient to go I did not feel easy to return with the rest of the committee & at 5 OC in the Afternoon went on board the North River Steam Boat & arrived in Hudson between 2 & 3 OC in the Morning & went immediately to Bryans Hotel where I took bed for the rest of the night – After breakfast I took a Chaise & boy to carry me out to the print Works & soon found John – & we were mutually glad to see each other – Spent the forenoon in walking round the place & returned to Benj Martials [Marshalls] House to dinner – In the Afternoon we had the company of Joseph Barton & his daughter Sarah Ashby & grand daughter Mary Ashby & one of their friends (Anna Comstock) who now lives in Ohio – These were agreeable acquaintances, being sound friends & Johns intimate associates & neighbours. – My health was poor & I did not enjoy all that I might on some occasions –*

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July 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 7 M 1831 Passed an uncomfortable forenoon at home, but got so as to be able to Walk up to Joseph Bartons & drank tea with them, which was a very pleasant & interesting visit to me

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July 31, Sunday: After 28 Menominee held a kind of anniversary celebration of their massacre of Fox the previous year, they fell into a drunken stupor. A large group of Fox were awaiting this stupor, and slaughtered the entire group. Black Hawk either participated in this action or helped plan it.

The Mohawk and Hudson Railroad, the 2d in the USA, began operations. Among the passengers on the partially completed route to Schenectady, New York were former governor Joseph C. Yates, former Albany mayor John Townsend, Schenectady mayor John I. De Graff, Albany police chief John Meigs, New-York police representative Jacob Hayes, and politician Thurlow Weed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would summarize in his journal, after arriving back home in [Rhode Island](#):

1st day 31 of 7 M Rode with John into Hudson & attended the little gathering of sound friends who meet there. – Tho' it was small it did seem to me that the Meeting was not in vain, but



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if the few who assemble would Seek to have Salt in themselves that it would season others & the savour would spread very considerably – I dined with John at Bryans Hotel after which I called on James Nixon & took tea, then went to the Wharf & waited for the Arrival of the Steam Boat & while in waiting for that I had an opportunity of seeing an old acquaintance James Brown & his wife (Irish folks) who once lived in [Newport](#) & now in Athens opposite Hudson. – He is one of the Boatmen in the River & went across & brought his wife over to see me. –

I parted with my dear son John on the Wharf not far from Sunset & arrived in NYork next morning, (2nd day [Monday] the 1 of 8 M 1831) & was very kindly recd at the house of our frd Saml Wood & sons & in the Afternoon at 5 OC took the Steam Boat Washington for home – & on 3rd day reached home in the forenoon while the subcommittee were sitting & was very glad & I trust thankful to find my dear wife & friends all well. –

This journey has been quite an extension of my travels it is the first time I was ever up the North River to Hudson In going up the North River it was [a] matter of some regret to me that both passages up & down the River were mostly performed in the night that much of the beautiful scenery was lost to my view.–

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August 3, Wednesday: James Walter Spooner was born in Plymouth MA to Ephraim Spooner and Marie Elizabeth Spooner.

Charles Marie de Brouckere replaced Etienne Noel Joseph, chevalier de Sauvage as head of government for Belgium.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 8 M / My wife left yesterday after noon to attend the Quarterly Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) I was so fatigued & unwell that it did not seem best for me to go & she went in the Chaise with Thomas Howland. – I was glad again to meet our family, in our family Meeting & I have the satisfaction to believe that they were glad to see me. –

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August 7, Sunday: At a Baptist church in Dresden, New York, [William Miller](#) preached the sermon on the 2d advent of Jesus Christ that would launch his Adventist movement. His conceits, based upon an over-familiarity with the book of Daniel, would prove to be a real crowd-pleaser — he had keyed into a bunch of exceedingly popular fantasies. For the next week he would need to repeat this to various audiences.

MILLENNIALISM

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 8th M 1831 Our Meeting was silent in the Morning



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& in the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & had good service. —

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August 14, Sunday: [Robert Schumann](#) played through the 1st movement of a piano concerto in F major for friends in Leipzig. They were very supportive, but he would never finish the work. “This seems to me like the 1st thing written in my style that inclines toward the romantic.”

[Mount Vesuvius](#) began to go through a period of activity that would last until December 23, 1832: “Effusiva — Terremoto il 14 agosto ed emissione intracraterica. Lave a SE verso Bosco (August 20, 1831); a SSE (September 20, 1831, continuing through 1831 unless otherwise indicated); verso Torre del Greco (November 20, 1831), Ercolano (December 25, 1831), Boscotrecase e Piano delle Ginestre (February 27, 1832), Ottaviano ed Eremo (July 23, 1832); verso W (August 8, 1832); verso Bosco (October-November 15, 1832); verso Torre del Greco (December 16-23, 1832).”



MOUNT VESUVIUS



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 if 8 M — Yesterday Brother David Rodman i& family were here & set our on their way to Lynn where they expect to reside for the present in hopes of getting into buisness - I do most affectionately wich them well & good success. — Morning Meeting Silent Wm Almy had good Service in the Afternoon - & Benjamin Clarke a [?end] Lawyer of New York attended - he appears to be a sound friend & tho' engaged in Law is said to support well his good standing in society

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


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 August 17, Wednesday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont arrived in Buffalo.




The steam-packet *Rothesay Castle* between Liverpool and Beaumaris was wrecked near Beaumaris. Of the some 135 to 145 persons supposed to be on board only 22 would survive.

Jan, Count Krukowiecki was made dictator of Poland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 8 M 1831 / Silent & good Meeting with the Scholars

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 August 21, Sunday: The troops of Lisbon, Portugal revolted against Don Miguel, at a cost of 300 lives.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 8 M / Our friend Anna A Jenkins attended our Meeting this Morning, her testimony & supplication were sweet & precious offerings, which I trust will be long remembered. – Silent Solid Meeting in the Afternoon

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August 24, Wednesday: The Reverend John Stevens Henslow, Professor of Botany at Cambridge University and founder of the [Botanic](#) Garden there, suggested that [Charles Darwin](#) travel with him aboard HMS *Beagle*, a 10-gun brig, for its 2d world voyage of exploration and charting.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 8th M 1831 / Rode with my wife to [Smithfield](#) & attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting - it was to me a remarkably solid & good meeting - in the first Meeting Wm Almy bore a short testimony In the last we did not have much buisness but affairs were conducted in a solid manner I believe this was the first meeting I ever attended with [Moses Brown](#) where he was wholly silent in a Meeting for buisness. - he was pretty smart in



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health, but he told me after meeting that he had nothing special to offer tho' he took an interest in the subject before us –

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August 26, Friday: At the [Quaker](#) educational institution that eventually would become the “[Moses Brown School](#),” in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) felt unwell, so he let some leeches attach themselves to his forehead and engorge themselves with his blood and drop away. After this he felt better (don't you wish you could have been there with a camera).

6th day 26th of 8 M / I have felt unwell today, my head much out of order, but I applied several Leeches to my temples this Afternoon & feel better – Our frd [Moses Brown](#) & Wm Jenkins called at the Institution today. – Recd a letter this Afternoon from Sister Elizabeth Nichols giving us a pretty favourable acct of Brother David Rodman & family, in their new situation in Lynn affording some hope it may again be well with them –

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August 28, Sunday: [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin \(Frédéric François Chopin\)](#) performed a morning concert in München.

At the [Providence, Rhode Island](#) farm home of Friend [Moses Brown](#) that night, a burglar or team of burglars made off with the usual sorts of portable goodies.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 8th M 1831 / Silent meeting in the Morning Enoch & Lydia absent at [Smithfield](#) Meeting –
In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & labour'd in the Gospel –
After Meeting by his invitation I went home with him to tea –*



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*& returned in the eveng & finished a letter which I had begun
some days ago, to Elisha Bates.—*

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“Citizens” communicated with Virginia Governor John Floyd in regard to the undesirability of permitting a religious meeting of the blacks:



His Excellency John Floyd

Governor of Virginia

Sir

There is at this moment a numerous meeting of the blacks from this place & the surrounding country, at the Rural Shades, for the purpose, as they allege, of Religious worship, the propriety of countenancing such a meeting at this time is respectfully submitted to your consideration by several

Citizens

A white man would find this letter written on this date, on the road south of the city of Richmond, and forward it to Virginia Governor John Floyd:

Richmond Aug. 28, 31.

To

Joe to "brother", no date



Dear brother I send you this by brother billy who can tel you more than I can rite you must beshore to rememer The day, for al dependes on that for you now tis the last Sunday in October we are al reddy down belo you mstnot be faint harted al depends on you if you deceve us we are al lost for ever your affecionat brother

Joe Dr.

Do burne This as soon as you receve it

[in another hand] Furnished by a gentleman near Richmond city after the insurrection. It was found in the road below the city five or six miles-John Floyd

“Anonymus” to Governor John Floyd in Richmond — posted from the town of Petersburg:



To the Governor of Virginia

Sir

It has been humbly & respectfully suggested that as Nat. Turner the leader & mover of the insurrection in Southampton has not been caught or killed that it would be adviseable to offer a large reward for him if caught by a white or free man, or manumission to any slave who will bring him dead or alive so that he may be punished. It is perhaps idle to think that this insurrection is ended until the Leader is killed

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Anonymus.



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August 29, Monday: [Nicolò Paganini](#) arrived in Dublin for a concert tour of Ireland. He would provide 23 concerts in 6 weeks.

Michael Faraday created the 1st electrical transformer, based upon electromagnetic induction.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 8 M / Last night some very wicked person or persons broke into the house of our friend [Moses Brown](#) & Stole his Watch from the head of his bed took some Money from his Pocket Book - opened several of his drawers & chests & rumaged over papers, & carried one of his small trunks some distance into his front yard where they broke it open, but left it & carried off his bunch of Keys. -

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Williamson Mann of Chesterfield wrote the following to "Ben Lee in Great hast mail speedily Richmond swift":



My old fellow

Chesterfield Aug 29 1831

Ben-

You will tell or acquaint every servant in Richmond & adjoining countys they all must be in a strik readiness, that this occurance will go through virignia with the slaves & whites if there had never been an assosiation & a visiting with the free & slaves this would never had of been they are put up by the free about their liberation I've wrote to norfolk amelia nottaway & several other countys to different slaves bob bill Miller Bowler John furguson fed roney & several other free fellow has put of Dr Crumps nor field Mr Scotts & a great many gentlemen private servants how they must act in getting in getting of their liberation they must set fire to the cyty begining at Shockoe hill then going through east west north south set fire to the briges they are aboutt to break out in fousland & in meclenburg Cyt & several other countys very shortly now there is a barber here in this place as [—ry] tells me a methodist of the name edwards has put a great many servants up how they should do & act by seting fire to this town I do wish they may succeed by so doing we poor whites can get work as well as the Slaves or collard This fellow edward the methodist says that judge J. F. Maz is no friend to the free & your Richmond free assosiates that you master Watkins Lee brokenberry Johnson Taylor of Norfolk & several other noble delegates is bitterly against them all Ruben Mr archers servant say that billy hickman has jest put him up how to revenge the whites all the brite molatoes of Rich wants to be white So boys you all must do the best you all can for your selfes, only acquainted the servants how you all shall proceed as your friends has advise they has stopt your alls religeon edwards syas so you all ougght to get reveng Some way every white in this place is sceard to death except my slef & a few others this methodist has has put up a Great many slaves in this place how to do I can tell you to push on boys push on

Yor friend williamson Mann



August 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 8 M / Our meeting was silent but a pretyy solid gathering. —

In the Afternoon I went to Town.—

This is the last day of the Summer of 1831 I feel that my summers are fast passing away & that the Winter of Age is drawing on a pace & my concern is that I may be consistent in whatever Station or situation I am — that should I advance into Old age I may



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*have the support of that religion which has been my stay in Youth
& which has been the delight of my heart to live in — I can now
in the more mature walks of life testify that the Religion of
Jesus Christ is All sustaining*

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→ September 4, Sunday: On this day and the following one, Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont took a carriage from Whitehall to Albany, New York, through the terrain in which Lake Champlain is situated. The mountains of Vermont on the horizon seemed “very high.” They would promptly depart toward Boston, where they were intending to recommence for a fortnight their study of penitentiaries, “somewhat forgotten for the last month,” before betaking themselves to Philadelphia.



A constitution was granted in Saxony.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 9th M 1831 / Our Morning Meeting was silent —In
the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & much favoured in testimony —his
opening was "Train up a child in the way he should go, & when
he is Old he will not depart from it" —*

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→ September 7, Wednesday: Gustave de Beaumont wrote a letter to Alexis de Tocqueville in Stockbridge.



Bonaventura Niemojewski replaced Jan, Count Krukowiecki as dictator of Poland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 7 of 9th M / Silent meeting at the [Institution](#) Brother
Isaac & his son Nathan was here today & I was very glad to see
them — they gave us a pleasant account of the welfare of our
friends & relations in [Newport](#). —*

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September 14, Wednesday: In England, the gardening writer [John Claudius Loudon](#) and the science fiction author Jane C. Webb were wed. He was 47 and she 23. The couple would honeymoon in the Lake District and in Scotland. They would have a daughter, Agnes. The new wife would learn to act as her husband's secretary, copyist, researcher, and note taker, toward the preparation of the *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF GARDENING* which would be published in 1834. [Jane Webb Loudon](#) would prepare *INSTRUCTIONS IN GARDENING FOR LADIES*, a nontechnical volume which would see nine editions and sell more than 20,000 copies.

Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont visited the prison in Charleston, Massachusetts.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th 9 M / Attended Meeting at the [Institution](#) which was silent but a pretty good meeting -

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September 21, Wednesday: Alexis de Tocqueville had an interview with Mr. Gray, a Senator of the State of Massachusetts, and confided to his diary as to the reasons for the relative moral purity of the American people:

American morals are, I believe, the purest existing in any nation, which may be attributed, it seems to me, to five principal causes:

- 1. Their physical constitution. They belong to a northern race, even though almost all living in a climate warmer than that of England.*
- 2. Religion still possesses there a great power over the souls. They have even in part retained the traditions of the most severe religious sects.*
- 3. They are entirely absorbed in the business of making money. There are no idle among them. They have the steady habits of those who are always working.*
- 4. There is no trace of the prejudices of birth which reign in Europe, and it is so easy to make money that poverty is never an obstacle to marriage. Thence it results that the individuals of two sexes unite ..., only do so from mutual attraction, and find themselves tied at a time in life when the man is almost always more alive to the pleasures of the heart than those of the senses. It is rare that a man is not married at 2-+ years.*
- 5. In general the women receive an education that is rational (even a bit raisonneuse.) The factors above enumerated make it possible without great inconvenience to allow them an extreme liberty; the passage from the state of young girl to that of a married woman has no dangers for her.*

...

Mr Clay, who appears to have occupied himself with statistical researches on this point, told Gustave de Beaumont that at



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Boston the prostitutes numbered about 2000 (I have great difficulty believing this.) They are recruited among country girls who, after having been seduced, are obliged to flee their district and family, and find themselves without resource. It seems that the young blood of the city frequents them, but the fact is concealed with extreme care, and the evil stops there, without ever crossing the domestic threshold or troubling the families. A man who should not be convicted but suspected of having an intrigue would immediately be excluded from society. All doors would be shut to him.

Mr. Dewight was saying to me that a venereal disease was a mark of infamy which was very hard to wash away. On the other hand, the police do not concern themselves in any way with the prostitutes. The Americans say that it would be to legitimate the evil to oppose to it such a remedy. Mr. Dewight said to us (what we had already had occasion to remark in the prison reports) that of all the prisoners those who most rarely reformed were the women of bad morals.

Norborne E. Sutton wrote to Governor John Floyd of Virginia:



Bowling Green Sept 21st 1831

Honorable John Floyd

Sir It is now certain that the slaves in this county was apprised of the insurrection which developed itself in South Hampton. Some Gentleman have enquired of these slaves as to this fact, (Mr. Campbels) in this immediate neighbourhood all admitted that they had received information of the intended insurrection but that it commenced two soon by eight days Yesterday a faithful servant of Mr. Wm P Taylors gave him information that large meetings of slave were held in his neighbourhood for the purpose of concerting and effecting the best course they should pursue to get clear of the whites Much excitement and much alarm has prevailed in the county especially with the slaves of the county and it is now so obvious that the slaves design an attempt between this and the 1st of October I have concluded to suggest to you the propriety of furnishing the militia with arms at least to some extent For one until the information in relation to Mr Taylors slaves was received I had not even had my gun in my room Because I did not apprehend any danger and I was certain it was calculated to create a greater degree of alarm with my wife and I thought too it was giving an importance which might induce the negroes in this neighborhood to imagine that I was alarmed I hope sir you will arm the Troop and a part of the companies in this county if not all I am as perfectly satisfied that those traveling preachers and Pedlers have been instrumental to a great degree in producing the present state of things as that I am now addressing this letter to you And I do hope that the Legislature will at the next session at least pass a law which shall have for its object This That no man particularly a stranger shall preach in any County or Town until he shall have produced sufficient evidence that he has been regularly ordained and of his



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*moral worth and standing when he was received on his last place of residence I hope I shall be excused for suggesting other civils slaves should not be permitted to have preaching at any time nor should they be permitted to go about contracting for themselves I would make the Law in relation to These matters more penal and I would make it the duty of every officer to arrest such slaves as are permitted to go at large and sell him forthwith the result to be applied to the use of the County Again Sir it is now the practice at every Court House to see large numbers of Carts some white and some black vending and trading in various things there Sir although I have used my exertions to arrest the civil practice of court nights frequently the exhibition of whites and blacks mingling together Beggars description They have no law imposed upon them They are composed of the very dregs of the different Counties and what I ask is to be expected but disorder and consequences of the most dangerous and alarming results Last October or November Mr Blak had a valuable slave killed at these Carts white and black all engaged in the [encounter?] late at night I hope you will incur[?] these suggestions respectively yours &c
Norborne E Sutton*

*P.S. I would suggest the propriety of arming the four companies immediately about this place where information must be received first on sight to be fully armed say Capt John Bellah Capt John Washington Captain Washington Carter and Capt W. Wrights these I think should be armed fully
N. E Sutton*

In [Rhode Island](#), as incendiary reports of a supposed massive slave revolt in [North Carolina](#) were appearing in the [Providence Journal](#) (slaves were maybe burning down the city of Wilmington; a white army was maybe gathering in Raleigh, etc.), there was another local race riot. In the white riot of 1824, the rioters had torn down several houses in the black district of Providence by Gaspee Street and the State House that was known as Hardscrabble. Again this was happening, fueled by [liquor](#) and property values, this time in Olneys Lane (now Olney Street) and in Snowtown, a hollow up against Smith Hill southwest of the Hardscrabble district, in the Charles/Orms Street area. The rioting was initiated by a mob of white sailors, continued with the throwing of stones between a group of blacks and a group of whites, and culminated with a black man stepping out of a house with a gun and warning the sailors away – “Is this the way the blacks are to live, to be obliged to defend themselves from stones?” – and then being forced to shoot dead one of the advancing white men. The mob, except for five sailors, retreated to the foot of the hill. After someone shot and wounded three of these sailors, the mob again advanced, and began systematically to knock down two houses and damage several others.

So, as a point of interest, here is the manner in which these events would be truncated in an almanac of 1844:

1831. A riot of four days continuance commenced Sept. 21, in Olney's lane, North end. It originated with some sailors and the colored people living in the lane, one of the former being shot by a black man, and instantly killed. An immediate attack was made on the houses, and two were promptly destroyed. Each evening the mob increased in number, and violence. The efforts of the Town Council and the Sheriff to suppress it were



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ineffectual, and the services of the military were called into requisition by the Governor. On the fourth evening, the corps, near Shingle Bridge, were assailed by the crowd, with stones and other missiles, and were commanded to fire, which they did, and four men fell mortally wounded. The crowd dispersed, and quiet was restored. Nearly twenty small houses had been destroyed or badly injured. — At a town meeting, Nov. 22, more than three-fifths of the votes polled were in favor of a City Charter.

We can afford to let local citizen [William J. Brown](#) tell the story, for his account is remarkably detailed despite the fact that we have no reason to suspect that he himself had been present and remarkably tolerant despite the fact that he himself had no reason whatever to be objective about this tense racial confrontation:

PAGES 50-54: The feeling against the colored people was very bitter. The colored people themselves were ignorant of the cause, unless it could be attributed to our condition, not having the means to raise themselves in the scale of wealth and affluence, consequently those who were evil disposed would offer abuse whenever they saw fit, and there was no chance for resentment or redress. Mobs were also the order of the day, and the poor colored people were the sufferers....

Not long after this [an earlier gentrification mob action] there was another mob, commenced at the west end of Olney Street. Here were a number of houses built and owned by white men, and rented to any one, white or colored, who wanted to hire one or more rooms, rent payable weekly. Some of these places had bar-rooms, where liquors were dealt out, and places where they sold cakes, pies, doughnuts, etc. These they called cooky stands. In some houses dancing and fiddling was the order of the day. It soon became dangerous for one to pass through there in the day time that did not belong to their gang, or patronize them. Most all sailors who came into port would be introduced into Olney Street by some one who had an interest that way. I remember when a boy, passing up one day to my father's garden, which was on that street, in company with two other boys, looking at the people as we passed along. Some were sitting at the windows, some in their doorway, some singing, some laughing, some gossiping, some had their clay furnaces in front of their houses, cooking, and seeing us looking at them, said "What are you gawking at, you brats?" hurling a large stone at the same time, and we were obliged to run for our lives. This street had a correspondence with all the sailor boarding houses in town, and was sustained by their patronage. Vessels of every description were constantly entering our port, and sailing crafts were seen from the south side of the Great Bridge to India Point. It was the great shipping port of New England in those days, and although the smallest of all the States, Rhode Island was regarded as among the wealthiest, the Quakers occupying a large portion of the State....

There was a sailor boarding house in Power Street, kept by a man from Virginia by the name of Jimmie Axum. He was a sailor, every inch of him, and his wife, Hannah, was an Indian woman of the



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Narragansett tribe. Uncle Jimmie was a shipping master and a fiddler, and when he failed to entertain sailors, they all knew where to go – Olney Street was their next port of entry.

When a ship's crew of sailors came ashore they would all go to Uncle Jimmie's to board, and Uncle Jimmie, with his household, would entertain them with fiddle and tamborine. There would be drinking and dancing through the day and evening, and every half hour some one would take a pitcher and go after liquor, which they purchased by the quart or pint. The best of Jamaica rum then sold for nine pence a quart; gin at the same price. Brandy was twenty-five cents a quart.

In those days it was common to drink liquor; everybody used it. Ministers drank and Christians drank. If you were passing on Main or Water Street in the morning the common salutation was: "Good morning, Mr. A. or B., won't you walk in and take a glass of brandy or gin?" If men were at work on the wharf, at eleven in the morning and four in the afternoon grog was passed around, consisting of a jug of rum and a pail of water. Each one would help himself to as much as he wanted. Even the people that went out washing must be treated at eleven and four o'clock, and people were considered mean who would not furnish these supplies to those whom they employed. If a person went out to make a call or spend the evening and was not treated to something to drink, they would feel insulted. You might as well tell a man in plain words not to come again, for he surely would go off and spread it, how mean they were treated – not even so much as to ask them to have something to drink; and you would not again be troubled with their company.

The sailors often drank to excess. You could frequently see them on South Water Street lying at full length or seated against a building intoxicated.

After sailors had stayed at Uncle Jimmie's boarding-house long enough to be stripped of nearly all their money by Uncle Jimmie and his wife, and the females which hung around there, they would be suffered to stroll up to Olney Street to spend the rest of their money.

One night a number of sailors boarding at Uncle Jimmie's went up to Olney Street to attend a dance. It was about nine o'clock when they left the house, expecting to dance all night and have what they called a sailor's reel and breakdown. About ten o'clock there came to Uncle Jim's a large, tall and powerful looking black man to the door. He said, "Uncle Jimmie, where is the boys?" He answered, "You will find them up in Olney Street; they went up to a dance tonight." He replied, "I am going up there, and if anybody comes here and inquires for me tell them I am gone up to the dance in Olney Street." Uncle Jimmy said, "Who are you and what is your name?" The man replied, "I am the Rattler." No one took notice of him. Those that were on the floor continued their dancing. This man seeing no one noticed him went in amongst them and commenced dancing, running against one man and pushing against another, just as his fancy led him. There being at that time five or six large men calling themselves



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fighting men or bullies, came to the conclusion that they would not have their dance broke up in that shape by a stranger that nobody knew. One of the men by the name of James Treadwell, and known to be a great fighter, said to another large double-jointed man, so considered, by the name of Augustus Williams, "This fellow calls himself the Rattler, let's rattle his box." So they gathered three or four other men who would come to their assistance if needed. They approached the stranger and addressed him saying, "Who are you, stranger, and what do you want here?" He replied "I am the Rattler." They said to him, "If you don't clear out we will rattle your box." He replied, "That you can do as soon as you have a mind to." Without further ceremony they all pitched into him. The Rattler threw one man into the bar, another he threw across the room, some he slammed against the sides of the house, and in a few minutes he cleared the house, and as they had no power to resist him, they very wisely concluded that he was the devil in fine clothing. This story was told me by Augustus Williams, who was present and witnessed the whole affair and declared it to be the truth. The next visitation in Olney Street was made by two crews of sailors, one white and the other colored, consequently a fight was the order of the day, in which the blacks were the conquerors, and drove the whites out of the street. The white sailors not relishing this kind of treatment, doubled their forces the next night and paid Olney Street another visit, and had a general time of knocking down and dragging out. This mob conduct lasted for nearly a week. They greatly discomfited the saloonkeepers, drinking their liquors, smashing up the decanters and other furniture. One of their number was shot dead by a bar tender, which so enraged them that they began to tear down houses, threatening to destroy every house occupied by colored people. Their destructive work extended through Olney Street, Gaspee Street and a place called the Hollow, neither of which bore a very good reputation. They warned the better class of colored people to move out, and then went on with their work of destruction, calling on men of like principles, from other towns, to help, promising to share with them in the plunder, or take their pay from the banks. Governor Arnold hearing of this ordered out the military, thinking that their presence would quell the mob. They were not so easily frightened, and continued their work of ruin until the governor was compelled to order his men to fire. This had the desired effect; broke up the riot and dispersed the mob; but Olney Street had fallen to rise no more as a place of resort for rum shops, sailors and lewd women.

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Here now is the same event, but as it would be described in William Read Staples's 1843 ANNALS OF THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE FROM ITS FIRST SETTLEMENT, TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT, IN JUNE, 1832:

The first outbreak of popular feeling was on the night of



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September 21. A number of sailors visited Olney's lane for the purpose of having a row with the blacks inhabiting there. After making a great noise there and throwing stones, a gun was fired from one of the houses. The greater part of the persons in the lane then retreated to the west end of it, and five sailors who had not been engaged in any of the previous transactions, went up the lane. A black man on the steps of his house, presented a gun, and told them to keep their distance. They in turn proposed taking his gun. This they did not attempt, but pursuing their walk a little further, then stopped. Here they were ordered by the black man "to clear out," or he would fire at them. This they dared him to do. He did fire, and one of their number was instantly killed. The first company, who were still at the foot of the lane, then returned, tore down two houses and broke the windows of the rest. During the next day there was a great excitement. The sheriff of the county with other peace officers were in Olney's lane early in the evening. As the mob increased in numbers and in violence of language, they were ordered to disperse, and seven taken in custody. Subsequently others were arrested, who were rescued from the officers. The sheriff then required military aid of the Governor of the state, and at midnight the First Light Infantry marched to his assistance. The mob, not intimidated by their presence, assaulted them with stones. Finding that they could effect nothing without firing upon them, the soldiers left the lane, followed by the mob, who then returned to their work, and demolished six more houses in the lane and one near Smith street, not separating until between three and four o'clock in the morning. On the morning of the 23d, an attack on the jail being expected, the sheriff required military aid, and the Governor issued his orders to the Light Dragoons, the Artillery, the Cadets, the Volunteers, and the First Infantry, to be in arms at six o'clock in the evening. The mob appeared only in small force, and did little mischief. The military were dismissed until the next evening. On the evening of the 24th there was a great collection of persons in Smith street and its vicinity. Soon they commenced pulling down houses. Upon this, finding it impossible to disperse or stay them, the sheriff called again on the Governor, and the military were again assembled. During their march to Smith street they were assailed with stones. They marched up Smith street and took post on the hill. Here both the Governor and the sheriff remonstrated with the mob, and endeavored to induce them to separate, informing them that the muskets of the military were loaded with ball cartridges. This being ineffectual, the riot act was read, and they were required by a peace officer to disperse. The mob continued to throw stones both at the houses and soldiers. The sheriff then attempted to disperse them by marching the dragoons and infantry among them, but without success. He then ordered the military to fire, and four persons fell mortally wounded, in Smith street, just east of Smith's bridge. The mob immediately dispersed, and peace was restored.

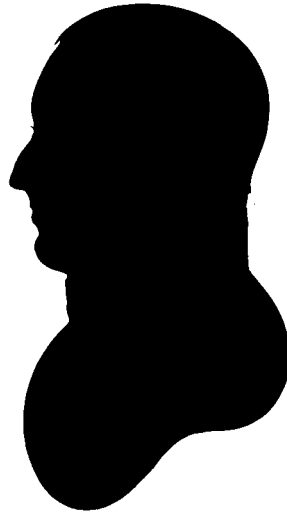


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This week, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) and his wife had been visiting [Newport](#) from their current home at the [Quaker](#) educational institution that eventually would become the “[Moses Brown School](#)” in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).



6th day [Friday] 16th of 9 M 1831 / Having for sometime anticipated a visit to Newport We went on board the Steam Boat at 12 OC & arrived at our home about 3 OC PM. – I had not been there half an hour before I met with an accident which so lamed me that I was wholly unable to get about & 7th [Saturday] & 1st day [Sunday]s I was in Bed most of the time – on 2nd day [Monday] I was about a little & on 3rd day [Tuesday] we came home again to the Institution not a little disappointed in not being able to visit my friends & attend to many little things that was desirable to me. – But disappointment & trial is the lot of us all on this side of the grave, & I have much to be thankful for, in being favoured as I have. – Few have been more exempt from the disagreeables of life, while I may recount many bitter cups which I have had to take from time to time, yet I have been exempt from many which falls to the lot of Some in passing down the Stream of time. – We found our friends & relations at Newport in good health & comfortable in situation – Father & Mother Rodman tho’ aged are Smart & now free from some trials which recently awaited them in Davids state of mind & the situation of his family – he having removed to Lynn & is more comfortable in mind & a pretty good prospect of maintaining himself & family. –

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September 22, Thursday: Alexis de Tocqueville made an entry in his journal about juries. He and Gustave de Beaumont heard from [Francis \(Franz\) Lieber](#): “We Europeans, we think to create republics by organizing a great political assembly. The Republic on the contrary, is of all the governments the one that depends most on every part of society ... If an obstacle embarrasses the public way, the neighbors will at once constitute themselves a deliberative body; they will name a commission and will remedy the evil by their collective force, wisely directed ... For my part, I feel myself inclined to believe ... that constitutions and political laws are nothing in themselves. They are dead creations to which the morals and the social position of the people alone can give life.”

They asked Lieber about the purity of American morals:

We asked him: Is it true that morals are as pure here as they pretend?

He replied: Morals are less good in the lower classes than among the enlightened; however, I think them superior to those of the same classes in Europe. As for the educated, their morals are as perfect as it is possible to imagine them. I don't believe that there is a single intrigue in Boston society. A woman suspected would be lost. The women there are, however, very coquettish; they even display their coquetry with greater boldness than with us because they know that they cannot go beyond a certain point, and that no one believes that they overstep that bound. After all, I like still better our women of Europe with their weaknesses, than the glacial and egotistical virtue of the Americans.

Q. To what do you attribute the unbelievable master that one obtains here over the passions?

A. To a thousand causes: to their physical constitution, to Puritanism, to their habits of industry, to the absence of an unemployed and corrupted class, such as a garrison for example, to the early marriages, to the very construction of the houses, which renders the secret of an illicit liaison almost impossible to keep.

Q. They say that the young men are not sages before marriage.

A. No. They are even, like the English, gross in their tastes, but like them they make a complete separation between the society in which they habitually live, and that which serves their pleasure. These are like two worlds which have nothing in common together. The young men never seek to seduce honest women.

In England, a Reform Bill passed in the House of Commons.

Hackney coaches had been introduced in London in 1625 to ply for hire, and in 1634 Captain Baily had placed four such coaches at the Maypole in the Strand. A Lost-and-Found Office had in 1815 been established to deal with items left accidentally in these public coaches. On this day all restrictions, as to the numbers of such coaches for hire that might ply the streets of the municipality, were lifted. Taxi!

In [Rhode Island](#), the [Providence Journal](#) ran a very small report at the end of its news columns of this fatal local “affray” involving a “large mob.” The newspaper’s primary focus remained, however, on the larger



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events of the “Insurrection in North Carolina.” Although it had not been confirmed that the blacks had burned the city of Wilmington, the current estimate was that half the whites of the town had been killed. The slaves were supposedly sweeping across two counties, burning and killing as they went. The Journal reprinted a letter praising white citizens who were taking “vigorous measures” against these black “offenders.” This letter concluded with “I foresee that this land must become a field of blood.” That day’s issue of the American provided a lengthier account of the Providence “RIOT AND MURDER,” blaming white sailors for having instigated this confrontation. That day, also, the American published a letter, apparently from one of the rioters, asserting that the “Negroes armed themselves and fired upon four sailors,” and that the crowd had destroyed only the homes of these “foul-blooded” murderers. As the neighborhood was “worse than the celebrated Five Points District in New York, our populace are determined to level” the remaining houses. The anonymous writer’s main argument, justifying the demolitions, was the one that was so successful in 1824: that the neighborhood evil could be remedied only by gentrification, on a scale not contemplated since King Philip’s War. That evening a mob of 700 or 800 whites destroyed six more of the properties along Olney’s Lane while the sheriff, constables, and Town Council watched, now and again ordering the rioters to cease and desist. Governor James Fenner called out a militia company, and late that night 25 militiamen arrived. Pausing only to free rioters whom the authorities arrested, the mob finished off Olney’s Lane and proceeded to Snow Town, which most likely was somewhere near what is now the University of Rhode Island. They destroyed two houses there, dispersing around 4AM. The militia succeeded in taking only seven of the white rioters into custody.

Having arrived back at the Quaker educational institution that eventually would become the “Moses Brown School” in Providence from his visit to his old haunts in Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould was settling in and taking care of business — and it becomes abundantly clear from his entry in his journal that in the nice white “Quaker close” of religious righteousness that they had set up for themselves, the fact that there were race riots going on in the less beautiful side of downtown Providence just across the river from the meetinghouse was none of their concern.

5th day 22 of 9 M / Preparative Meeting, the Boys attended but there was so much of a prospect of a Storm that the Girls staid at home – I have thought proper to stay most of this day in my chamber & keep my leg up –it has been more comfortable than Yesterday but is still poorly. –

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September 25, Sunday: On a Rhode Island Sunday there were of course no newspapers, but a special Town Meeting was held in Providence that nevertheless succeeded in attracting 3,000 white citizens (most of them not property owners, and thus having no privilege to vote at such an assembly, but interested to hear anyway what was being decided in this tense interracial situation by their betters).

RACISM

Of course, this being the Lord’s Day, and Friend Stephen Wanton Gould being a Quaker, we find there to be no concern of any kind expressed in his journal, in regard to these nearby political goings-on and racial anguishings:

1st day 25 of 9 M / Silent Meetings all day – I sat in AM but my Leg & knee were not very comfortable—

God was in his Heaven, the Quakers were in their quietistic Close, and all was well!



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September 27, Tuesday: The 1st passenger railroad in Scotland opened between Glasgow and Garnkirk.

[Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin \(Frédéric François Chopin\)](#) arrived in Paris after a 2-week trip from Stuttgart.

The [Providence Journal](#) presented only a short, platitudinous editorial on the riots. [Newport, Rhode Island's Democratic Rhode Island Republican](#) praised Governor Fenner's decision to open fire on the white mob, explaining that liberty, law, and authority were "intimately blended" — were indeed as inseparable as the Holy Trinity. That newspaper provided extracts from Rhode Island's royal charter, still in effect, by which the governor had been authorized "to kill, slay and destroy, by all fitting ways" any who "enterprize the destruction, invasion, detriment or annoyance" of Rhode Islanders. The [American's](#) story of "Another Riot" was truly ambivalent, for while it lamented that "this neat and beautiful village has become one mass of ruin," and its "virtuous and orderly citizens deprived of their dwelling," the race it denounced was the black one that had been deprived, rather than the white one that had done the depriving. Providence's blacks, rather than its whites, were characterized as having been "unusually bold" and as having "repeatedly defied civil authority."

Of course, the Providence [Quaker](#) being safe in their quietistic "Close" up on College Hill, we find no concern whatever being expressed in the journal of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) in regard to these nearby political goings-on and racial anguishings:

*3rd day 27th of 9th M 1831 / My leg & knee gets better so slowly,
that I hardly know whether to conclude it is better from Day to
Day or not.*

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September 28, Wednesday: Oliver Cromwell had in 1657 signed a writ of privy seal establishing a university at Durham in England, but this institution had upon the Restoration of the monarchy been suppressed. On this day a new university was founded in Durham by the bishop, by an act of chapter (the parliament sanctioned this, it would receive the royal assent during the following year, and the institution would be able to open its doors in 1833).

The Anti-Masonic convention in [Baltimore](#) nominated William Wirt for president and Amos Ellmaker of Pennsylvania for vice president. Those secretive Masons, for sure we weren't going to let them get away with anything!³⁷⁰

In [Rhode Island](#), the [Democratic Patriot](#) sadly approved of the action of the local white militia. It was good that they had fired on the [Providence](#) mob. However, it was also fitting that the white mob had been allowed to deconstruct the black residences along Olneys Lane, that had been such an "annoyance" to "the most respectable part."

No trace of an awareness of any general social problem is to be detected in this diary report by [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) of local [Quaker](#) goings-on:

*4th day 28th of 9 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in
[Providence](#) was a good one all our Scholars [[the Quaker youths
at the Institution](#)] attended - Wm Almy & Anna A Jenkins were
very acceptable in testimony & Hannah Robinson also had a good*

370. Wirt would obtain, basically from Mason-haters, only 100,715 votes, amounting to 7 electoral votes, whereas Andrew Jackson would obtain, basically from slavery-lovers, 701,780 votes, amounting to 219 electoral votes.



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*little testimony to bear – & life was prevalent over the Meeting.
– In the last Meeting the buisness was conducted in a solid
Manner - two or three certificates were received & A friend
applied for his children to be taken under care of Friends - A
young man Also applied to be received into membership. –*



October 1, Saturday: [Hector Berlioz](#) and two colleagues arrived in [Naples](#) where he immediately visited the tomb of [Virgil](#).

Alexis de Tocqueville had an interview with John Quincy Adams. He made a journal entry about the criminal justice system and other issues.

Clara Wieck played for [Goethe](#) at his Weimar home (the piano bench too low, she sat on a cushion to render two works by Henri Herz, La Violetta and Bravura Variations op.20). He invited her back.



October 2, Sunday: Alexis de Tocqueville made a journal entry based on an interview with a Mr. Henry Clay, a Georgia planter (not the Henry Clay of Virginia). He made journal entries about inheritance laws and religion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2nd of 10th M / Silent Meeting in the Morning In the
Afternoon Wm Almy was here & had good & acceptable Service. –
Gilbert Congdon was here & staid the eveng & I had a very
satisfactory opportunity with him in our room in the evening,
previous to the collection of the [School](#), which we attended*

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October 5, Wednesday: Alexis de Tocqueville toured the Connecticut State Prison. He wrote to his father, and to his mother, and made journal entries.

Under King William IV, the measuring of coal offered for fuel in London began to be regulated by law (on account of frauds practiced, the measuring of wood for fuel had been thus regulated since 1543 under King Henry VIII).

By the Equalization Act, foreign wines were to pay an English duty of 5s. 6d. per gallon, and Cape wines 2s. 9p.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 5 of 10 M / Silent meeting & pretty solid I have of late
had some favourd Seasons, some renewings of the Spirit of life
for which I desire to be thankful. –*

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October 9, Sunday: The 1st head of an independent Greece, [Count Ioannis Antonios Kapodistrias](#), was assassinated on the steps of his church in Nafplion, Greece (there's still a bullet hole in a wall of the church, that they'll show you). It was a family revenge killing.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 9th of 10th M 1831 / Meeting in the Morning was silent,
& my mind lean & destitute - In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended
& preached admirably well & to the point - but I could not attain
to so good a settlement as I could wish -
But this eveng, a precious covering has attended my feelings for
which I desire to be thankful. -*

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Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka and Nikolai Kuzmich Ivanov departed from Milan for Turin on their tour of Italy.

The Head of State of Greece, Ioannis Antoniou Kapodistrias, was murdered outside a church in Nauplia by a rival Greek faction. He would be replaced by Avgoustinos Kapodistrias at the head of a triumverate. With the death of Kapodistrias, the Conference of London would rescind the border of September 26th.

Clara Wieck played for [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) at his home for a 2d time. He presented her with a medallion of himself with a handwritten note on the box:

*To the artistically highly gifted Clara Wieck.
In kindly remembrance of October 9, 1831.
Weimar. J. W. Goethe.*



November 22, Tuesday: Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont, after spending a few more days in Philadelphia, set out for Pittsburgh, and the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. On the steamboat *The Fourth of July*, they would converse with "a great landholder from the State of [Illinois](#)."

A notice regarding Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont was printed in Poulson's American Daily Advertiser.

In Lyon, France, manufacturing had been so depressed that artisans were able to earn only eightpence by working an 18-hour day. Desperate, they began an insurrection, and after a hard day's fighting, had driven the military out of the town (on December 3d Marshal Soult would march an army of 40,000 with 100 cannon into town to restore order and submission — a gesture that would prove more than adequate).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 11th M 1831 / A much longer time has elapsed than



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for a longtime before, since I have written in my journal. – There has been but little different from the usual course in the time & sometimes I have almost felt discouraged, about making so many similar records in this way, but on the whole I do not feel so well satisfied to wholly omit it. – It is three Years this day since we came to Providence to live I will remember the day & time. – where we shall be at the end of another three years, we know not. – nor do I at this moment feel as if I cared, so that we are in the right place, & have as much to be thankful for as we have for the last three years of our life – for tho' some bitter cups have been our portion – we have been favoured with strength to endure them, & have recd many favours for which I trust we are thankful to the Giver of All Good

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November 23, Wednesday: In Providence, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*4th day 23rd of 11th M 1831 / The Scholars attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town – Wm Almy was much favoured in testimony on the subject of the cross of Christ – Daniel Clapp followed him in a well concerned testimony & it was very good, but continued a little too long – Anna A Jenkins was then engaged in supplication & I believe it may be safely considered to have been a season of favour
In the last Meeting I thought the buisness was well conducted. – Moses B Lockwood was received into membership & the request of Christo[pher] Spencer to have his children taken under the care of Friends was also granted There were three requests from the womens Meeting, from Women at Scituate Meeting – & on the whole it was a time of some encouragement, for which I desire to be thankful –*

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November 24, Thursday: Andrew Jackson Jr., adopted son of the president, got married in Philadelphia with Sarah Yorke, daughter of a formerly wealthy Philadelphia merchant (who had died just after losing his fortune). The couple would honeymoon in the White House, which would almost certainly be the initial meeting of the father with his new daughter-in-law: “Sarah became a joy and comfort to [President Andrew Jackson] for the rest of his days.”

Alexis de Tocqueville and Gustave de Beaumont arrived in Pittsburgh.

Michael Faraday read the initial part of his paper “Experimental Researches on Electricity” to the Royal Society in London. This described his work over the last few months, during which he had pioneered the 1st electrical transformer and the 1st electric generator, and discovered the electromagnetic induction that would become the basis of our thinking in this new field.



November 27, Sunday: In Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:



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1st day Attended both meetings, in [Newport](#) & father Rodman was engaged in Both to my edification & comfort – I was also comforted to find my beloved meeting was so well attended tho' it was a very Stormy day – the place where I have enjoyed so many seasons of divine favour & where also I have known many trials & close baptisms of spirit. – I love Newport & hope it may yet increase in religious weight & stand as in days past, & tho' Friends have much decreased & become few in Number, yet there is a goodly few left –

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November 28, Monday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning in the Steamer Rush Light we returned to [Providence](#). –

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November 29, Tuesday: [Frederick Townsend Ward](#) was born near the docks of Salem, Massachusetts (since most of his correspondence has been destroyed by a relative, we know very little about the earlier portions of this short life).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29 of 11 M 1831 / Our sub committee Meeting was held – it was a pleasant time, & the buisness conducted harmoniously. –

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December 4, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 12 M 1831 / Our morning meeting was silent & to me almost no meeting at all – I could not get my mind so centered as to be able to experience any life. –

In the Afternoon Wm Almy attended & It did seem as if the life thro' him reached me. – It was an uncommonly favoured season, he was large & impressive in Testimony & powerful & prevalent in supplication & in a manner I have seldom heard him before – Yesterday Samuel Gummere our teacher for the new department of this School arrived. – Dr. Tobey brought him up on a visit to the School but carried him back to town where he spends this Day. –

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December 5, Monday: At the seating of the 22d Congress, the Democrats remained in control with 25 seats in the Senate, versus 21 National Republicans, and with 141 seats in the House of Representatives, versus 58 National Republicans.

In London, two men Bishop and Williams were [hanged](#) who had been convicted of having imitated the crime of William Burke of Edinburgh, by "burking" an Italian boy. They admitted having also murdered several other persons in this manner.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 12 M / Today Saml Gummere came up & has entered as one of our family. - but the School will not be opened for some time as the room is not quite finished by the Carpenters & the Scholars are not yet engaged -

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December 11, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 12 M 1831 / This morning about half past 3 Oclock Mary Lefavour came to our Door & called my wife, an Alteration having appeared in Mary W Townsend - & about half past 5 OC she breathed her last so quietly & peacefully that it seemed difficult to perceive the exact Moment she ceased to exist. - She remained sensible & knew those around her & was evidently in a most quiet frame of spirit & there can be no reason to doubt her having centered to a blessed state of immortality. - She & we have been anxiously expecting her parents for Several days. - but they well now be disappointed of seeing her in this life
Our Mornng Meeting was quiet & solid & in the Afternoon we had the company of Wm Almy very acceptably & comfortably.*

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December 14, Wednesday: Carlo Verdi petitioned Duchess Maria Luisa of Parma for support in his quest for a grant from the Monte de Pieta e d'Abbondanza in Busseto for his talented son, Giuseppe.

The 140 delegates to the national Republican convention meeting in the Atheneum of [Baltimore, Maryland](#) nominated Henry Clay for president and John Sergeant of Pennsylvania for vice president.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th of 12 M / About an hour before meeting time Abel W Townsend & wife arrived - They felt Most easy to set with us in Meeting which was solid & solemn. -

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December 16, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16th of 12 M 1831 / At 2 Oclock today was the Meeting



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for the funeral of Mary W Townsend - a considerable number of Friends attended & the Meeting was a most Solemn & impressive one - Hannah Robinson was engaged in a few Words - Wm Almy followed in a most solemn & weighty supplication in which his mind was particularly drawn to supplicate for the Children & Youth present - then for all present & then particularly for the Afflicted parents - then Dorcas Paine in a few words - & Betsy Purinton concluded the Service in another Supplication - it was a time of uncommon favour, & the minds of most were impressed with solemnity. - The Male Scholars Attended the funeral in procession - but the Walking was such, on acct of the Snow & cold weather that the Girls did not go to the Grave - Our dear Aged friend [Moses Brown](#) being very unwell was unable to attend but sent his carriage for the use of those who might wish to ride in it -

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December 18, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 12 M 1831 / Our Morning Meeting was silent but solid - In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here as usual - & as usual was engaged in a very lively & instructive testimony, adapted to all present but in particular to the children He began by remarking that when he took his seat his mind was lead to reflect on the Scite on which this building was erected, that within a comparative few years the Land was in a state of Native forest - but now a place of intent where a large portion of our youth was instructed & where they met to worship God, he took occasion to spiritualize on the subject & I have seldom seen the Scholars more interested & attentive - Lydia Breed closed in supplication - Our friends Abel W Townsend & wife went to Town this Morning - not knowing that they shall return - they dined at Wm Jenkins & expected to lodge at Wm Almys. -

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December 21, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day [-] of 12 M 1831 / Silent meeting & not a very Bright one. Lydia Breed & my wife both sick with the Influenza. -

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December 22, Thursday: The municipality of East Retford in Nottinghamshire came to be lighted by gas.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day [-] of 12 M / Attended Preparative meeting - some of the Male Scholars went - Betsy Purinton bore a good acceptable



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➡ December 28, Wednesday: As threatened earlier in the month, the USS *Lexington* under Commander Silas Duncan arrived in the Falkland Islands and looted settlements, disarming and carrying away inhabitants such as one of the governor's aides.

Calvin Edson, the living skeleton, placed himself on exhibit in [Boston](#) for an admission fee of 25 cents.³⁷¹



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 28 of 12 M 1831 / My H being almost sick with a cold -
I rode to [Smithfield](#) with Deborah Ramsdell to attend Moy
[Monthly] Meeting -It was a rather low Meeting but we were
favoured to transact what little buisness we had with a good
degree of order
Most of those who have been head were absent*

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➡ December 30, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30th of 12 M 1831 / This is a day which seldom if ever

371. Born in Stafford, Connecticut, Edson was 42 years of age and had a wife and three children. When he had served as a soldier during the Revolutionary War, his weight had been 135 pounds and he had been 5 foot 6 inches. Since then his height had shrunk by 3 inches and he had come to weigh but 58 pounds. He was able to ride horseback and would demonstrate that he was able to lift 150 pounds.



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*passes unnoticed by me. — It is my Birthday & I am 50 Years old
— It does not seem as if I had lived half a century. tho' I have
kept more "note of time" than some others & perhaps can give
more account of events which have occurred from my childhood to
the present day. — I much desire so to live the rest of my
allotted time as to be able to depart in peace when the time of
my departure arrives, & tho' the Merits of Him, who died for us,
be received with the rest prepared for the righteous. -- My life
has been as free from keen affliction as most men, yet I have
had many trials of Faith patience & even hope. — but have been
favoured & sustained thro' all to the present day — & my mind
is confirmed in the Faith that there is a hand Divine which rules
& overrules the destinies of men. & that this hand has sustained
me I can truly acknowledge, & a sense thereof has often drew forth
the Silent & sometimes the vocal ascription of adoration &
Praise. —*

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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1832



January 1, Sunday: There would no longer be a duty on candles in England.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 1st M 1832 / Our Morning meeting was silent In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & engaged in a very interesting testimony, which I hope will be long remembered by the Scholars as well as the rest of us. —³⁷²



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January 3, Tuesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

day 3rd of 1st M / Today was our Sub School committee, we had not much buisness to transact. —The Afternoon was spent in visiting the School in the Girls apartment Wm Almy Elizabeth Wing & Alice Rathbone had appropriate communications to make — Time did not admit much in the boys School. —

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January 4, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 1st M / Elizabeth Wing & Alice Rathbone attended our Meeting today & had living & powerful testimonies to deliver. — This is certainly a place of favour.

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372. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1829-1832: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 8 Folder 14: April 1, 1829-December 31, 1832; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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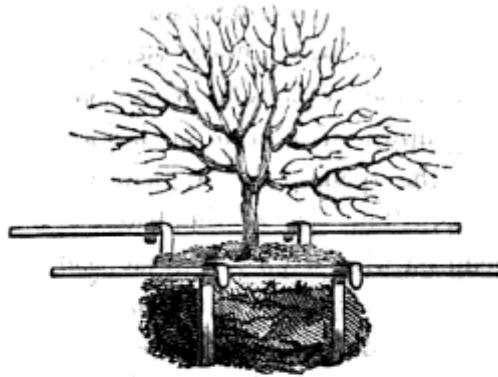
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January 5, Thursday: [Edward Jesse](#)'s post as commissioner of hackney coaches at Windsor Palace was eliminated. During this year he issued his initial volume of GLEANINGS IN NATURAL HISTORY, WITH LOCAL RECOLLECTIONS ... TO WHICH ARE ADDED MAXIMS AND HINTS FOR AN ANGLER (London: John Murray, Albemarle Street).

TREE PLANTING.



be readily lifted. Cross levers may be used for larger trees which require more men, thus :—



so that as many men can conveniently apply their strength to it as are wanted, without being in each other's way. The whole is fixed and unfixed without

GLEANINGS IN NATURAL HISTORY

Vincenzo Bellini set out from Milan on a long journey to Naples and Sicily. Wherever he went this would become a "triumphal procession."

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th Day 5 of 1 M / We have been informed today of the particulars of a most disgraceful & disgusting fall from Grace & reputation among men of a Man in Lynn, standing in the Station of an Elder & holding most important appointments in our Society -The Soul sickens at the appalling acct such a man standing as he did in our Society, nearly 60 Years of Age with a valuable wife, amiable children & grandchildren to attempt to commit Rape & for it to appear that he has for sometime been in the habit of gross improprieties among Women, why it is enough to make us all



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*distrust ourselves & calls aloud for renew'd Watchfulness & care
least we also become cast aways – But I do yet firmly believe
in the principle & power of Truth to support & sustain all, &
if it is kept to will preserve from falling –*

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January 6, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 6th of 1st M 1832 / This evening recd a letter from my
old & long loved friend Thomas Thompson of Liverpool it
contained a pleasant acct of the travels of our friend John
Wilbour now in that country on a religious visit as well of
Stephen Grillett & Christo Healy - it also contained the
information of the decease of our dear friend Jonathon Taylor
of Ohio, in Ireland, who was also in that country on a religious
Mission, I was comforted with receiving a letter from Thomas &
think I shall now renew my correspondence with him. –*

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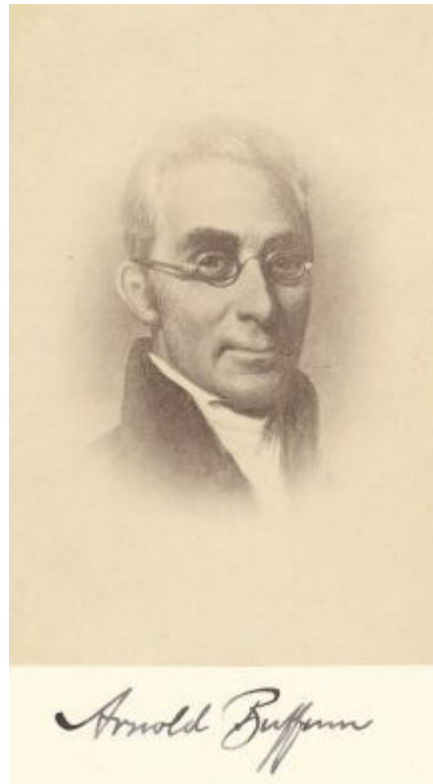
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That evening 12 abolitionists, William Lloyd Garrison and others, walked up “Nigger Hill” in Boston in a northeaster snowstorm to meet in the basement of the African Meeting House off Belknap Street and constitute themselves as a New England Anti-Slavery Society, in opposition to the agenda of the American Colonization Society which was seeking to return the freed Africans to Africa. There were “a number of colored citizens” present as observers as these white men filed to the front and placed their signatures in the meeting book. A number of black elders placed their names in a parallel column as a gesture of general support. [Friend Arnold Buffum](#) of Old [Smithfield](#) and [Providence](#) became president. Garrison became corresponding secretary, but declined to allow the new society any control over the editorial policies of his newspaper.

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January 8, Sunday: Francisco Tadeo Calomarde Arria replaced Manuel Gonzalez Salmon y Gomez de Torres as First Secretary of State of Spain.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 1st M / Silent Morning Meeting, & not a very poor one to me – In the Afternoon Wm Almy Attended & was favoured in a gospel Testimony. –

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January 11, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 11th of 1 M / Silent & rather poor meeting - my mind was hardy [hardly] in a situation to Worship - but I labour'd to get on the right ground, & perhaps if I had labour'd harder I might have been more successful. -

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January 12, Thursday: Michael Faraday read the 2d part of his paper "Experimental Researches in Electricity" to the Royal Society in London.

Commodore David Porter appointed [John Gliddon](#), an English merchant resident at Alexandria, [Egypt](#), as the 1st United States consular agent for that port.

Fausta, a melodramma by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Gilardoni and the composer, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Carlo, Naples. The work scored a major success.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 1 M / Had an agreeable call from my friends Thos G Pitman & Michael Freeborn of [Newport](#) & James Chase of [Portsmouth](#) who have come up to attend the Gen'l Assembly now sitting in [Providence](#). -

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January 13, Friday: [Horatio Alger, Jr.](#) was born to Olive Augusta Fenno Alger in North Chelsea, Massachusetts (which now is known as Revere), where his father the Reverend [Horatio Alger](#) was the [Unitarian](#) minister. (Although said town may not have produced its quota of Tattered Toms or Ragged Dicks, it has evidently managed to produce at least one reverend who couldn't keep his pants buttoned.)

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 1 M / Time passes swiftly & silently away - I feel that it is so & the necessity of a preparation for the end or conclusion of it -

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January 15, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 1st M 1832 / Silent Meeting in the mornng. In the Afternoon a favour'd testimony from Wm Almy on the Subject of Samuel the Prophet commencing with his early call from the Lord & Elis conversation with him on the subject - he beautifully illustrated the whole example given in scripture & with no small effect on the minds of many of his Audience - After Meeting I went home with Wm Almy & took tea, & set the eveng - Uncle Isaac Almy & Dr. Tobey were there. -

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January 17, Tuesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 17 of 1st M / This forenoon I set an hour with my beloved Ancient friend [Moses Brown](#) & was very glad to find him much better in health & very comfortable & pleasant. – This Afternoon Wm Almy Jona[thon] Farnum & L B Tobey spent sometime with us. –

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 January 18, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 18 of 1 M / A Silent Meeting & a season of no small distress to some of us. –

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 January 19, Thursday: Austrian troops occupied Ancona after unrest in the Papal States.

[Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) was created a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by King Louis Philippe.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 1st M / My mind has been sorely exercised & distressed on several accounts for some Days –When I went into Town I felt no abatement but concluded to go to meeting & get as near right as I could – Some good degree of favour was experienced from the preaching of Wm Almy & a prayer by Hannah Robinson & after the Preparative & Select meeting was over – I was sensibly relieved from the depression, & have remained so this evening which I am truly thankful –

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 January 22, Sunday: Molly Pitcher, who had distinguished herself in the battle of Monmouth during the Revolutionary War, died.

French police arrested leaders of the St. Simonians, an egalitarian religious-political group that numbered among its affiliates many top artists. Ferdinand Hiller and [Heinrich Heine](#) witnessed some of the arrests. Among their effects was Mendelssohn's Piano Quartet in b minor. Although [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was present in Paris, he was never himself associated with this group.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 1st M 1832 / Silent & hard meeting in the Morning – In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & preached about the Devil. & it is astonishing to me that some do not believe there is a Devil when his works are so conspicuously seen – It was an Admirable Sermon & I was very thankful we had such a preacher as Wm Almy. –


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 January 25, Wednesday: First use of the majoritarian democratic term “To the Victors belong the spoils” — in a speech by US Senator William Learned Marcy of New York.

An act to abolish human [slavery](#), introduced into the Virginia legislature by an all-white grandson of [Thomas Jefferson](#), was defeated by only seven votes.³⁷³ This was the final defeat for all attempts to terminate the institution of slavery by legal means. Thomas Roderick Dew’s REVIEW OF THE DEBATE IN THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE OF 1831-1832 contained an accounting of the considerations taken subsequent to the [Nat Turner](#) revolt, for the elimination of the institution of slavery. In the wake of the insurrection, Georgetown rigidified its black code, threatening to punish with exceptional severity any person of color found in possession of abolitionist literature. On the plantation, via the grapevine, Fred Bailey must have heard a whole lot about the Turner revolt, and at this point he had just figured out what the highly charged term “abolitionist” meant — a term that he had been too cautious to ask about, of anyone who might know.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 1st M / Attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town the weather & traveling was such that it was a small gathering - it however was a season of favour & Wm Almy & Hannah Robinson were engaged in acceptable testimonies. -

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 January 26, Thursday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


5th day 26 of 1 M / Recd an acceptable & pleasant letter from Saml T Hussey of Portland. -

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 January 29, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 1st M / Silent in the Morning - In the Afternoon a favour'd sermon by Wm Almy

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 January 31, Tuesday: On Harrow Road at London, Kensal-Green Cemetery opened.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 M 31 3 day / The Sub School committee met & it was a pleasant comfortable meeting. -

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 February 1, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 2nd M 1832 / Today was our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders - It was a season of favour & the preaching

373. What, you didn't know that [Jefferson](#) had some all-white progeny?



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*I thought was all good, & the buisness before us conducted harmoniously
Our Ancient friend [Moses Brown](#) was able to sit with us – & also attended the Meeting for Sufferings in the Afternoon. –*

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 February 2, Thursday: In the year of the publication of the 5th edition,³⁷⁴ [Waldo Emerson](#) began [Gilbert White](#)'s [THE NATURAL HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF SELBORNE](#).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd of 2nd M 1832 / Quarterly Meeting - which has been a favoured one. – The public appearances were in rotation first a few Words by Anna D Wing - then Thomas Anthony in a favoured Gospel testimony followed in one & the same tenor by Susan Howland - then after pretty good communications from Danl Clapp & Hannah Dennis The Meeting closed. – & proceeded to buisness. –very considerable of Moment was before us - Rowland Greenes concern to pay a religious visit to the Yearly Meeting of Virginia & part of that of N Carolina was united with - several return certificates were granted to friends who had visited us in the Ministry some time past - And the appointment of Theophilus Shove by Swansey Moy [Monthly] Meeting to the Station of an Elder was concurred with - there were several acceptable religious communications in the last Meeting & some that probably might as well have been spared. – The Children all went to Meeting from the School. - The Girls were carried in Carriages. –

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 February 3, Friday: George Crabbe died in Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

The *USS Lexington* reached Montevideo from the Falklands, with its prisoners, planning to detain them until Argentina acceded to United States demands.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 2nd M / A Large School committee & the buisness pretty well managed. – We engaged to stay at the [Institution](#) another year - which never looked so heavy in prospect before, but we must try to do the best we can, & perhaps we shall get through. –

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374. THE NATURAL HISTORY OF SELBORNE / BY THE LATE GILBERT WHITE; WITH ADDITIONS BY SIR WILLIAM JARDINE. New ed. London: Printed for Whittaker, Treacher & Co. Series title: Constable's miscellany ...; v. 45.
I do **not** know that this was the edition which [Waldo Emerson](#) was consulting.



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 February 4, Saturday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4 of 2 M / Our friends left us this morning & tho' there are many in the house, the family seems Small now they are gone.—

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 February 5, Sunday: [William Parkman](#) died at the age of 91.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 5th of 2nd M / Silent hard meeting & not much better in the Afternoon tho' Wm Almy & Ruth Freeborn were here & both preached —

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 February 8, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 8th of 2nd M 1832 / My mind on a low key, but some favours while sitting in Meeting
I have of late been looking through & read considerably in the Journal of our Ancient friend Thomas Chalkley. - by which my mind has been replenished with good, & I have been renewedly thankful that it was written & published to the World. I have no doubts that many hundreds & thousands have experienced like benefit from it, who have long since been numbered with the Silent dead. - I know it was a book often read comfortably by my Dear father in his life time & indeed I hardly remember of ever seeing him read in any other excepting Robert Barclays Apology & the Bible. - My Brother David who was a sea faring man & died while young in life in Savannah Georgia, would not go to Sea without Thos Chalkleys journal in his chest & I have heard my Mother say that her Grandmother Mary Clarke who remembered him well & loved him & The Truth sincerely - considered that the house was not destitute of an interesting book while that Journal was in it - that I am well assured it has proved a blessing to many, & I can say of a Truth that I greatly desire, our dear young Men & Women had a greater relish for reading that Book - I have no doubt it would prove as a hedge around their minds, by seasoning them with the same pure & christian spirit which so sweetly shone in his life, conduct & principles. -*

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 February 12, Sunday: The Galapagos Islands were annexed by Ecuador.

There was an outbreak of cholera in London, that would take at least 3,000 lives.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 2 M 1832 / Our Morning meeting was silent & pretty good to me - In the Afternoon our Ancient fr Joseph Hoag attended




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& had good service. I thought there was a good deal of Gospel Oil attending his communication & it was a very satisfactory & comfortable Meeting to me. – he also attended our collections in each [School](#) & had something to say in both all of which I thought was encouraging to the Scholars & had a good tendency H's companion was Amos Peasly a young man who has been a Scholar at this institution since we have been here, & now looks like a promising character in our society – He is from Sandwich Moy [Monthly] Meeting in the State of N Hampshire. –


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 February 15, Wednesday: Friedrich Wieck and his daughter Clara reached Paris, where they would meet [Nicolò Paganini](#), Friedrich Kalkbrenner, Giacomo Meyerbeer, Henri Herz, Felix Mendelssohn, and Frederic Chopin.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 2 M / Silent Meeting but a pretty good one tho' attended with some distress –

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 February 16, Thursday: On their way across the Atlantic Ocean to South America, the HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) arrived at the small equatorial group of islands known as St. Peter and St. Paul's Rocks (0°56'N, 29°21'W).

[Joseph Smith, Jr.](#) recorded his revelation that there were 3 degrees of glory in heaven. In addition he began teaching that all humans are “begotten sons and daughters unto God.”

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 2 M / Preparative Meeting most of the [Male Schoars](#) attended – Wm Almy as usual was much favoured in testimony. – I have often seen & been sensible of the efficacy of Religion, from inward experience, & the evidence that is a divine reality has of late been much renew'd & confirmed in my mind. –

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 February 19, Sunday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 2nd M 1832 / Silent & rather a distressed Meeting in the Morning. – Wm Almy was here & favoured in testimony but my mind still oppressed & tried –

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February 22, Wednesday: Antonio de Saavedra y Frigola, Conde de Alcudia replaced Francisco Tadeo Calomarde Arria as First Secretary of State of Spain.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 22 of 2 M / We rode to [Smithfield](#) & attended Moy
[Monthly] Meeting - Wm Almy very satisfactorily engaged in
testimony. -there was but little buisness & the Meeting did not
last long. -
It was a pleasant day & a pleasant ride. -*

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Ground was broken for Indiana's [Wabash and Erie Canal](#), to connect the Ohio River with Lake Erie.

There was a dinner party in Washington DC on this, the centennial birthday of George Washington. When the cloth was removed after the banquet, Senator [Daniel Webster](#) of Massachusetts had the honor of calling for the official toast:³⁷⁵

I rise, Gentlemen, to propose to you the name of that great man, in commemoration of whose birth, and in honor of whose character and services, we are here assembled.

I am sure that I express a sentiment common to every one present, when I say that there is something more than ordinarily solemn and affecting in this occasion.

We are met to testify our regard for him whose name is intimately blended with whatever belongs most essentially to the prosperity, the liberty, the free institutions, and the renown of our country. That name was of power to rally a nation, in the hour of thick-thronging public disasters and calamities; that name shone, amid the storm of war, a beacon light, to cheer and guide the country's friends; it flamed, too, like a meteor, to repel her foes. That name, in the days of peace, was a loadstone, attracting to itself a whole people's confidence, a whole people's love, and the whole world's respect. That name, descending with all time, spreading over the whole earth, and uttered in all the languages belonging to the tribes and races of men, will for ever be pronounced with affectionate gratitude by every one in whose breast there shall arise an aspiration for human rights and human liberty.

We perform this grateful duty, Gentlemen, at the expiration of a hundred years from his birth, near the place, so cherished and beloved by him, where his dust now reposes, and in the capital which bears his own immortal name.

All experience evinces that human sentiments are strongly influenced by associations. The recurrence of anniversaries, or of longer periods of time, naturally freshens the recollection, and deepens the impression, of events with which they are historically connected. Renowned places, also, have a power to awaken feeling, which all acknowledge. No American can pass by the fields of Bunker Hill, Monmouth, and Camden, as if they were

375. Edwin P. Whipple's THE GREAT SPEECHES AND ORATIONS OF DANIEL WEBSTER WITH AN ESSAY ON DANIEL WEBSTER AS A MASTER OF ENGLISH STYLE (Boston: Little, Brown, 1879).



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ordinary spots on the earth's surface. Whoever visits them feels the sentiment of love of country kindling anew, as if the spirit that belonged to the transactions which have rendered these places distinguished still hovered round, with power to move and excite all who in future time may approach them.

But neither of these sources of emotion equals the power with which great moral examples affect the mind. When sublime virtues cease to be abstractions, when they become embodied in human character, and exemplified in human conduct, we should be false to our own nature, if we did not indulge in the spontaneous effusions of our gratitude and our admiration. A true lover of the virtue of patriotism delights to contemplate its purest models; and that love of country may be well suspected which affects to soar so high into the regions of sentiment as to be lost and absorbed in the abstract feeling, and becomes too elevated or too refined to glow with fervor in the commendation or the love of individual benefactors. All this is unnatural. It is as if one should be so enthusiastic a lover of poetry, as to care nothing for Homer or Milton; so passionately attached to eloquence as to be indifferent to Tully and Chatham; or such a devotee to the arts, in such an ecstasy with the elements of beauty, proportion, and expression, as to regard the masterpieces of Raphael and Michael Angelo with coldness or contempt. We may be assured, Gentlemen, that he who really loves the thing itself, loves its finest exhibitions. A true friend of his country loves her friends and benefactors, and thinks it no degradation to commend and commemorate them. The voluntary outpouring of the public feeling, made to-day, from the North to the South, and from the East to the West, proves this sentiment to be both just and natural. In the cities and in the villages, in the public temples and in the family circles, among all ages and sexes, gladdened voices to-day bespeak grateful hearts and a freshened recollection of the virtues of the Father of his Country. And it will be so, in all time to come, so long as public virtue is itself an object of regard. The ingenuous youth of America will hold up to themselves the bright model of Washington's example, and study to be what they behold; they will contemplate his character till all its virtues spread out and display themselves to their delighted vision; as the earliest astronomers, the shepherds on the plains of Babylon, gazed at the stars till they saw them form into clusters and constellations, overpowering at length the eyes of the beholders with the united blaze of a thousand lights.

Gentlemen, we are at a point of a century from the birth of Washington; and what a century it has been! During its course, the human mind has seemed to proceed with a sort of geometric velocity, accomplishing for human intelligence and human freedom more than had been done in fives or tens of centuries preceding. Washington stands at the commencement of a new era, as well as at the head of the New World. A century from the birth of Washington has changed the world. The country of Washington has been the theatre on which a great part of that change has been



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wrought, and Washington himself a principal agent by which it has been accomplished. His age and his country are equally full of wonders; and of both he is the chief.

If the poetical prediction, uttered a few years before his birth, be true; if indeed it be designed by Providence that the grandest exhibition of human character and human affairs shall be made on this theatre of the Western world; if it be true that,

"The four first acts already past,
A fifth shall close the drama with the day,
Time's noblest offspring is the last";—

how could this imposing, swelling, final scene be appropriately opened, how could its intense interest be adequately sustained, but by the introduction of just such a character as our Washington?

Washington had attained his manhood when that spark of liberty was struck out in his own country, which has since kindled into a flame, and shot its beams over the earth. In the flow of a century from his birth, the world has changed in science, in arts, in the extent of commerce, in the improvement of navigation, and in all that relates to the civilization of man. But it is the spirit of human freedom, the new elevation of individual man, in his moral, social, and political character, leading the whole long train of other improvements, which has most remarkably distinguished the era. Society, in this century, has not made its progress, like Chinese skill, by a greater acuteness of ingenuity in trifles; it has not merely lashed itself to an increased speed round the old circles of thought and action; but it has assumed a new character; it has raised itself from **beneath** governments to a participation **in** governments; it has mixed moral and political objects with the daily pursuits of individual men; and, with a freedom and strength before altogether unknown, it has applied to these objects the whole power of the human understanding. It has been the era, in short, when the social principle has triumphed over the feudal principle; when society has maintained its rights against military power, and established, on foundations never hereafter to be shaken, its competency to govern itself.

It was the extraordinary fortune of Washington, that, having been intrusted, in revolutionary times, with the supreme military command, and having fulfilled that trust with equal renown for wisdom and for valor, he should be placed at the head of the first government in which an attempt was to be made on a large scale to rear the fabric of social order on the basis of a written constitution and of a pure representative principle. A government was to be established, without a throne, without an aristocracy, without castes, orders, or privileges; and this government, instead of being a democracy, existing and acting within the walls of a single city, was to be extended over a vast country, of different climates, interests, and habits, and of various communions of our common Christian faith. The experiment certainly was entirely new. A popular government of this extent, it was evident, could be framed only by carrying



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into full effect the principle of representation or of delegated power; and the world was to see whether society could, by the strength of this principle, maintain its own peace and good government, carry forward its own great interests, and conduct itself to political renown and glory.

By the benignity of Providence, this experiment, so full of interest to us and to our posterity for ever, so full of interest, indeed, to the world in its present generation and in all its generations to come, was suffered to commence under the guidance of Washington. Destined for this high career, he was fitted for it by wisdom, by virtue, by patriotism, by discretion, by whatever can inspire confidence in man toward man. In entering on the untried scenes, early disappointment and the premature extinction of all hope of success would have been certain, had it not been that there did exist throughout the country, in a most extraordinary degree, an unwavering trust in him who stood at the helm.

I remarked, Gentlemen, that the whole world was and is interested in the result of this experiment. And is it not so? Do we deceive ourselves, or is it true that at this moment the career which this government is running is among the most attractive objects to the civilized world? Do we deceive ourselves, or is it true that at this moment that love of liberty and that understanding of its true principles which are flying over the whole earth, as on the wings of all the winds, are really and truly of American origin?

At the period of the birth of Washington, there existed in Europe no political liberty in large communities, except in the provinces of Holland, and except that England herself had set a great example, so far as it went, by her glorious Revolution of 1688. Everywhere else, despotic power was predominant, and the feudal or military principle held the mass of mankind in hopeless bondage. One half of Europe was crushed beneath the Bourbon sceptre, and no conception of political liberty, no hope even of religious toleration, existed among that nation which was America's first ally. The king was the state, the king was the country, the king was all. There was one king, with power not derived from his people, and too high to be questioned; and the rest were all subjects, with no political right but obedience. All above was intangible power, all below quiet subjection. A recent occurrence in the French Chambers shows us how public opinion on these subjects is changed. A minister had spoken of the "king's subjects." "There are no subjects," exclaimed hundreds of voices at once, "in a country where the people make the king!"

Gentlemen, the spirit of human liberty and of free government, nurtured and grown into strength and beauty in America, has stretched its course into the midst of the nations. Like an emanation from Heaven, it has gone forth, and it will not return void. It must change, it is fast changing, the face of the earth. Our great, our high duty is to show, in our own example, that this spirit is a spirit of health as well as a spirit of power;



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that its benignity is as great as its strength; that its efficiency to secure individual rights, social relations, and moral order, is equal to the irresistible force with which it prostrates principalities and powers. The world, at this moment, is regarding us with a willing, but something of a fearful admiration. Its deep and awful anxiety is to learn whether free states may be stable, as well as free; whether popular power may be trusted, as well as feared; in short, whether wise, regular, and virtuous self-government is a vision for the contemplation of theorists, or a truth established, illustrated, and brought into practice in the country of Washington.

Gentlemen, for the earth which we inhabit, and the whole circle of the sun, for all the unborn races of mankind, we seem to hold in our hands, for their weal or woe, the fate of this experiment. If we fail, who shall venture the repetition? If our example shall prove to be one, not of encouragement, but of terror, not fit to be imitated, but fit only to be shunned, where else shall the world look for free models? If this great **Western Sun** be struck out of the firmament, at what other fountain shall the lamp of liberty hereafter be lighted? What other orb shall emit a ray to glimmer, even, on the darkness of the world?

There is no danger of our overrating or overstating the important part which we are now acting in human affairs. It should not flatter our personal self-respect, but it should reanimate our patriotic virtues, and inspire us with a deeper and more solemn sense, both of our privileges and of our duties. We cannot wish better for our country, nor for the world, than that the same spirit which influenced Washington may influence all who succeed him; and that the same blessing from above, which attended his efforts, may also attend theirs.

The principles of Washington's administration are not left doubtful. They are to be found in the Constitution itself, in the great measures recommended and approved by him, in his speeches to Congress, and in that most interesting paper, his Farewell Address to the People of the United States. The success of the government under his administration is the highest proof of the soundness of these principles. And, after an experience of thirty-five years, what is there which an enemy could condemn? What is there which either his friends, or the friends of the country, could wish to have been otherwise? I speak, of course, of great measures and leading principles.

In the first place, all his measures were right in their intent. He stated the whole basis of his own great character, when he told the country, in the homely phrase of the proverb, that honesty is the best policy. One of the most striking things ever said of him is, that "**he changed mankind's ideas of political greatness.**"³⁷⁶ To commanding talents, and to success, the common elements of such greatness, he added a disregard of self, a spotlessness of motive, a steady submission to every public and private duty, which threw far into the shade the whole crowd of vulgar great. The object of his regard was the whole country.

376. See Works of Fisher Ames, pp. 122, 123.



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No part of it was enough to fill his enlarged patriotism. His love of glory, so far as that may be supposed to have influenced him at all, spurned every thing short of general approbation. It would have been nothing to him, that his partisans or his favorites outnumbered, or outvoted, or outmanaged, or outclamored, those of other leaders. He had no favorites; he rejected all partisanship; and, acting honestly for the universal good, he deserved, what he has so richly enjoyed, the universal love.

His principle it was to act right, and to trust the people for support; his principle it was not to follow the lead of sinister and selfish ends, nor to rely on the little arts of party delusion to obtain public sanction for such a course. Born for his country and for the world, he did not give up to party what was meant for mankind. The consequence is, that his fame is as durable as his principles, as lasting as truth and virtue themselves. While the hundreds whom party excitement, and temporary circumstances, and casual combinations, have raised into transient notoriety, sink again, like thin bubbles, bursting and dissolving into the great ocean, Washington's fame is like the rock which bounds that ocean, and at whose feet its billows are destined to break harmlessly for ever.

The maxims upon which Washington conducted our foreign relations were few and simple. The first was an entire and indisputable impartiality towards foreign states. He adhered to this rule of public conduct, against very strong inducements to depart from it, and when the popularity of the moment seemed to favor such a departure. In the next place, he maintained true dignity and unsullied honor in all communications with foreign states. It was among the high duties devolved upon him, to introduce our new government into the circle of civilized states and powerful nations. Not arrogant or assuming, with no unbecoming or supercilious bearing, he yet exacted for it from all others entire and punctilious respect. He demanded, and he obtained at once, a standing of perfect equality for his country in the society of nations; nor was there a prince or potentate of his day, whose personal character carried with it, into the intercourse of other states, a greater degree of respect and veneration.

He regarded other nations only as they stood in political relations to us. With their internal affairs, their political parties and dissensions, he scrupulously abstained from all interference; and, on the other hand, he repelled with spirit all such interference by others with us or our concerns. His sternest rebuke, the most indignant measure of his whole administration, was aimed against such an attempted interference. He felt it as an attempt to wound the national honor, and resented it accordingly.

The reiterated admonitions in his Farewell Address show his deep fears that foreign influence would insinuate itself into our counsels through the channels of domestic dissension, and obtain a sympathy with our own temporary parties. Against all such



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dangers, he most earnestly entreats the country to guard itself. He appeals to its patriotism, to its self-respect, to its own honor, to every consideration connected with its welfare and happiness, to resist, at the very beginning, all tendencies towards such connection of foreign interests with our own affairs. With a tone of earnestness nowhere else found, even in his last affectionate farewell advice to his countrymen, he says, "Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, (I conjure you to believe me, fellow-citizens,) the jealousy of a free people ought to be **constantly** awake; since history and experience prove, that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government."

Lastly, on the subject of foreign relations, Washington never forgot that we had interests peculiar to ourselves. The primary political concerns of Europe, he saw, did not affect us. We had nothing to do with her balance of power, her family compacts, or her successions to thrones. We were placed in a condition favorable to neutrality during European wars, and to the enjoyment of all the great advantages of that relation. "Why, then," he asks us, "why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation? Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor, or caprice?"

Indeed, Gentlemen, Washington's Farewell Address is full of truths important at all times, and particularly deserving consideration at the present. With a sagacity which brought the future before him, and made it like the present, he saw and pointed out the dangers that even at this moment most imminently threaten us. I hardly know how a greater service of that kind could now be done to the community, than by a renewed and wide diffusion of that admirable paper, and an earnest invitation to every man in the country to re-peruse and consider it. Its political maxims are invaluable; its exhortations to love of country and to brotherly affection among citizens, touching; and the solemnity with which it urges the observance of moral duties, and impresses the power of religious obligation, gives to it the highest character of truly disinterested, sincere, parental advice.

The domestic policy of Washington found its pole-star in the avowed objects of the Constitution itself. He sought so to administer that Constitution, as to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty. These were objects interesting, in the highest degree, to the whole country, and his policy embraced the whole country.

Among his earliest and most important duties was the organization of the government itself, the choice of his confidential advisers, and the various appointments to office. This duty, so important and delicate, when a whole government was to be organized, and all its offices for the first time



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filled, was yet not difficult to him; for he had no sinister ends to accomplish, no clamorous partisans to gratify, no pledges to redeem, no object to be regarded but simply the public good. It was a plain, straightforward matter, a mere honest choice of men for the public service.

His own singleness of purpose, his disinterested patriotism, were evinced by the selection of his first Cabinet, and by the manner in which he filled the seats of justice, and other places of high trust. He sought for men fit for offices; not for offices which might suit men. Above personal considerations, above local considerations, above party considerations, he felt that he could only discharge the sacred trust which the country had placed in his hands, by a diligent inquiry after real merit, and a conscientious preference of virtue and talent. The whole country was the field of his selection. He explored that whole field, looking only for whatever it contained most worthy and distinguished. He was, indeed, most successful, and he deserved success for the purity of his motives, the liberality of his sentiments, and his enlarged and manly policy.

Washington's administration established the national credit, made provision for the public debt, and for that patriotic army whose interests and welfare were always so dear to him; and, by laws wisely framed, and of admirable effect, raised the commerce and navigation of the country, almost at once, from depression and ruin to a state of prosperity. Nor were his eyes open to these interests alone. He viewed with equal concern its agriculture and manufactures, and, so far as they came within the regular exercise of the powers of this government, they experienced regard and favor.

It should not be omitted, even in this slight reference to the general measures and general principles of the first President, that he saw and felt the full value and importance of the judicial department of the government. An upright and able administration of the laws he held to be alike indispensable to private happiness and public liberty. The temple of justice, in his opinion, was a sacred place, and he would profane and pollute it who should call any to minister in it, not spotless in character, not incorruptible in integrity, not competent by talent and learning, not a fit object of unhesitating trust.

Among other admonitions, Washington has left us, in his last communication to his country, an exhortation against the excesses of party spirit. A fire not to be quenched, he yet conjures us not to fan and feed the flame. Undoubtedly, Gentlemen, it is the greatest danger of our system and of our time. Undoubtedly, if that system should be overthrown, it will be the work of excessive party spirit, acting on the government, which is dangerous enough, or acting **in** the government, which is a thousand times more dangerous; for government then becomes nothing but organized party, and, in the strange vicissitudes of human affairs, it may come at last, perhaps, to exhibit the singular paradox of government itself being in opposition to its own powers, at war with the very elements of its own existence.



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Such cases are hopeless. As men may be protected against murder, but cannot be guarded against suicide, so government may be shielded from the assaults of external foes, but nothing can save it when it chooses to lay violent hands on itself.

Finally, Gentlemen, there was in the breast of Washington one sentiment so deeply felt, so constantly uppermost, that no proper occasion escaped without its utterance. From the letter which he signed in behalf of the Convention when the Constitution was sent out to the people, to the moment when he put his hand to that last paper in which he addressed his countrymen, the Union,—the Union was the great object of his thoughts. In that first letter he tells them that, to him and his brethren of the Convention, union appears to be the greatest interest of every true American; and in that last paper he conjures them to regard that unity of government which constitutes them one people as the very palladium of their prosperity and safety, and the security of liberty itself. He regarded the union of these States less as one of our blessings, than as the great treasure-house which contained them all. Here, in his judgment, was the great magazine of all our means of prosperity; here, as he thought, and as every true American still thinks, are deposited all our animating prospects, all our solid hopes for future greatness. He has taught us to maintain this union, not by seeking to enlarge the powers of the government, on the one hand, nor by surrendering them, on the other; but by an administration of them at once firm and moderate, pursuing objects truly national, and carried on in a spirit of justice and equity.

The extreme solicitude for the preservation of the Union, at all times manifested by him, shows not only the opinion he entertained of its importance, but his clear perception of those causes which were likely to spring up to endanger it, and which, if once they should overthrow the present system, would leave little hope of any future beneficial reunion. Of all the presumptions indulged by presumptuous man, that is one of the rashest which looks for repeated and favorable opportunities for the deliberate establishment of a united government over distinct and widely extended communities. Such a thing has happened once in human affairs, and but once; the event stands out as a prominent exception to all ordinary history; and unless we suppose ourselves running into an age of miracles, we may not expect its repetition.

Washington, therefore, could regard, and did regard, nothing as of paramount political interest, but the integrity of the Union itself. With a united government, well administered, he saw that we had nothing to fear; and without it, nothing to hope. The sentiment is just, and its momentous truth should solemnly impress the whole country. If we might regard our country as personated in the spirit of Washington, if we might consider him as representing her, in her past renown, her present prosperity, and her future career, and as in that character demanding of us all to account for our conduct, as political men or as private



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citizens, how should he answer him who has ventured to talk of disunion and dismemberment? Or how should he answer him who dwells perpetually on local interests, and fans every kindling flame of local prejudice? How should he answer him who would array State against State, interest against interest, and party against party, careless of the continuance of that **unity of government which constitutes us one people?**

The political prosperity which this country has attained, and which it now enjoys, has been acquired mainly through the instrumentality of the present government. While this agent continues, the capacity of attaining to still higher degrees of prosperity exists also. We have, while this lasts, a political life capable of beneficial exertion, with power to resist or overcome misfortunes, to sustain us against the ordinary accidents of human affairs, and to promote, by active efforts, every public interest. But dismemberment strikes at the very being which preserves these faculties. It would lay its rude and ruthless hand on this great agent itself. It would sweep away, not only what we possess, but all power of regaining lost, or acquiring new possessions. It would leave the country, not only bereft of its prosperity and happiness, but without limbs, or organs, or faculties, by which to exert itself hereafter in the pursuit of that prosperity and happiness.

Other misfortunes may be borne, or their effects overcome. If disastrous war should sweep our commerce from the ocean, another generation may renew it; if it exhaust our treasury, future industry may replenish it; if it desolate and lay waste our fields, still, under a new cultivation, they will grow green again, and ripen to future harvests. It were but a trifle even if the walls of yonder Capitol were to crumble, if its lofty pillars should fall, and its gorgeous decorations be all covered by the dust of the valley. All these might be rebuilt. But who shall reconstruct the fabric of demolished government? Who shall rear again the well-proportioned columns of constitutional liberty? Who shall frame together the skilful architecture which unites national sovereignty with State rights, individual security, and public prosperity? No, if these columns fall, they will be raised not again. Like the Coliseum and the Parthenon, they will be destined to a mournful, a melancholy immortality. Bitterer tears, however, will flow over them, than were ever shed over the monuments of Roman or Grecian art; for they will be the remnants of a more glorious edifice than Greece or Rome ever saw, the edifice of constitutional American liberty.

But let us hope for better things. Let us trust in that gracious Being who has hitherto held our country as in the hollow of his hand. Let us trust to the virtue and the intelligence of the people, and to the efficacy of religious obligation. Let us trust to the influence of Washington's example. Let us hope that that fear of Heaven which expels all other fear, and that regard to duty which transcends all other regard, may influence public men and private citizens, and lead our country still onward in her happy career. Full of these gratifying anticipations and



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hopes, let us look forward to the end of that century which is now commenced. A hundred years hence, other disciples of Washington will celebrate his birth, with no less of sincere admiration than we now commemorate it. When they shall meet, as we now meet, to do themselves and him that honor, so surely as they shall see the blue summits of his native mountains rise in the horizon, so surely as they shall behold the river on whose banks he lived, and on whose banks he rests, still flowing on toward the sea, so surely may they see, as we now see, the flag of the Union floating on the top of the Capitol; and then, as now, may the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country!
Gentlemen, I propose— "THE MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON."



February 26, Sunday: Tsar Nikolai I signed an "Organic Statute" establishing direct Russian rule over Poland and abolishing that nation's constitution.

[Frédéric François Chopin](#) gave his initial concert in Paris, in the Salle Pleyel. The performance had been organized by Frederic Kalkbrenner and Camille Pleyel and was praised by Franz Liszt and [Felix Mendelssohn](#). The hall was only a third full and many of the patrons were Polish emigres. The program included [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Quintet op.29, Chopin's F minor piano concerto, and Introduction March and Grand Polonaise for six pianos by Kalkbrenner (Chopin and Kalkbrenner took part). Antoni Orlowski would profess grandly that "All Paris was stupefied!" Chopin had "mopped up the floor with every one of the pianists here."

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26th of 2 M / Silent in the Morn'g - In the Afternoon
Lydia Breed bore a short testimony - In the eveng with Enoch &
Lydia had a long conference in our room relating to the affairs
of the [Institution](#) which resulted satisfactorily*

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February 28, Tuesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 28th of 2nd M / Sub-committee Meeting - subjects relating
to the [Institution](#) was pleasantly resulted - the company was
small but an agreeable number*

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February 29, Wednesday: The 1st Constitution of the State of New Granada (Colombia) was adopted.

[Charles Darwin](#) was able to visit a jungle near Bahia, Brazil.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 2 M / Mary Shove was here & attended Meeting, she



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bore a short testimony under a good concern & I felt unity with her offering –

We have been informed today of the wicked conduct of RR. – certainly trials of various kinds await us & it would seem that Father & Mother Rodmans cup was near full as any I know of or almost ever heard of – was it not for the support which is afforded them from relevation, & with which they were early acquainted, I dont see how they could be sustained. –

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April 10, Tuesday: It was the height of the cholera epidemic in Paris, 2,000 people dying on this day (the morticians ran out of coffins).

After Mehmet Ali demands Syria for helping the Turks against the Greeks, the Ottoman Empire declares war on [Egypt](#).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th M 10 - 1832 / My journal has been neglected Much longer than common. - I now resume it to insert the decease of my Last Aunt on my fathers side Vizt Hannah Gould who departed this life in [Newport](#) on 5th day evening the 5th inst about 11 OC in the evening In the 84th Year of her Age She was the last of three Maiden Sisters, & I believe was the last great Granchild of Old Daniel Gould, from whom our family sprung - on 7 day [Saturday] I went down to Newport to attend her funeral which was on first day, her remains being carried to the Meeting house in the Morning & after Meeting were decently interd in Friend burying ground near the Meeting House to the North of her Sisters Martha & Mary who deceased before her. -

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May 13, Sunday: [Georges Cuvier](#) died in Paris.

According to [The Observer](#), "At a quarter past twelve o'clock, the Royal carriage in which their Majesties were seated, without attendants, reached the village of Hounslow. The postillions passed on at a rapid rate till they entered the town of Brentford; where the people, who had assembled in great numbers, expressed by groans, hisses, and exclamations, their disapprobation of his Majesty's conduct with respect to the Administration. The [Duke of Wellington](#) had entered the Palace in full uniform about a quarter of an hour before the Majesties, and had been assailed by the people with groans and hisses. The [Duke](#), after remaining more than three hours with his Majesty, left about a quarter-past four, amidst groans and hisses even more vehement than when he arrived. Lord Frederick Fitzclarence was received with the same disapprobation, and loud cries of 'Reform'."

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 5 M 1832 / Enoch & Lydia went to Scituate Meeting - The charge of our Meeting at the Institution of course fell on my wife & I - both were solid & silent. - My diary has been unusually neglected partly arising from an apprehension that there is but little use in keeping it up - there is a constant sameness in events or occurrences of my life.



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- or at any rate there is not much of Interest to record, & yet I do not feel easy wholly to omit it. - While I am far from being exempt from trials - there is much in my life which I have cause to be humbly thankful for to Him whose hand of love & power has thro' the various turnings & courses which I have experienced has indeed been visible & often extended for my help. -

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May 17, Thursday: In [Concord](#), the formation of the Concord Mozart Society, replacing the Concord Harmonic Society, which had been a choir.

The *Concord Harmonic Society* was formed about 1800, for the purpose of improvement in sacred music. For several years past it has not been under regular organization. May 17, 1832, the *Concord Mozart Society* was formed, and takes place of the other. Ephraim Willey was chosen President, Elijah Wood and Francis Hunt, Vice-Presidents, and [Phineas Allen](#), Secretary.³⁷⁷

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 5 M / In the Steam Boat Rush Light this Mornng We went to [Newport](#) to make some preparations for yearly Meeting. - Found our friends Well & the House which we continue to hire of Aunt Nancy Carpenter, & in which our goods still remain - in as good order as could be expected, considering it has been left for a Year - On our arrival we were informd that our Son Jn S Gould had passed us in the NYork Boat from NYork on his way to Hudson to see us. -

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May 18, Friday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On 6th day he returned to [Newport](#) & we spent the time we staid very pleasantly in preparing our house - making some arrangements & visiting our friends, & on 7th day we had a very comfortable family visit at Edw W Lawtons - On first day attended our Native Meeting which tho Smaller than years ago & many whom we loved in life, removed & I trust at rest from their labours -it still however remains to be a respectable & comfortable Meeting & in the Mornng Father Rodman was engaged in a lively & pertinent testimony. - Silent in the Afternoon. -

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377. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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 May 21, Monday: [Washington Irving](#) arrived from Spain, in New-York.

In a storm at the delta of the Ganges River, eight to ten thousand people drowned.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*On Second day we again took the Rush Light & returned to
[Providence](#). -*

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 May 24, Thursday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) in Weimar wrote to [Robert Schumann](#) in Leipzig.


French balloonist Francois Arban made his initial ascent.

Schumann wrote twice to Hummel asking for a critique of his opp. 1 and 2. Hummel found Schumann talented but said he was “trying too hard to achieve originality, by which I mean something strange.” He encouraged Schumann but said nothing about taking him as a pupil.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 24th of 5th M 1832 / Attended Preparative meeting in
[Providence](#) - it was silent. but a pretty good Meeting*


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 May 26, Saturday: [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) departed London for Berlin, two weeks before the production there of Robert le diable.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 26th of 5 M / The weather having been mostly Rainy &
uncomfortable for the last week - We have been mostly confined
within doors & John has not had an opportunity to call on some
of his friends with [which] duty & inclination prompted to
This Morning we passed an interesting hour at the Mansion of our
friend [Moses Brown](#) & went to Wm Almys & Dined & in the evening
he called on Wm Jenkins. -*

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 May 27, Sunday: Egyptian forces of Ibrahim, son of Mohammed Ali, took Acre after a siege. [Egypt](#) annexed Syria, although both were nominally under Turkish rule.

20,000-30,000 [German](#) liberals met at Neustadt and marched to the ruins of an old castle near Hambach. They listened to speeches calling for patriotism and political reform.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 5 M / This being the day John had fixed to return



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to [Newport](#) on his way back to Hudson, we rose early & got him to the Steam Boat which went at 7 OC – & after taking leave in much concern for his welfare every way we parted, not expecting to see him again very soon if ever. –

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May 30, Wednesday: In Germany, the *Hambaucher Fest* demonstration for civil liberties and national unity came to an end — without accomplishing any change.

In eastern Ontario, Canada, the Rideau Canal opened.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 5th M 1832 / Attended Monthly Meeting held in [Providence](#). – Wm Almy preached a good Sermon – In the last we had some exercise, but the Meeting finished pretty well. – Today Mary Griscom left in the Steamboat B Franklin for NYork & John was to join her at [Newport](#) on his way to Hudson This evening We recd a pleasant letter from John dated at Newport this Morning – by which he appears to have had a pleasant visit among his friends & kinsfolks at his Native home & was expecting to take the boat this PM – tho' it was a hard rainstorm when Mary Griscom left [Providence](#) – before the boat got to Newport it cleared off & they appeared to have a fine time round Point Judith. –

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June 1, Friday: William Lloyd Garrison attacked the proslavery duplicity of the American Colonization Society in his self-published 236-page THOUGHTS ON AFRICAN COLONIZATION: OR AN IMPARTIAL EXHIBITION OF THE DOCTRINES, PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY, TOGETHER WITH THE RESOLUTIONS, ADDRESSES AND REMONSTRANCES OF THE FREE PEOPLE OF COLOR. These folks were, he amply demonstrated on the basis of their own writings, a group of people who rather than desiring the wellbeing of abused Americans of color, desired merely to eliminate the danger posed to slavery by the local presence of free persons of color by getting rid of these free persons of color, an agenda which was entirely due to cupidity and to "an antipathy to blacks." 2,275 copies were produced and placed on sale at \$0.⁶² each, one of them winding up in the hands of a student in the Lane Seminary of [Cincinnati](#), [Theodore Dwight Weld](#).



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 6th M 1832 / Today an Indian Man by the name of Wamsley was hung for Murder, about two miles South of the Road to Pawtucket - I happened in town as he was going to the Gallows & saw him at a distance - it was a most affecting scene to see so many thousands flocking after the Miserable man. - such executions are in my opinion not calculated to effect any moral & certainly no religious good - for among the crowd were many who were drunk, some staggering & others laying. - my heart was deeply affected with the scene & I could but deplore the fate of the poor object, & intercede that we might all be preserved from crime. -

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June 8, Friday: For some reason the Reverend [Daniel Starr Southmayd](#) preached his final sermon before [Concord](#)'s Trinitarian Congregationalists and asked to be released from the pulpit. (He had been their pastor since 1827. There had been some sort of controversy that had alienated one member of the church, Joseph C. Green, to the extent that an article describing the conflict had been placed a Boston religious publication, which had led to this member's formal trial before the congregation and his excommunication. The next time we hear news of this man, he will be attending the foundational meeting of the American Anti-Slavery Society in Philadelphia in 1833, representing himself as of Lowell, Massachusetts, and then we will see him functioning as a Presbyterian missionary, and schoolteacher, in the general vicinity of [Mejico](#)'s Tejas province that today is known as Houston.)

The Rev. DANIEL S. SOUTHMAYD was born at Castleton, Vermont, February 11, 1802, graduated at Middlebury College in 1822, and at the Theological Seminary at Andover in 1826. After sustaining the pastoral office a little over five years, he asked for a dismissal, June 8, 1832, which was granted by the church, and confirmed by a council on the 15th, consisting of the Rev. Samuel Stearns of Bedford, moderator, the Rev. Elijah Demond of Lincoln, scribe, the Rev. Sewall Harding of Waltham, the Rev. Leonard Luce of Westford, and delegates from their respective churches. From the time the church was organized to Mr. Southmayd's ordination, 6 members were added to the church, and during his ministry 77, (53 by original profession, and 30 by letter from other churches,) and 30 were males and 53 females; 4 have been dismissed, 2 excommunicated, and 5 have died; present [1835] number of members 88, of whom 30 are males. Several, however, have removed from town. Mr. Southmayd administered 46 baptisms, and married 26 couples. He now [1835] lives at Lowell. ... Deacon John White bequeathed to this church \$700, and Miss Sarah Thoreau \$50, which has been vested as a fund for its use.³⁷⁸

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 8th 1832 6 day of the week 1832 / This Morning We went down to Newport to attend the Yearly Meeting - We took quarters with Aunt Nancy Carpenter, & had the privilege of using our rooms as usual - Many called to see us in the course of the YMeeting [Yearly Meeting] & we had a precious favoured Meeting through out. - In the Mornng of first day there was not as much preaching as usual - a large preportion of it however was good, & in particular the testimonies from our friends Hannah C Backhouse & John Meader, stood high in my estimation - In the Afternoon our friends Joseph Bowne was large & powerful -I do not feel like undertaking to record many particulars of the transactions of the Meeting suffice it to say it was a season of favour & tho' some trying things were under consideration, I believe the Minds of Friends were engaged to cultivate love & harmony & labour for the maintainance of the good cause After repeated

378. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.) with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)



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settings the Meeting closed on 6th day forenoon & the School committee & the meeting for Sufferings sat in the Afternoon

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June 9, Saturday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On 7th day Morning we returned to [Providence](#) & resumed our labours at the School

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June 17, Sunday: [John James Babson](#) got married with Mary Coffin Rogers, daughter of Timothy Rogers. The couple would produce four children only one of whom would survive to maturity.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 6th M 1832 / Our friend Margaret Parker accompanied by her Husband Benj Parker, & her Sister Sybel Allenson were at Meeting with us this Afternoon, & Margaret had acceptable Service. – In the Morning we were silent.

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June 19, Tuesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), all the physicians assembled at the summons of Dr. Levi Wheaton, and by the request of the mayor, in the Senate chamber, to plan what might be done in regard to the current outbreak of the [Asiatic cholera](#).



June 20, Wednesday: A new US charge d'affaires, Robert Baylies, arrived in Buenos Aires to try to resolve the Falklands dispute. The Argentines required reparations before any negotiations.

Robert der Teufel by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) was produced in Berlin.

La tentation, an opera-ballet by Fromental Halevy and Gide to words of Cave and Coralli, was performed for the initial time, in the Paris Opera.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 6th M / Our friend Ann Taylor & her companions from Ohio were at Meeting at the Institution & had good service. Ann in Testimony & supplication. they dined & spent the Afternoon in examining the house &c. –

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June 21, Thursday: William Crotch resigned as 1st principal of the Royal Academy of Music.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), a [Quaker](#) who was a follower of [Friend Elias Hicks](#) ("the Sitting of an Hixite," a visiting [Hicksite](#)) managed to attend a midweek meeting for worship without his or her presence having been detected in advance by Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#):

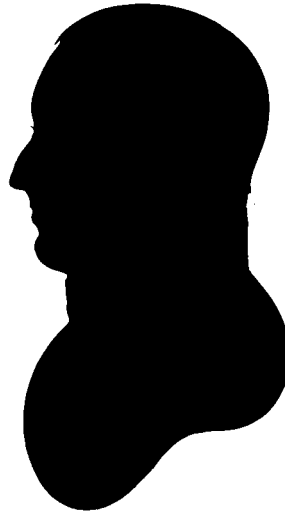


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5th day 21 of 6 M / Our above mentioned friends [Ann Taylor & her companions from Ohio, Margaret Parker accompanied by her Husband Benj Parker, & her Sister Sybel Allenson] attended Meeting in town - & had good service - Lydia Breed also preached acceptably. - In the Preparative Meetg we had no buisness - but was imposed on by the Sitting of an Hixite, which was not known till after the Meeting rose. -



July 3, Tuesday: Count Sormani-Andreani, director of Milan Conservatory, reported the unfavorable results of Giuseppe Verdi's entrance examination. Giuseppe Corbari, a civil clerk, included comments that Verdi was too old, lived outside Lombardy and Venetia, and did badly on the piano examination.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 7 M 1832 / Today was our Sub-committee Meeting The Subject of the existance of Cholera in the City of NYork were introduced early in our being together & engaged our close & very Serious attention - Our friends [Moses Brown](#) Wm Almy & Thomas Howland were of the opinion the School ought to be immediately vacated, & as some doubted whether this committee had power to cause a suspension & dispensation of it - It was concluded to call a Meeting for Sufferings to act in the case which was accordingly done - to meet tomorrow at 10 OC at the Meeting house in [Providence](#). -

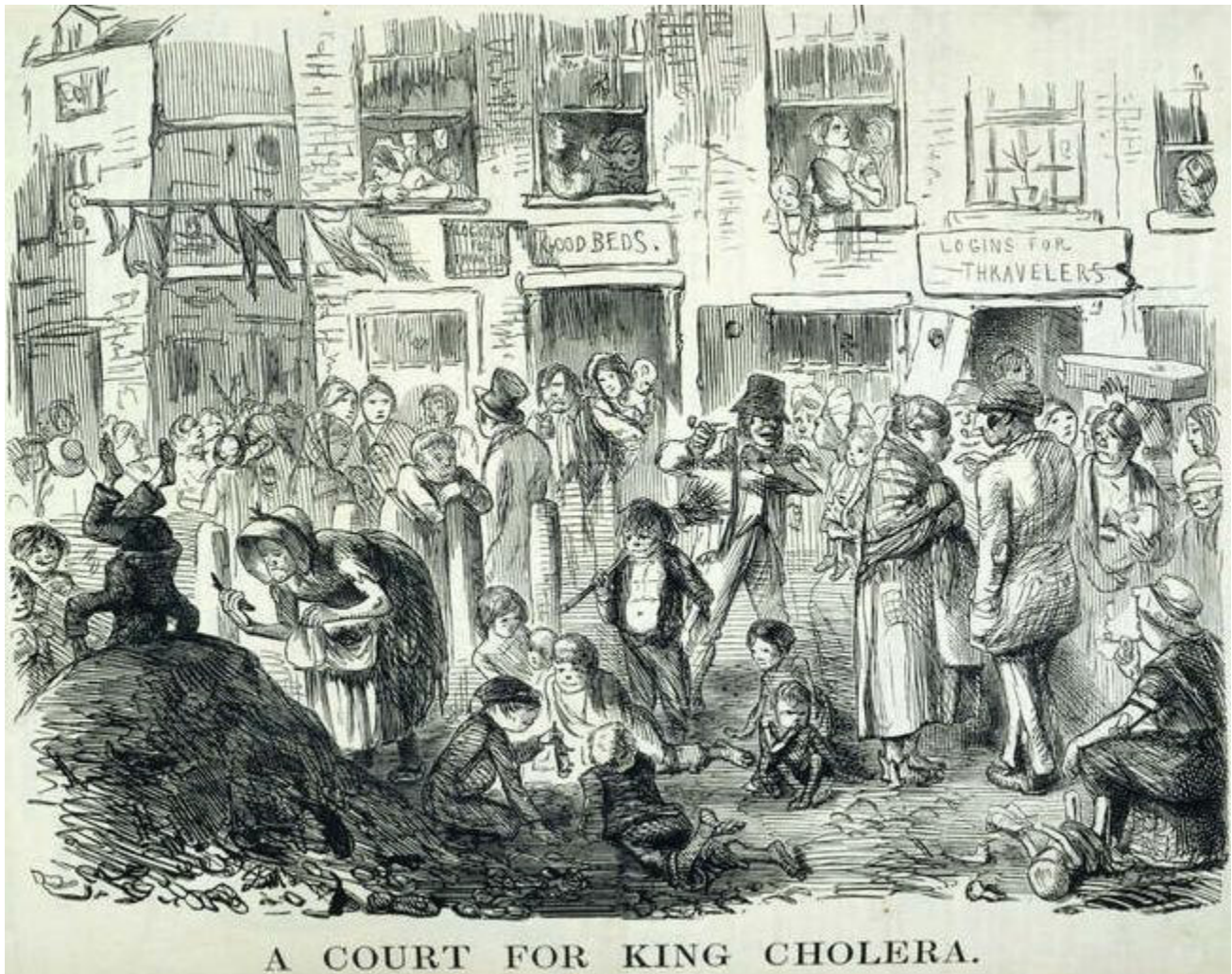
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Our national birthday, Wednesday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s 28th birthday.

The song "America" that had been jotted down by Dr. Samuel Smith on a scrap of paper was performed by Boston schoolchildren.

In New-York, Fourth of July celebrations were subdued due to a [cholera](#) epidemic.



On the bank of the Potomac River, Henry Clay was guest of honor at a National Republican Celebration.

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In England, the Durham University founded by Lord Protector Cromwell had been suppressed at the Restoration. At this point re-opening of that University was authorized by the monarch.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day the 4th of 7 M – The Meeting for Sufferings Met at the time & place, & entered into a feeling & solemn view of the Subject of the Cholera in NYork & the probability of it appearance in [Providence](#), & fully Authorised the School committee to Vacate the [School](#) in case it should appear necessary. –

In the Afternoon the committee again met & on examining the evidence before us, it did not appear that the disorder had increased in NYork & it was concluded to meet again next 7th day Afternoon, again to consider the subject & act as wisdom & prudence might then dictate

I attended the Meeting for Sufferings held at the Meeting House in Town. – Those who attended our Week day meeting at the Insitution report it to have been a remarkable solemn meeting & I did not learn there was any preaching

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July 5, Thursday: The HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) sailed from Rio de Janeiro.

The [German](#) Diet enacted a “Ten Articles” document which reinstated restrictions on speech and press, and on political organizations. The [German](#) states pledged their mutual assistance in dealing with the current situation of popular unrest.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 7 M / Some who attended the Week Day Meeting in Town, report it to have been a very Solemn Meeting, Wm Almy in testimony & Anna A Jenkins in Supplication both alluded to the very serious & affecting season of Sickness which visits our Land.

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July 6, Friday: The Mexican Emperor Maximilian was born — although, of course, as Maximilian rather than as the Mexican Emperor.

Having returned to England from France, [Nicolò Paganini](#) offered a concert in London’s Covent Garden (he would perform there a dozen times over the following 6 weeks).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 7 M 18312 / Accounts from NYork are no more favourable, – the Sickness spreads & increases. – All we can do is to prepare in the best manner we can as to the outward, and keep our minds quiet & centered on the All sufficiency of the Power that sent it, & can when he pleases



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stay the destroying pestilence when he pleases. –

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July 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 7th M / Today the committee met again & came to a conclusion to Vacate the School for the present. In the evening the Scholars were collected in the Lecture room & informed of the conclusion, & the reason of it & much suitable advice was given on the Occasion by Wm Almy [Moses Brown](#) & Anna A Jenkins it was a time of solemnity, but we did not get to that state of feeling which was very desirable. – In short life did not rise into dominion as I have sometimes seen & felt it to do. –

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July 8, Sunday: A force of 7,500 Portuguese liberals led by Dom Pedro, former emperor of Brazil, sailing from the Azores, landed unopposed at the mouth of the River Mindelo, north of Porto. Their intention was to place Pedro's daughter Maria, who was deposed in 1828, back on the throne.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 7 M / Silent Meeting in the Morning In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & had much to communicate but the life in my mind was at a Low Ebb– Yesterday while the committee was gathering we had a few drips of Rain, some distant Thunder & the Tempest passed off South & appeared to settle over [Rhode Island](#) [Aquidneck] – it looked to us that it was very heavy that way – This evening our Neighbour Gideon Palmer came in & informed us that the lightning Struck Job Shermans house in [Newport](#) & killed his daughter Rebecca – this is a most solemn & effecting event. – the house was thought to be on fire & in searching for that they found Rebecca at one of the Windows which she had gone too to shut, but the lightning had killed her & her cloaths were on fire. – as they lived next door to Aunt Nancy Carpenter was of course our neighbour. – they were kind affectionate & sincere & we loved them Much. – Rebecca was one of the most useful Girls in sickness & spaired no pains, but applied her bodily strength & other means in rendering assistance where she could – This is a most affecting event in the neighbourhood, the young & old are affectionate & Kind to each other & take much comfort in friendly intercourse. – I feel for my Brothers family who lives opposite & for our dear Aunt Nancy Carpenter who lives next door, about whom I have thought much in the course of this day How Solemn the Truth and how it is realised in this instance – "In the midst of life we are in Death"– [Moses Brown](#) attended our evening collection in the Girls part, & had a good deal to say to them in a very lively & appropriate



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manner - Lydia Breed also preached & was engaged in supplication

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July 9, Monday: A force of Portuguese liberals entered Porto unopposed.

Within the US War Department, a "Commissioner of Indian Affairs" office was created.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 7 M / The accounts from NYork are no more favourable, the pestilence spreads & many flee to places which they hope will be more healthy, but to what, & whom shall we flee. Why, He who directeth its course, will undoubtedly send it where he pleases, & may We be favoured, to rest our hopes & confidence in His holy all protecting Arm. - The times on which we have fallen are indeed, big with great & momentous events, which call with a loud voice to all & on all, to renew their devotion & come up with increased faithfulness to the Cause of Truth & Righteousness

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July 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 7 M / Our Meeting was silent & solemn The rumor of Cholera has excited the feelings of thousands. - We are in the Lords hand

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President Andrew Jackson vetoed the renewal of the charter of the Second Bank of the United States (he claimed the bank was elitist, and favored northeastern interests), thus causing the birth of the Whig Party. [Daniel Webster](#) addressed the US Senate:

Mr. President,— No one will deny the high importance of the subject now before us. Congress, after full deliberation and discussion, has passed a bill, by decisive majorities, in both houses, for extending the duration of the Bank of the United States. It has not adopted this measure until its attention had been called to the subject, in three successive annual messages of the President. The bill having been thus passed by both houses, and having been duly presented to the President, instead of signing and approving it, he has returned it with objections. These objections go against the whole substance of the law originally creating the bank. They deny, in effect, that the bank is constitutional; they deny that it is expedient; they deny that it is necessary for the public service. It is not to be doubted, that the Constitution gives the President the power which he has now exercised; but while the power is admitted, the grounds upon which it has been exerted become fit subjects of examination. The Constitution makes it



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the duty of Congress, in cases like this, to reconsider the measure which they have passed, to weigh the force of the President's objections to that measure, and to take a new vote upon the question.

Before the Senate proceeds to this second vote, I propose to make some remarks upon those objections. And, in the first place, it is to be observed, that they are such as to extinguish all hope that the present bank, or any bank at all resembling it, or resembling any known similar institution, can ever receive his approbation. He states no terms, no qualifications, no conditions, no modifications, which can reconcile him to the essential provisions of the existing charter. He is against the bank, and against any bank constituted in a manner known either to this or any other country. One advantage, therefore, is certainly obtained by presenting him the bill. It has caused the President's sentiments to be made known. There is no longer any mystery, no longer a contest between hope and fear, or between those prophets who predicted a **veto** and those who foretold an approval. The bill is negatived; the President has assumed the responsibility of putting an end to the bank; and the country must prepare itself to meet that change in its concerns which the expiration of the charter will produce. Mr. President, I will not conceal my opinion that the affairs of the country are approaching an important and dangerous crisis. At the very moment of almost unparalleled general prosperity, there appears an unaccountable disposition to destroy the most useful and most approved institutions of the government. Indeed, it seems to be in the midst of all this national happiness that some are found openly to question the advantages of the Constitution itself and many more ready to embarrass the exercise of its just power, weaken its authority, and undermine its foundations. How far these notions may be carried, it is impossible yet to say. We have before us the practical result of one of them. The bank has fallen, or is to fall.

It is now certain, that, without a change in our public counsels, this bank will not be continued, nor will any other be established, which, according to the general sense and language of mankind, can be entitled to the name. Within three years and nine months from the present moment, the charter of the bank expires; within that period, therefore, it must wind up its concerns. It must call in its debts, withdraw its bills from circulation, and cease from all its ordinary operations. All this is to be done in three years and nine months; because, although there is a provision in the charter rendering it lawful to use the corporate name for two years after the expiration of the charter, yet this is allowed only for the purpose of suits and for the sale of the estate belonging to the bank, and for no other purpose whatever. The whole active business of the bank, its custody of public deposits, its transfer of public moneys, its dealing in exchange, all its loans and discounts, and all its issues of bills for circulation, must cease and determine on or before the third day of March, 1836; and within



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the same period its debts must be collected, as no new contract can be made with it, as a corporation, for the renewal of loans, or discount of notes or bills, after that time.

The President is of opinion, that this time is long enough to close the concerns of the institution without inconvenience. His language is, "The time allowed the bank to close its concerns is ample, and if it has been well managed, its pressure will be light, and heavy only in case its management has been bad. If, therefore, it shall produce distress, the fault will be its own." Sir, this is all no more than general statement, without fact or argument to support it. We know what the management of the bank has been, and we know the present state of its affairs. We can judge, therefore, whether it be probable that its capital can be all called in, and the circulation of its bills withdrawn, in three years and nine months, by any discretion or prudence in management, without producing distress. The bank has discounted liberally, in compliance with the wants of the community. The amount due to it on loans and discounts, in certain large divisions of the country, is great; so great, that I do not perceive how any man can believe that it can be paid, within the time now limited, without distress. Let us look at known facts. Thirty millions of the capital of the bank are now out, on loans and discounts, in the States on the Mississippi and its waters; ten millions of which are loaned on the discount of bills of exchange, foreign and domestic, and twenty millions on promissory notes. Now, Sir, how is it possible that this vast amount can be collected in so short a period without suffering, by any management whatever? We are to remember, that, when the collection of this debt begins, at that same time the existing medium of payment, that is, the circulation of the bills of the bank, will begin also to be restrained and withdrawn; and thus the means of payment must be limited just when the necessity of making payment becomes pressing. The whole debt is to be paid, and within the same time the whole circulation withdrawn.

The local banks, where there are such, will be able to afford little assistance; because they themselves will feel a full share of the pressure. They will not be in a condition to extend their discounts, but, in all probability, obliged to curtail them. Whence, then, are the means to come for paying this debt? and in what medium is payment to be made? If all this may be done with but slight pressure on the community, what course of conduct is to accomplish it? How is it to be done? What other thirty millions are to supply the place of these thirty millions now to be called in? What other circulation or medium of payment is to be adopted in the place of the bills of the bank? The message, following a singular train of argument, which had been used in this house, has a loud lamentation upon the suffering of the Western States on account of their being obliged to pay even interest on this debt. This payment of interest is itself represented as exhausting their means and ruinous to their prosperity. But if the interest cannot be paid without pressure, can both interest and principal be paid in four years without



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pressure? The truth is, the interest has been paid, is paid, and may continue to be paid, without any pressure at all; because the money borrowed is profitably employed by those who borrow it, and the rate of interest which they pay is at least two per cent lower than the actual value of money in that part of the country. But to pay the whole principal in less than four years, losing, at the same time, the existing and accustomed means and facilities of payment created by the bank itself, and to do this without extreme embarrassment, without absolute distress, is, in my judgment, impossible. I hesitate not to say, that, as this **veto** travels to the West, it will depreciate the value of every man's property from the Atlantic States to the capital of Missouri. Its effects will be felt in the price of lands, the great and leading article of Western property, in the price of crops, in the products of labor, in the repression of enterprise, and in embarrassment to every kind of business and occupation. I state this opinion strongly, because I have no doubt of its truth, and am willing its correctness should be judged by the event. Without personal acquaintance with the Western States, I know enough of their condition to be satisfied that what I have predicted must happen. The people of the West are rich, but their riches consist in their immense quantities of excellent land, in the products of these lands, and in their spirit of enterprise. The actual value of money, or rate of interest, with them is high, because their pecuniary capital bears little proportion to their landed interest. At an average rate, money is not worth less than eight per cent per annum throughout the whole Western country, notwithstanding that it has now a loan or an advance from the bank of thirty millions, at six per cent. To call in this loan, at the rate of eight millions a year, in addition to the interest on the whole, and to take away, at the same time, that circulation which constitutes so great a portion of the medium of payment throughout that whole region, is an operation, which, however wisely conducted, cannot but inflict a blow on the community of tremendous force and frightful consequences. The thing cannot be done without distress, bankruptcy, and ruin, to many. If the President had seen any practical manner in which this change might be effected without producing these consequences, he would have rendered infinite service to the community by pointing it out. But he has pointed out nothing, he has suggested nothing; he contents himself with saying, without giving any reason, that, if the pressure be heavy, the fault will be the bank's. I hope this is not merely an attempt to forestall opinion, and to throw on the bank the responsibility of those evils which threaten the country, for the sake of removing it from himself. The responsibility justly lies with him, and there it ought to remain. A great majority of the people are satisfied with the bank as it is, and desirous that it should be continued. They wished no change. The strength of this public sentiment has carried the bill through Congress, against all the influence of the administration, and all the power of organized party. But



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the President has undertaken, on his own responsibility, to arrest the measure, by refusing his assent to the bill. He is answerable for the consequences, therefore, which necessarily follow the change which the expiration of the bank charter may produce; and if these consequences shall prove disastrous, they can fairly be ascribed to his policy only, and the policy of his administration.

Although, Sir, I have spoken of the effects of this **veto** in the Western country, it has not been because I considered that part of the United States exclusively affected by it. Some of the Atlantic States may feel its consequences, perhaps, as sensibly as those of the West, though not for the same reasons. The concern manifested by Pennsylvania for the renewal of the charter shows her sense of the importance of the bank to her own interest, and that of the nation. That great and enterprising State has entered into an extensive system of internal improvements, which necessarily makes heavy demands on her credit and her resources; and by the sound and acceptable currency which the bank affords, by the stability which it gives to private credit, and by occasional advances, made in anticipation of her revenues, and in aid of her great objects, she has found herself benefited, doubtless, in no inconsiderable degree. Her legislature has instructed her Senators here to advocate the renewal of the charter, at this session. They have obeyed her voice, and yet they have the misfortune to find that, in the judgment of the President, **the measure is unconstitutional, unnecessary, dangerous to liberty, and is, moreover, ill-timed.**

But, Mr. President, it is not the local interest of the West, nor the particular interest of Pennsylvania, or any other State, which has influenced Congress in passing this bill. It has been governed by a wise foresight, and by a desire to avoid embarrassment in the pecuniary concerns of the country, to secure the safe collection and convenient transmission of public moneys, to maintain the circulation of the country, sound and safe as it now happily is, against the possible effects of a wild spirit of speculation. Finding the bank highly useful, Congress has thought fit to provide for its continuance.

As to the **time** of passing this bill, it would seem to be the last thing to be thought of, as a ground of objection, by the President; since, from the date of his first message to the present time, he has never failed to call our attention to the subject with all possible apparent earnestness. So early as December, 1829, in his message to the two houses, he declares, that he "cannot, in justice to the parties interested, too soon present the subject to the deliberate consideration of the legislature, in order to avoid the evils resulting from precipitancy, in a measure involving such important principles and such deep pecuniary interests." Aware of this early invitation given to Congress to take up the subject, by the President himself, the writer of the message seems to vary the ground of objection, and, instead of complaining that the time



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of bringing forward this measure was premature, to insist, rather, that, after the report of the committee of the other house, the bank should have withdrawn its application for the present! But that report offers no just ground, surely, for such withdrawal. The subject was before Congress; it was for Congress to decide upon it, with all the light shed by the report; and the question of postponement, having been made in both houses, was lost, by clear majorities, in each. Under such circumstances, it would have been somewhat singular, to say the least, if the bank itself had withdrawn its application. It is indeed known to everybody, that neither the report of the committee, nor any thing contained in that report, was relied on by the opposers of the renewal. If it has been discovered elsewhere, that that report contained matter important in itself, or which should have led to further inquiry, this may be proof of superior sagacity; for certainly no such thing was discerned by either house of Congress.

But, Sir, do we not now see that it was time, and high time, to press this bill, and to send it to the President? Does not the event teach us, that the measure was not brought forward one moment too early? The time had come when the people wished to know the decision of the administration on the question of the bank? Why conceal it, or postpone its declaration? Why, as in regard to the tariff, give out one set of opinions for the North, and another for the South?

An important election is at hand, and the renewal of the bank charter is a pending object of great interest, and some excitement. Should not the opinions of men high in office, and candidates for re-election, be known on this, as on other important public questions? Certainly, it is to be hoped that the people of the United States are not yet mere man-worshippers, that they do not choose their rulers without some regard to their political principles, or political opinions. Were they to do this, it would be to subject themselves voluntarily to the evils which the hereditary transmission of power, independent of all personal qualifications, inflicts on other nations. They will judge their public servants by their acts, and continue or withhold their confidence, as they shall think it merited, or as they shall think it forfeited. In every point of view, therefore, the moment had arrived, when it became the duty of Congress to come to a result, in regard to this highly important measure. The interests of the government, the interests of the people, the clear and indisputable voice of public opinion, all called upon Congress to act without further loss of time. It has acted, and its act has been negatived by the President; and this result of the proceedings here places the question, with all its connections and all its incidents, fully before the people.

Before proceeding to the constitutional question, there are some other topics, treated in the message, which ought to be noticed. It commences by an inflamed statement of what it calls the "favor" bestowed upon the original bank by the government, or,



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indeed, as it is phrased, the "monopoly of its favor and support"; and through the whole message all possible changes are rung on the "gratuity," the "exclusive privileges," and "monopoly," of the bank charter. Now, Sir, the truth is, that the powers conferred on the bank are such, and no others, as are usually conferred on similar institutions. They constitute no monopoly, although some of them are of necessity, and with propriety, exclusive privileges. "The original act," says the message, "operated as a gratuity of many millions to the stockholders." What fair foundation is there for this remark? The stockholders received their charter, not gratuitously, but for a valuable consideration in money, prescribed by Congress, and actually paid. At some times the stock has been above **par**, at other times below **par**, according to prudence in management, or according to commercial occurrences. But if, by a judicious administration of its affairs, it had kept its stock always above **par**, what pretence would there be, nevertheless, for saying that such augmentation of its value was a "gratuity" from government? The message proceeds to declare, that the present act proposes another donation, another gratuity, to the same men, of at least seven millions more. It seems to me that this is an extraordinary statement, and an extraordinary style of argument, for such a subject and on such an occasion. In the first place, the facts are all assumed; they are taken for true without evidence. There are no proofs that any benefit to that amount will accrue to the stockholders, nor any experience to justify the expectation of it. It rests on random estimates, or mere conjecture. But suppose the continuance of the charter should prove beneficial to the stockholders; do they not pay for it? They give twice as much for a charter of fifteen years, as was given before for one of twenty. And if the proposed **bonus**, or premium, be not, in the President's judgment, large enough, would he, nevertheless, on such a mere matter of opinion as that, negative the whole bill? May not Congress be trusted to decide even on such a subject as the amount of the money premium to be received by government for a charter of this kind?

But, Sir, there is a larger and a much more just view of this subject. The bill was not passed for the purpose of benefiting the present stockholders. Their benefit, if any, is incidental and collateral. Nor was it passed on any idea that they had a **right** to a renewed charter, although the message argues against such right, as if it had been somewhere set up and asserted. No such right has been asserted by anybody. Congress passed the bill, not as a bounty or a favor to the present stockholders, nor to comply with any demand of right on their part; but to promote great public interests, for great public objects. Every bank must have some stockholders, unless it be such a bank as the President has recommended, and in regard to which he seems not likely to find much concurrence of other men's opinions; and if the stockholders, whoever they may be, conduct the affairs of the bank prudently, the expectation is always, of course, that they will make it profitable to themselves, as well as



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useful to the public. If a bank charter is not to be granted, because, to some extent, it may be profitable to the stockholders, no charter can be granted. The objection lies against all banks.

Sir, the object aimed at by such institutions is to connect the public safety and convenience with private interests. It has been found by experience, that banks are safest under private management, and that government banks are among the most dangerous of all inventions. Now, Sir, the whole drift of the message is to reverse the settled judgment of all the civilized world, and to set up government banks, independent of private interest or private control. For this purpose the message labors, even beyond the measure of all its other labors, to create jealousies and prejudices, on the ground of the alleged benefit which individuals will derive from the renewal of this charter. Much less effort is made to show that government, or the public, will be injured by the bill, than that individuals will profit by it. Following up the impulses of the same spirit, the message goes on gravely to allege, that the act, as passed by Congress, proposes to make a **present** of some millions of dollars to foreigners, because a portion of the stock is held by foreigners. Sir, how would this sort of argument apply to other cases? The President has shown himself not only willing, but anxious, to pay off the three per cent stock of the United States at **par**, notwithstanding that it is notorious that foreigners are owners of the greater part of it. Why should he not call that a donation to foreigners of many millions?

I will not dwell particularly on this part of the message. Its tone and its arguments are all in the same strain. It speaks of the certain gain of the present stockholders, of the value of the monopoly; it says that all monopolies are granted at the expense of the public; that the many millions which this bill bestows on the stockholders come out of the earnings of the people; that, if government sells monopolies, it ought to sell them in open market; that it is an erroneous idea, that the present stockholders have a prescriptive right either to the favor or the bounty of government; that the stock is in the hands of a few, and that the whole American people are excluded from competition in the purchase of the monopoly. To all this I say, again, that much of it is assumption without proof; much of it is an argument against that which nobody has maintained or asserted; and the rest of it would be equally strong against any charter, at any time. These objections existed in their full strength, whatever that was, against the first bank. They existed, in like manner, against the present bank at its creation, and will always exist against all banks. Indeed, all the fault found with the bill now before us is, that it proposes to continue the bank substantially as it now exists. "All the objectionable principles of the existing corporation," says the message, "and most of its odious features, are retained without alleviation"; so that the message is aimed against the bank, as it has existed from the first, and against any and all others



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resembling it in its general features.

Allow me, now, Sir, to take notice of an argument founded on the practical operation of the bank. That argument is this. Little of the stock of the bank is held in the West, the capital being chiefly owned by citizens of the Southern and Eastern States, and by foreigners. But the Western and Southwestern States owe the bank a heavy debt, so heavy that the interest amounts to a million six hundred thousand a year. This interest is carried to the Eastern States, or to Europe, annually, and its payment is a burden on the people of the West, and a drain of their currency, which no country can bear without inconvenience and distress. The true character and the whole value of this argument are manifest by the mere statement of it. The people of the West are, from their situation, necessarily large borrowers. They need money, capital, and they borrow it, because they can derive a benefit from its use, much beyond the interest which they pay. They borrow at six per cent of the bank, although the value of money with them is at least as high as eight. Nevertheless, although they borrow at this low rate of interest, and although they use all they borrow thus profitably, yet they cannot pay the interest without "inconvenience and distress"; and then, Sir, follows the logical conclusion, that, although they cannot pay even the interest without inconvenience and distress, yet less than four years is ample time for the bank to call in the whole, both principal and interest, without causing more than a light pressure. This is the argument.

Then follows another, which may be thus stated. It is competent to the States to tax the property of their citizens vested in the stock of this bank; but the power is denied of taxing the stock of foreigners; therefore the stock will be worth ten or fifteen per cent more to foreigners than to residents, and will of course inevitably leave the country, and make the American people debtors to aliens in nearly the whole amount due the bank, and send across the Atlantic from two to five millions of specie every year, to pay the bank dividends.

Mr. President, arguments like these might be more readily disposed of, were it not that the high and official source from which they proceed imposes the necessity of treating them with respect. In the first place, it may safely be denied that the stock of the bank is any more valuable to foreigners than to our own citizens, or an object of greater desire to them, except in so far as capital may be more abundant in the foreign country, and therefore its owners more in want of opportunity of investment. The foreign stockholder enjoys no exemption from taxation. He is, of course, taxed by his own government for his incomes, derived from this as well as other property; and this is a full answer to the whole statement. But it may be added, in the second place, that it is not the practice of civilized states to tax the property of foreigners under such circumstances. Do we tax, or did we ever tax, the foreign holders of our public debt? Does Pennsylvania, New York, or Ohio tax the foreign holders of stock in the loans contracted by either of



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these States? Certainly not. Sir, I must confess I had little expected to see, on such an occasion as the present, a labored and repeated attempt to produce an impression on the public opinion unfavorable to the bank, from the circumstance that foreigners are among its stockholders. I have no hesitation in saying, that I deem such a train of remark as the message contains on this point, coming from the President of the United States, to be injurious to the credit and character of the country abroad; because it manifests a jealousy, a lurking disposition not to respect the property, of foreigners invited hither by our own laws. And, Sir, what is its tendency but to excite this jealousy, and create groundless prejudices?

From the commencement of the government, it has been thought desirable to invite, rather than to repel, the introduction of foreign capital. Our stocks have all been open to foreign subscriptions; and the State banks, in like manner, are free to foreign ownership. Whatever State has created a debt has been willing that foreigners should become purchasers, and desirous of it. How long is it, Sir, since Congress itself passed a law vesting new powers in the President of the United States over the cities in this District, for the very purpose of increasing their credit abroad, the better to enable them to borrow money to pay their subscriptions to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal? It is easy to say that there is danger to liberty, danger to independence, in a bank open to foreign stockholders, because it is easy to say any thing. But neither reason nor experience proves any such danger. The foreign stockholder cannot be a director. He has no voice even in the choice of directors. His money is placed entirely in the management of the directors appointed by the President and Senate and by the American stockholders. So far as there is dependence or influence either way, it is to the disadvantage of the foreign stockholder. He has parted with the control over his own property, instead of exercising control over the property or over the actions of others. And, Sir, let it now be added, in further answer to this class of objections, that experience has abundantly confuted them all. This government has existed forty-three years, and has maintained, in full being and operation, a bank, such as is now proposed to be renewed, for thirty-six years out of the forty-three. We have never for a moment had a bank not subject to every one of these objections. Always, foreigners might be stockholders; always, foreign stock has been exempt from State taxation, as much as at present; always, the same power and privileges; always, all that which is now called a "monopoly," a "gratuity," a "present," have been possessed by the bank. And yet there has been found no danger to liberty, no introduction of foreign influence, and no accumulation of irresponsible power in a few hands. I cannot but hope, therefore, that the people of the United States will not now yield up their judgment to those notions which would reverse all our best experience, and persuade us to discontinue a useful institution from the influence of vague and unfounded declamation against its danger



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to the public liberties. Our liberties, indeed, must stand upon very frail foundations, if the government cannot, without endangering them, avail itself of those common facilities, in the collection of its revenues and the management of its finances, which all other governments, in commercial countries, find useful and necessary.

In order to justify its alarm for the security of our independence, the message supposes a case. It supposes that the bank should pass principally into the hands of the subjects of a foreign country, and that we should be involved in war with that country, and then it exclaims, "What would be our condition?" Why, Sir, it is plain that all the advantages would be on our side. The bank would still be our institution, subject to our own laws, and all its directors elected by ourselves; and our means would be enhanced, not by the confiscation and plunder, but by the proper use, of the foreign capital in our hands. And, Sir, it is singular enough that this very state of war, from which this argument against a bank is drawn, is the very thing which, more than all others, convinced the country and the government of the necessity of a national bank. So much was the want of such an institution felt in the late war, that the subject engaged the attention of Congress, constantly, from the declaration of that war down to the time when the existing bank was actually established; so that in this respect, as well as in others, the argument of the message is directly opposed to the whole experience of the government, and to the general and long-settled convictions of the country.

I now proceed, Sir, to a few remarks upon the President's constitutional objections to the bank; and I cannot forbear to say, in regard to them, that he appears to me to have assumed very extraordinary grounds of reasoning. He denies that the constitutionality of the bank is a settled question. If it be not, will it ever become so, or what disputed question ever can be settled? I have already observed, that for thirty-six years out of the forty-three during which the government has been in being, a bank has existed, such as is now proposed to be continued.

As early as 1791, after great deliberation, the first bank charter was passed by Congress, and approved by President Washington. It established an institution, resembling, in all things now objected to, the present bank. That bank, like this, could take lands in payment of its debts; that charter, like the present, gave the States no power of taxation; it allowed foreigners to hold stock; it restrained Congress from creating other banks. It gave also exclusive privileges, and in all particulars it was, according to the doctrine of the message, as objectionable as that now existing. That bank continued twenty years. In 1816, the present institution was established, and has been ever since in full operation. Now, Sir, the question of the power of Congress to create such institutions has been contested in every manner known to our Constitution and laws. The forms of the government furnish no new mode in which to try



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this question. It has been discussed over and over again, in Congress; it has been argued and solemnly adjudged in the Supreme Court; every President, except the present, has considered it a settled question; many of the State legislatures have instructed their Senators to vote for the bank; the tribunals of the States, in every instance, have supported its constitutionality; and, beyond all doubt and dispute, the general public opinion of the country has at all times given, and does now give, its full sanction and approbation to the exercise of this power, as being a constitutional power. There has been no opinion questioning the power expressed or intimated, at any time, by either house of Congress, by any President, or by any respectable judicial tribunal. Now, Sir, if this practice of near forty years, if these repeated exercises of the power, if this solemn adjudication of the Supreme Court, with the concurrence and approbation of public opinion, do not settle the question, how is any question ever to be settled, about which any one may choose to raise a doubt? The argument of the message upon the Congressional precedents is either a bold and gross fallacy, or else it is an assertion without proofs, and against known facts. The message admits, that, in 1791, Congress decided in favor of a bank; but it adds, that another Congress, in 1811, decided against it. Now, if it be meant that, in 1811, Congress decided against the bank on constitutional ground, then the assertion is wholly incorrect, and against notorious fact. It is perfectly well known, that many members, in both houses, voted against the bank in 1811, who had no doubt at all of the constitutional power of Congress. They were entirely governed by other reasons given at the time. I appeal, Sir, to the honorable member from Maryland, who was then a member of the Senate, and voted against the bank, whether he, and others who were on the same side, did not give those votes on other well-known grounds, and not at all on constitutional ground?

General Smith here rose, and said, that he voted against the bank in 1811, but not at all on constitutional grounds, and had no doubt such was the case with other members.³⁷⁹

We all know, Sir, the fact to be as the gentleman from Maryland has stated it. Every man who recollects, or who has read, the political occurrences of that day, knows it. Therefore, if the message intends to say, that in 1811 Congress denied the existence of any such constitutional power, the declaration is unwarranted, and altogether at variance with the facts. If, on the other hand, it only intends to say, that Congress decided against the proposition then before it on some other grounds, then it alleges that which is nothing at all to the purpose. The argument, then, either assumes for truth that which is not true, or else the whole statement is immaterial and futile.

But whatever value others may attach to this argument, the
379. Edwin P. Whipple's THE GREAT SPEECHES AND ORATIONS OF DANIEL WEBSTER WITH AN ESSAY ON DANIEL WEBSTER AS A MASTER OF ENGLISH STYLE (Boston: Little, Brown, 1879).



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message thinks so highly of it, that it proceeds to repeat it. "One Congress," it says, "in 1815, decided against a bank, another, in 1816, decided in its favor. There is nothing in precedent, therefore, which, if its authority were admitted, ought to weigh in favor of the act before me." Now, Sir, since it is known to the whole country, one cannot but wonder how it should remain unknown to the President, that Congress **did not** decide against a bank in 1815. On the contrary, that very Congress passed a bill for erecting a bank, by very large majorities. In one form, it is true, the bill failed in the House of Representatives; but the vote was reconsidered, the bill recommitted, and finally passed by a vote of one hundred and twenty to thirty-nine. There is, therefore, not only no solid ground, but not even any plausible pretence, for the assertion, that Congress in 1815 decided against the bank. That very Congress passed a bill to create a bank, and its decision, therefore, is precisely the other way, and is a direct practical precedent in favor of the constitutional power. What are we to think of a constitutional argument which deals in this way with historical facts? When the message declares, as it does declare, that there is nothing in precedent which ought to weigh in favor of the power, it sets at naught repeated acts of Congress affirming the power, and it also states other acts, which were in fact, and which are well known to have been, directly the reverse of what the message represents them. There is not, Sir, the slightest reason to think that any Senate or any House of Representatives, ever assembled under the Constitution, contained a majority that doubted the constitutional existence of the power of Congress to establish a bank. Whenever the question has arisen, and has been decided, it has always been decided one way. The legislative precedents all assert and maintain the power; and these legislative precedents have been the law of the land for almost forty years. They settle the construction of the Constitution, and sanction the exercise of the power in question, so far as these effects can ever be produced by any legislative precedents whatever.

But the President does not admit the authority of precedent. Sir, I have always found, that those who habitually deny most vehemently the general force of precedent, and assert most strongly the supremacy of private opinion, are yet, of all men, most tenacious of that very authority of precedent, whenever it happens to be in their favor. I beg leave to ask, Sir, upon what ground, except that of precedent, and precedent alone, the President's friends have placed his power of removal from office. No such power is given by the Constitution, in terms, nor anywhere intimated, throughout the whole of it; no paragraph or clause of that instrument recognizes such a power. To say the least, it is as questionable, and has been as often questioned, as the power of Congress to create a bank; and, enlightened by what has passed under our own observation, we now see that it is of all powers the most capable of flagrant abuse. Now, Sir, I ask again, What becomes of this power, if the authority of



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precedent be taken away? It has all along been denied to exist; it is nowhere found in the Constitution; and its recent exercise, or, to call things by their right names, its recent abuse, has, more than any other single cause, rendered good men either cool in their affections toward the government of their country, or doubtful of its long continuance. Yet there is **precedent** in favor of this power, and the President exercises it. We know, Sir, that, without the aid of that **precedent**, his acts could never have received the sanction of this body, even at a time when his voice was somewhat more potential here than it now is, or, as I trust, ever again will be. Does the President, then, reject the authority of all precedent except what it is suitable to his own purpose to use? And does he use, without stint or measure, all precedents which may augment his own power, or gratify his own wishes?

But if the President thinks lightly of the authority of Congress in construing the Constitution, he thinks still more lightly of the authority of the Supreme Court. He asserts a right of individual judgment on constitutional questions, which is totally inconsistent with any proper administration of the government, or any regular execution of the laws. Social disorder, entire uncertainty in regard to individual rights and individual duties, the cessation of legal authority, confusion, the dissolution of free government,—all these are the inevitable consequences of the principles adopted by the message, whenever they shall be carried to their full extent. Hitherto it has been thought that the final decision of constitutional questions belonged to the supreme judicial tribunal. The very nature of free government, it has been supposed, enjoins this; and our Constitution, moreover, has been understood so to provide, clearly and expressly. It is true, that each branch of the legislature has an undoubted right, in the exercise of its functions, to consider the constitutionality of a law proposed to be passed. This is naturally a part of its duty; and neither branch can be compelled to pass any law, or do any other act, which it deems to be beyond the reach of its constitutional power. The President has the same right, when a bill is presented for his approval; for he is, doubtless, bound to consider, in all cases, whether such bill be compatible with the Constitution, and whether he can approve it consistently with his oath of office. But when a law has been passed by Congress, and approved by the President, it is now no longer in the power, either of the same President, or his successors, to say whether the law is constitutional or not. He is not at liberty to disregard it; he is not at liberty to feel or to affect "constitutional scruples," and to sit in judgment himself on the validity of a statute of the government, and to nullify it, if he so chooses. After a law has passed through all the requisite forms; after it has received the requisite legislative sanction and the executive approval, the question of its constitutionality then becomes a judicial question, and a judicial question alone. In the courts that question may be



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raised, argued, and adjudged; it can be adjudged nowhere else. The President is as much bound by the law as any private citizen, and can no more contest its validity than any private citizen. He may refuse to obey the law, and so may a private citizen; but both do it at their own peril, and neither of them can settle the question of its validity. The President may **say** a law is unconstitutional, but he is not the judge. Who is to decide that question? The judiciary alone possesses this unquestionable and hitherto unquestioned right. The judiciary is the constitutional tribunal of appeal for the citizens, against both Congress and the executive, in regard to the constitutionality of laws. It has this jurisdiction expressly conferred upon it, and when it has decided the question, its judgment must, from the very nature of all judgments that are final, and from which there is no appeal, be conclusive. Hitherto, this opinion, and a correspondent practice, have prevailed, in America, with all wise and considerate men. If it were otherwise, there would be no government of laws; but we should all live under the government, the rule, the caprices, of individuals. If we depart from the observance of these salutary principles, the executive power becomes at once purely despotic; for the President, if the principle and the reasoning of the message be sound, may either execute or not execute the laws of the land, according to his sovereign pleasure. He may refuse to put into execution one law, pronounced valid by all branches of the government, and yet execute another, which may have been by constitutional authority pronounced void.

On the argument of the message, the President of the United States holds, under a new pretence and a new name, a **dispensing power** over the laws as absolute as was claimed by James the Second of England, a month before he was compelled to fly the kingdom. That which is now claimed by the President is in truth nothing less, and nothing else, than the old dispensing power asserted by the kings of England in the worst of times; the very climax, indeed, of all the preposterous pretensions of the Tudor and the Stuart races. According to the doctrines put forth by the President, although Congress may have passed a law, and although the Supreme Court may have pronounced it constitutional, yet it is, nevertheless, no law at all, if he, in his good pleasure, sees fit to deny it effect; in other words, to repeal and annul it. Sir, no President and no public man ever before advanced such doctrines in the face of the nation. There never before was a moment in which any President would have been tolerated in asserting such a claim to despotic power. After Congress has passed the law, and after the Supreme Court has pronounced its judgment on the very point in controversy, the President has set up his own private judgment against its constitutional interpretation. It is to be remembered, Sir, that it is the present law, it is the act of 1816, it is the present charter of the bank, which the President pronounces to be unconstitutional. It is no bank **to be created**, it is no law proposed to be passed, which he denounces; it is the **law now**



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existing, passed by Congress, approved by President Madison, and sanctioned by a solemn judgment of the Supreme Court, which he now declares unconstitutional, and which, of course, so far as it may depend on him, cannot be executed. If these opinions of the President be maintained, there is an end of all law and all judicial authority. Statutes are but recommendations, judgments no more than opinions. Both are equally destitute of binding force. Such a universal power as is now claimed for him, a power of judging over the laws and over the decisions of the judiciary, is nothing else but pure despotism. If conceded to him, it makes him at once what Louis the Fourteenth proclaimed himself to be when he said, "I am the State."

The Supreme Court has unanimously declared and adjudged that the existing bank **is** created by a constitutional law of Congress. As has been before observed, this bank, so far as the present question is concerned, is like that which was established in 1791 by Washington, and sanctioned by the great men of that day. In every form, therefore, in which the question can be raised, it has been raised and has been settled. Every process and every mode of trial known to the Constitution and laws have been exhausted, and always and without exception the decision has been in favor of the validity of the law. But all this practice, all this precedent, all this public approbation, all this solemn adjudication directly on the point, is to be disregarded and rejected, and the constitutional power flatly denied. And, Sir, if we are startled at this conclusion, our surprise will not be lessened when we examine the argument by which it is maintained. By the Constitution, Congress is authorized to pass all laws "necessary and proper" for carrying its own legislative powers into effect. Congress has deemed a bank to be "necessary and proper" for these purposes, and it has therefore established a bank. But although the law has been passed, and the bank established, and the constitutional validity of its charter solemnly adjudged, yet the President pronounces it unconstitutional, because some of the powers bestowed on the bank are, in his opinion, not necessary or proper. It would appear that powers which in 1791 and in 1816, in the time of Washington and in the time of Madison, were deemed "necessary and proper," are no longer to be so regarded, and therefore the bank is unconstitutional. It has really come to this, that the constitutionality of a bank is to depend upon the opinion which one particular man may form of the utility or necessity of some of the clauses in its charter! If that individual chooses to think that a particular power contained in the charter is not necessary to the proper constitution of the bank, then the act is unconstitutional!

Hitherto it has always been supposed that the question was of a very different nature. It has been thought that the policy of granting a particular charter may be materially dependent on the structure and organization and powers of the proposed institution. But its general constitutionality has never before been understood to turn on such points. This would be making its



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constitutionality depend on subordinate questions; on questions of expediency and questions of detail; upon that which one man may think necessary, and another may not. If the constitutional question were made to hinge on matters of this kind, how could it ever be decided? All would depend on conjecture; on the complexional feeling, on the prejudices, on the passions, of individuals; on more or less practical skill or correct judgment in regard to banking operations among those who should be the judges; on the impulse of momentary interests, party objects, or personal purposes. Put the question in this manner to a court of seven judges, to decide whether a particular bank was constitutional, and it might be doubtful whether they could come to any result, as they might well hold very various opinions on the practical utility of many clauses of the charter.

The question in that case would be, not whether the bank, in its general frame, character, and objects, was a proper instrument to carry into effect the powers of the government, but whether the particular powers, direct or incidental, conferred on a particular bank, were better calculated than all others to give success to its operations. For if not, then the charter, according to this sort of reasoning, would be unwarranted by the Constitution. This mode of construing the Constitution is certainly a novel discovery. Its merits belong entirely to the President and his advisers. According to this rule of interpretation, if the President should be of opinion, that the capital of the bank was larger, by a thousand dollars, than it ought to be; or that the time for the continuance of the charter was a year too long; or that it was unnecessary to require it, under penalty, to pay specie; or needless to provide for punishing, as forgery, the counterfeiting of its bills,—either of these reasons would be sufficient to render the charter, in his opinion, unconstitutional, invalid, and nugatory. This is a legitimate conclusion from the argument. Such a view of the subject has certainly never before been taken. This train of reasoning has hitherto not been heard within the halls of Congress, nor has any one ventured upon it before the tribunals of justice. The first exhibition, its first appearance, as an argument, is in a message of the President of the United States. According to that mode of construing the Constitution which was adopted by Congress in 1791, and approved by Washington, and which has been sanctioned by the judgment of the Supreme Court, and affirmed by the practice of nearly forty years, the question upon the constitutionality of the bank involves two inquiries. First, whether a bank, in its general character, and with regard to the general objects with which banks are usually connected, be, in itself, a fit means, a suitable instrument, to carry into effect the powers granted to the government. If it be so, then the second, and the only other question is, whether the powers given in a particular charter are appropriate for a bank. If they are powers which are appropriate for a bank, powers which Congress may fairly consider to be useful to the bank or the country, then Congress may confer these powers; because the



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discretion to be exercised in framing the constitution of the bank belongs to Congress. One man may think the granted powers not indispensable to the particular bank; another may suppose them injudicious, or injurious; a third may imagine that other powers, if granted in their stead, would be more beneficial; but all these are matters of expediency, about which men may differ; and the power of deciding upon them belongs to Congress.

I again repeat, Sir, that if, for reasons of this kind, the President sees fit to negative a bill, on the ground of its being inexpedient or impolitic, he has a right to do so. But remember, Sir, that we are now on the constitutional question; remember that the argument of the President is, that, because powers were given to the bank by the charter of 1816 which he thinks unnecessary, that charter is unconstitutional. Now, Sir, it will hardly be denied, or rather it was not denied or doubted before this message came to us, that, if there was to be a bank, the powers and duties of that bank must be prescribed in the law creating it. Nobody but Congress, it has been thought, could grant these powers and privileges, or prescribe their limitations. It is true, indeed, that the message pretty plainly intimates, that the President should have been **first** consulted, and that he should have had the framing of the bill; but we are not yet accustomed to that order of things in enacting laws, nor do I know a parallel to this claim, thus now brought forward, except that, in some peculiar cases in England, highly affecting the royal prerogative, the assent of the monarch is necessary before either the House of Peers, or his Majesty's faithful Commons, are permitted to act upon the subject, or to entertain its consideration. But supposing, Sir, that our accustomed forms and our republican principles are still to be followed, and that a law creating a bank is, like all other laws, to originate with Congress, and that the President has nothing to do with it till it is presented for his approval, then it is clear that the powers and duties of a proposed bank, and all the terms and conditions annexed to it, must, in the first place, be settled by Congress.

This power, if constitutional at all, is only constitutional in the hands of Congress. Anywhere else, its exercise would be plain usurpation. If, then, the authority to decide what powers ought to be granted to a bank belong to Congress, and Congress shall have exercised that power, it would seem little better than absurd to say, that its act, nevertheless would be unconstitutional and invalid, if, in the opinion of a third party, it had misjudged, on a question of expediency, in the arrangement of details. According to such a mode of reasoning, a mistake in the exercise of jurisdiction takes away the jurisdiction. If Congress decide right, its decision may stand; if it decide wrong, its decision is nugatory; and whether its decision be right or wrong, another is to judge, although the original power of making the decision must be allowed to be exclusively in Congress. This is the end to which the argument of the message will conduct its followers.



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Sir, in considering the authority of Congress to invest the bank with the particular powers granted to it, the inquiry is not, and cannot be, how appropriate these powers are, but whether they be at all appropriate; whether they come within the range of a just and honest discretion; whether Congress may fairly esteem them to be necessary. The question is not, Are they the fittest means, the best means? or whether the bank might not be established without them; but the question is, Are they such as Congress, *bona fide*, may have regarded as appropriate to the end? If any other rule were to be adopted, nothing could ever be settled. A law would be constitutional to-day and unconstitutional to-morrow. Its constitutionality would altogether depend upon individual opinion on a matter of mere expediency. Indeed, such a case as that is now actually before us. Mr. Madison deemed the powers given to the bank, in its present charter, proper and necessary. He held the bank, therefore, to be constitutional. But the present President, not acknowledging that the power of deciding on these points rests with Congress, nor with Congress and the then President, but setting up his own opinion as the standard, declares the law now in being unconstitutional, because the powers granted by it are, in his estimation, not necessary and proper. I pray to be informed, Sir, whether, upon similar grounds of reasoning, the President's own scheme for a bank, if Congress should do so unlikely a thing as to adopt it, would not become unconstitutional also, if it should so happen that his successor should hold his bank in as light esteem as he holds those established under the auspices of Washington and Madison?

If the reasoning of the message be well founded, it is clear that the charter of the existing bank is not a law. The bank has no legal existence; it is not responsible to government; it has no authority to act; it is incapable of being an agent; the President may treat it as a nullity to-morrow, withdraw from it all the public deposits, and set afloat all the existing national arrangements of revenue and finance. It is enough to state these monstrous consequences, to show that the doctrine, principles, and pretensions of the message are entirely inconsistent with a government of laws. If that which Congress has enacted, and the Supreme Court has sanctioned, be not the law of the land, then the reign of law has ceased, and the reign of individual opinion has already begun.

The President, in his commentary on the details of the existing bank charter, undertakes to prove that one provision, and another provision, is not necessary and proper; because, as he thinks, the same objects proposed to be accomplished by them might have been better attained in another mode; and therefore such provisions are not necessary, and so not warranted by the Constitution. Does not this show, that, according to his own mode of reasoning, his **own** scheme would not be constitutional, since another scheme, which probably most people would think a better one, might be substituted for it? Perhaps, in any bank charter, there may be no provisions which may be justly regarded



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as absolutely indispensable; since it is probable that for any of them some others might be substituted. No bank, therefore, ever could be established; because there never has been, and never could be, any charter, of which every provision should appear to be indispensable, or necessary and proper, in the judgment of every individual. To admit, therefore, that there may be a constitutional bank, and yet to contend for such a mode of judging of its provisions and details as the message adopts, involves an absurdity. Any charter which may be framed may be taken up, and each power conferred by it successively denied, on the ground, that, in regard to each, either no such power is "necessary or proper" in a bank, or, which is the same thing in effect, some other power might be substituted for it, and supply its place. That can never be necessary, in the sense in which the message understands that term, which may be dispensed with; and it cannot be said that any power may not be dispensed with, if there be some other which might be substituted for it, and which would accomplish the same end. Therefore, no bank could ever be constitutional, because none could be established which should not contain some provisions which might have been omitted, and their place supplied by others.

Mr. President, I have understood the true and well-established doctrine to be, that, after it has been decided that it is competent for Congress to establish a bank, then it follows that it may create such a bank as it judges, in its discretion, to be best, and invest it with all such power as it may deem fit and suitable; with this limitation, always, that all is to be done in the *bona fide* execution of the power to create a bank. If the granted powers are appropriate to the professed end, so that the granting of them cannot be regarded as usurpation of authority by Congress, or an evasion of constitutional restrictions, under color of establishing a bank, then the charter is constitutional, whether these powers be thought indispensable by others or not, or whether even Congress itself deemed them absolutely indispensable, or only thought them fit and suitable, or whether they are more or less appropriate to their end. It is enough that they are appropriate; it is enough that they are suited to produce the effects designed; and no comparison is to be instituted, in order to try their constitutionality, between them and others which may be suggested. A case analogous to the present is found in the constitutional power of Congress over the mail. The Constitution says no more than that "Congress shall have power to establish post-offices and post-roads"; and, in the general clause, "all powers necessary and proper" to give effect to this. In the execution of this power, Congress has protected the mail, by providing that robbery of it shall be punished with death. Is this infliction of capital punishment constitutional? Certainly it is not, unless it be both "proper and necessary." The President may not think it necessary or proper; the law, then, according to the system of reasoning enforced by the message, is of no binding force, and the President may disobey it, and



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refuse to see it executed.

The truth is, Mr. President, that if the general object, the subject-matter, properly belong to Congress, all its incidents belong to Congress also. If Congress is to establish post-offices and post-roads, it may, for that end, adopt one set of regulations or another; and either would be constitutional. So the details of one bank are as constitutional as those of another, if they are confined fairly and honestly to the purpose of organizing the institution, and rendering it useful. One **bank** is as constitutional as another **bank**. If Congress possesses the power to make a bank, it possesses the power to make it efficient, and competent to produce the good expected from it. It may clothe it with all such power and privileges, not otherwise inconsistent with the Constitution, as may be necessary, in its own judgment, to make it what government deems it should be. It may confer on it such immunities as may induce individuals to become stockholders, and to furnish the capital; and since the extent of these immunities and privileges is matter of discretion, and matter of opinion, Congress only can decide it, because Congress alone can frame or grant the charter. A charter, thus granted to individuals, becomes a contract with them, upon their compliance with its terms. The bank becomes an agent, bound to perform certain duties, and entitled to certain stipulated rights and privileges, in compensation for the proper discharge of these duties; and all these stipulations, so long as they are appropriate to the object professed, and not repugnant to any other constitutional injunction, are entirely within the competency of Congress. And yet, Sir, the message of the President toils through all the commonplace topics of monopoly, the right of taxation, the suffering of the poor, and the arrogance of the rich, with as much painful effort, as if one, or another, or all of them, had something to do with the constitutional question.

What is called the "monopoly" is made the subject of repeated rehearsal, in terms of special complaint. By this "monopoly," I suppose, is understood the restriction contained in the charter, that Congress shall not, during the twenty years, create another bank. Now, Sir, let me ask, Who would think of creating a bank, inviting stockholders into it, with large investments, imposing upon it heavy duties, as connected with the government, receiving some millions of dollars as a **bonus** or premium, and yet retaining the power of granting, the next day, another charter, which would destroy the whole value of the first? If this be an unconstitutional restraint on Congress, the Constitution must be strangely at variance with the dictates both of good sense and sound morals. Did not the first Bank of the United States contain a similar restriction? And have not the States granted bank charters with a condition, that, if the charter should be accepted, they would not grant others? States have certainly done so; and, in some instances, where no **bonus** or premium was paid at all; but from the mere desire to give effect to the charter, by inducing individuals to accept it and



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organize the institution. The President declares that this restriction is not necessary to the efficiency of the bank; but that is the very thing which Congress and his predecessor in office were called on to decide, and which they did decide, when the one passed and the other approved the act. And he has now no more authority to pronounce his judgment on that act than any other individual in society. It is not his province to decide on the constitutionality of statutes which Congress has passed, and his predecessors approved.

There is another sentiment in this part of the message, which we should hardly have expected to find in a paper which is supposed, whoever may have drawn it up, to have passed under the review of professional characters. The message declares, that this limitation to create no other bank is unconstitutional, because, although Congress may use the discretion vested in them, "they may not limit the discretion of their successors." This reason is almost too superficial to require an answer. Every one at all accustomed to the consideration of such subjects knows that every Congress can bind its successors to the same extent that it can bind itself. The power of Congress is always the same; the authority of law always the same. It is true, we speak of the Twentieth Congress and the Twenty-first Congress, but this is only to denote the period of time, or to mark the successive organizations of the House of Representatives under the successive periodical election of its members. As a politic body, as the legislative power of the government, Congress is always continuous, always identical. A particular Congress, as we speak of it, for instance, the present Congress, can no farther restrain itself from doing what it may choose to do at the next session, than it can restrain any succeeding Congress from doing what it may choose. Any Congress may repeal the act or law of its predecessor, if in its nature it be repealable, just as it may repeal its own act; and if a law or an act be irrepealable in its nature, it can no more be repealed by a subsequent Congress than by that which passed it. All this is familiar to everybody. And Congress, like every other legislature, often passes acts which, being in the nature of grants or contracts, are irrepealable ever afterwards. The message, in a strain of argument which it is difficult to treat with ordinary respect, declares that this restriction on the power of Congress, as to the establishment of other banks, is a palpable attempt to amend the Constitution by an act of legislation. The reason on which this observation purports to be founded is, that Congress, by the Constitution, is to have exclusive legislation over the District of Columbia; and when the bank charter declares that Congress will create no new bank within the District, it annuls this power of exclusive legislation! I must say, that this reasoning hardly rises high enough to entitle it to a passing notice. It would be doing it too much credit to call it plausible. No one needs to be informed that exclusive power of legislation is not unlimited power of legislation; and if it were, how can that legislative power be



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unlimited that cannot restrain itself, that cannot bind itself by contract? Whether as a government or as an individual, that being is fettered and restrained which is not capable of binding itself by ordinary obligation. Every legislature binds itself, whenever it makes a grant, enters into a contract, bestows an office, or does any other act or thing which is in its nature irrevocable. And this, instead of detracting from its legislative power, is one of the modes of exercising that power. The legislative power of Congress over the District of Columbia would not be full and complete, if it might not make just such a stipulation as the bank charter contains.

As to the taxing power of the States, about which the message says so much, the proper answer to all it says is, that the States possess no power to tax any instrument of the government of the United States. It was no part of their power before the Constitution, and they derive no such power from any of its provisions. It is nowhere given to them. Could a State tax the **coin** of the United States at the mint? Could a State lay a stamp tax on the process of the courts of the United States, and on custom-house papers? Could it tax the transportation of the mail, or the ships of war, or the ordnance, or the muniments of war, of the United States? The reason that these cannot be taxed by a State is, that they are means and instruments of the government of the United States. The establishment of a bank exempt from State taxation takes away no existing right in a State. It leaves it all it ever possessed. But the complaint is, that the bank charter does not **confer** the power of taxation. This, certainly, though not a new, (for the same argument was urged here,) appears to me to be a strange, mode of asserting and maintaining State rights. The power of taxation is a sovereign power; and the President and those who think with him are of opinion, in a given case, that this sovereign power should be conferred on the States by an act of Congress. There is, if I mistake not, Sir, as little compliment to State sovereignty in this idea, as there is of sound constitutional doctrine. Sovereign rights held under the grant of an act of Congress present a proposition quite new in constitutional law.

The President himself even admits that an instrument of the government of the United States ought not, as such, to be taxed by the States; yet he contends for such a power of taxing property connected with this instrument, and essential to its very being, as places its whole existence in the pleasure of the States. It is not enough that the States may tax all the property of all their own citizens, wherever invested or however employed. The complaint is, that the power of State taxation does not reach so far as to take cognizance over persons out of the State, and to tax them for a franchise lawfully exercised under the authority of the United States. Sir, when did the power of the States, or indeed of any government, go to such an extent as that? Clearly never. The taxing power of all communities is necessarily and justly limited to the property of its own citizens, and to the property of others, having a distinct local



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existence as property, within its jurisdiction; it does not extend to rights and franchises, rightly exercised, under the authority of other governments, nor to persons beyond its jurisdiction. As the Constitution has left the taxing power of the States, so the bank charter leaves it. Congress has not undertaken either to take away, or to confer, a taxing power; nor to enlarge, or to restrain it; if it were to do either, I hardly know which of the two would be the least excusable.

I beg leave to repeat, Mr. President, that what I have now been considering are the President's objections, not to the policy or expediency, but to the constitutionality, of the bank; and not to the constitutionality of any new or proposed bank, but of the bank as it now is, and as it has long existed. If the President had declined to approve this bill because he thought the original charter unwisely granted, and the bank, in point of policy and expediency, objectionable or mischievous, and in that view only had suggested the reasons now urged by him, his argument, however inconclusive, would have been intelligible, and not, in its whole frame and scope, inconsistent with all well-established first principles. His rejection of the bill, in that case, would have been, no doubt, an extraordinary exercise of power; but it would have been, nevertheless, the exercise of a power belonging to his office, and trusted by the Constitution to his discretion. But when he puts forth an array of arguments such as the message employs, not against the expediency of the bank, but against its constitutional existence, he confounds all distinctions, mixes questions of policy and questions of right together, and turns all constitutional restraints into mere matters of opinion. As far as its power extends, either in its direct effects or as a precedent, the message not only unsettles every thing which has been settled under the Constitution, but would show, also, that the Constitution itself is utterly incapable of any fixed construction or definite interpretation, and that there is no possibility of establishing, by its authority, any practical limitations on the powers of the respective branches of the government.

When the message denies, as it does, the authority of the Supreme Court to decide on constitutional questions, it effects, so far as the opinion of the President and his authority can effect it, a complete change in our government. It does two things: first, it converts constitutional limitations of power into mere matters of opinion, and then it strikes the judicial department, as an efficient department, out of our system. But the message by no means stops even at this point. Having denied to Congress the authority of judging what powers may be constitutionally conferred on a bank, and having erected the judgment of the President himself into a standard by which to try the constitutional character of such powers, and having denounced the authority of the Supreme Court to decide finally on constitutional questions, the message proceeds to claim for the President, not the power of approval, but the primary power, the



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power of originating laws. The President informs Congress, that **he** would have sent them such a charter, if it had been properly asked for, as they ought to confer. He very plainly intimates, that, in his opinion, the establishment of all laws, of this nature at least, belongs to the functions of the executive government; and that Congress ought to have waited for the manifestation of the executive will, before it presumed to touch the subject. Such, Mr. President, stripped of their disguises, are the real pretences set up in behalf of the executive power in this most extraordinary paper.

Mr. President, we have arrived at a new epoch. We are entering on experiments, with the government and the Constitution of the country, hitherto untried, and of fearful and appalling aspect. This message calls us to the contemplation of a future which little resembles the past. Its principles are at war with all that public opinion has sustained, and all which the experience of the government has sanctioned. It denies first principles; it contradicts truths, heretofore received as indisputable. It denies to the judiciary the interpretation of law, and claims to divide with Congress the power of originating statutes. It extends the grasp of executive pretension over every power of the government. But this is not all. It presents the chief magistrate of the Union in the attitude of arguing away the powers of that government over which he has been chosen to preside; and adopting for this purpose modes of reasoning which, even under the influence of all proper feeling towards high official station, it is difficult to regard as respectable. It appeals to every prejudice which may betray men into a mistaken view of their own interests, and to every passion which may lead them to disobey the impulses of their understanding. It urges all the specious topics of State rights and national encroachment against that which a great majority of the States have affirmed to be rightful, and in which all of them have acquiesced. It sows, in an unsparing manner, the seeds of jealousy and ill-will against that government of which its author is the official head. It raises a cry, that liberty is in danger, at the very moment when it puts forth claims to powers heretofore unknown and unheard of. It affects alarm for the public freedom, when nothing endangers that freedom so much as its own unparalleled pretences. This, even, is not all. It manifestly seeks to inflame the poor against the rich; it wantonly attacks whole classes of the people, for the purpose of turning against them the prejudices and the resentments of other classes. It is a state paper which finds no topic too exciting for its use, no passion too inflammable for its address and its solicitation.

Such is this message. It remains now for the people of the United States to choose between the principles here avowed and their government. These cannot subsist together. The one or the other must be rejected. If the sentiments of the message shall receive general approbation, the Constitution will have perished even earlier than the moment which its enemies originally allowed for



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the termination of its existence. It will not have survived to its fiftieth year.



July 14, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14th of 7 M 1832 / The sub-committee met this Afternoon & found the [School](#) reduced to about 16 of a side & not finding much to do, did not set long, & adjourned to next 7th day. - This afternoon recd a very good letter from Sister Ruth - & Also one from our dear son John.- it appears he has lately been to Albany & witnessed the progress of several cases of Cholera, & the examination of one after death, - I feel sorry he should expose himself to the infection unnecessarily. - but I must leave it, he is in the hands of Him who governs all things & will do right

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July 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7 M / Our Meeting was smaller than I ever saw it in this House - it was a time of much solemnity in the Morning Anna A Jenkins attended & was engaged in a very solemn testimony & also in Supplication. - it was a time not soon to be forgotten by most that were present. - Thos Howland was also at Meeting - In the Afternoon we were silent but solid & rather solemn - Abraham Tucker was at Meeting with us. - Our collection in the [school](#) was also a time of seriousness.-

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July 23, Monday: A flow of lava came out of [Mount Vesuvius](#) toward Ottaviano ed Eremo.

MOUNT VESUVIUS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23 of 7 M 1832 / No other person appearing to be a leisure to accompany Joseph Bowne on his proposed visit to the Meetings to the South in this Qrty Meeting I set out with him this Morning & attended Meeting at Cranston & then rode to Asa Sissons to dinner & attended another appointed Meeting in the Afternoon at [Greenwich](#) & lodged at Daniel Howlands. -

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→ July 24, Tuesday: [George Bradford Bartlett](#) was born, the 6th child of [Dr. Josiah Bartlett](#) and [Martha Tilden Bradford Bartlett](#) of [Concord](#) (per other accounts, he was born on July 19th of this year, or July 7th of the following one).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day attended an appointed Meeting at Wickford & dined at Avis & Ann Smiths then rode to So Kingston & lodged at James Robinsons &c. - 4th day had an appointed Meeting at Tower Hill Meeting -Dined at John B Dockrays & took tea at Wm Robinsons & returned to J B Dockrays to lodge

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→ July 25, Wednesday: The initial deaths due to the [Asiatic cholera](#) in [Newport, Rhode Island](#).

→ July 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day had an appointed Meeting at Western Meeting House - on our way to it stoped at the house of our friend Amy Knowles & at Christo[pher] Brownells, at this House he told us Geo Fox had a Meeting before the Meeting House was built - after the Meeting we dined at Hezekiah Babcocks & then went on to Kingston (formerly Little Rest) & attended an appointed Meeting at that place held in the Presbyterian Meeting House & lodged at John T Nichols's

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→ July 28, Saturday: A correspondent to [The New-York Mirror: A Weekly Journal, Devoted to Literature and the Fine Arts](#) had recently toured the general burying-ground situated upon a pretty slope with a view of the harbor at the upper end of the town of [Newport, Rhode Island](#). He of course reported on the granite obelisk that had been there erected to the memory of Commodore [Oliver Hazard Perry](#), who had died of the yellow fever at sea in 1819 — a monument which had not as yet been inscribed with his name and would not for many decades sport the present bronze statue:

It is, as yet, unfinished at the base. His remains were reinterred last fall, between those of his child and his father and mother. There is nothing to mark the spot where the commodore and his child lie, but two small mounds of earth, already overgrown with briars. It is intended, I understand, to disinter and bury him near his monument. There are two plain marble slabs over the spot where the commodore's father and mother are buried. The inscriptions are simply that Christopher Perry, a captain in the United States navy, died June first, 1818, aged fifty-nine years; that Sarah Perry, died December fourth, 1830, aged sixty-two years. At this place I could not avoid reflecting that there, mouldered into dust, lies the gallant hero of Erie. I imagined him on his favorite element, in the pride and glory of his youth, hurling death and defiance at a foe claiming to be mistress of the ocean; I saw him leaving a ship, that had



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done more then [sic] her duty, in an open boat, amidst showers of shot, waving his banner proudly in the air. In my mind's eye I beheld him trying his fortunes anew in another ship, manoeuvring [sic] the enemy according to his own tactics, breaking his line, and from starboard and larboard dealing out his slaughtering messengers to a gallant but inveterate foe, until the lion crouched beneath the pinions of the eagle, and owned his supremacy; but these things have ceased to be – the grasshopper and cricket alone chant his requiem, amid the solitude of this rural and interesting abode of the dead; but let him rest, "Au plaisir fort de Dieu."

Then his attention had been attracted, he reported, by a tombstone near the centre of the enclosure, and with difficulty he had deciphered the following:

Here lyeth the body of John Cranston, Esq. Governor of the colony of Rhode Island, &c. He departed this life March twelfth 1683, in the fifty-fifth year of his age.³⁸⁰

Beside this inscription, on the same stone, he deciphered the following (with blanks left for words quite obliterated by time):

Here lyeth the body of Samuel Cranston, Esq. Late governor of this colony, aged sixty-eight years, and departed this life March the twenty-sixth, A. D. 1727. He was son to John Cranston, Esq. who also was governor here in 1680. He is descended from the noble Scottish Lord Cranston, and carried in his veins the stream of the ancient blood of Crawford, Bothwell, and _____; having had for his grandfather clerk chaplain of king Charles the first; his great grandfather was John Cranston, of _____; this last was son to James Cranston, Esq. Which James was son to William Lord Cranston.³⁸¹

"_____ happy now brave Briton without end,
Thy country's father and thy country's friend."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) recorded in his journal:

380. By another account, considerably more accurate, this inscription reads instead as follows:

Here lyeth interred the body of Major John Cranston esq. Governor who deceased this life the 12 day of March in the 55th year of his age, 1680.

381. By another account, somewhat more accurate, this inscription reads instead as follows:

Here lies the body of Samuel Cranston, Esq., late Governour of this colony; aged 68 years; and departed this life April ye 26, A.D. 1727. He was the son of John Cranston, Esq., who was also Governour here, 1680. He was decended from the noble Scottish Lord Cranston, and carried in his veins a stream of the ancient Earls of Crawford, Bothwell, and Traquairs. Having had for his grandfather James Cranston, clerk, Chaplain to King Charles the First. His great-grandfather was John Cranston, of Bool, Esq. This last was son to James Cranston, Esq., which James was son to William Lord Cranston.



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6th day [Friday] had a Meeting at Richmon [Richmond] at this Meeting three women attended having their infants in their Arms & the one of them was restless & cryed, it was seemingly no disturbance - We rode aftermeeting [sic] about ten Miles to Jabez Collins's & dined & from thence to Abel Collins's in Stonington & on 7 day [Saturday] we had a Meeting in the New Meeting House which friends have just built in Hopkinton. - & dined at Ethan Fosters - then rode to Coventry & lodged at Perez Pecks. -

On first day [Sunday] I attended Meeting there with Joseph & after dinner left him & returned to the Institution & Joseph went on attended by Perez to Warwick to attend a Meeting appointed there at 5 OClock. -

All the Meetings have been seasons of great favour the people being very attentive & Joseph remarked that he had rarely attended a course of Meetings where there appeared to be greater seriousness & more tenderness of spirit

I may here acknowledge that I have never before been out on so extensive a journey of the kind - & am well paid for it

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August 1, Wednesday: People began to die of the [Asiatic cholera](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

In 1828 it had been enacted that murderers were to be executed in England the day next but one after their sentencing, and their bodies dissected or hung in chains. At this point the dissection clause was rescinded (in 1834 the hanging-in-chains clause would also be rescinded).

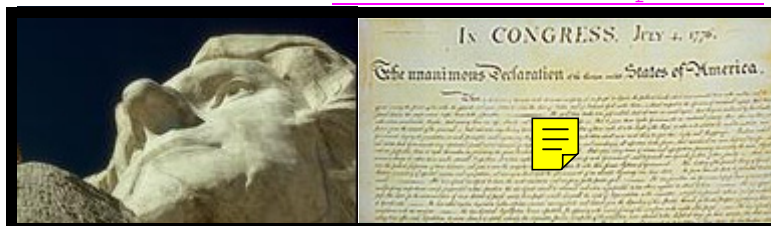
In England it was decided that the distillation of spirits from mangold wurzel was to be permitted.

The "British Band" of Fox and Sac under the general leadership of headman Black Hawk arrived at the junction of the Bad Axe River and the Mississippi, and disagreement broke out. Black Hawk was trying to lead his people north to find refuge among the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago), but most of this band chose instead to attempt a crossing of the Mississippi. During the crossing the steamship *Warrior* opened fire on the band, killing 23.



"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

- [Declaration of Independence](#)






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 August 8, Wednesday: A flow of lava came out of [Mount Vesuvius](#) toward the West.

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The Greek National Assembly voted Prince Otto of Bavaria as King of Greece.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


4th day 8 M 1 1832 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) this Mornng & attended the Select Quarterly Meeting - We went to Uncle Stantons Dined & lodged - 5th day attended the Meeting at large & then returned to [Providence](#). - In our Absence several cases of Cholera appeared in the town near the Steam Factory on the West side of the River - this appeared Serious & Alarming. -

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 August 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 8th M 1832 / Our family Meetings have been poor & low seasons this week - At our collection in the boys School room this evening my mind was favourd with more of a Solemn covering than I have experienced in some time for which I desire to be thankful

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 August 14, Tuesday: Melchor Eca y Muzquiz replaced Anastasio Bustamante y Osegera as acting President of Mexico.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 8 M 1832 / Thomas Howland came last evening, staid all night, & this Morning set out in the Stage for Lynn to attend The Quarterly Meeting to be held there this Week. -

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 August 19, Sunday: Unable to resolve the Falklands dispute, US charge d'affaires Robert Baylies departed Buenos Aires for home.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 8th M 1832 / Last eveng Thos Howland returned from Lynn & passed the day with us & attended our Meetings, & the Collection of the family in the eveng - at the close of which he encouraged us to continue in the practice of reading the Scripture &c. -

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 August 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 22 of 8 M / Our family Meeting was Silent & Small, but solid & quiet -

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August 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 8 M / We attended Meeting in Town, it being preparative Meeting. - Hannah Robinson appeared in a sound & lively testimony which did me some good - Towards the close Wm Almy & [Moses Brown](#) had short offerings, but neither of the reached my feelings & State as Hannah did. -

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August 26, Sunday: Messe in D-Dur for soloists, chorus and orchestra by Otto Nicolai was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 8 M / Silent Meetings at the Institution In the eveng our beloved friend [Moses Brown](#) came & set a while with us & Attended our evening Collection & after the Scripture was read he felt engaged to make divers pertinent remarks -

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September 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 9th M 1832 / Silent Meeting & seasons of some solemnity. -

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September 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 9th M / Today was the Meeting of the Sub committee & also the adjournment of the General Committee. - It really seemed pleasant, to have a company of Friends round us again & it was till within a few days the expectation that the School would be reopened again at this time but on the First of the M the Cholera appeared again in [Providence](#), & when the committee got together again, it was their unanimous sentiment that the time had not come, to call the children together as there was no knowing to what extent it might rage. - We had the company of Thos Howland Thos Anthony & Wm reynolds last night & Thos Howland will stay tonight

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 September 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 9 M / We had the Company of Thos Howland at Meeting which was silent & pretty solid. –

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 September 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 9th M 1832 / Tho' I was not very well Yesterday nor today, yet Feeling an inclination I walked into Town & sat Meeting with them there & it was a pretty good silent opportunity but Meeting of late have not been to me as I could desire – leanness & barrenness has fallen much to my lot. – This evening we recd a very satisfactory letter from our Moses A Cortland, who has gone home on a visit to his friends –

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September 9, Sunday: "It is my desire ... to do nothing which I cannot do with my whole heart." What [Waldo Emerson](#) was after, in resigning from his pulpit over reluctance to administer the sacraments, as he made clear in his journal,³⁸² was nothing more or less than **power**.



If he never spoke or acted but with the full consent of his understanding, if the whole man acted always, **how powerful** would be every act & every deed. Well then or ill then **how much power he sacrifices** by conforming himself to say & do in other folks' time instead of his own! ... & this accommodation is, I say, a loss of so much integrity & of course **so much power**.



"Emersonians are all alike; every Thoreauvian is Thoreauvian in his or her own way."
– Austin Meredith





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I am the one, of course, who has supplied this boldface emphasis on the word “power,” not Emerson. Of course the reason why this obsession with unitary power would bother someone now but did not bother Emerson then is, we’ve had an opportunity as Emerson had not, to hear Nazi talk about doing things with their “whole heart,” Nazi talk about the “whole man” and his powerful integrity of purpose and function and being. Some Emersonians may take offense at my remarks here, but I will defend myself by pointing out that I am painting their Emerson in famous company for these remarks that I have made about the Sage of Concord hold with equal force for the Rector of Freiberg. It has been pointed out by Mary C. Turpie as long ago as 1944³⁸³ that Emerson could not have been very serious about the various arguments he gave his congregation for why he needed to leave them, for he cribbed these reasons mostly from [Friend Thomas Clarkson](#)’s A PORTRAITURE OF [QUAKERISM](#)



(see the article review on the next screen)

some time after he became disaffected and shortly before resigning. Note also that Emerson did not resign from the ministry, but only from his contractual obligation to minister to a particular congregation for a salary, and that he did not do this until he expected to be relieved for the rest of his life from financial need, and that he did this almost immediately after forming this expectation, and that he promptly went off as a tourist to the Continent.

383. “A [Quaker](#) Source for Emerson’s Sermon on The Lord’s Supper,” [New England Quarterly](#) 17.



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Turpie, Mary C. "A [Quaker](#) Source for Emerson's Sermon on the Lord Supper."
[New England Quarterly](#) 17:1 (March 1944): 95-101:

"A Review From Professor Ross's Seminar"

Richard Grusin cites this essay as an important one regarding Emerson's source for his June 1832 proposal for the modification of the communion rite. According to Turpie, this piece of writing is the only one in which Emerson uses exegesis and the last time that he acknowledged "orthodox custom" to such an extent. He borrowed Volumes 1 and 2 of [Thomas Clarkson](#)'s PORTRAITURE OF [QUAKERISM](#) from the local lyceum before journeying to the White Mountains and he gave his sermon soon after his return. His sermon on the Lord Supper is, in effect, a rewriting of Clarkson's version.

Turpie notes that Emerson's motive for making the sermon goes beyond a kinship he evidently felt for the Quaker text. However, her concern is with his source rather than his reasons for using it. During the course of her article, she includes segments from both works side-by-side and they are surprisingly close in their development. Emerson's beginning helps to prove Turpie's theory:

That he was led to this conclusion by the Quakers is suggested by the close of his introductory paragraph: "It is now near two hundred years since the Society of Quakers denied the authority of the rite altogether, and gave good reasons for disusing it." But neither the extent to which he employs Quaker reasons nor the existence of his debt to the particular account of them has been recognized. (950)

Turpie emphasizes that Emerson's sermon is superior to his source because he edited it to get rid of unimportant details and repetitious passages.

(Kathryn C. Mapes, March 8, 1992)



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THE LORD'S SUPPER

**The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but
righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
— ROMANS XIV. 17.**

In the history of the Church no subject has been more fruitful of controversy than the Lord's Supper. There never has been any unanimity in the understanding of its nature, nor any uniformity in the mode of celebrating it. Without considering the frivolous questions which have been lately debated as to the posture in which men should partake of it; whether mixed or unmixed wine should be served; whether leavened or unleavened bread should be broken; the questions have been settled differently in every church, who should be admitted to the feast, and how often it should be prepared. In the Catholic Church, infants were at one time permitted and then forbidden to partake; and, since the ninth century, the laity receive the bread only, the cup being reserved to the priesthood. So, as to the time of the solemnity. In the fourth Lateran Council, it was decreed that any believer should communicate at least once in a year – at Easter. Afterwards it was determined that this Sacrament should be received three times in the year – at Easter, Whitsuntide, and [Christmas](#). But more important controversies have arisen respecting its nature. The famous question of the Real Presence was the main controversy between the Church of England and the Church of Rome. The doctrine of the Consubstantiation taught by Luther was denied by Calvin. In the Church of England, Archbishops Laud and Wake maintained that the elements were an Eucharist or sacrifice of Thanksgiving to God; Cudworth and Warburton, that this was not a sacrifice, but a sacrificial feast; and Bishop Hoadley, that it was neither a sacrifice nor a feast after sacrifice, but a simple commemoration. And finally, it is now near two hundred years since the Society of Quakers denied the authority of the rite altogether, and gave good reasons for disusing it.

I allude to these facts only to show that, so far from the supper being a tradition in which men are fully agreed, there always been the widest room for difference of opinion upon this particular.

Having recently given particular attention to this subject, I was led to the conclusion that Jesus did not intend to establish an institution for perpetual observance when he ate the Passover with his disciples; and, further, to the opinion, that it is not expedient to celebrate it as we do. I shall now endeavor to state distinctly my reasons for these two opinions.

I. The authority of the rite.

An account of the last supper of Christ with his disciples is



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given by the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In St. Matthew's Gospel (Matt. XXVI. 26-30) are recorded the words of Jesus in giving bread and wine on that occasion to his disciples, but no expression occurs intimating that this feast was hereafter to be commemorated.

In St. Mark (Mark XIV. 23) the same words are recorded, and still with no intimation that the occasion was to be remembered.

St. Luke (Luke XXII. 15), after relating the breaking of the bread, has these words: This do in remembrance of me.

In St. John, although other occurrences of the same evening are related, this whole transaction is passed over without notice.

Now observe the facts. Two of the Evangelists, namely, Matthew and John, were of the twelve disciples, and were present on that occasion. Neither of them drops the slightest intimation of any intention on the part of Jesus to set up anything permanent. John, especially, the beloved disciple, who has recorded with minuteness the conversation and the transactions of that memorable evening, has quite omitted such a notice. Neither does it appear to have come to the knowledge of Mark who, though not an eye-witness, relates the other facts. This material fact, that the occasion was to be remembered, is found in Luke alone, who was not present. There is no reason, however, that we know, for rejecting the account of Luke. I doubt not, the expression was used by Jesus. I shall presently consider its meaning. I have only brought these accounts together, that you may judge whether it is likely that a solemn institution, to be continued to the end of time by all mankind, as they should come, nation after nation, within the influence of the Christian religion, would have been established in this slight manner – in a manner so slight, that the intention of commemorating it should not appear, from their narrative, to have caught the ear or dwelt in the mind of the only two among the twelve who wrote down what happened.

Still we must suppose that the expression, "*This do in remembrance of me,*" had come to the ear of Luke from some disciple who was present. What did it really signify? It is a prophetic and an affectionate expression. Jesus is a Jew, sitting with his countrymen, celebrating their national feast. He thinks of his own impending death, and wishes the minds of his disciples to be prepared for it. "When hereafter," he says to them, "you shall keep the Passover, it will have an altered aspect to your eyes. It is now a historical covenant of God with the Jewish nation. Hereafter, it will remind you of a new covenant sealed with my blood. In years to come, as long as your people shall come up to Jerusalem to keep this feast, the connection which has subsisted between us will give a new meaning in your eyes to the national festival, as the anniversary of my death." I see natural feeling and beauty in the use of such language from Jesus, a friend to his friends; I can readily imagine that he was willing and desirous, when his disciples met, his memory should hallow their intercourse; but I cannot bring myself to believe that in the use of such an



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expression he looked beyond the living generation, beyond the abolition of the festival he was celebrating, and the scattering of the nation, and meant to impose a memorial feast upon the whole world.

Without presuming to fix precisely the purpose in the mind of Jesus, you will see that many opinions may be entertained of his intention, all consistent with the opinion that he did not design a perpetual ordinance. He may have foreseen that his disciples would meet to remember him, and that with good effect. It may have crossed his mind that this would be easily continued a hundred or a thousand years – as men more easily transmit a form than a virtue – and yet have been altogether out of his purpose to fasten it upon men in all times and all countries. But though the words, *Do this in remembrance of me*, do occur in Matthew, Mark, or John, and although it should be granted us that, taken alone, they do not necessarily import so much as is usually thought, yet many persons are apt to imagine that the very striking and personal manner in which this eating and drinking is described, indicates a striking and formal purpose to found a festival. And I admit that this impression might probably be left upon the mind of one who read only the passages under consideration in the New Testament. But this impression is removed by reading any narrative of the mode in which the ancient or the modern Jews have kept the Passover. It is then perceived that the leading circumstances in the Gospels are only a faithful account of that ceremony. Jesus did not celebrate the Passover, and afterwards the Supper, but the Supper was the Passover. He did with his disciples exactly what every master of a family in Jerusalem was doing at the same hour with his household. It appears that the Jews ate the lamb and the unleavened bread, and drank wine after a prescribed manner. It was the custom for the master of the feast to break the bread and to bless it, using this formula, which the Talmudists have preserved to us, "Blessed be Thou, O Lord our God, the King of the world, who hast produced this food from the earth," – and to give it to every one at the table. It was the custom of the master of the family to take the cup which contained the wine, and to bless it, saying, "Blessed be Thou, O Lord, who givest us the fruit of the vine," – and then to give the cup to all. Among the modern Jews who in their dispersion retain the Passover, a hymn is also sung after this ceremony, specifying the twelve great works done by God for the deliverance of their fathers out of Egypt.

But still it may be asked, why did Jesus make expressions so extraordinary and emphatic as these – "This is my body which is broken for you. Take; eat. This is my blood which is shed for you. Drink it." – I reply they are not extraordinary expressions from him. They were familiar in his mouth. He always taught by parables and symbols. It was the national way of teaching and was largely used by him. Remember the readiness which he always showed to spiritualize every occurrence. He stooped and wrote on the sand. He admonished his disciples respecting the leaven



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of the Pharisees. He instructed the woman of Samaria respecting living water. He permitted himself to be anointed, declaring that it was for his interment. He washed the feet of his disciples. These are admitted to be symbolical actions and expressions. Here, in like manner, he calls the bread his body, and bids the disciples eat. He had used the same expression repeatedly before. The reason why St. John does not repeat his words on this occasion, seems to be that he had reported a similar discourse of Jesus to the people of Capernaum more at length already (John VI. 27). He there tells the Jews, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." And when the Jews on that occasion complained that they did not comprehend what he meant, he added for their better understanding, and as if for our understanding, that we might not think his body was to be actually eaten, that he only meant, *we should live by his commandment*. He closed his discourse with these explanatory expressions: "The flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life."

Whilst I am upon this topic, I cannot help remarking that it is not a little singular that we should have preserved this rite and insisted upon perpetuating one symbolical act of Christ whilst we have totally neglected all others – particularly one other which had at least an equal claim to our observance. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and told them that, as he had washed their feet, they ought to wash one another's feet; for he had given them an example, that they should do as he had done to them. I ask any person who believes the Supper to have been designed by Jesus to be commemorated forever, to go and read the account of it in the other Gospels, and then compare with it the account of this transaction in St. John, and tell me if this be not much more explicitly authorized than the Supper. It only differs in this, that we have found the Supper used in New England and the washing of the feet not. But if we had found it an established rite in our churches, on grounds of mere authority, it would have been impossible to have argued against it. That rite is used by the Church of Rome, and by the Sandemanians. It has been very properly dropped by other Christians. Why? For two reasons: (1) because it was a local custom, and unsuitable in western countries; and (2) because it was typical, and all understand that humility is the thing signified. But the Passover was local too, and does not concern us, and its bread and wine were typical, and do not help us to understand the redemption which they signified.

These views of the original account of the Lord's Supper lead me to esteem it an occasion full of solemn and prophetic interest, but never intended by Jesus to be the foundation of a perpetual institution.

It appears however in Christian history that the disciples had very early taken advantage of these impressive words of Christ to hold religious meetings, where they broke bread and drank wine as symbols.



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I look upon this fact as very natural in the circumstances of the church. The disciples lived together; they threw all their property into a common stock; they were bound together by the memory of Christ, and nothing could be more natural than that this eventful evening should be affectionately remembered by them; that they, Jews like Jesus, should adopt his expressions and his types, and furthermore, that what was done with peculiar propriety by them, his personal friends, with less propriety should come to be extended to their companions also. In this way religious feasts grew up among the early Christians. They were readily adopted by the Jewish converts who were familiar with religious feasts, and also by the Pagan converts whose idolatrous worship had been made up of sacred festivals, and who very readily abused these to gross riot, as appears from the censures of St. Paul. Many persons consider this fact, the observance of such a memorial feast by the early disciples, decisive of the question whether it ought to be observed by us. For my part I see nothing to wonder at in its originating with them; all that is surprising is that it should exist among us. There was good reason for his personal friends to remember their friend and repeat his words. It was only too probable that among the half converted Pagans and Jews, any rite, any form, would find favor, whilst yet unable to comprehend the spiritual character of Christianity.

The circumstance, however, that St. Paul adopts these views, has seemed to many persons conclusive in favor of the institution. I am of opinion that it is wholly upon the epistle to the Corinthians, and not upon the Gospels, that the ordinance stands. Upon this matter of St. Paul's view of the Supper, a few important considerations must be stated.

The end which he has in view, in the eleventh chapter of the first epistle is, not to enjoin upon his friends to observe the Supper, but to censure their abuse of it. *We* quote the passage now-a-days as if it enjoined attendance upon the Supper; but he wrote it merely to chide them for drunkenness. To make their enormity plainer he goes back to the origin of this religious feast to show what sort of feast that was, out of which this riot of theirs came, and so relates the transactions of the Last Supper. "*I have received of the Lord,*" he says, "*that which I delivered to you.*"

By this expression it is often thought that a miraculous communication is implied; but certainly without good reason, if it is remembered that St. Paul was living in the lifetime of all the apostles who could give him an account of the transaction; and it is contrary to all reason to suppose that God should work a miracle to convey information that could so easily be got by natural means. So that the import of the expression is that he had received the story of an eye-witness such as we also possess. But there is a material circumstance which diminishes our confidence in the correctness of the Apostle's view; and that is, the observation that his mind had not escaped the prevalent error of the primitive church, the belief, namely, that the



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second coming of Christ would shortly occur, until which time, he tells them, this feast was to be kept. Elsewhere he tells them, that, at that time the world would be burnt up with fire, and a new government established, in which the Saints would sit on thrones; so slow were the disciples during the life, and after the ascension of Christ, to receive the idea which we receive, that his second coming was a spiritual kingdom, the dominion of his religion in the hearts of men, to be extended gradually over the whole world.

In this manner we may see clearly enough how this ancient ordinance got its footing among the early Christians, and this single expectation of a speedy reappearance of a temporal Messiah, which kept its influence even over so spiritual a man as St. Paul, would naturally tend to preserve the use of the rite when once established.

We arrive then at this conclusion, *first*, that it does not appear, from a careful examination of the account of the Last Supper in the Evangelists, that it was designed by Jesus to be perpetual; *secondly*, that it does not appear that the opinion of St. Paul, all things considered, ought to alter our opinion derived from the evangelists.

One general remark before quitting this branch of the subject. We ought to be cautious in taking even the best ascertained opinions and practices of the primitive church, for our own. If it could be satisfactorily shown that they esteemed it authorized and to be transmitted forever, that does not settle the question for us. We know how inveterately they were attached to their Jewish prejudices, and how often even the influence of Christ failed to enlarge their views. On every other subject succeeding times have learned to form a judgment more in accordance with the spirit of Christianity than was the practice of the early ages.

But it is said: "Admit that the rite was not designed to be perpetual. What harm doth it? Here it stands, generally accepted, under some form, by the Christian world, the undoubted occasion of much good; is it not better it should remain?"

II. This is the question of expediency.

I proceed to state a few objections that in my judgment lie against its use in its present form.

1. If the view which I have taken of the history of the institution be correct, then the claim of authority should be dropped in administering it. You say, every time you celebrate the rite, that Jesus enjoined it; and the whole language you use conveys that impression. But if you read the New Testament as I do, you do not believe he did.

2. It has seemed to me that the use of this ordinance tends to produce confusion in our views of the relation of the soul to God. It is the old objection to the doctrine of the Trinity, — that the true worship was transferred from God to Christ, or that such confusion was introduced into the soul, that an undivided worship was given nowhere. Is not that the effect of the Lord's Supper? I appeal now to the convictions of



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communicants – and ask such persons whether they have not been occasionally conscious of a painful confusion of thought between the worship due to God and the commemoration due to Christ. For, the service does not stand upon the basis of a voluntary act, but is imposed by authority. It is an expression of gratitude to Christ, enjoined by Christ. There is an endeavor to keep Jesus in mind, whilst yet the prayers are addressed to God. I fear it is the effect of this ordinance to clothe Jesus with an authority which he never claimed and which distracts the mind of the worshipper. I know our opinions differ much respecting the nature and offices of Christ, and the degree of veneration to which he is entitled. I am so much a Unitarian as this: that I believe the human mind cannot admit but one God, and that every effort to pay religious homage to more than one being, goes to take away all right ideas. I appeal, brethren, to your individual experience. In the moment when you make the least petition to God, though it be but a silent wish that he may approve you, or add one moment to your life, – do you not, in the very act, necessarily exclude all other beings from your thought? In that act, the soul stands alone with God, and Jesus is no more present to the mind than your brother or your child. But is not Jesus called in Scripture the Mediator? He is the mediator in that only sense in which possibly any being can mediate between God and man – that is an Instructor of man. He teaches us how to become like God. And a true disciple of Jesus will receive the light he gives most thankfully; but the thanks he offers, and which an exalted being will accept, are not *compliments* – commemorations, – but the use of that instruction.

3. Passing other objections, I come to this, that the *use of the elements*, however suitable to the people and the modes of thought in the East, where it originated, is foreign and unsuited to affect us. Whatever long usage and strong association may have done in some individuals to deaden this repulsion, I apprehend that their use is rather tolerated than loved by any of us. We are not accustomed to express our thoughts or emotions by symbolical actions. Most men find the bread and wine no aid to devotion and to some, it is a painful impediment. To eat bread is one thing; to love the precepts of Christ and resolve to obey them is quite another.

The statement of this objection leads me to say that I think this difficulty, wherever it is felt, to be entitled to the greatest weight. It is alone a sufficient objection to the ordinance. It is my own objection. This mode of commemorating Christ is not suitable to me. That is reason enough why I should abandon it. If I believed that it was enjoined by Jesus on his disciples, and that he even contemplated making permanent this mode of commemoration, every way agreeable to an eastern mind, and yet, on trial, it was disagreeable to my own feelings, I should not adopt it. I should choose other ways which, as more effectual upon me, he would approve more. For I choose that my remembrances of him should be pleasing, affecting, religious. I will love him as a glorified friend, after the free way of



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friendship, and not pay him a stiff sign of respect, as men do to those whom they fear. A passage read from his discourses, a moving provocation to works like his, any act or meeting which tends to awaken a pure thought, a flow of love, an original design of virtue, I call a worthy, a true commemoration.

4. Fourthly, the importance ascribed to this particular ordinance is not consistent with the spirit of Christianity. The general object and effect of this ordinance is unexceptionable. It has been, and is, I doubt not, the occasion of indefinite good; but an importance is given by Christians to it which never can belong to any form. My friends, the apostle well assures us that "the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy, in the Holy Ghost." I am not so foolish as to declaim against forms. Forms are as essential as bodies; but to exalt particular forms, to adhere to one form a moment after it is out-grown, is unreasonable, and it is alien to the spirit of Christ. If I understand the distinction of Christianity, the reason why it is to be preferred over all other systems and is divine is this, that it is a moral system; that it presents men with truths which are their own reason, and enjoins practices that are their own justification; that if miracles may be said to have been its evidence to the first Christians, they are not its evidence to us, but the doctrines themselves; that every practice is Christian which praises itself, and every practice unchristian which condemns itself. I am not engaged to Christianity by decent forms, or saving ordinances; it is not usage, it is not what I do not understand, that binds me to it – let these be the sandy foundations of falsehoods. What I revere and obey in it is its reality, its boundless charity, its deep interior life, the rest it gives to my mind, the echo it returns to my thoughts, the perfect accord it makes with my reason through all its representation of God and His Providence; and the persuasion and courage that come out thence to lead me upward and onward. Freedom is the essence of this faith. It has for its object simply to make men good and wise. Its institutions, then, should be as flexible as the wants of men. That form out of which the life and suitableness have departed, should be as worthless in its eyes as the dead leaves that are falling around us.

And therefore, although for the satisfaction of others, I have labored to show by the history that this rite was not intended to be perpetual; although I have gone back to weigh the expressions of Paul, I feel that here is the true point of view. In the midst of considerations as to what Paul thought, and why he so thought, I cannot help feeling that it is time misspent to argue to or from his convictions, or those of Luke and John, respecting any form. I seem to lose the substance in seeking the shadow. That for which Paul lived and died so gloriously; that for which Jesus gave himself to be crucified; the end that animated the thousand martyrs and heroes who have followed his steps, was to redeem us from a formal religion, and teach us to seek our well-being in the formation of the soul. The whole world was full of idols and ordinances. The Jewish was a religion of



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forms. The Pagan was a religion of forms; it was all body – it had no life – and the Almighty God was pleased to qualify and send forth a man to teach men that they must serve him with the heart; that only that life was religious which was thoroughly good; that sacrifice was smoke, and forms were shadows. This man lived and died true to this purpose; and now, with his blessed word and life before us, Christians must contend that it is a matter of vital importance – really a duty, to commemorate him by a certain form, whether that form be agreeable to their understandings or not.

Is not this to make vain the gift of God? Is not this to turn back the hand on the dial? Is not this to make men – to make ourselves – forget that not forms, but duties; not names, but righteousness and love are enjoined; and that in the eye of God there is no other measure of the value of any one form than the measure of its use?

There remain some practical objections to the ordinance into which I shall not now enter. There is one on which I had intended to say a few words; I mean the unfavorable relation in which it places that numerous class of persons who abstain from it merely from disinclination to the rite.

Influenced by these considerations, I have proposed to the brethren of the Church to drop the use of the elements and the claim of authority in the administration of this ordinance, and have suggested a mode in which a meeting for the same purpose might be held free of objection.

My brethren have considered my views with patience and candor, and have recommended unanimously an adherence to the present form. I have, therefore, been compelled to consider whether it becomes me to administer it. I am clearly of opinion I ought not. This discourse has already been so far extended, that I can only say that the reason of my determination is shortly this: – It is my desire, in the office of a Christian minister, to do nothing which I cannot do with my whole heart. Having said this, I have said all. I have no hostility to this institution; I am only stating my want of sympathy with it. Neither should I ever have obtruded this opinion upon other people, had I not been called by my office to administer it. That is the end of my opposition, that I am not interested in it. I am content that it stand to the end of the world, if it please men and please heaven, and I shall rejoice in all the good it produces.

As it is the prevailing opinion and feeling in our religious community, that it is an indispensable part of the pastoral office to administer this ordinance, I am about to resign into your hands that office which you have confided to me. It has many duties for which I am feebly qualified. It has some which it will always be my delight to discharge, according to my ability, wherever I exist. And whilst the recollection of its claims oppresses me with a sense of my unworthiness, I am consoled by the hope that no time and no change can deprive me of the satisfaction of pursuing and exercising its highest functions.



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NOTE: There are a number of situations in the Kouroo database in which we can examine what happens when a congregation disapproves of one of its pastor's beliefs. We can, for instance, study the situation in which the Reverend Moncure Daniel Conway spoke out to his congregation from his pulpit in Washington DC in opposition to human slavery, whereupon he was dismissed from his post. The fact is that the congregation in Boston had expressed no problem whatever with their assistant pastor Waldo Emerson's beliefs. They thought he was doing just fine. They were happy as clams with him. It is therefore an interesting question why this assistant pastor, soon after becoming wealthy, elected to step forward and announce the existence of doctrinal disagreements. Was he looking for a face-saving way to quit his job, one that would make other people wrong? Why not just slip out the back, Jack? Why not just make a new plan, Stan?

The problem is all inside your head, she said to me
The answer is easy if you take it logically
I'd like to help you in your struggle to be free
There must be fifty ways to leave your lover

She said its really not my habit to intrude
Furthermore, I hope my meaning won't be lost or misconstrued
But I'll repeat myself at the risk of being crude
There must be fifty ways to leave your lover
Fifty ways to leave your lover

Just slip out the back, Jack
Make a new plan, Stan
You don't need to be coy, Roy
Just get yourself free
Hop on the bus, Gus
You don't need to discuss much
Just drop off the key, Lee
And get yourself free

Just slip out the back, Jack
Make a new plan, Stan
You don't need to be coy, Roy
Just get yourself free
Hop on the bus, Gus
You don't need to discuss much
Just drop off the key, Lee
And get yourself free

She said it grieves me so to see you in such pain
I wish there was something I could do to make you smile again
I said I appreciate that and would you please explain
About the fifty ways

She said why don't we both just sleep on it tonight
And I believe in the morning you'll begin to see the light
And then she kissed me and I realized she probably was right
There must be fifty ways to leave your lover
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Just slip out the back, Jack



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September 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11th of 9th M / This morning I got on board the Steam Boat Rush Light & went to [Newport](#) Found our friends well – Spent 4th day in transacting some buisness & visiting my friends

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[Waldo Emerson](#) wrote to the Proprietors of the Second Church in Boston:

*Christian Friends,
In the discourse delivered from the pulpit last Sabbath, I explained the circumstances which have seemed to me to make it my duty to resign my office as your minister. ...I am pained at the situation in which I find myself, that compels me to make a difference of opinion of no great importance, the occasion of surrendering so many & so valuable fuinctions as belong to that office. ...And so, friends, let me hope, that whilst I resign my official relation to you I shall not lose your kindness, & that a difference of opinion as to the value of an ordinance, will be overlooked by us in our common devotion to what is real & eternal.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson.



September 13, Thursday: [Henry Swasey McKean](#) sent his recommendations to Charles Beck in regard to the minimum of Latin study required for a degree from [Harvard College](#). (Clearly, since McKean of the Class of 1828 would have known Marshall Tufts of the Class of 1827, such a communication would have been provoked by the publication earlier that month of the anonymous book by the eccentric Tufts, denouncing the study of ancient languages such as Greek and Latin at Harvard as being without value.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day attended the Week day Meeting which was a solid good one to me - finished my buisness & called on divers relations & old



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 September 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day I again took the Rush Light & returned to [Providence](#) stoping at [Warren](#) on our way to take Passengers who had been there to attend a [Baptist](#) Convention. – We had a great many on board, & among them was my old neighbour Robert Rogers. – it was a pleasant Passage, & with James W Kinzey a young man of [Newport](#) & a [Baptist](#) Preacher – I had considerable conversation, which I apprehend was not hurtful but might tend to usefulness. –

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 September 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


7th day 15th of 9th M 1832 / My wife today seems quite unwell, threatend with the disentary

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 September 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day She is getting better slowly


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 September 23, Sunday: In a storm at Macao, China, some 100 fishing boats were lost. After the storm 1,405 bales of cotton would be recovered floating in the sea.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 9 M / My wife has set up most of the day & is comfortable. –
After tea, with Mary Griscom called to see our Ancient fr [Moses Brown](#) on his birthday having completed his 94th Year found him very smart & bright & had attended Meetings thro' the day –*

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 September 26, Wednesday: After 22 years of construction, the Gota Canal opened, linking Goteborg on the west coast of Sweden with Soderkoping on the Baltic.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 26th of 9 M 1832 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town was a time of some favour. – for which I trust there was a disposition to thankfulness
A woman belonging to Scituate was recd into membership & two other similar cases was referd*



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My wife now seems to be pretty much restored & I think I am thankful for it –

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October 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day [sic] 18th of 10 M 1832 / My wife having in good measure recovered from her late illness - Went in the Steam Boat President to [Newport](#). - On my return to the Institution stoped at the Post Office & found an agreeable letter from John, & on my way from thence, met our fr Mary B Allen, who had just returned from [Nantucket](#) where she had been for some Months to take care of her Aged Mother. -

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October 24, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 24 of 10 M / We attended Moy [Monthly] meeting at [Smithfield](#), which was pretty well attended - Wm Almy in a Short testimony in the first Meeting & the buisness of the last well conducted
We had a pleasant ride & I had many instructive reflections as we were riding along the road. - The variagated appearance of the forest was beautiful. - & not less interesting than when the products of Nature are in their strength & glory - An Aged man if he walks consistently & in the Truth retains a beauty which all good folks admire & the wicked revere*

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October 25, Thursday: A decree of Louis-Philippe established the *Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques*, numbering 30 members, divided into five sections: Philosophy, Jurisprudence, Political Economy, History, and Moral Philosophy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25 of 10 M 1832 / Today is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting at [Rhode Island](#) - I feel much for & about my dear home Meeting - but I do not see how I can at present - contribute much for its help.
What a change there is in it since my time, but the weight always fell on a few, & I believe in preportion to the Numbers that are now there & the number that was there 30 & 40 Years ago, the solid weight is not greatly diminished.*

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October 26, Friday: Treaty between the US federal government and the Potawatami. The treaty was, as per usual, entered into in good faith.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 10 M 1832 / My mind was seriously affected on reading in the [Newport](#) Paper recd this evening, the Decease of my cousin Sarah Tew Aged 47 Years - She died in [New Bedford](#) on 7th day last the 20 inst & was interd at Newport on the 22nd Her Mother was daughter of John Wanton, who was the son of the late Gov John Wanton, & a near relation of my Mothers - Her Father was Latham Thurston, & I well remember both her Father & her Mother -Latham Thurston was a near blood relation of my Mothers. -Sarah with her Mother used to visit at our house when I was a boy, & tho' She was not a member was a diligent attender of Our Meetings when a Girl, & after her widowhood, & from her relationship & acquaintance which subsisted, I felt a nearness for her. -

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November 6, Tuesday: [Robert Schumann](#) wrote to his mother, "I have become fully resigned and consider my hand incurable." His loss of one hand was attributed either to a device intended to strengthen his hand or to mercury poisoning which was part of a treatment for syphilis.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day she returned finding our connections all well & leaving them so -
Our [School](#) is filling up fast, scholars come in every day*

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November 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 25th of 11 M 1832 / Our Morning Meeting was silent - Wm Almy Preached in the Afternoon an admirable Sermon & Hannah Robinson Supplicated for us in a manner which satisfied me that she was Authorized & qualified for the Occasion. -
I have seldom for years Written so little in my diary as of late perhaps it would be better to write more, but as my life is pretty much one thing over & over, I sometimes am discouraged about it- I however may now insert that many trials in a small way await me, & I am satisfied that I do not always manage them in the Most Wisdom, but feel conscious of trying in the general to do as well as I can*

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December 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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12 M 26 1832 / Went to [Smithfield](#) to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting - A considerable number of our Scholars went - which made a pretty large Meeting - Wm Almy & Anna A Jenkins preached well - Our Ancient friend [Moses Brown](#) was able to be there & his company was very pleasant. -

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December 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 12 M 1832 / Recd a very acceptable letter from Our Son John - for which & the welfare attending him I desire to be thankful. -

Of late I have written but little in my diary. - & do not feel quite so well satisfied to leave it off entirely - tho' at present I see but little use in thus journalizing - My rounds of service is so much alike from day to day that there does not seem to be much to insert. - I feel desirous to do as well as I can & for the many favours recd believe my heart is often fraught with gratitude to Him who hath preserved me most signally on many occasions both in mind & body. -

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December 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 12 M / Behold; I am this day 51 Years old. - Oh that I was better. - This has been a year of some trial & much proving, & while I am conscious I might have done better yet I am thankful for the preservation I have experienced

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December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 12 M 1832 / This is a season of the Year which never passes unnoticed & unfelt by me - That time is going rapidly is certain I can now look back & well recollect circumstances which occurred about 45 Years ago, & the time, where is it -- Well it is certainly not to be recalled & I desire to be thankful for past & present good & I apprehend there are but few who have had more to be thankful for - While my life has not been exempt from trial I certainly have cause of great thankfulness for many favours & exemptions from many of the keen & stinging afflictions which fall to the lot of many. -

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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January 1, Tuesday: The initial issue of Knickerbocker Magazine was published, in New-York.

Sidney Smith began publishing Rochester, New York's Evening Advertiser (he would soon turn it into a morning newspaper, to distinguish it from its afternoon rival the Daily Advertiser).

Concert Piece op.113 for clarinet, basset horn and piano by Felix Mendelssohn was performed for the initial time, in Berlin.

Leitch Ritchie began a Library of Romance series (Smith and Elder).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal about his work at the Quaker Yearly Meeting Boarding School in Providence, Rhode Island:

1st M 1833 / My old Book being full, at the end of the Month [12th Month, December 1832] I have concluded to make a new one for the purpose of occasional journalizing, concluding I may be less frequent in my entrys in it than for many years heretofore. — I do not feel quite satisfied to omit it altogether. — There is much of a Sameness in my daily round since I have been attached to the Yearly Meeting boarding School where we have now lived over four Years & how much longer we shall be here is uncertain - Another week may decide that we take a residence else where - & at present I am not anxious about it, tho' I may acknowledge, our being here has been very advantageous to us in a pecuniary point of view & our outward circumstances much improved for which I desire to be thankful, & believe I am really & even humbly so. — In the course of this M we have had diverse good Meetings, & I have been out to Johnson with Wm Almy to attend the funeral of a widow Waterman Aged 88 Years, & tho' some trials await me it has been a time of favour.



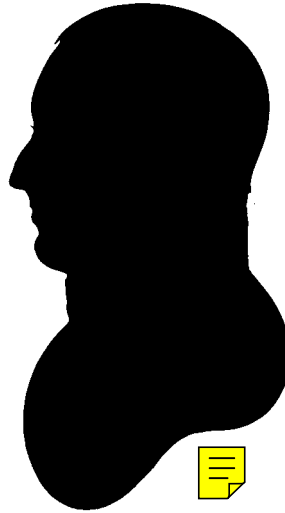
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February: Maria W. Stewart, the lady who had the previous September delivered a public address in the Franklin Hall in Boston (to our knowledge the very 1st time ever that an American woman had spoken in public before a group, let alone an American woman of color), attempted to speak at the African Masonic Lodge in Boston. Her topic this time was not “Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality, The Sure Foundation on Which We Must Build” but the very non-specific “An Address Delivered at the African Masonic Hall.” Incautiously, she attempted to persuade her audience that the black man had not been sufficiently outspoken on the discrimination issue, and that possibly the reason for this inadequacy was, he feared to offend his white friends.

“Have the sons of Africa no souls?”

Evidently her audience was locked and loaded to reject this, as they had provided themselves with rotten tomatoes with which to pelt her as she attempted to express her hypothesis. She would need to leave town.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd M 1833 / This has been a Month of Some trial both of body & mind - I have been quite sick for one thing, & besides some trying & provings of mind, perhaps rather uncommonly so for me, who have had so Smooth a passage thro' life, but I desire to cultivate a thankful disposition for present & past good & for the future trust in Him who hath signally helped me thus far on lifes journey. -



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March 24, Sunday: A setting of the Stabat mater D.383 (translated by Klopstock) for solo voices, chorus and orchestra by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in Vienna.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about a death that had occurred on the 18th, which is to say, Monday of the previous week:

3 M 24th 1833 / On 2nd day the 18th of this Month Died at Long Plains near [New Bedford](#) Our friend Obadiah Davis Aged 67 Years - he was a respectable friend & Minister of good standing - I remember to have been tenderd under his Ministry in younger life when he was frequently at [Newport](#) - - He married Ruth Sherman daughter of our late Friend Sampson Sherman, who is herself a Minister in good Standing. - Obadiah was a useful man in society was sometime Clerk of the Yearly Meeting & Member of the Meeting for Sufferings many Years. -



June 14, Friday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 M 14 6th day 1833 / This day we took the Institution horse & Chaise & went to [Portsmouth](#) for my wife to attend a committee on the Removal of the Y Meeting appointed last Year After which we went to Uncle Stantons & lodged -

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June 15, Saturday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15th - Attended the Select Meeting held at [Portsmouth](#) & in the Afternoon the Meeting for Sufferings - then Rode into [Newport](#) & took quarters with Aunt Nancy Carpenter & at our home, the part of the house where we occupy when in Newport being fitted to receive company.

The Several sittings of the Yearly Meeting continued till 6th day the 21st inst & were seasons of favour & refreshment with a little exception & tho' no small portion of Mental Suffering awaited me, I can truly say I believe I was the better for my attendance of the Meeting. -

On 7th day we returned to the Institution in the Steam Boat.

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June 16, Sunday: [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) arrived at Ostende, having departed from England for the final time.

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Rode to [Smithfield](#) with my friend Benj Fry & attended Meeting there Benj was engaged in Supplication & testimony much to Satisfaction & comfort of the Audience After Meeting I rode part of the way home with Aza Arnold -&



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walked the rest

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June 28, Friday: The French legislature ordained primary education for every community in France. [Professor François Pierre Guillaume Guizot](#) would, as head of the department of public instruction, implement this law with extraordinary vigor).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day [sic] 28th of 9 M 1833 / Much time has passed away since I have made an entry in my Diary.

Since that time there has many events occur'd which have been greatly interesting to me some of them have been of a comfortable kind & many of an afflictive nature, which has caused me to Mourn & even tremble for my own state as well as the State of society both in Europe & America. – Altho' in some places in some instances, there is some encouragement to hope that the true seed of Quakerism is not extinct, but Yet retains a greenness which would induce the hope, & strengthen the desire that it may yet live, be known in Judah & great in Israel but what of Infidelity on the One hand, formality & outward profession on the other, together with on an intemperate Zeal, and in some instances a total want of zeal & in others a disposition to return to the beggarly elements, placing the letter above the spirit &c – I confess I do not see where our poor society will land at last. –

This evening by the [Newport](#) Mercury I learn the decease of our Ancient & beloved Friend RICHARD MITCHELL of Middletown Aged 79 years died the 26 inst. I have known him from a child – he was one of those worthy Elders in society who was an ornament to the Station, & ever on the Alert for the good & prosperity of the Society at large, having been under all the appointments which is usual in [Rhode Island](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting – he was for many years a zealous, judicious & well concerned Overseer – for many years a faithful Trustee of the Property of that Moy [Monthly] Meeting & labour'd carefully for its outward Interests as well as a more spiritual interest – I have been associated with him in many appointments & always preferred his judgement & experience to my own, but ever found in him a disposition to listen to & weigh well the feelings & views of those younger & of less experience – tho' having attained to a good old Age & to a period of life when much more Service activity had ceased for a year or two, yet his place in the Church will be vacant & his former services remembered. – he had been mostly confined to his house for the last Year & from a complication of affliction which had awaited him, his natural powers of mind were much abated. – his bodily suffering for years had also been great having been afflicted with a gravelly complaint which at time occasioned much pain. –

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October 9, Wednesday: [Waldo Emerson](#) arrived in Boston.

At some point [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about this period:

4th day 9th of 10th M 1833 / Set out from the Institution to go to [New Bedford](#) & from thence to [Newport](#) Back to [Providence](#) – Took the Steam Boat for Fall River but it being nearly night when I got there concluded to take tea & lodge at Edmond Chases, where I found a pretty large social circle, who to Meet was very Pleasant

Next Morning his son Edmond took me over to [New Bedford](#) in season to attend An adjournment of their Moy [Monthly] Meeting for the purpose of liberating Robert S Holloway & Abby Taber to consummate their Marriage for which purpose they appointed a Meeting at 3 OC the Next day. –

10 M 11 – This Afternoon attended the Meeting in which Robert & Abby Married – it was a very solid solemn & well conducted Meeting & Joseph Davis preached (I thought) with good Authority The Wedding which I also attended was conducted in a manner which reflected great credit on the parties concerned, –on 7th day My Kind & affectionate friend Joseph Tillinghast at whose House I lodged sent his Carryall & Smith Holloway brother to Robert over to my dear friend Edward Wings in [Tiverton](#), where I lodged & met a very kind reception. – Attended Meeting on First day at [Tiverton](#) with Edw & Elizabeth which was small but some favour experienced. – I intended to have come on to the Island After Meeting but the Storm of Wind & Rian was so great & the Sea broke so tremendously over the Stone Bridge that I concluded to return to Edwards & on Second day Morning 14th of 10 M he brought me to the Bridge from his house – I walked across it & ferry Neck, & when I got up into the Main Road found a carriage returning from [Bristol](#) Ferry, which brought me into [Newport](#). & 3rd day the 15th of 10 M Robert Holloway & his wife Abby went on Board the Steam Boat for NYork on their way to Ohio – I parted with them in tender & Affectionate feelings on the Long Wharf where the boat lay

On the 16th I got on board the Steam Boat & returned to [Providence](#) in good season for our Meeting at the Institution. –

I found most of my friends in [Newport](#) pretty well excepting Our dear Sister Ruth Rodman who is in a poor State of health from a complaint in her Arm & breast which is feared will prove of a Cancerous nature. –

On my return recd a very good letter from Our dear John –



November 16, Saturday: [Penny Magazine](#):

<http://www.history.rochester.edu/pennymag/104.htm>

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 16th of 11th M 1833 / Today My H returned from [Newport](#) where she has been for the Week past to visit our friends there & particularly our beloved Sister Ruth who is not essentially better than when I was there, tho' relieved from an attack of Cold & fever under which she laboured some days previous to Hannahs going down. -



December 23, Monday: Georgia reformed, amended, and consolidated its penal laws relating to the supply of slaves.

§ 1. "If any person or persons shall bring, import, or introduce into this State, or aid or assist, or knowingly become concerned or interested, in bringing, importing, or introducing into this State, either by land or by water, or in any manner whatever, any slave or slaves, each and every such person or persons so offending, shall be deemed principals in law, and guilty of a high misdemeanor, and ... on conviction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars each, for each and every slave, ... and imprisonment and labor in the penitentiary for any time not less than one year, nor longer than four years." Residents, however, may bring slaves for their own use, but must register and swear they are not for sale, hire, mortgage, etc.

§ 6. Penalty for knowingly receiving such slaves, \$500. Slightly amended December 23, 1836, e.g., emigrants were allowed to hire slaves out, etc.; amended December 19, 1849, so as to allow importation of slaves from "any other slave holding State of this Union." Prince, DIGEST, pages 619, 653, 812; Cobb, DIGEST, II. 1018.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day [sic] 12 M 20 / Last night Departed this life at his house in [Smithfield](#) Aza Arnold in the 87th Year of his Age he was a friend much respected, & attended Yearly Meeting when I was a boy - he attended [Smithfield](#) lower meeting & was a Member of [Providence](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting- & Since my association with him my esteem has much increased for his Character & standing - he sat at the head of the Meeting he belonged too with much dignity & propriety & will be no small loss to it He was buried from the Meeting house on 2nd day [Monday] the 23rd in the burying ground adjoining



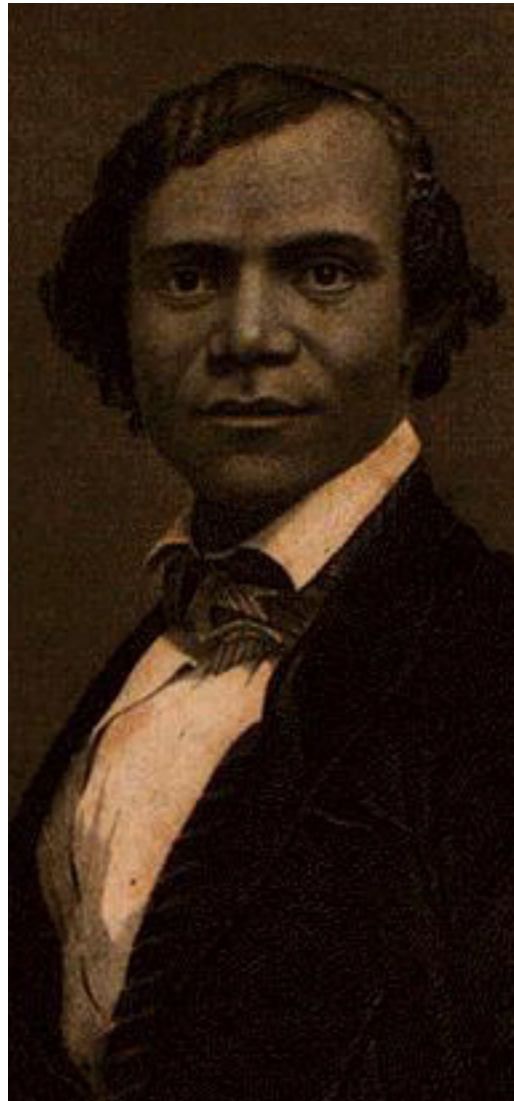
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Christmas: Henry Bibb had grown into a light-colored young slave who could, in the dusk, even pass for a white man. He had been courting a slave on a plantation about four miles away near Bedford KY. Evidently this slavemaster William Gatewood's idea of a Christmas present for himself was *jus primae noctis*: Malinda's master was very much in favor of the match, but entirely upon selfish principles. When I went to ask his permission to marry Malinda, his answer was in the affirmative with one condition, which I consider to be too vulgar to be written in this book.



Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 12th M 1833 / Rode to Smithfield to Attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting - It was very small & very poor - But I will try to hope the next may be better. -
This evening our friend John Wilbur called a little while at the Institutiion, but left to go to Moses Browns to lodge. -



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December 29, Sunday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 12 M / Our fr Jn Wilbur was at our Meeting this Afternoon & I thought his testimony was in the life of the Gospel & I have no doubt did some good, tho' all present might not have thought very highly of its usefulness. -



December 30, Monday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30th of 12 M 1833 / Lo! I am 52 Years old this day - O that I was better, Oh that I was able to bear with Meekness the trials of this life. I fully believe in that spirit & power which can conduct thro' all with safty, & land us safe at last among other things which are trying & afflicting, is the present state of our Society, both in England & this country I am afraid we shall become quite a different people both in Doctrine & in practice from what our worthy predecessors were - but let is hope for the best



December 31, Tuesday: [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 12 M 1833 / I have written much less in my Diary this year than for many Years past - but this will be a Memorable year to me as long as I live - I shall remember it has been fraught with trials keen & piercing - I may also commemorate the Goodness of God in sustaining my soul tho' things have sometimes seemed much like overwhelming. - I feel at the close some better & hope to be duly thankful. -

“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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1834



January 1, Wednesday: A [Zollverein](#) or customs union among 18 [German](#) states, headed by Prussia, went into effect.

Frederick Douglass later reported that:



At daybreak I was ordered to get a load of wood from a forest about two miles from the house.... I had never driven oxen before.... Once the gate was opened in front of them, my oxen charged through full tilt. They caught the huge gate between the wheel and the cart body, crushing it into splinters and coming within a few inches of crushing me with it.... Covey told me that he would now teach me how to break gates and idle away my time.... [He] ordered me to take off my clothes.... "If you beat me," I thought, "you shall do so over my clothes." After many threats he rushed at me..., tore off the few thin clothes I had on, and proceeded to wear out on my back the heavy goads which he had cut from the gum tree.... [D]uring the first six months there I was whipped, either with sticks or a cowhide whip, every week.... I was sometimes tempted to take my life and that of Covey but was prevented by a combination of hope and fear.

"The morning of January 1, 1834, found me on the road to Covey's. The chilling wind and pinching frost matched the winter of my own mind as I trudged along.... [Chesapeake Bay] was now white with foam raised by a heavy northwest wind." Frederick Douglass the troublemaker who had attempted to set up a Sunday School for black children, had been contracted by his owner to Mr. Edward "The Snake" Covey's on his 150-acre rented farm some seven miles to the northwest of St. Michaels, [Maryland](#)—where discipline was



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by whip- to work for the first time as field rather than house slave:

Frederick Douglass's NARRATIVE

In my new employment, I found myself even more awkward than a country boy appeared to be in a large city. I had been at my new home but one week before Mr. Covey gave me a very severe whipping, cutting my back, causing the blood to run, and raising ridges on my flesh as large as my little finger. The details of this affair are as follows: Mr. Covey sent me, very early in the morning of one of our coldest days in the month of January, to the woods, to get a load of wood. He gave me a team of unbroken oxen. He told me which was the in-hand ox, and which the off-hand one. He then tied the end of a large rope around the horns of the in-hand ox, and gave me the other end of it, and told me, if the oxen started to run, that I must hold on upon the rope. I had never driven oxen before, and of course I was very awkward. I, however, succeeded in getting to the edge of the woods with little difficulty; but I had got a very few rods into the woods, when the oxen took fright, and started full tilt, carrying the cart against trees, and over stumps, in the most frightful manner. I expected every moment that my brains would be dashed out against the trees. After running thus for a considerable distance, they finally upset the cart, dashing it with great force against a tree, and threw themselves into a dense thicket. How I escaped death, I do not know. There I was, entirely alone, in a thick wood, in a place new to me. My cart was upset and shattered, my oxen were entangled among the young trees, and there was none to help me. After a long spell of effort, I succeeded in getting my cart righted, my oxen disentangled, and again yoked to the cart. I now proceeded with my team to the place where I had, the day before, been chopping wood, and loaded my cart pretty heavily, thinking in this way to tame my oxen. I then proceeded on my way home. I had now consumed one half of the day. I got out of the woods safely, and now felt out of danger. I stopped my oxen to open the woods gate; and just as I did so, before I could get hold of my ox-rope, the oxen again started, rushed through the gate, catching it between the wheel and the body of the cart, tearing it to pieces, and coming within a few inches of crushing me against the gate-post. Thus twice, in one short day, I escaped death by the merest chance. On my return, I told Mr. Covey what had happened, and how it happened. He ordered me to return to the woods again immediately. I did so, and he followed on after me. Just as I got into the woods, he came up and told me to stop my cart, and that he would teach me how to trifle away my time, and break gates. He then went to a large gum-tree, and with his axe cut three large switches, and, after trimming them up neatly with his pocketknife, he ordered me to take off my clothes. I made him no answer, but stood with my clothes on. He repeated his order. I still made him no answer, nor did I move to strip myself. Upon this he rushed at me with the fierceness of a tiger, tore off my clothes, and lashed me till he had worn out his switches, cutting me so savagely as to leave the marks visible for a long time after. This whipping was the first of a number just like it, and for similar offences.

Mr. Covey had a reputation as a “nigger-breaker,” but was going to experience considerable difficulties, even a threat to his professional standing, in his attempts to break this particular nigger.

[We will notice, however, that at no point in the struggle would Douglass try to kill Edward Covey, something reasonable and easy, for he was trying to do something considerably more fraught, get such a person's attention and then talk turkey to him: “I seized Covey hard by the throat.... I told him....” Strange to relate, although in this struggle Douglass had drawn blood from Covey and could reasonably have anticipated that as soon as order and propriety had been restored he would be tortured to death by “The Snake” and his Christian crowd



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— he would find that instead he was no longer being lashed. Douglass seems to have attributed this to his master's economic need to obtain maximum work from him with minimum expenditure of effort. Consider this as bravado, in the face of the fact that the only difficulty Covey would have had in killing Douglass, other than in ordering the other laborers to dig a shallow hole in the field alongside the corpse, would have come when he had to reimburse Thomas Auld for his economic loss:



I did not hesitate to let it be known of me, that the white man who expected to succeed in whipping, must also succeed in killing me.

But one wonders whether it was not precisely this hopeless resistance which may have inspired Covey to respect Douglass as a man and as a human. I offer that these fights in the fields of [Maryland](#) may well have been a turning-point not only in the individual life of Douglass, but also –unfortunately– in the ideology of nonresistance to evil as espoused by William Ladd, the Reverend [Adin Ballou](#), the Reverend [Henry C. Wright](#), [Abby Kelley](#), John A. Collins, the Reverend Samuel Joseph May, Edmund Quincy, John Humphrey Noyes of the [Perfectionist](#), and William Lloyd Garrison. For later on Douglass would use this memory as fuel for his breach with other antislavery advocates over Garrison's principled nonresistance to evil and as fuel for the encouragement, by the allies of John Brown, of an indigenous uprising of the black slaves of the South, when Douglass began in 1851 to find alternate funding from the "Liberty Party" created by the intemperate wealthy white man Gerrit Smith. We see that Frederick Douglass believed he had already put what would become the doctrine of *ahimsa* to the ultimate test, and that he had already discovered this doctrine to be ultimately wrongheaded — and was following the path of Nehru rather than the path of [Gandhiji](#).]

SLAVERY

While this sturm-und-drang about becoming free from slavery was going on in [Maryland](#), in [Newport, Rhode Island](#), the quietist Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was writing in his journal about becoming free from sin:

*4th day 1st of 1 M 1834 / I am thankful in being Able to insert today that is has been a day of some favour - a good day, wherein my soul has experienced some access to the fountain of good, & been enabled to cry in Secret Abba Father.— Our Meeting which was silent was free from conflict which has often awaited me of late. — I rejoice in it & most ardently have I desired for help & preservation.*³⁸⁵

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385. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1833-1836: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 9 Folder 15: January 1, 1833-August 28, 1836; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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➡ January 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 1st M / Attended Meeting in Town, it was Small, but a season of some favour to my mind, for which I desire to be thankful. –

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➡ January 5, Sunday: The [Gazette Musicale](#) appeared for the 1st time, in Paris. One of its founders was Franz Liszt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 1 M / Both Meetings silent, & times of some favour to me, & I thought in the general a pretty solid covering was felt. –

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➡ January 8, Wednesday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the four volumes of [Washington Irving](#)'s A HISTORY OF THE LIFE AND VOYAGES OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (London: John Murray, Albemarle-Street, 1831; NY: G. & C. Carvill, 1828).

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS



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"There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away"
— Emily Dickinson



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 8th of 1 M 1834 / Our Meeting was silent & some favour
experienced. —*

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January 9, Thursday: The HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) arrived in Port San Julian, Patagonia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 9 of 1 M / Felt an inclination to attend the Meeting in
Town which to me was a more solid time than I have sometimes
enjoyed there Wm Almy preached a good sermon on the necessity
of Overcoming &c. —
After Meeting I called to see John Griscom who last evening in
going from the Institution was over set & very considerably hurt
— Mary who was with him was also some hurt but not badly.*

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January 12, Sunday: William Wyndham Grenville, 1st Baron Grenville, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12 of 1 M / Our Meeting this Morning was a pretty good
solid Season – Lydia Breed was favoured in a short pertinent
testimony
Silent & pretty good meeting in the Afternoon. –*

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January 19, Sunday: Over the course of ten days, [Henry C. Wright](#) would religiously view every piece of Scott memorabilia there was to be seen at Abbotsford. Wright had read Scott's SCOTTISH CHIEFS and had concluded, on September 28-29, 1833, that such works were "pernicious." He visited Scott's gravesite. His summation was that despite the manner in which other [tourists](#) were treating this place as if it were some sort of shrine, the reputation which [Sir Walter Scott](#) had left behind was an insignificant one:

*I believe [Shakespear (sic) & Scott] have ruined many souls.
WOuld God they had never seen the light of day & that I had more
strength to resist temptation.*



Sir Walter Scott's Abbotsford

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19 of 1 M / I have been quite unwell for some days with
a cold Cough & some fever, but feel some better this evening. –
–Our meetings were both silent but I was favoured with some
feeling – A portion of J J Gurneys Portable Evidences were read
this evening in our School collection, & tho' I do not unit with*



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every thing he has written, yet I thought what was read was very good. –

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January 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 1 M 1834 / Attended Preparative Meeting in Town – Wm Almy preached in the first meeting – In the last for the concerns of society – the Queries were Answered & a young man brought forward by the Overseers for Marrying out of the Order of Society

The Select Meeting which followed was a season of searching & distress to most present – indeed I believe it will be safe to say all were brought into a State of feeling on acct of the State of Society & particularly the state of the Ministry in various parts of this Continent & in England. – There are doctrines advanced in writing, in the Gallery, & in private conversation, which are at variance with the Doctrines of the Gospel as professed & preached by our dear Ancient Friends whose memory & spirit is precious to me – & if on acct of this, & some other things, the ways of Zion do not Mourn & distress is felt within her borders, then I do not understand the bleating of Sheep & the loing [lowing] of the Oxen which I hear in mine ears. –

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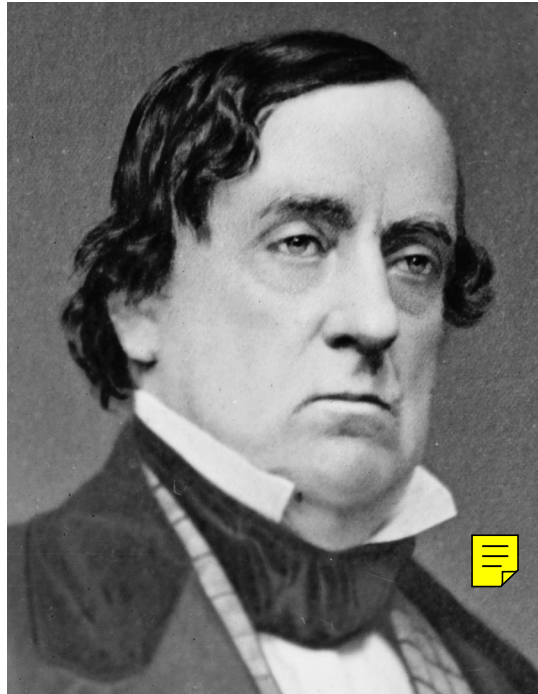
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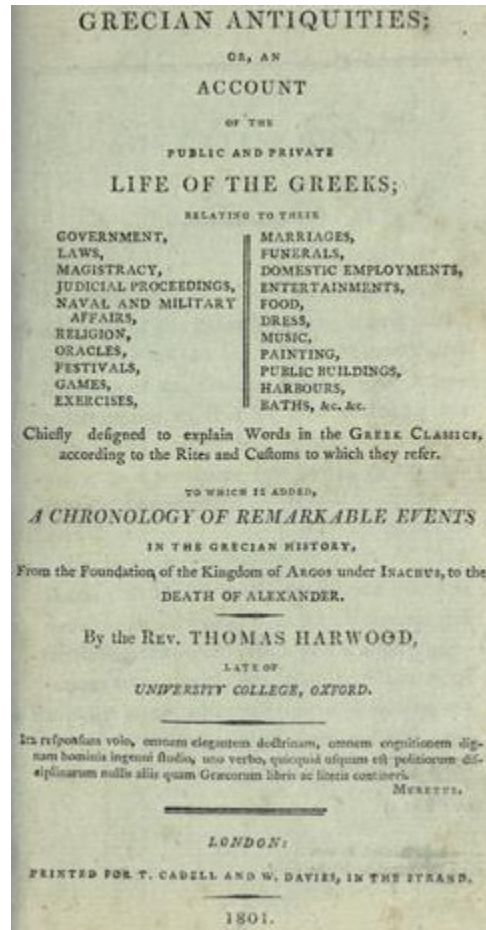


January 29, Wednesday: President Andrew Jackson instructed Secretary of War [Lewis Cass](#) to use troops to quell workers' riots along the [Chesapeake and Ohio Canal](#) — this would be the initial use of federal troops to quell labor conflicts.



The waters of the Thames River passing through London were so extraordinarily high that it was necessary to have watermen to convey Londoners from street to street.

Fellow student [Augustus Goddard Peabody](#) checked out for [David Henry Thoreau](#), presumably from [Harvard Library](#), GRECIAN ANTIQUITIES OR, AN ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE OF THE GREEKS; RELATING TO THEIR GOVERNMENT, LAWS, MAGISTRACY, JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, NAVAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS, RELIGION, ORACLES, FESTIVALS, GAMES, EXERCISES, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS, DOMESTIC EMPLOYMENTS, ENTERTAINMENTS, FOOD, DRESS, MUSIC, PAINTING, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, HARBOURS, BATHS, &C. &C. CHIEFLY DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN WORDS IN THE GREEK CLASSICS, ACCORDING TO THE RITES AND CUSTOMS TO WHICH THEY REFER. TO WHICH IS ADDED, A CHRONOLOGY OF REMARKABLE EVENTS IN THE GRECIAN HISTORY, FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE KINGDOM OF ARGOS UNDER INACHUS, TO THE DEATH OF ALEXANDER. BY THE [REV. THOMAS HARWOOD](#), LATE OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD. (London: Printed for T. Cadell & W. Davies, in the Strand, 1801).

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GRECIAN ANTIQUITIES

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 29 of 1 M / Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in [Providence](#)
With the exception of a short testimny from H R - it was silent
- both to me pretty good Meetings. -*

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February 4, Tuesday: The [negrero](#) *Encomium*, carrying a cargo of 45 [slaves](#) from Charleston, South Carolina, to New Orleans, was wrecked near Fish Key, Abaco, and the slaves were carried to Nassau, in New Providence, British West Indies and there set free. Naughty, naughty Great Britain would eventually need to pay the American owners an indemnity for having so mishandled their slave properties (SENATE DOCUMENT, 24th Congress, 2d session II, No. 174; 25th Congress, 3d session, III, No. 216).

[INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE](#)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 4th M 2nd 1834 / Sub Committee Meeting. – A pretty pleasant Day – & my mind very quiet. – We hear by those who come from Rhode Island that Sister Ruth is no better – her case pretty decidedly a Cancer in the breast.

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February 5, Wednesday: David Henry Thoreau checked out, from Harvard Library, GREEK EXERCISES; CONTAINING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE GREEK SYNTAX, ILLUSTRATED BY PASSAGES FROM THE BEST GREEK AUTHORS, TO BE WRITTEN OUT FROM THE WORDS GIVEN IN THEIR SIMPLEST FORM. BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FISK. CONSUECUDO ET EXERCITATIO FACILITATEM MAXIME PARIT. QUINTIL (Boston: Hilliard, Gray, Little, and Wilkins, 1831).³⁸⁶

IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

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Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 2nd M 1834 / Our Select Meeting to day was to me a comfortable time. – I had good Unity with Lydia Breeds testimony & also with Mary B Allens. – Our Meeting for Sufferings was also a time of Some favour & freedom, this Afternoon & I have enjoyed the company here this evening some of whom have come from Salen Lynn & ware to attend Quarterly Meeting &c at this time. –

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February 6, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 2nd M 1834 / Our Quarterly Meeting was a truly

386. Benjamin Franklin Fisk graduated from Harvard College with the Class of 1824 (Elias Hasket Derby, Edward Bliss Emerson, John Mark Gourgass, and died in 1832.



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*good one throughout - it was a Season of favour & there was Much good preaching - Our friends Danl Howland Thos Anthony - Anna A Jenkins Hannah Dennis & Mary B Allen bore testimony in succession & there was a prayer by a female which I could not hear one word of & I apprehend was heard by few & those who were near to her -
We had but little buisness in the last Meeting, but harmony was prevalent. -*

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February 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 2n M 1834 / Silent meetings & rather poor as to life but solid setting & I apprehend some were favoured. -

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February 11, Tuesday: New-York's Platt Street opened.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 2 m Rode in the Stage to Pawtucket to attend the funeral of Timothy Greene - I learn Timothy was much favoured in his last Illness & apparantly made a good close. - his corpse was singularly tranquil in countenance, & to me this has seemed an earnest of a quiet spirit in an after state - for tho' I have known some instances of this kind where it was justifiable to entertain doubts of future well being - yet not knowing how far the Mediatlional office of Jesus Church may prevail with the Father - I feel most satisfied to consider the countenance of Corpse Somewhat of an Index of an After State - The setting was a solid one - Lydia Breed was much favooured in testimony & many people were present. -

After the funeral I walked back to the [Institution](#) thro' the New turnpike rode

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February 16, Sunday: A new law went into effect in France giving local officials wide authority to refuse permits to sell newspapers and pamphlets.

Ernst Haeckel was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 2nd M 1834 / Our friend John Wilbur was at Meeting this Morning & engaged in testimony in a manner that was consoling to some Minds present as well as instructive to the Scholars - Silent in the Afternoon sitting

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February 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 2 M / Attended Meeting in Town it being Preparative Meeting. - Wm Almy preached pretty well. -

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February 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23 of 2 M / Silent Meeting & measurably favoured. - Rote to Thomas Shillitoe
There is now great distress in the Monied community & yesterday Saml Shove failed in [Providence](#) - in [New Bedford](#) the pressure is unparalled - over Fifty failures having occured in a few Weeks & where it will end is uncertain. -
I thank the Lord that I owe nothing & am no where responsible in away but that I can answer at a Moments Warning that. I know of no responsibility beyond this nor do I apprehend any. -*

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February 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 26th of 2nd M 1834 / Rode with my wife to [Smithfield](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting It was quiet Solid & Silent - The Morning was cold & the riding rough, but softened & a little better on our return. -
There was very little buisness in the last Meeting & it held but little time. -*

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February 27, Thursday: Rosmonda d'Inghilterra, a melodramma serio by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Romani, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro Pergola, Florence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 2 M / More trouble in the Monied concerns - We are told today that Otis Barlett of [Smithfield](#) has failed & assigned his property for the benefit of his creditors. - This is a hard Stroke for a Man advanced in life & a large dependant family. -

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March 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 3rd M / Yesterday was subcommittee & divers of our friends were here - it was a pretty pleasant day & I hope the labours of the committee will be productive of good particularly in the New School where care & labour is much needed. - This Mornng my wife went in the Steam Boat President



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to [Newport](#) to see Sister Ruth who is very poorly & in a distressed State from a Can[C]erous affliction in her breast. – Being obliged to Carry my wife to town in time to take the Steam Boat – I could not attend our Meeting which I was sorry for, as our friends Edw & Elizabeth Wing was here & attended Meeting. –

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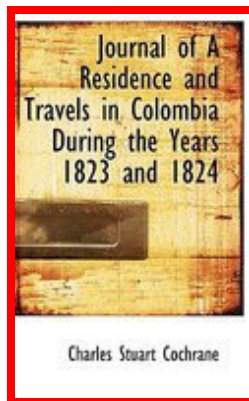
March 6, Thursday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), [Mary Barney's](#) A BIOGRAPHICAL MEMOIR OF THE LATE COMMODORE [JOSHUA BARNEY](#) (1832).



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COMM. JOSHUA BARNEY

He also checked out the 1st of the 2 volumes of [Captain Charles Stuart Cochrane's](#) JOURNAL OF A RESIDENCE AND TRAVELS IN COLOMBIA DURING THE YEARS 1823 and 1824 (London: Henry Colburn, 1825).



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To take us Lands away"
— Emily Dickinson

York, in Upper Canada, was incorporated as the city of Toronto.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 6th of 3rd M 1834 / A tranquiil pleasant day - for which
I desire thankfulness of heart*

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The author, in Columbia (in drag?):



In this volume Thoreau would learn of the poison frogs *Phyllobates terribilis*, *Phyllobates bicolor*, and *Phyllobates aurotaenia* occurring from Nicaragua to about 20 degrees latitude in South America. The family *Dendrobatidae* includes at least 170 species of frogs only these three of which, called “rana de veneno” locally, can produce the extraordinary toxins, more potent than curare, that are used by natives to tip their blowgun darts. Cochrane encountered these frogs as he crossed the western Andes on foot.³⁸⁷

Those who use this poison catch the frogs in the woods, and confine them in a hollow cane, where they regularly feed them until they want the poison, when they take one of the unfortunate reptiles, and pass a pointed piece of wood down his throat, and out one of his legs. This torture makes the poor frog perspire very much, especially on the back, which becomes covered with a white froth: this is the most powerful poison that he yields,

387. The blowgun darts were about eight inches in length, with a spiral groove cut into their pointed tip to convey the poison. The blowguns were of reed, about 12 feet in length. Maximum effective range was approximately 100 yards.



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and in this they dip or roll the points of their arrows, which will preserve their destructive power for a year. Afterwards, below this white substance, appears a yellow oil, which is carefully scraped off, and retains its deadly influence for four to six months, according to the goodness (as they say) of the frog. By this means, from one frog sufficient poison is obtained for about fifty arrows.



March 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th of 3rd M 1834 / This mornng I called down at [Moses Browns](#) & found him buisy in making an Alteration in his Will - In the Afternoon he rode up to the Institution & spent several hours - The clearness of his mind was remarkable. In conversation with J G he opened the nature of the Scriptures & of their divine Spiritually [spirituality?], in a manner that was Striking & powerful, eliciting from my mind the cordial acknowledgement that such good experience "Is enough" to satisfy



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*any mind, that Religion is no fiction, & must be found in spirit,
& there experienced, where the Scriptures will bear Witness to
that which is made manifest Within. -*

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WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

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Hannah T Bailey we have also known from her infancy & was a very pleasant pretty & clever girl & play Mate with John living side by side we were in habits of intimacy
Both were in the bloom & blush of life both called away at an early age & well may we say, in the Midst of life we are in death -
Man cometh up like a flower & is cut down, & to whom shall we*



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seek for Succor but from Thee O God. – This language with several passages of Scripture have dwelt much on my Mind thro' the day. — I have also noticed in this evenings paper the decease of Doctor Gustavas Baylies who I well remember as a practitioner in [Newport](#) when I was a boy, The paper says he was 70 Years old, but from his appearance then I should think he was older. – he Died at Newtown on Lng Island. –

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March 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 3 M 1734 / Today finished a letter & sent it to my Office for my wife in [Newport](#) – Also wrote to Abrhm Sherman Jr in answer to one recently recd from him by Cht R Tucker– Our Meetings were both Silent & very solid seasons – My mind some favoured but I could not come at all I wanted to feel –

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March 10, Monday: The Dusseldorf Theatrical Association constituted itself to bring theater and opera to the city. In charge of directing the operas would be [Felix Mendelssohn](#).

[Nehemiah Ball, Jr.](#) was born in [Concord](#), 7th child of [Nehemiah Ball](#) and Mary Merriam Ball. He would be fitted for college at the Hopkins Classical School in Cambridge and would prove to be intellectually quite capable, but erratic in disposition.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 3 M / Recd a letter this evening from my dear Wife at [Newport](#) – Mentioning that our beloved Sister Ruth was in a very suffering State with her breast & also that Aunt Nancy Carpenter was quite poorly. –

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March 15, Saturday: Antoine-Jean Letronne (1787-1848)'s *Opinions Cosmographiques des Peres* (On the Cosmographical Opinions of the Church Fathers), starting on page 601 in *Revue des deux Mondes*, furthered the conceit that the early Middle Ages had been a period of profound intellectual darkness (this article follows after [Washington Irving](#), as a source for the urban legend that the Flat Earth theory was propagated by the Vatican).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 3 M / Recd a letter from my wife in [Newport](#) – Sister Ruth is no better, her disorder seems to be increasing. – Saw by the Paper this evening that John Lawton Died at the Assylum on Coaster Harbour – Aged 80 Years – he was an apprentice to my Father at the Tailors trade – & in my youth used to work for him, he also at the same time lived nearly opposite my Fathers in the house now occupied & owned by Job Sherman, & I well remember his Mother Sarah Wanton – He was one of the dissolute Young men of that Day & who was in the habit of Drinking to excess & finally went to the Assylum. – What State of mind he died in I know not but hope he gave better evidence of a Sober & religious life in the conclusion than he did in the commencement of his career. He died on the 8th inst & I thought best to insert it being one of whom I had early knowledge & I find all those are fast passing off the Stage of this life –

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March 16, Sunday: While Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka and his sister were in Berlin, they received word that their father had died. They would immediately return to Russia. This would be Glinka's 1st return to his homeland in almost four years.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 3rd M 1834 / Morning Meeting Silent – In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here the first time in about three Months he preached from the text "That which makes manifest is light"

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From this day to the 28th, those institutionalized at [Harvard College](#) would be composing a petition to "the Honourable Faculty" of that institution, as follows:

We have no doubt that the original design of this system was good. But at the present time instead of being as it was probably intended by those who introduced it a consequence resulting from labour with higher and nobler motive in view, it has become in a great degree the primary and sole object and with its attainment, in whatever manner, all exertion ceases. That this system tends to produce envy and jealousy among those whose



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interests require that they should at least in some degree be united we think is evident. We believe moreover that the time has arrived when literary standing must depend on something more than mere college rank, when a nobler motive must prompt the student to action than the petty emulation of the schoolboy, when he must have a higher standard of action than the mere marks of his instructor. Again we think the direct tendency of this system to produce superficial scholars is a strong argument in favour of its abolition.... Impressed with these views we submit them to your consideration with the request that some measures may be taken for the abolition of that system which has produced so universal dissatisfaction [*sic*].

From this point in time into July, during the 3d term of his Freshman year, [David Henry Thoreau](#) would be studying the Italian language under the Harvard instructor [Pietro Bachi](#). (Thoreau would be enrolled in the study of Italian for four terms, in the study of French for four terms, in the study of German for four terms, and in the study of Spanish for two terms under an instructor named Sales.)

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES.

This is at present under the superintendence of George Ticknor, A.M., Smith Professor of the French and Spanish Languages and Literature, and Professor of Belles Lettres; assisted by four Instructors, Viz. [Francis Sales](#), Esq., Instructor in French and Spanish; [Pietro Bachi](#), A.M., J.U.D., Instructor in Italian; Charles Follen, J.U.D., Professor of the German Language and Literature; and Francis M.J. Surault, Instructor in French.

The principles which regulate the study of the modern languages are these: 1. No student is compelled to study anyone of them. 2. A student choosing to study any one, is bound to persevere; he is not permitted to quit the study until he has learnt the language. 3. Those, who enter upon the study of any language, are formed into sections, and carried forward according to their proficiency, without reference to the distinction of Classes. 4. The Instructors are paid only for one half their time, and the days of instruction are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The Recitations are held generally during study hours; or A.M. from Study Bell till 12 o'clock, and P.M. from 2 o'clock till prayers; but, to avoid interference with recitations in other branches, some sessions have been heard from 12 to 1 o'clock, and some in the evening, during the past year.

Two things should be borne in mind, when considering the state of this department during the academical year of 1832-3.

1. Neither Freshmen nor Seniors attended in it, except as volunteers; that is, the Students pursuing the study of some language entirely beyond the regular course. The regular Students, therefore, were all either Sophomores or Juniors, who chose some Modern Language, as a substitute for other prescribed studies.

2. The Graduates attending on the instructions of this



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department, whose number is considerable, are not noted.

First Statement.

Number of Undergraduates taught during each term; the languages in which they were instructed; and the proportion of regular Students and Volunteers.

	Fr.	Sp.	It.	German.	Pg.	Volunteers.	Regular.	Total.
First Term	112	15	46	39	7	112	107	= 219
Second Term	109	22	55	49	5	132	108	= 240
Third Term	80	27	71	63	3	129	115	= 244

The system of volunteer study was begun in this Department with thirteen students in 1826; has constantly increased ever since; and is now of more consequence than the system of regular study, embracing large numbers and advancing further.

Second Statement.


Examination was held in each of the terms by the Committee of the Overseers, who attended punctually and examined the students carefully themselves; and there were passed during the year, as having learned French 47; Spanish 16; Italian 21; German 18; Portuguese 2; Total 104.

 March 20, Thursday: [Moses Greenleaf](#) died in Williamsburg, Maine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 3 M / Attended the Preparative Meeting held in Town, it was Muddy & none of the Girls went & but a few of the boys
Wm Almy engaged in testimony – It was a pretty good Meeting to me. –*

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 March 21, Friday: Le Tribunal de Premiere Instance de la Seine ordered that the annuity promised to Gioachino Rossini by King Charles X be paid in perpetuity.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 3rd M / Recd a letter from my wife in [Newport](#), & if Sister Ruth is no worse she expects to return to the Institution 3rd day next. –

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 March 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 3 M / Our Morning Meeting was silent – In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & preached a good sermon & was much



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fuller than common for him on the subject of spirituality It was a good testimony. – Oh that our society may be preserved on the Ancient foundation – in the Doctrine of Ancient Friends who I firmly believe knew the Truth & lived & Died in it –

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March 26, Wednesday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), [Thomas Gray](#)'s THE VESTAL, OR A TALE OF [POMPEII](#), which although it was a historical novel offered more than 35 pages of explanatory notes in the 1830 edition published in Boston by the firm of Gray and Bowen.³⁸⁸

THE VESTAL ... OF POMPEII

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26 of 3 M 1834 / Attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town – Wm Greene preached – followed by Wm Almy. – In the last there was considerable buisness & a time of exercise & some distress but things ended pretty well.

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On the north boreal slope of Canada, Commander [George Back](#) received news from York Factory.

(Page 240) ... a person arrived late in the evening with the packet from York Factory, which we had been expecting daily for the last six weeks. The happiness which this announcement
388. Would this have been where Thoreau learned of the ruts of [Pompeii](#), which in 1851 he would mention in his journal?



July 7, Monday, 1851: ...Even the facts of science may dust the mind by their dryness –unless they are in a sense effaced each morning or rather rendered fertile by the dews of fresh & living truth. Every thought that passes through the mind helps to wear & tear it & to deepen the ruts which as in the streets of Pompeii evince how much it has been used. How many things there are concerning which we might well deliberate whether we had better know them. Routine –conventionality manners &c &c –how insensibly and undue attention to these dissipates & impoverishes the mind –robs it of its simplicity & strength emasculates it. Knowledge doe[s] not cone [come] to us by details but by lieferungs from the gods. What else is it to wash & purify ourselves? Conventionalities are as bad as impurities. Only thought which is expressed by the mind in repose as it wer[e] lying on its back & contemplating the heaven's –is adequately & fully expressed– What are side long –transient passing half views? The writer expressing his thought –must be as well seated as the astronomer contemplating the heavens –he must not occupy a constrained position. The facts the experience we are well poised upon –! Which secures our whole attention!



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instantly created can be appreciated by those only who, like us, have been outside the pale of civilisation, and felt the blessing of communication with their friends but once through a long twelvemonth.

THE FROZEN NORTH



March 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 3rd M / By the Steam Boat this forenoon my dear wife returned from [Newport](#) where she has been the last three Weeks with Our dear & well beloved Sister Ruth Rodman who is in an afflicted state with a Cancer on her breast - I am grieved, sorely grieved on her account - there appears to be no prospect of her being better -

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March 30, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30th of 3rd M / In our Morning Meeting Lydia Breed was engaged in a lively sound & pertinent testimony In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & addressed the Scholars on the subject of Morality & religion. -

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April 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 4th M 1834 / Attended Meeting in Town, it being Preparative & Select meeting In the Public Meeting Wm Almy, [Moses Brown](#), & Anna A Jenkins Spoke & tho' the forepart of it was painful, in ended under a good savour - In the last Meeting the queries were Answered & a communication was recd from a Man who stands as a Member, requesting to be dismissed from Society, & forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In our Select Meeting it was a searching & Very distressing season, but we were favoured to close well or pretty well, & I hope some good was done - It is time the Elders look around them & see what is for them to do. They ought to be Watchmen & Watch Women on the Walls of Zion, & it is greatly to be feared that unless they do stand firm & arrest wrong things & wrong doctrines in their first appearance, that our society will become quite another thing & the Doctrines of our Dear Ancient friends become very much despised or perverted at least, for there Are Doctrines advanced both in England & this country which are at variance with those held in the primitve days of the Society - My soul has long mourned over it & been sorely distressed with apprehensions that some are "Merging" into the Doctrines of other Societies instead of supporting our own.

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April 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th M 20th 1834 / Our Meetings were both silent & to me
seasons of Poverty
Oh that my Soul may not perish on the barren Mountains, be
destroyed in the Earthquake, carried off in the whirlwind nor
Yet settle down in the calm; at last there seems to be danger
on every side, & there is much at this time to encounter to stand
from & keep to the Ancient & true foundation, & what will be the
result of some Shakings that await us, is beyond my foresight,
yet a little hope is underneath that all will not be shaken down*

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April 30, Wednesday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the 1st volume of Walter Wilson, Esq.'s MEMOIRS OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF [DANIEL DE FOE](#) (London, 1830).



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THE MAINE WOODS: Setting out on our return to the river, still at an early hour in the day, we decided to follow the course of the torrent, which we supposed to be Murch Brook, as long as it would not lead us too far out of our way. We thus travelled about four miles in the very torrent itself, continually crossing and recrossing it, leaping from rock to rock, and jumping with the stream down falls of seven or eight feet, or sometimes sliding down on our backs in a thin sheet of water. This ravine had been the scene of an extraordinary freshet in the spring, apparently accompanied by a slide from the mountain. It must have been filled with a stream of stones and water, at least twenty feet above the present level of the torrent. For a rod or two, on either side of its channel, the trees were barked and splintered up to their tops, the birches bent over, twisted, and sometimes finely split, like a stable-broom; some, a foot in diameter, snapped off, and whole clumps of trees bent over with the weight of rocks piled on them. In one place we noticed a rock, two or three feet in diameter, lodged nearly twenty feet high in the crotch of a tree. For the whole four miles, we saw but one rill emptying in, and the volume of water did not seem to be increased from the first. We travelled thus very rapidly with a downward impetus, and grew remarkably expert at leaping from rock to rock, for leap we must, and leap we did, whether there was any rock at the right distance or not. It was a pleasant picture when the foremost turned about and looked up the winding ravine, walled in with rocks and the green forest, to see, at intervals of a rod or two, a red-shirted or green-jacketed mountaineer against the white torrent, leaping down the channel with his pack on his back, or pausing upon a convenient rock in the midst of the torrent to mend a rent in his clothes, or unstrap the dipper at his belt to take a draught of the water. At one place we were startled by seeing, on a little sandy shelf by the side of the stream, the fresh print of a man's foot, and for a moment realized how Robinson Crusoe felt in a similar case; but at last we remembered that we had struck this stream on our way up, though we could not have told where, and one had descended into the ravine for a drink. The cool air above, and the continual bathing of our bodies in mountain water, alternate foot, sitz, douche, and plunge baths, made this walk exceedingly refreshing, and we had travelled only a mile or two, after leaving the torrent, before every thread of our clothes was as dry as usual, owing perhaps to a peculiar quality in the atmosphere.

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[Thoreau](#) also checked out [Oliver Goldsmith's](#) THE HISTORY OF ENGLAND FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE DEATH OF GEORGE THE SECOND, ... WITH A CONTINUATION TO THE TREATY CONCLUDED AT PARIS IN THE YEAR 1815.

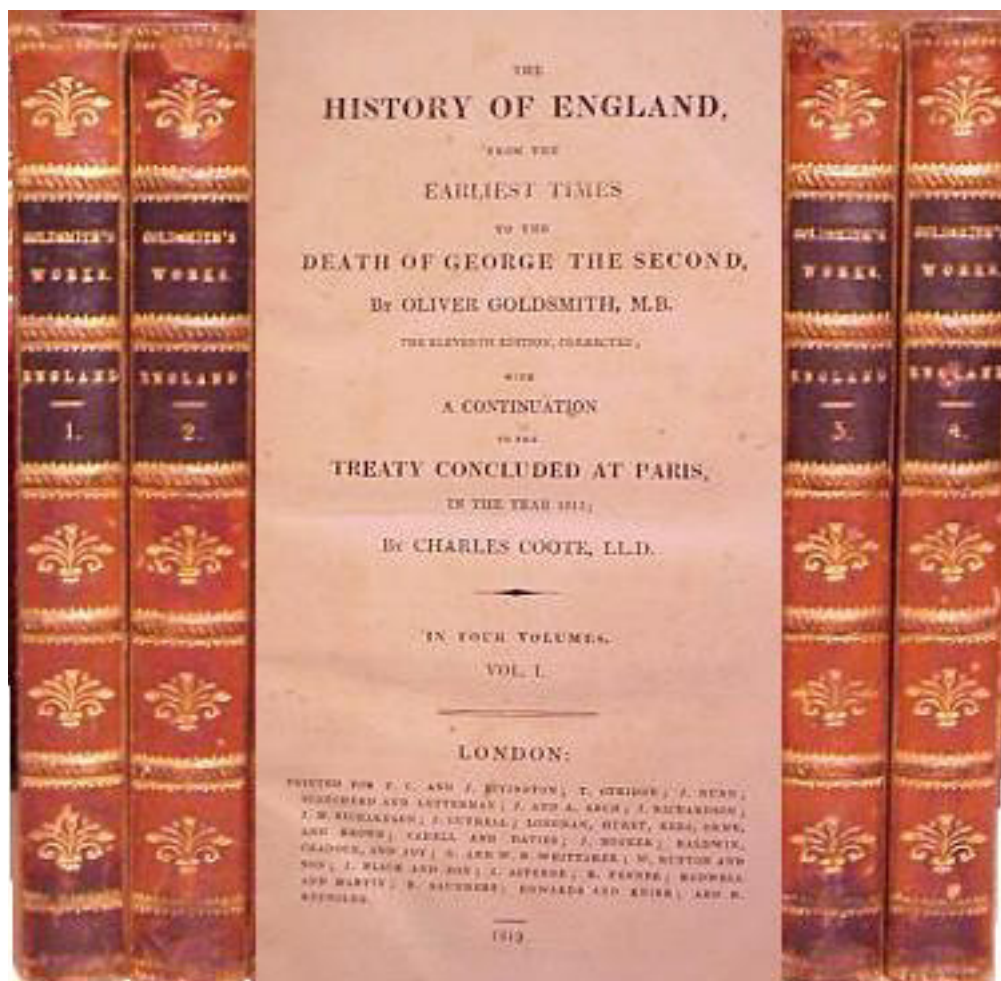
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This had originally been issued in 1771 and had covered the history of England only down to 1760. The volumes Thoreau consulted may have been from any one of a number of expanded editions, for instance an expanded edition by Charles Coote (1819) that continued the history of England into the year 1815:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 30th of 4 M / Rode this Morning to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting - The Select Meeting this day held was a season of favour After the Meeting for Sufferings in the Afternoon We went to Daniel HOWlands & lodged

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June 11, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 M 11th 1834 / Early this Morning Ann V Allen daughter of Gideon Allen of [New Bedford](#) Died at the [Institution](#) aged 13 Years She was taken on 7th day last with a distressing disease which proved to be the Dropsy in the Head - her Agony was great till very near the close & she was deprived of reason very soon after she was taken - In the Afternoon her father carried her home for Internment - This event was an exceedingly trying one -not only to us but throughout the whole Institution

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June 12, Thursday: Ioannis Kolettis replaced Alexandros Nikolaou Mavrokordatos as President of the Ministerial Council of Greece.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 / This eveng we recd a letter from Edw W Lawton informing is that our Dear & truly beloved Sister Ruth Rodman was apparently very near her end & requested we would come to [Newport](#) in the early Boat tomorrow Morning -

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June 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 6 M 12th [sic] / We got on board the Rush Light this Morng at 8 OClock & in about 3 hours found ourselves in [Newport](#) - but our dear Sister had left us - She died yesterday soon after Edw W Lawtons letter was written - The Cancer on her breast with which she had long suffered set to bleeding & very speedily released her from great suffering & I have no doubt has transplanted her from Earth to Heaven
We found our dear Aged Father & Mother very quiet & composed & also our dear Sister Mary for which I trust our hearts were truly thankful*

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June 14, Saturday: A process for making sandpaper was patented in the US by Isaac Fischer, Jr. of Springfield, Vermont.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 14th of 6th M 1834 / As the funeral of our dear Sister Ruth was to take place at 4 OC this Afternoon, I saw nothing in my way to going to [Portsmouth](#) & attending the First sitting of the Select Yearly Meeting & accordingly rode there with Richard Mott – the forepart of it was a season of favour which I thought Augered well for the Meetings that were to come – divers solid & weighty testimonies were borne & the buisness of the Meeting was conducted under a sense of solid weight & closed with a precious covering – I rode immediately home, & in the Afternoon attended the funeral which was indeed a time of no common favour – tho' held at the House there were many attended, & many public friends were present from abroad who had come to attend the Yearly Meeting The first who spoke was Anne Thorn then Hannah Bacckhouse & Rebecca Updegraph followed in a most ardent Supplication – After which the setting closed
At the grave Sophrona Page appeared in supplication & H Backhouse & Mary Allen preached – this was an uncommon occurence, for there to be so much service at a grave in [Newport](#) I remember but few such occurences in the course of my life. –*

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June 15, Sunday: Despite Hungarian opposition, Prince von Metternich granted permission for the publication in Zagreb of a political newspaper and literary magazine in Croatian.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15th of 6th M 1834 / Our public Meetings were very large – In the Morning Richard Mott had the weight of the Service very much to the gratification, & I trust the edification of the people present, & particularly to the comfort of his friends. – In the Afternoon Richd was sick & was not at Meeting –there were divers offerings most of which were Satisfactory & I thought the people were very quiet & a good degree of solid weight over the Meeting. –
This Morning I had the Satisfaction to Meet our dear John Stanton Gould on the Long Wharf when the Steam Boat landed her pasangers – it was matter of Mutual regret to us he could not have been here to have attended the funeral of his beloved Aunt Ruth, but it was orderd otherwise & it is our duty to submit. – Second Day Morning the Meeting opened under a solemn covering – & as I cannot [two pages repeated] recollect with sufficient precision to enter each days exercise. I must close the account by inserting that it was a season of uncommon favour & a general harmony prevailed & a sense of love was singularly manifest in the progress of the buisness of the Meeting – It closed on 6th day forenoon, & my wife having the Service of Clerk to perform*



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we could not return to the School House on 7th day but were detained in [Newport](#) till 12 O'clock on first day, when we took the NYork Boat which had been detained in the fog, but we reached the [School House](#) just after the Afternoon Meeting had commenced - we did not go into Meeting but caught the drippings in the entry & heard a living Sermon from Rebecca Updegraff We regretted not being able to Stay in [Newport](#) to attend the funeral of our Ancient friend & worthy Elder Hepzibah Buffum who died yesterday - but it seemed most prudent to return - under a thankful sense of a week of divine favour, tho' the loss of our dear & truly valuable Sister Ruth, was trying & Afflicting to our feelings, but the consoling belief that she has escaped a world of conflict & great suffering for a year past, & is doubtless translated into another & far better country - assuages all our privation & loss sustained by her removal. In addition, (until 6th day) we had the company of our dear John who left us before the Meeting closed, his buisness at Hudson requiring his return. It is a great consolation to us that he retains the Principles, & in a very good degree the appearance of a Friend & is much attached to Society taking an interest in the concerns of it, & is actively engaged in promoting many good things - particularly Temperance. We desire & I trust we are, humbly thankful that he has thus far, been in good measure preserved & our prayer to God is, that he may be enlarged in every good word & Work. -

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July 9, Wednesday: The administration of Earl Grey had been formed in England soon after the resignation of the Wellington administration, on November 16, 1830. At this point the Grey administration was dissolved (a new administration would form under Viscount Melbourne).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 7 M 1834 [a problem here, for Monday 2nd day was the 7th of July] / Went to [Newport](#) in the Steam Boat Rush Light this morning to settle the Yearly Meeting Accounts & to attend to some other buisness which was of importance to me I also visited some of my friends & acquaintances & had a pleasant time - returned to [Providence](#) in the Rush Light on 4th day Afternoon. -

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July 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 7th M 1834 / Hannah Backhouse attended Meeting at the Institution & preached & prayed In the Morning - In the Afternoon Dugan Clarke & his wife Asseaneth were here - Asseaneth preached & also Dugan - then Asseaneth prayed & it felt to me, they were in the life & power of the Gospel - their



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company & services were comfortable and strengthening to me. –

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July 20, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) preached temperance to the Native Americans at Stillwater, Maine.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 7 M / Sat our meetings in weakness & poverty, but not as distressing as at some times – In our School Collection this eveng an acct of a friend was read from Piety Promoted who appeared to have lived a long life of Virtue & closed in peace - after the reading closed & the pause continued - I felt desirous for a little help from the fountain of life & turning my mind to it more closely I felt the veil withdrawn & access given in a manner that was comfortable & encouraged my Spirit. –

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July 24, Thursday: In Portugal, the Liberal Wars came to an end.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 7th M 1834 / It is Preparative Meeting & Also Select Meeting, but being very unwell this Mornng my head & bowels much out of order, I did not go to Meeting tho' I dressed & thought I would go till nearly Meeting time, when I found my head particularly so poorly that I dare not risk the hot sun. – my mind has been often with them & sometimes almost regret I did not attempt to go

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July 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 7 M 1834 / Attended Monthly Meeting held in town. It was a time of favour – no common favour – Wm Almy was first engaged in testimony then Hannah Robinson then Dorcas Paine & the Anna A Jenkins. –then Lydia Breed in supplication –It was not so much from the general outpouring, that I count the remarkable feeling of life & love which seemed to prevail, tho I do consider some of the communications were as Diamonds of the first water & calculated to do much good particularly to the youth. –but there was that over the Meeting which seemed to carry the evidence that Silence is Worship as well as vocal communication. –There was not much buisness to engage the attention of the last Meeting & it closed after a short setting. –

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August 4, Monday: Abraham Lincoln, age 24, was elected to the [Illinois](#) General Assembly as a member of the Whig party. He would begin to study law.

Barthelemy Theodore, chevalier de Theux de Meylandt replaced Jean Louis Joseph Lebeau as head of government for Belgium.



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[John Venn](#) was born at Hull in Yorkshire.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 8th M 1834 / Joseph Bowne returned from his religious visit to the eastern Quarterly Meeting & attended the Afternoon Meeting in Town yesterday – today he called here at the [Institution](#) & sat less than an hour & then returned homeward



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taking the SteamBoat for NewYork.

*This Afternoon took a pleasant & interesting walk to Moses
Browns Bridge with the little girls -*

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August 5, Tuesday: The Ecclesiastical Reform Commission for Portugal declared that all clergymen currently absent from their churches or monasteries were to be considered traitors.

During the night Elijah Pierson died. Later, the prophet Matthias would darkly warn the others in The Kingdom that any who opposed him could expect to die in the same manner.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 5th of 8th M 1834 / This Afternoon Rode down to Rhode
Island & lodged at Uncle Stantons*

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August 6, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day Attended Select Quarterly Meeting In the Afternoon we rode into Newport Passed the Afternoon at Father Rodmans In the eveing at Aunt Nancy Carpenter but we found the Old lady very sick

We felt strengthened at leaving Aunt Nancy on 5th day Morning, but she was willing we should go to Portsmouth to attend the Quarterly Meeting which we did - It was a very warm day & on that account the most suffering Meeting I recollect to have attended - we had some preaching which was good & satisfactory, but the stream did not rise high

We had not much buisness in the last Meeting. - After Meeting we got a little Dinner at Jeremiah Giffords & returned to Providence intending to return to New Port if we understood Aunt Nancy was much worse.

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August 8, Friday: After observing a spectacular meteor shower, Professor John Locke (1792-1856) of Ohio Medical College reported that all the streaks of light had seemed to be originating from a point near the star Algol in the constellation Perseus. -But the annual nature of this August phenomenon, the Perseid shower, would not become clear for some years.

SKY EVENT

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day was the General School committee Many of the committee attended. among them was our dear friends Edw & Elizabeth Wing who left in the Afternoon, for Elizabeth to finish her family



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visit in [Greenwich](#) Monthly Meeting –

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August 13, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 13th of 8th M 1834 / Our Meeting was silent but some favour experienced - This Afternoon I have been favoured to feel very quietly & pleasantly. It is comfortable to feel the Mind tendered & sweetened by the fresh incomes of Divine life. [Moses Brown](#) called & set some time with us this Afternoon, he showed us a few lines he had recd from Josiah Foster, accompanying the London Eoistles both of which we read, that to the Mens & Womens Yearly Meeting. – which produced a Solemnity & quiet over our Minds. – I have had one letter & one verbal account from [Newport](#), which impart that Aunt Nancy is not worse than when we left her. –

The Evening Transcript:

The general excitement occasioned by the proceedings of night before last at Charlestown, and which yesterday-for the honor of the city be it said-raged among us with an earnestness corresponding to the atrocious character of that affair, has today, in a good degree, subsided. To the active exertions of the Mayor, and other municipal authorities-the spirit and unanimity with which these were seconded by the whole community, and especially the great meeting called at Faneuil Hall-and finally, to the very commendable course pursued, as will be seen, by the Reverend Bishop Fenwick-must it be attributed, that after so stormy a day, the night passed off without disturbance in any direction. At Charlestown, also, the proceedings of the public meeting undoubtedly had a similar effect.

Among all the comment excited by this unprecedented enormity, we have noticed none which more justly describes the nature of the case than that of the Atlas, a portion of which we transfer to our columns.

What a scene must this midnight conflagration have exhibited-lighting up the inflamed countenances of an infuriated mob of demons-attacking a convent of women, a seminary for the instruction of young females, and turning them out of their beds, half naked in the hurry of their flight, and half dead with confusion and terror. And this drama, too, to be enacted on the very soil that afforded one of the earliest places of refuge to the puritan fathers of New England-themselves flying from religious persecution in the old world-that their descendants may wax strong and mighty, and in their turn



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be guilty of the same persecution in the new!

We remember no parallel to this outrage in the whole course of history. Turn to the bloodiest incidents of the French Revolution-roll up the curtain that hangs before its most sanguinary scenes-and point us to its equal in unprovoked violence, in brutal outrage, in unthwarted iniquity. It is in vain that we search for it. In times of civil commotion and general excitement-of confusion, and cruelty, and blood-when the edifice of civil society was shaken to its base and crumbling into ruin-when the foundations of the great deep were broken up, and rapine and fire and murder, were sweeping like a torrent over the land-in times like these there was some palliation for violence and outrage, in the tremendously excited state of the public mind.

But here there was no such palliation. The Courts of Justice were open to receive complaints of any improper confinement, or unauthorized coercion. The civil magistrates were, or ought to be on the alert, to detect any illegal restraint, and bring its authors to the punishment they deserve. But nothing of the kind was detected. The whole matter was a cool, deliberate, systematized piece of brutality-unprovoked-under the most provoking circumstances totally unjustifiable-and visiting the citizens of the town, and most particularly its magistrates and civil officers, with indelible disgrace.

The violation of the tomb in the garden, alone, would seem sufficient to justify these remarks, severe as they are. The feelings with which, yesterday morning, we witnessed the rude exposure of those remains to the glare of the day, and the gaze of an indiscriminate multitude, are such as we hope may never be aroused again.

The destruction of the Bishop's Lodge, in front of the Convent, has not excited much comment; but we cannot forbear expressing our regret-especially since the publication of the course adopted by that prelate on this occasion-that a large and valuable library, consisting of classical and other works, should have been utterly consumed in the common ruin which overwhelmed the whole establishment; not a single book was saved.

We rejoice that no occasion arose last night for the application of any of the means provided by the authorities and the citizens generally, for the preservation of good order. Large numbers of volunteers acted as special constables and watchmen during the night, the firemen were on the alert, and the Independent companies had made arrangements for very



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prompt attendance in case of necessity, but fortunately none of their services were required.

MEETING OF THE CATHOLICS. So great was the excitement among the Catholics, that Bishop Fenwick deemed it necessary to call a meeting at the Church in Franklin street. The account of which, we copy from the Gazette of this morning.

At 6 o'clock several hundred were assembled, when the Bishop came in and addressed them for about thirty minutes, in a most eloquent and judicious manner. He deserves the warmest commendation from his Protestant fellow citizens, for the admirable style in which he managed this business. Previous to speaking, the Bishop read a part of the fifth chapter of Matthew, containing the following among other verses:

"you have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, not to resist evil: but if one strike thee on thy right cheek, turn to him also the other.

"And if a man will contend with thee in judgment, and take away thy coat, let go thy cloak also unto him. And whosoever will force thee one mile, go with him other two.

"You have heard that it hath been said, Thou shall love thy neighbor, and hate thy enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you."

Bishop Fenwick then proceeded to address his hearers, embracing several hundred of both sexes. He spoke of the destruction of the Usuline Convent and the adjacent buildings. He spoke also of the beauty and utility of that institution, and alluded to its growing popularity among the intelligent classes, both in this vicinity and at a distance. Among the pupils of the institution were some from Louisiana, and the West India Islands. After denouncing the conduct of the incendiaries in appropriate terms, he asked, "What is to be done? Shall we say to our enemies, you have destroyed our buildings, and we will destroy yours? No, my brethren, this is not the religion of Jesus Christ-this is not in accordance with the spirit of that blessed religion we all profess. Turn not a finger in your own defence, and there are those around you who will see that justice is done you."

The Bishop then complimented the City Authorities and others for the stand they had taken in defence of the rights of the Catholics; and he assured his hearers that they had the sympathies of all respectable citizens. The destruction of the Convent, he said, was an act of the most degraded of the human species, and it met with no



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favor from the intelligent people of Boston. He impressed upon the minds of his Catholic brethren the fact, that it was not their duty to seek revenge for this vile act; and said that that man was an enemy to the religion he professed, and would put the Catholic Church in jeopardy, who should raise a finger against their opponents at this time.

The Bishop said he had no fears that those who were present would act in opposition to his advice and if any acts of violence were committed, it would be by those who, with perhaps a commendable ardor and alacrity, were rushing to their aid from a distance, and who may not have correct information on the subject. He enjoined it upon all present as solemn duty, to inform these individuals, if they should fall in with any of them, of what he had said, and the advice he had just given them.

He concluded his admirable remarks-which were delivered in a most impressive manner-by assuring his hearers that the Public Authorities were not idle spectators of what was passing. They are on the alert, (said he) and it is your duty to remain quiet, to remain peaceable, and they will see you righted.

GREAT MEETING AT CHARLES TOWN

A meeting was called yesterday afternoon by the Selectmen, for the purpose of obtaining an expression of the opinions of the citizens, in regard to the recent outrage. Dr. Thompson was chosen Moderator, and P. Dodge Esq, Secretary. The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That a liberal reward be offered by the Town, for the detection of the authors of the outrage last night committee.

Resolved, That a committee of five persons be appointed to report such resolutions as it may be expedient for the town to adopt, and to nominate a Committee Vigilance.

The following persons were appointed: Hon E. Everett, Capt Whipple, John Soley Esq, William Austin Esq, and John Skinner Esq.

The above committee retired, but soon returned and reported the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The Ursuline Convent, in this town, was attacked last night by a riotous and lawless assemblage, its peaceful and unoffending inmates-consisting exclusively of women and children-driven out, and the Convent, after being pillaged, was, with the adjacent buildings, reduced to ashes, therefore

Resolved, unanimously, by the citizens of Charlestown,



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in town meeting assembled, that we regard with feelings of indignation and horror, the aforesaid lawless acts of midnight violence, committed within the limits of town.

Resolved, unanimously, that the citizens here assembled consider it a duty to themselves and the town, to take all proper measures to ascertain the authors and perpetrators of the aforesaid acts of violence and outrage, committed in a manner unexampled in this country-in defiance of the laws, and in violation of those feelings of honor and humanity, by which the innocent and defenceless are place under the protection of all good citizens.

Resolved, That it is the incumbent duty of all good citizens, to co-operate with the Selectmen and the magistrates in detecting and bringing to justice all persons concerned as perpetrators and abettors of outrages so discreditable to the community in which we live, and to the country at large.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed a Committee of Vigilance, whose duty it shall be in conjunction with the Selectmen, to take such measures as may be necessary to reserve the public peace, and to detect the perpetrators of the outrages last night committed, viz: Gen N. Austin, Joseph Tufts, Esq, David Devens, Esq, J. K. Frothingham Esq, Capt L. Turner, Dr A. R. Thompson, Capt Joe F. Boyd, Benjamin Thompson Esq, Dr J. S. Hurd, and Wm Sawyer Esq.

Resolutions were also passed, authorizing the Committee of Vigilance to offer a suitable reward, not exceeding \$1000, for the detection of the projectors of the conflagration, to be paid in proportion to the degree of guilt proved against the offenders, and requesting the Governor of the Commonwealth to offer a suitable reward for a similar purpose.

The Rev Mr Byrne, Catholic Priest, made some just and pertinent remarks, and assured the meeting that he had used, and he hoped effectually, the most untiring exertions to prevent a reaction on the part of the Catholics. He was listened to with marked attention.

Mr Everett, after reading the resolutions, drawn up by himself, made a few brief, but energetic remarks, and the resolutions were carried nem con.

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August 23-September 10: “Effusiva-Esplosiva — Lava a SE tra Boscoreale ed Ottaviano.
Distrutto il borgo di Caposecchi e di S. Giovanni (800 persone senzatetto).”

**MOUNT VESUVIUS**

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 8 M / Rode into Town this Morning & soon after I got there was informed by Arnold Congdon that our dear friend & faithful labourer in the Gospel Daniel Howland of East [Greenwich](#) - he died last night in a fit & is to be buried tomorrow - the particulars I have not learned, but conclude it must be very sudden, he was at [Providence](#) on the 8 & 9 of this Month & attended the School committee & Meeting for Sufferings - he then appeared to be as well as usual, tho' I recollect of noticing a flush in his face, & heft of countenance, which I thought might be indicative of a repeated attack of a fit having had one some Months or a year ago. - He was indeed what may well be denominated a lovely & very loving friend - but few of my acquaintance possessed more of the milk of human Kindness, or was more devoted in the cause of Truth & deeper in concern for the welfare of our poor society. Altho' in point of matter there was not that



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variety of subject & expression in his Ministry yet I can truly testify that his Offerings never seemed to me as old Manna, but if his matter was similar to what we had often heard, it seemed to be renewedly sanctified & seldom failed to produce some baptism in the auditory & were sometimes very reaching – his loss will be deeply felt among a numerous acquaintance by whom he was unusually beloved, & also in Society where his public labours & usefulness in our Meetings for discipline will be greatly missed - He had arrived at an age when according to the course of nature it could not be expected that he could continue much longer, having attained the [blank] Year of his Age, but it is hard to part with such dear friends & valued pillars in the Church.

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August 24, Sunday: The Sociedade Filarmonica was established in Rio de Janeiro.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*8th M 24 (1st day) 1834 / It has been a warm day & an oppressive air. – Our Meetings partaking of the state of our bodys. – My mind much in thought about the funeral at [Greenwich](#), but it did not seem best for me to go – We learn that several of our friends in Town went & among them Wm Almy & Arnold & Gilbert Congdon John Bullock & wife (Br & Sister in Law to John Griscom) attended Meeting in the Afternoon – Also Ahab Arnold
Some Months ago I heard Our friend Thomas Anthony relate a dream he had sometime before, which has occur'd to my mind since hearing of the decease of Daniel Howland. – Thomas told me in this House that he Dreamed he stood in a pleasant open piece of ground, & that as he looked up he saw Daniel Howland rising up to Heaven seated in a large Easy Chair. – this seemed to me at the time I heard Thomas relate it as a remarkable & striking dream & very characteristic of the manner in which he went thro' the world, for no man went more easily & comfortably & I have no doubt he has gone straight to heaven. –*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 27th of 8th M 1834 / Today was our Monthly Meeting held at [Smithfield](#) to which my wife and I went & had a very pleasant ride & in addition & far to be prised – a good Meeting. Our friends Jeremiah Hubbard & Phineas Nixon his companion from N Carolina & John Warren from Maine were present & had good service, tho' I thought John was more in the life & power than any who spoke.
Jeremiah is not here on a specific religious Mission but under an appointment with the friends that is with him from the Meeting for Sufferings of his own Yearly Meeting to Our Meeting for Sufferings on the State of the black people in N Carolina which*



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appear to be in a Critical State.

John Warren is here on his way to NYork where he expects to embark on his religious Mission in England & Ireland.

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August 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 29 of 8 M 1834 / Today our friend John Warren went in the Steam Boat for NYork intending to embark next 2nd day [Monday] the 1 of 9M for England & Ireland on a religious visit in furtherance of which he recd a certificate from the Select Yearly Meeting in the 6 M last. -

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August 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31st of 8th M 1834 / In our Morning Meeting Lydia Breed & Mary B Allen had good service - it was a favoured time - In the Afternoon Jeremiah Hubbard was here & was better than common & the children were very attentive - It was a time of some favour - tho' I must confess the Stream did not rise in my own mind quite as high as it does sometimes. - In the evening I had a conversatiion with a couple of young women who are not members, but Scholars here - they are inclining to the [Baptists](#) - my mind was uncommonly open & enlarged with them & tho' it may not make [Quakers](#) of them may nevertheless be of some Service to them.

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September 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6 of 7th M 1834 / We recd this Afternoon a letter from [Newport](#) informing that our Aged Aunt Anna Carpenter was taken in a fit & was very low, & our company necessary, we accordingly made ready & on First 1st day [Sunday] Mornng went down in the Steam Boat & found her some revived so that she new Hannah, but I was not sensible that she knew me - On 2nd day [Monday] finding her comfortable for her situation & considerably revived I left & returned to [Providence](#) to prepare to leave for a longer time if it should be found Necessary - but by the Mail on 3rd day I recd a letter informing me She was much worse & My wife requested my return to Newport immediately. Accordingly at 12 OC on 4th day I set out & on my way to the Steam Boat recd a letter from Brother Isaac Mentioning that she Died that Morning about 5 OC the 10th of 9th M 1834 in the 89th Year of her Age. - I arrived there in the Afternoon, & found her whom I had seen in the Same place & loved from a child removed from time; No more to be Seen of Men -on 6th day the 12th inst her remains were interd in friends burying ground between the graves of her Husband Caleb Carpenter, & her daughter Mary after a Solid



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Silent Sitting at the house

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September 13, Saturday: For his 13th and final flight in the clouds, Charles Ferson Durant soared the distance from Boston to Lincoln in 2 hours and 20 minutes. This brought his career to an abrupt termination, as he had pledged that he would hang up his talaria in exchange for a vow from a certain young lady to love, honor, and obey (the middle-aged Louis Lauriat may have witnessed this adolescent derring-do and the reaction of the masses).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On 7th day following after making some preparation to leave [Newport](#) - on 1st day [Sunday] Morning I took the Steam Boat & returned to [Providence](#), leaving my wife in Newport on Account of her Mother whom she did not feel easy to leave being taken quite sick the night before - however on 2nd day [Monday] finding her Mother Better She returned in the Steam Boat in the Afternoon. -

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September 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 9th M 1834 / We have this day Mentioned to our friends here, that in consequence of the decease of our Aged Aunt Anna Carpenter we have come to the conclusion to leave the Institution & [Providence](#), & return to [Newport](#) to live, it was her request two years ago that we should do so - & now her boarders are all desirous we should come & occupy the house & make a family with them, which after due deliberate consideration we have concluded to do - Aunt Nancy Carpenter having by her Will so provided that we can do it, to some advantage & convenience to our Selves - that Is - she has given to My wife the South half of her house in which we have lived & paid rent for, & after her, she has given it to our son John. The other half the house she has given her brother Clarke Rodman during his life & after him to Mary Rodman during her life, & after her decease to our Son John in fee Simple he paying Twelve Hundred Dollars, that is to say Six hundred to David Rodman & Six hundred to John Rodmans children that may be living at Marys decease, or at Fathers decease whichever event may last occur - So that we think it best for us to return & occupy the whole House with her boarders & as by her Will she has ordered that her family shall not be immediately broken up; We shall have time to prepare -

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September 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 9 M 1834 / Just before we went into Meeting this Morning Edmond Breed Died Aged 21 Years - he had been a Scholar



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here & had been hired to work on the farm, was taken Sick between two & three Weeks ago of a fever - his illness tho' slow in progress & his departure at last rather sudden, it having taken an unfavourable turn on his stomach & bowels - about an half an hour before his final close he requested the whole family called and gave us all his hand & bid us farewell & in the course of the Morning Sent Messages to his parents & brothers, & also to Several of his acquaintances & to some who was around his bed he gave suitable advice, it was indeed a solemn Scene & our Meeting was a season to be remembered tho' not a word was uttered.

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In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & preached. —*

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September 24, Wednesday: The [Reverend Horatio Wood](#) received and accepted a call to minister in Walpole, New Hampshire.

Dom Pedro, leader of the Portuguese liberal cause, died of consumption at the age of 36. He had defeated his absolutist brother Dom Miguel four months earlier. Pedro de Sousa Holstein, marques e conde de Palmela would replace him as prime minister.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 9th M / Our friend Thos Arnott from Indiana Yearly Meeting attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting today - which was a season of favour to us all, he was large in testimony & well adapted to States & conditions present —

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October 4, Saturday: Since August 1833 Great Britain and France had been proposing that the United States of America join in a treaty for suppression of the [international slave trade](#). The US had been making insincere excuses, and playing games. At this point, backed into a corner, we got honest, admitting that we weren't about to "make the United States a party to any Convention on the subject of the Slave Trade" (PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS, 1835, Volume LI, SLAVE TRADE, Class B, pages 84-92).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 4th of 10th M 1834 / We this day recd a very interesting letter from our dear John - it gave us great comfort & satisfactiion in every part, & I may acknowledge my spirit was much tendered in reading it - among other things he mentioned that the day he wrote his letter, he recd one from our dear Ancient Father [Moses Brown](#) now 96 Years old - John reflections upon it were such as evinced a mind, viewing things on right ground & under a State of feeling which promises an increase, if cultivated rightly.

We have known for some time that he was under engagement in Marriage to Mary Ashby a young woman living near his present residence, of good standing in the world & a Member of Society -for this our hearts have often been secretly glad even to humble



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rejoicing - in his letter recd today he informs us that his Marriage day is now fixed & if life is preserved & nothing occurs to prevent will take place the 3 of 9 M 1835 which is nearly a Year hence, if we live, & they live, we may probably be at Hudson about that time. -

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October 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 10 M / Our Morning Meeting was silent In the Afternoon Wm Almy was here & preached an animated sermon - after which Lydia Breed prayed. -

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) on the *Pilgrim* discovered himself as close to the coast of South America.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, October 5th. It was our morning watch; when, soon after the day began to break, a man on the fore-castle called out, "Land ho!" I had never heard the cry before, and did not know what it meant, (and few would suspect what the words were, when hearing the strange sound for the first time,) but I soon found, by the direction of all eyes, that there was land stretching along on our weather beam. We immediately took in studding-sails and hauled our wind, running in for the land. This was done to determine our longitude; for by the captain's chronometer we were in 25° W., but by his observations we were much farther, and he had been for some time in doubt whether it was his chronometer or his sextant which was out of order. This land-fall settled the matter, and the former instrument was condemned, and, becoming still worse, was never afterwards used.

As we ran in towards the coast, we found that we were directly off the port of Pernambuco, and could see with the telescope the roofs of the houses, and one large church, and the town of Olinda. We ran along by the mouth of the harbor, and saw a full-rigged brig going in. At two, P.M., we again kept off before the wind, leaving the land on our quarter, and at sun-down, it was out of sight. It was here that I first saw one of those singular things called catamarans. They are composed of logs lashed together upon the water; have one large sail, are quite fast, and, strange as it may seem, are trusted as good sea boats. We saw several, with from one to three men in each, boldly putting out to sea, after it had become almost dark. The Indians go out in them after fish, and as the weather is regular in certain seasons, they have no fear. After taking a new departure from Olinda, we kept off on our way to Cape Horn.

CHRONOMETRY

LONGITUDE



November 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 11M 14 1834 / After a residence of Six Years lacking 8 days My wife left the [Institution](#) today in the Steam Boat President for [Newport](#) where we expect to reside for a time - I expect to follow her in a few days & join in the cares of our family
Aunt Nancy Carpenter having requested in her life time that we*



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*would keep her family together & also left me one of the
Executors of her Will renders it necessary we should be in
[Newport](#) - we therefore resigned our Standing in the Institution
at [Providence](#) at the last Meeting of the General Committee*

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Hughes Bernard Maret, duc de Bassano replaced Etienne Maurice, comte Gerard as prime minister of France.

In Parma, [Nicolò Paganini](#) played his 1st concert in Italy since he left in 1828.

The *Pilgrim* entered the Pacific Ocean and began to turn toward the north:

Friday, Nov. 14th. We were now well to the westward of the Cape, and were changing our course to the northward as much as we dared, since the strong south-west winds, which prevailed then, carried us in towards Patagonia. At two, P.M., we saw a sail on our larboard beam, and at four we made it out to be a large ship steering our course, under single-reefed topsails. We at that time had shaken the reefs out of our topsails, as the wind was lighter, and set the main top-gallant sail. As soon as our captain saw what sail she was under, he set the fore top-gallant sail and flying jib; and the old whaler- for such, his boats and short sail showed him to be- felt a little ashamed, and shook the reefs out of his topsoils, but could do no more, for he had sent down his top-gallant masts off the Cape. He ran down for us, and answered our hail as the whale-ship, *New England*, of Poughkeepsie, one hundred and twenty days from New York. Our captain gave our name, and added ninety-two days from Boston. They then had a little conversation about longitude, in which they found that they could not agree. The ship fell astern, and continued in sight during the night. Toward morning, the wind having become light, we crossed our royal and skysail yards, and at daylight, we were seen under a cloud of sail, having royals and skysails fore and aft. The "spouter," as the sailors call a whaleman, had sent out his main top-gallant mast and set the sail, and made signal for us to heave to. About half-past seven their whale-boat came alongside, and Captain Job Terry sprang on board, a man known in every port and by every vessel in the Pacific ocean. "Don't you know Job Terry? I thought everybody knew Job Terry," said a green-hand, who came in the boat, to me, when I asked him about his captain. He was indeed a singular man. He was six feet high, wore thick cowhide boots, and brown coat and trowsers, and, except a sun-burnt complexion, had not the slightest appearance of a sailor; yet he had been forty years in the whale trade, and, as he said himself, had owned ships, built ships, and sailed ships. His boat's crew were a pretty raw set, just set out of the bush, and, as the sailor's phrase is, "hadn't got the hayseed out of their hair." Captain Terry convinced our captain that our reckoning was a little out, and, having spent the day on board, put off in his boat at sunset for his ship, which was now six or eight miles astern. He began



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a "yarn" when he came aboard, which lasted, with but little intermission, for four hours. It was all about himself, and the Peruvian government, and the *Dublin* frigate, and Lord James Townshend, and President Jackson, and the ship *Ann M'Kim* of Baltimore. It would probably never have come to an end, had not a good breeze sprung up, which sent him off to his own vessel. One of the lads who came in his boat, a thoroughly countrified-looking fellow, seemed to care very little about the vessel, rigging, or anything else, but went round looking at the live stock, and leaned over the pig-sty, and said he wished he was back again tending his father's pigs.

At eight o'clock we altered our course to the northward, bound for Juan Fernandez.

This day we saw the last of the albatrosses, which had been our companions a great part of the time off the Cape. I had been interested in the bird from descriptions which I had read of it, and was not at all disappointed. We caught one or two with a baited hook which we floated astern upon a shingle. Their long, flapping wings, long legs, and large staring eyes, give them a very peculiar appearance. They look well on the wing; but one of the finest sights that I have ever seen, was an albatross asleep upon the water, during a calm, off Cape Horn, when a heavy sea was running. There being no breeze, the surface of the water was unbroken, but a long, heavy swell was rolling, and we saw the fellow, all white, directly ahead of us, asleep upon the waves, with his head under his wing; now rising on the top of a huge billow, and then falling slowly until he was lost in the hollow between. He was undisturbed for some time, until the noise of our bows, gradually approaching, roused him, when, lifting his head, he stared upon us for a moment, and then spread his wide wings and took his flight.



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November 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22nd of 11th M 1834 / It is just Six Years today, the same day of the Month & Week, since we Came to [Providence](#) to reside at the [yearly Meeting School](#) - I am still here, but my wife returned to [Newport](#) more than a Week ago - our things are packed up or nearly so, & I am waiting for the Packet to come up & take them on board, to convey them to our Native town & former residence.

Alass what changes have taken place there since we left it, many whom we loved in life were intimately associated with, have gone to their long homes, to be Seen of men no more, yet some are left who we shall be glad to greet again as friends & neighbours on this side of the grave. - Since our residence at [Providence](#) we have enjoyed much & suffered much, & after all have much to be thankful for.

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November 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On the 26th of 11th M I left the [Institution](#) after taking leave of both Schools, the Help in the Kitchen, & those who usually are occupants of the setting room - at 12 OC went on board the Steam boat Benj Franklin & returned to [Newport](#). -

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November 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On the 27th was Monthly Meeting held in [Newport](#) at which I saw many of my old friends & Acquaintance. - The first Meeting was a time of favour, Father Rodman, Hannah Dennis & Elizabeth Wing were lively pertinent & solemn in testimony - In the last Meeting the buisness was conducted solidly & regularly. -

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The *Pilgrim*, with [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#), sailed north along the East coast of South America, day after day in waters without islands, entirely out of sight of the continent.

Thursday, Nov. 27th, upon coming on deck in the morning, we were again upon the wide Pacific, and saw no more land until we arrived upon the western coast of the great continent of America.

As we saw neither land nor sail from the time of leaving Juan Fernandez until our arrival in California, nothing of interest occurred except our own doings on board. We caught the south-east trades, and ran before them for nearly three weeks, without



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so much as altering a sail or bracing a yard. The captain took advantage of this fine weather to get the vessel in order for coming upon the coast. The carpenter was employed in fitting up a part of the steerage into a trade-room; for our cargo, we now learned, was not to be landed, but to be sold by retail from on board; and this trade-room was built for the samples and the lighter goods to be kept in, and as a place for the general business. In the mean time we were employed in working upon the rigging. Everything was set up taut, the lower rigging rattled down, or rather rattled up, (according to the modern fashion,) an abundance of spun-yarn and seizing-stuff made, and finally, the whole standing rigging, fore and aft, was tarred down. This was my first essay at this latter business, and I had enough of it; for nearly all of it came upon my friend S_____ and myself. The men were needed at the other work, and M_____, the other young man who came out with us, was laid up with the rheumatism in his feet, and the boy Sam was rather too young and small for the business; and as the winds were light and regular, he was kept during most of the daytime at the helm; so that nearly all the tarring came upon us. We put on short duck frocks, and taking a small bucket of tar and a bunch of oakum in our hands, went aloft, one at the main royal-masthead and the other at the fore, and began tarring down. This is an important operation, and is usually done about once in six months in vessels upon a long voyage. It was done in our vessel several times afterwards, but by the whole crew at once, and finished off in a day; but at this time, as most of it came upon two of us, and we were new at the business, it took us several days. In this operation they always begin at the mast-head and work down, tarring the shrouds, back-stays, standing parts of the lifts, the ties, runners, etc., and go out to the yard-arms, and come in, tarring, as they come, the lifts and footropes. Tarring the stays is more difficult, and is done by an operation which the sailors call "riding down." A long piece of rope- topgallant-studding-sail halyards, or something of the kind- is taken up to the masthead from which the stay leads, and rove through a block for a girt-line, or, as the sailors usually call it, a gant-line; with the end of this a bowline is taken round the stay, into which the man gets with his bucket of tar and a bunch of oakum, and the other end being fast on deck, with some one to tend it, he is lowered down gradually, and tars the stay carefully as he goes. There he "swings aloft 'twixt heaven and earth," and if the rope slips, breaks, or is let go, or if the bowline slips, he falls overboard or breaks his neck. This, however, is a thing which never enters into a sailor's calculation. He only thinks of leaving no holydays, (places not tarred,) for in case he should, he would have to go over the whole again; or of dropping no tar upon the deck, for then there would be a soft word in his ear from the mate. In this manner I tarred down all the headstays, but found the rigging about the jib-booms, martingale, and spritsail yard, upon which I was afterwards put, the hardest. Here you have to hang on with your eyelids and tar with your



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hands.

This dirty work could not last forever, and on Saturday night we finished it, scraped all the spots from the deck and rails, and, what was of more importance to us, cleaned ourselves thoroughly, rolled up our tarry frocks and trowsers and laid them away for the next occasion, and put on our clean duck clothes, and had a good comfortable sailor's Saturday night. The next day was pleasant, and indeed we had but one unpleasant Sunday during the whole voyage, and that was off Cape Horn, where we could expect nothing better. On Monday we commenced painting, and getting the vessel ready for port. This work, too, is done by the crew, and every sailor who has been on long voyages is a little of a painter, in addition to his other accomplishments. We painted her, both inside and out, from the truck to the water's edge. The outside is painted by lowering stages over the side by ropes, and on those we sat, with our brushes and paint-pots by us, and our feet half the time in the water. This must be done, of course, on a smooth day when the vessel does not roll much. I remember very well being over the side painting in this way, one fine afternoon, our vessel going quietly along at the rate of four or five knots, and a pilot-fish, the sure precursor of a shark, swimming alongside of us. The captain was leaning over the rail watching him, and we went quietly on with our work.



November 30, Sunday: There was a total [eclipse](#) of the sun (#7251) from Alaska to Virginia.

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th M 30th 1834 / Attended our Meetings in [Newport](#) - In the Morning Father Rodman was engaged in testimony & supplication & in the Afternoon in testimony - The Meetings were well attended and there seems some encouragement to hold on & endeavour to keep up our Meetings - for tho' they are much smaller & changed from what they were in the early part of my life, yet it seems as if there was some life remaining & yet solid attenders. -

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December 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 12 M 1834 / Attended Meeting & was favoured with a little ability to labour in the spirit of the Mind for help - the Meeting looked natural, & feels natural but how long we may be sojourners in it, is Strongly on the page of uncertainty A few days ago I recd a letter from our friend Wm Rickman of Rochester England now in the 90th year of his Age. - This seemed



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much like a brook by the way & I was thankful for it. –

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December 7, Sunday: Andante spianato for piano by [Frédéric François Chopin](#) was performed for the initial time, by the composer at a Berlioz concert in the Paris Conservatoire.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 12 M 1834 / Pretty good Meetings - with a little exception in the Afternoon - A young man wellmeaning delivered a testimony & being not a member, was alluded to in a manner by a friend, which I thought & felt did more hurt than the young mans testimony - when shall we be all Wise. –

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December 11, Thursday: A commando party from the Cape government killed a Xhosa chief. (An army of 10,000 men led by his brother Maqoma would cross into the Cape Colony pillaging and torching homesteads. This 6th Xhosa War would include clashes between white settlers and Bantu peoples in Cape Colony. Dutch-speaking settlers would colonize the area north of the Orange River.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 12th M 1834 / Silent solid meeting In the evening we went to Henry Goulds & passed the time pleasantly. –

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December 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 12 M 1834 / Silent & solid Meetings It was a stormy day & the gathering small

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December 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 12 M / My mind has been favoured this Morning with a degree of life for which I desire to be thankful

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According to a notice in the Hampshire Telegraph and Sussex Chronicle etc. of Portsmouth, England for February 16, Monday, 1835 and in the Caledonian Mercury of Edinburgh, Scotland for February 19, Thursday, 1835, on this day the British troop-ship containing [Captain John Thoreau](#) of the 37th Regiment of Foot was departing from the island of Jamaica in the Caribbean, intending to head for the harbor of Portsmouth, England: “The *Athol*, troop-ship, Mr. Karley, Master-Commander, arrived on Sunday, in 23 days from New Providence. She left Jamaica Dec. 20, and brought home a company of the Royal Artillery” and in addition four passengers including “Capt. Thoreau of the 37th Regiment.”³⁸⁹

We need not inquire as to whether Captain John and scholar David Henry were relatives by blood, as that might have been the case or might not have been the case but in any event matters not, not a whit, neither to them nor to us. What we need to ask of ourselves is whether or not we might be persuaded that a strong disjunction exists between the life of such a military person living upon expectation of eventual arrival in a home port and/or upon expectation of eventual promotion to a next higher ranking, on the one foot, and the sort of life that was here being recommended to us by this [Harvard College](#) teenage scholar. –Because, if such a strong disjunction might be made out to exist, then also, the advice being offered to us above might be made out to be at least in part an expression of a [Peace Testimony](#): that this recommended feminine enjoyment of “life as it passes” is more consistent with a peaceable life than with the much admired manly spit-and-polish blood-and-guts way of the warrior.

[David Henry Thoreau](#)’s Harvard College assignment was to write an essay on the topic “The different ideas we form of men whose pursuit is Money, Power, Distinction, Domestic Happiness, Public Good.” Quoting Alexander Pope’s “Essay on Man,” Thoreau’s reaction, in part, was:

Aristocrats may say what they please, liberty and equal rights are and ever will be grateful, till nature herself shall change; and he who is ambitious to exercise authority over his fellow beings, with no view to their benefit or injury, is to be regarded as actuated by peculiarly selfish motives. Self-gratification must be his sole object. Perhaps he is desirous that his name may be handed down to posterity, that in after ages something more may be said of him, than that he lived, and died. He may be influenced by still baser motives; he may take delight in the enjoyment of power merely, and feel a kind of satisfaction at the thought that he can command and be obeyed. It is evident then that he, who thus influenced, attains at last the summit of his wishes, will be a curse upon mankind. His deeds may never be forgotten; but is this greatness? If so, may I pass through life unheeded and unknown.

“But grant that those can conquer; these can cheat;



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'Tis phrase absurd to call a villain great."



When we hear it said of a man that Money is the idol which he worships ... we figure to ourselves one who is continually striving after something which he is destined never to obtain, and who does not enjoy life as it passes, but lives upon expectation. In short, one who has painted to himself an imaginary Elysium, towards which no step in his progress brings him nearer.



December 21, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

Blessed is the day when the youth discovers that Within and Above are synonyms.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 12 M / Our Meetings were both times of some favour, especially in the Morning - Father Rodman was engaged in testimony in both & I thought with useful effect - It is now a time of great stir among the religious professors in many places & [Newport](#) comes in for its share. - I hope some good will arise from it, but it is greatly to be feared many will take up with a false rest, as rest short of that which is in God thro' Jesus Christ - Many have gone into the water today & been Baptised, who I fear have not yet known that of the Holy Ghost & Fire to have passed in them. - Oh! that people knew that true Religion does not consist in their own willing & runnings, & that of themselves they can do nothing aright but that all must come from God thro' Jesus Christ, that is able to effect salvation & that not in the Whirlwind & Fire, but the small still voice must be known & heard, before true progress can be made in Religion -

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December 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22nd of 12 M 1834 / This has been a remarkably fine & pleasant Day for the season of the Year - In the forenoon I took a walk round the Hill & called to see Old Ceasar Wanton who is now wanting a few Months of 90 Years of Age - he has been a very respectable black man all his life & was Servant to old Gideon Wanton who died in this Town in the year [blank] Ceasar seemed very tender in spirit & sensible of his time in this World being



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very short, he assented to his dependence on God thro' Jesus Christ & said he prayed for patience to wait for his close. - he is so as to walk about his room & the house - but seemed very weak & feeble, & as if it would not be long before he will leave this world of pain & tribulation, & I have no doubt when the Change comes it will be peaceful & Happy. - It felt to me while sitting with him, that the present state of his mind is an earnest of that which will follow in an After State. -

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December 24, Wednesday: [Robert Schumann](#) purchased all publication rights to the Neue Zeitschrift fur Musik, making him the sole owner.

Little more than a year after he entered the Paris Conservatoire, Jacques Offenbach was officially removed from the list of students, voluntarily.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 24th of 12 M 1834 / I have lately recd a letter from Wm Rickman of Rochester England now in the 90th Year of his Age it was written in a fair & pretty firm hand, tho' the tremulous hand of Age appears in some parts of it - yet it evinces a lively frame of spirit & shows that the religion of his youth is not Lost in old age & that he yet occasionally travels in the Ministry & in the course of the last summer took a circuit of many Miles & attended three Quarterly Meetings. - I have this Afternoon recd a letter from My dear friend [Moses Brown](#), now in the 97th Year of his age in a hand writing nearly as good as W Rickmans & evincing the same greenness in old age & liveliness of Spirit which convinced him of Friends principles in the Morning of life & is now the guide & staff of his old age. - I shall keep these letters as precious mementos of these venerable Friends the first I was acquainted with when here on a religious visit in the Year [blank] And with the latter I have been long intimately & interestingly acquainted before I lived in [Providence](#) & while there was much united in travel of spirit for the welfare of society & the Institution, with which we were connected.

It is not likely I shall ever have many more letters from those Friends, tho' if M B continues in Mutability I may occasionally get one from him. -& I am willing here to record that he has been my long tried & well proven Friend - I love & venerate his name

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 December 25, Thursday, [Christmas](#): All liberals in Spain received a general amnesty.

Franz Liszt and [Frédéric François Chopin](#) appeared jointly in at Stoepel's Music School, Paris, playing Moscheles Grand Duo for piano four hands and Liszt's own Grosses Konzertstück über Mendelssohns Lieder ohne Worte.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 12th M 1834 / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) in the Stage & attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The Day was cold & some Snow falling which made the Meeting small - The Meeting was silent excepting a few words from Hannah Dennis towards the close. - it was also a low & hard time to me & I thought the same feeling was prevalent - In the last Waterman Chase & Elizabeth Anthony daughter of Job published their intentions of Marriage, a certificate granted to the Widow Whiting & her daughter & a complaint noticed against Wm T. Potter for his departure in dress & Address & also for Suffering Music & dancing in his House. - After meeting dined at Asa Shermans & hired his Chaise & son to bring me home, as it looked like a Storm & not wishing to wait for the evening Stage or be obliged to stay from home all night.

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[Charles Darwin](#) spent this [Christmas Day](#) aboard the HMS *Beagle* in an unnamed harbor of the peninsula of Tres Montes in Patagonia.

[Christmas](#) was becoming, at this point, an American national holiday. Frederick Douglass recounted that the contract his owner had made with the farmer Mr. Edward "The Snake" Covey, in accordance with the holiday convention of that period, was complete as of [Christmas Day](#), but that the institution of slavery was so contaminated that even traditional generosity could easily be placed at the service of impure and base motives:

Frederick Douglass's NARRATIVE

The days between Christmas and New Year's day are allowed as holidays; and, accordingly, we were not required to perform any labor, more than to feed and take care of the stock. This time we regarded as our own, by the grace of our masters; and we therefore used or abused it nearly as we pleased. Those of us who had families at a distance, were generally allowed to spend the whole six days in their society. This time, however, was spent in various ways. The staid, sober, thinking and industrious ones of our number would employ themselves in making corn-brooms, mats, horse-collars, and baskets; and another class of us would spend the time in hunting opossums, hares, and coons. But by far the larger part engaged in such sports and merriments as playing ball, wrestling, running foot-races, fiddling, dancing, and drinking whisky; and this latter mode of spending the time was by far the most agreeable to the feelings of our masters. A slave who would work during the holidays was considered by our masters as scarcely deserving them. He was regarded as one who rejected the favor of his master. It was deemed a disgrace not to get drunk at Christmas; and he was regarded as lazy indeed, who had not provided himself with the necessary means, during the year, to get whisky enough to last him through Christmas.



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Meanwhile, half a world away and on 'tother side of several cultural divides, our sailor boy [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) was finding that on [Christmas Day](#) Captain F. Thompson of the *Pilgrim* was somewhat more interested in the discipline and control of his crew than in the good of his crew.

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AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:



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Thursday, Dec. 25th. This day was Christmas, but it brought us no holiday. The only change was that we had a “plum duff” for dinner, and the crew quarrelled with the steward because he did not give us our usual allowance of molasses to eat with it. He thought the plums would be a substitute for the molasses, but we were not to be cheated out of our rights in this way.

Such are the trifles which produce quarrels on shipboard. In fact, we had been too long from port. We were getting tired of one another, and were in an irritable state, both forward and aft. Our fresh provisions were, of course, gone, and the captain had stopped our rice, so that we had nothing but salt beef and salt pork throughout the week, with the exception of a very small duff on Sunday. This added to the discontent; and a thousand little things, daily and almost hourly occurring, which no one who has not himself been on a long and tedious voyage can conceive of or properly appreciate—little wars and rumors of wars,—reports of things said in the cabin,—misunderstanding of words and looks—apparent abuses,—brought us into a state in which everything seemed to go wrong. Every encroachment upon the time allowed for rest, appeared unnecessary. Every shifting of the studding-sails was only to “haze”¹ the crew.

In the midst of this state of things, my messmate S _____ and myself petitioned the captain for leave to shift our berths from the steerage, where we had previously lived, into the forecabin. This, to our delight, was granted, and we turned in to bunk and mess with the crew forward. We now began to feel like sailors, which we never fully did when we were in the steerage. While there, however useful and active you may be, you are but a mongrel,—a sort of afterguard and “ship’s cousin.” You are immediately under the eye of the officers, cannot dance, sing, play, smoke, make a noise, or growl, (i.e. complain,) or take any other sailor’s pleasure; and you live with the steward, who is usually a go-between; and the crew never feel as though you were one of them. But if you live in the forecabin, you are “as independent as a wood-sawyer’s clerk,” (nautic,) and are a sailor. You hear sailors’ talk, learn their ways, their peculiarities of feeling as well as speaking and acting; and moreover pick up a great deal of curious and useful information in seamanship, ship’s customs, foreign countries, etc., from their long yarns and equally long disputes. No man can be a sailor, or know what sailors are, unless he has lived the forecabin with them—turned in and out with them, eaten of their dish and drank of their cup. After I had been a week there, nothing would have tempted me to go back to my old berth, and never afterwards, even in the worst of weather, when in a close and leaking forecabin off Cape Horn, did I for a moment wish myself in the steerage. Another thing which you learn better in the forecabin than you can anywhere else, is to make and mend clothes, and this is indispensable to sailors. A large part of their watches below they spend at this work, and here I learned that art which stood me in so good stead afterwards.

But to return to the state of the crew. Upon our coming into the forecabin, there was some difficulty about the uniting of the allowances of bread, by which we thought we were to lose a few pounds. This set us into a ferment. The captain would not condescend to explain, and we went aft in a body, with a Swede, the oldest and best sailor of the crew, for spokesman. The recollection of the scene that followed always brings up a smile, especially the quarter-deck dignity and eloquence of the captain. He was walking the weather side of the quarter-deck, and seeing us coming aft, stopped short in his walk, and with a voice and look intended to annihilate us, called out, “Well, what the d—l do you want now?” Whereupon we stated our grievances as respectfully as we could, but he broke in upon us, saying that we were getting fat and lazy, didn’t have enough to do, and that made us find fault. This provoked us, and we began to give word for word.

1. Haze is a word of frequent use on board ship, and never, I believe, used elsewhere. It is very expressive to a sailor, and means to punish by hard work. Let an officer once say, “I’ll haze you,” and your fate is fixed. You will be “worked up,” if you are not a better man than he is.



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THE REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR DANA, CONCLUDED:

This would never answer. He clenched his fist, stamped and swore, and sent us all forward, saying, with oaths enough interspersed to send the words home,— “Away with you! go forward every one of you! I’ll haze you! I’ll work you up! You don’t have enough to do! If you a’n’t careful I’ll make a hell of the ship!.... You’ve mistaken your man! I’m F_____ T_____, all the way from ‘down east.’ I’ve been through the mill, ground, and bolted, and come out a regular-built down-east johnny-cake, good when it’s hot, but when it’s cold, sour and indigestible;— and you’ll find me so! The latter part of this harangue I remember well, for it made a strong impression, and the “downeast johnny-cake” became a by-word for the rest of the voyage. So much for our petition for the redress of grievances. The matter was however set right, for the mate, after allowing the captain due time to cool off, explained it to him, and at night we were all called aft to hear another harangue, in which, of course, the whole blame of the misunderstanding was thrown upon us. We ventured to hint that he would not give us time to explain; but it wouldn’t do. We were driven back discomfited. Thus the affair blew over, but the irritation caused by it remained; and we never had peace or a good understanding again so long as the captain and crew remained together.

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January 1, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) lectured at the Lyceum in [Concord](#) on “The Study of Natural History.”

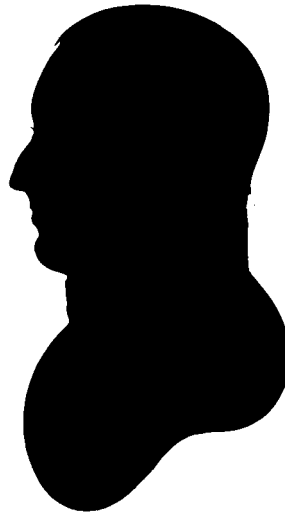
Incidental music to Schmale’s play Beim Antritt des neuen Jahres WWV 36 by Richard Wagner was performed for the initial time, in the Magdeburg Stadttheater, conducted by the composer.

In this extraordinarily cold winter Boston Harbor had frozen, all the way out to Fort Independence.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st M 1st 1835 / It has been a very clear Day & the Air cold. — Attended Meeting which was Silent & I thought solid - Indeed it has been a pretty good day with me - for which I desire to be thankful. —³⁹⁰

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January 4, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 1st M / In our Morning Meeting Father Rodman preached a short good testimony - Silent in the Afternoon

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January 11, Sunday: [Mrs. Mary Mercy Moor Ellis](#) died. This missionary couple had produced four children. The Reverend Ellis would prepare a biography of his deceased wife.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

390. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1833-1836: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 9 Folder 15: January 1, 1833-August 28, 1836; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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1st day 11 of 1st M / Meetings well attended for Winter & Father Rodman engaged in a more than commonly solemn Testimony in the Morning, & a few words in the Afternoon - At the close of the Mornng Meeting Job Sherman read the Notice of the Funeral of Uncle Isaac Almy at [Portsmouth](#) on 4th day next - Which was the first we had heard of his death or Sickness - It appears he had been unwell with the Influenza for some days & last night ate a hearty supper of minced pie & went to bed as usual but in the night was taken unwell & got up with a view of making a fire & fell & died instantly. - How true indeed it is that in the Midst of life we are in death, & how great & forcibly is the necessity suggested of a state of preparation to meet the summons in its sudden presentation

He was a man who promised to live long as his constitution was favourable to it & his ancestors lived long. -

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January 21, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21st of 1st M 1835 / To day the Select Meeting was held at [Portsmouth](#) - being quite unwell I did not go. -

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January 22, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 1st M 1835 / Attended Preparative Meeting in [Newport](#). - The first meeting was a time of some favour & in the last we had some evidence of the continuation of a right concern among the brethren. The remarks of my cousin Henry Giuld on the reading of the Queries was pleasant & in accordance with my own feelings. -

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) arrived in the bay of Monterey, California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

It was a fine Saturday afternoon when we came to anchor, the sun about an hour high, and everything looking pleasantly. The Mexican flag was flying from the little square Presidio, and the drums and trumpets of the soldiers, who were out on parade, sounded over the water, and gave great life to the scene. Every one was delighted with the appearance of things. We felt as though we had got into a Christian (which in the sailor's vocabulary means civilized) country. The first impression which California had made upon us was very disagreeable:— the open roadstead of Santa Barbara; anchoring three miles from the shore; running out to sea before every south-easter; landing in a high surf; with a little darklooking town, a mile from the beach; and not a sound to be heard, or anything to be seen, but Sandwich Islanders, hides, and tallow-bags. Add to this the gale off Point Conception, and no one can be at a loss to account for our agreeable disappointment in Monterey. Beside all this, we soon learned, which was of no small importance to us, that there was little or no surf here, and this afternoon the beach was as smooth as a duck-pond.

We landed the agent and passengers, and found several persons waiting for them on the beach, among whom were some, who, though dressed in the costume of the country, spoke English; and who, we afterwards learned, were English and Americans who had married and settled in the country.

I also connected with our arrival here another circumstance which more nearly concerns myself; viz., my first act of what the sailors will allow to be seamanship— sending down a royal-yard. I had seen it done once or twice at sea, and an old sailor, whose favor I had taken some pains to gain, had taught me carefully everything which was necessary to be done, and in its proper order, and advised me to take the first opportunity when we were in port, and try it. I told the second mate, with whom I had been pretty thick when he was before the mast, that I would do it, and got him to ask the mate to send me up the first time they were struck. Accordingly I was called upon, and went up, repeating the operations over in my mind, taking care to get everything in its order, for the slightest mistake spoils the whole. Fortunately, I got through without any word from the officer, and heard the “well done” of the mate, when the yard reached the deck, with as much satisfaction as I ever felt at Cambridge on seeing a “bene” at the foot of a Latin exercise.



January 25, Sunday: [Hector Berlioz](#) began his duties as concert critic at the [Journal des Debats](#), a post he would hold for the following 28 years.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 1st M / In the Morning Meeting, Father Rodman was engaged in a short but good testimony & the Meeting was well attended — Silent in the PM. — I have been very unwell with a heavy cold attended with some fever for several Days & it is as much as ever it was prudent for me to be at Meeting this Afternoon as it Rained. — I hope my indisposition will not prevent my being at [Providence](#) Qrtly Meeting next week — but hope to be content, be it as it may. — I do not feel much stimulous about going, but should be unwilling to be absent, having several appointments to answer.


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
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 January 28, Wednesday: [George Cuvier Harlan](#) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of [Professor Richard Harlan](#).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 1st M / I have been out a little today but find it safest & most comfortable to keep mostly within doors. - my cough continues & I seem to take cold very easy. - My mind has been favoured with quiet. -

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 January 29, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) began his first planned series of lectures, six offered on the topic of biography sponsored by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, at the Masonic Temple in Boston, by delivering the introductory lecture "Tests of Great Men."³⁹¹

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 1st M 1835 / Monthly Meeting in town which was a time of some favour but no great overflowing. - The buisness in the last pretty well conducted

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 February 1, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 2 M 1835 / Our Morning meeting was well attended & to my feelings a solid & rather solemn meeting, a time of Favour to me for which I desire to be thankful in the fresh feeling & evidence which attended me. -

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391. These are now printed in EARLY LECTURES, Volume I, pages 93-201, the editors of which assert that [Emerson](#) "was becoming dissatisfied both with the restraints imposed by the lyceum system and with the subject of science as there presented."

At some point during this year, a 12-year-old Thomas Wentworth Higginson would be attending one or another of Emerson's public lectures.



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February 2, Monday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

Let Christianity speak ever for the poor & the low. Though the voice of society should demand a defence of slavery from all its organs that service can never be expected from me. My opinion is of no worth, but I have not a syllable of all the language I have learned, to utter for the planter. If by opposing slavery I go to undermine institutions, I confess I do not wish to live in a nation where slavery exists. The life of this world has but a limited worth in my eyes & really is not worth such a price as the toleration of slavery. Therefore though I may be so far restrained by unwillingness to cut the planter's throat as that I should refrain from denouncing him, yet I pray God that not even in my dream or in madness may I ever incur the disgrace of articulating one word of apology for the slave trader or slaveholder.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 2 M 1835 / Set out this mornng on the Stage for [Providence](#) - before we got to Durfees Tavern in [Portsmouth](#) the Stage Broke down - concluding it would be sometime before they could get repaired I walked on, but by the way got a Man to take his Waggon & carry me to the Ferry - when the Passengers arrived they inform'd me they succeeded in getting under way again in the Stage but they had not proceeded far before the Axle tree broke & the Coach turned bottom upward & tho' several were hurt none Seriously injured - I could but rejoice that I had taken another way to get to the ferry for if my weight had been added to the others the consequence might have been more serious - Crossed the ferry & again took a Coach & arrived safe at [Providence](#), tho' we again came near being oversett - the horses taking a shear & running on a side Bank in the road, in consequence of one of the bridles giving way. - Lodged at my Kind friend [Moses Browns](#) who was very glad to see me & received me in a kind & affectionate manner. -

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February 3, Tuesday: At the 3d performance of I Puritani at the Theatre-Italien of Paris, the decree and ribbon making him a chevalier of the Legion of Honor were presented to Vincenzo Bellini.

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

Spent 3rd day at the School House & returned with [M Brown](#) to his house to lodge

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February 4, Wednesday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Attended Select Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings, also a Meeting of the Trustees of O Browns Fund - Dined at S B Tobey's & returned to [M Bs](#) to Lodge. -

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February 5, Thursday: Having completed his introductory lecture "Tests of Great Men" at Boston's Masonic Temple for the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, [Waldo Emerson](#) began the substance of his new "Biography" series of lectures with an account of [Michael Angelo Buonaroti](#): on succeeding Thursdays he would deal with [Martin Luther](#), [John Milton](#), Friend [George Fox](#), and [Edmund Burke](#).



In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day The Public & Private Meeting was large & a pretty good Meeting - Sophrona Page had the weight of Service in the Ministry & Mary B Allen appeared in Supplication

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February 6, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

Spent 6th day Mostly at the School House & on 7th day took the Steam Boat & returned home. -

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February 8, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 2 M 1835 / Good Meetings Father had a short testimony in the Morning & Silent in the Afternoon

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February 10, Tuesday: Records of the "[Institute of 1770](#)":

"Is the immense mass of literature of the present day beneficial?" Kettell lectured on the "Character of Washington."



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The gas lighting of certain principal streets of the city of Philadelphia.

(This wasn't just going on in Philadelphia — when, in the following year, Darwin would return from his long voyage aboard the *Beagle*, he would be enchanted by a radical change in the appearance of London, which had been transformed into a fairyland “magically lit by the millions of gas lights.”)



February 12, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12 of 2 M / Good Solid Silent Meetings -
This Morning recd a parcell & letter of Three Sheets from my
kind & obliging friend Thos Thompson of Liverpool containing
Much valued & highly interesting intelligence from that Land as
well as from James Backhouse who is on a religious visit at
Vandimens Land & New Holland. -*

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Having introduced his Thursday-night audience in Boston's Masonic Temple to [Michael Angelo Buonaroti](#), [Waldo Emerson](#) proceeded to introduce them to [Martin Luther](#). This lecture would be the longest and most prepared of the series, it seems in part due to the fact that the reverend would be contemplating the similarity of Luther's act in posting his 97 theses in Latin at the door of the Catholic church in Wittenberg to his own act in providing a letter of resignation to Proprietors of the Second Church in Boston on September 11, 1832. He would not ever publish this lecture as an essay.

Friend [Angelina Emily Grimké](#) attended a lecture sponsored by the Female Anti-Slavery Society of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



I went ... to an anti-slavery meeting, and heard with much interest an address from Robert Gordon. It was feeling, temperate, and judicious; but **one** word struck my ear unpleasantly. He said, “And yet it is **audaciously** asked: What has the North to do with slavery?” The word “audaciously,” while I am ready to admit its justice, seemed to me inconsistent with the spirit of the Gospel; although we may abhor the system of slavery, I want us to remember that the guilt of the oppressor demands Christian pity and Christian prayer.

The following advertisement appeared in the Charleston, South Carolina Courier:

FIELD NEGROES. By Thomas Gadsden. On Tuesday, the 17th inst., will be sold, at the north of the Exchange, at ten o'clock, A.M., a prime gang of ten negroes, accustomed to the culture of cotton and provisions, belonging to the Independent Church, in Christ's Church Parish. Feb. 6th.

SLAVERY



February 13, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*6th day 13th of 2 M / Attended the funeral of Mary Taylor -over
90 Years of Age - widow of James Taylor, Cabinet Maker -*

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March 14, Saturday: Giovanni Virginio Schiaparelli, astronomer who would assign names to Mars's "canals," was born.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 3 M 1835 / Attended the funeral of our Friend, & my distant relation, Abigail Robinson who Died 4th day the 11 inst in the 77th Year of her Age. - She was for about 40 Years a valuable Minister among Friend & performed several religious visits within the limits of this Yearly Meeting & once went as far South as any Friends lived in company with Lydia Weeks - She was a woman of no ordinary Rank in the world, was much esteemed by people of all persuasions & as a Minister in our Society few stood before her for a sound clear & savory testimony her diction rather elegant & her manner dignified. - She was for a long time the only Friend or Member of Society who lived on Eastons Point, & is the last Recommended Minister in our Society that lives in the Town of [Newport](#). - Father Rodman delivered a good & appropriate testimony at her funeral. - Elijah Anthony, David Buffum, Joseph Fish & myself were the bearers. -

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March 25, Wednesday: Gaetano Donizetti departed from Paris after modest success, to return to [Naples](#).

When he would get back in [Newport](#) on the evening of the 27th from this trip to [Providence](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) would write of the events of this day in his journal:

*4th day 25th of 3 M 1835 / This morning rose by 4 OClock & got breakfast & went to the head of the Long Wharf to wait for the Steam Boat which arrived in season for me to get to [Providence](#) by 9 OClock after attending to a little buisness I went to the Monthly Meeting held there - which to me was a season of favour, of Memorable favour - Hannah Robinson appeared in a very satisfactory testimony to me - Then Dorcas Paine in testimony of solid weight & good savour & then H Robinson appeared in supplication & if it was not attended with life I do not understand what the life is - In the last meeting the buisness was conducted well - I had asked the preceeding Preparative Meeting for a Certificate directed to [Rhode Island](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting which request was recognized & Enoch Breed & Arnold Congdon appointed to make the necessary inquiry & prepare one to be presented next Month
Report was made by a committee that they had laboured with John Albertson & considered further labour useless - this was an Ancient plain friend & who I knew had been useful in society & served as an overseer - not understanding by the report what the*



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nature of the complaint was I requested to have the minute of last Month read by which I found [that he] had petitioned for & received the allowance which government had made to the old revolutionay Officers & Soldiers, he having been one – when I found the nature of the Offense a conversation which I had at last Yearly Meeting with Old Thomas Davis of Weare Moy [Monthly] Meeting who was himself a Soldier & was engaged in Service at Bunker Hill – occured to me with so much weight that it seemed as if I should be short in duty not to in Form the Meeting of it & requested the Youth present to mark the expressions Thos told me that ne never had any disposition to receive the Stypend allowed by government – for the little payment he had received seemed like a curse upon him. – After Meeting I went up to the School House & dined & spent the Afternoon then went down to Moses Browns drank tea spent a pleasant evening & lodged I found him sick with a cold & hard cough & If I had not seen him recover from a much worse state, I should conclude it was the last time I should ever see him in mutability – After breakfasting with my Aged & dearly beloved friend I went to Town – visited Mary Griscom & then walked out to see my dear friend Wm Almy who has recently had an attack of Paralysis & lost the use of his left side, but has recovered so as to walk with help, but his hand is nearly useless – his mouth considerably drawn & his speech rather thick – his mind was clear, & his conversation correct, & his feelings very tender & loving – he wept frequently in speaking of subjects, & individuals that interested him, particularly of the departure of our late dear friend Abigail Robinson. Soon after dinner I prepared to leave him when in speaking of some subject we both were much tenderd & after I had got out the door, he sent for me back to request me to send his love to our Son John at Hudson – that he should remember him at that time, in so affectionate a manner & so much brokenness of spirit was very affecting to my feelings, & quite broke me into tears, which I could not surpress till I got considerable distance from his house.

When I got into Town I call & set an hour at Dr Tobey & then went out to the School House – spent the Afternoon took tea & lodged there – on 6th day Morning the 27th – I came into town, & called a while at Jon[athon] Congdons – then on my way to the boat attended to a little buisness, & called on several of my old friends – we had a slow time down the River in very thick fog & some rain – it was so thick a fog that the boat was obliged to Stand Still several times, & we did not get to Newport till 4 OClock. –

While I was at Providence I thought if I never went there again, I could say my last visit was a good one. –

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April 1, Wednesday: The *Pilgrim*, with [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) arrived at San Pedro harbor.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

After a slow passage of five days, we arrived, on Wednesday, the first of April, at our old anchoring ground at San Pedro. The bay was as deserted, and looked as dreary, as before, and formed no pleasing contrast with the security and snugness of San Diego, and the activity and interest which the loading and unloading of four vessels gave to that scene. In a few days the hides began to come slowly down, and we got into the old business of rolling goods up the hill, pitching hides down, and pulling our long league off and on. Nothing of note occurred while we were lying here, except that an attempt was made to repair the small Mexican brig which had been cast away in a south-easter, and which now lay up, high and dry, over one reef of rocks and two sand-banks. Our carpenter surveyed her, and pronounced her capable of refitting, and in a few days the owners came down from the Pueblo, and, waiting for the high spring tides, with the help of our cables, kedges, and crew, got her off and afloat, after several trials. The three men at the house on shore, who had formerly been a part of her crew, now joined her, and seemed glad enough at the prospect of getting off the coast.

On board our own vessel, things went on in the common monotonous way. The excitement which immediately followed the flogging scene had passed off, but the effect of it upon the crew, and especially upon the two men themselves, remained. The different manner in which these men were affected, corresponding to their different characters, was not a little remarkable. John was a foreigner and high-tempered, and, though mortified, as any one would be at having had the worst of an encounter, yet his chief feeling seemed to be anger; and he talked much of satisfaction and revenge, if he ever got back to Boston. But with the other, it was very different. He was an American, and had had some education; and this thing coming upon him, seemed completely to break him down. He had a feeling of the degradation that had been inflicted upon him, which the other man was incapable of. Before that, he had a good deal of fun, and amused us often with queer negro stories,— (he was from a slave state); but afterwards he seldom smiled; seemed to lose all life and elasticity; and appeared to have but one wish, and that was for the voyage to be at an end. I have often known him to draw a long sigh when he was alone, and he took but little part or interest in John's plans of satisfaction and retaliation.

After a stay of about a fortnight, during which we slipped for one south-easter, and were at sea two days, we got under weigh for Santa Barbara. It was now the middle of April, and the south-easter season was nearly over; and the light, regular trade-winds, which blow down the coast, began to set steadily in, during the latter part of each day. Against these, we beat slowly up to Santa Barbara— a distance of about ninety miles— in three days. There we found, lying at anchor, the large Genoese ship which we saw in the same place, on the first day of our coming upon the coast. She had been up to San Francisco, or, as it is called, “chock up to windward,” had stopped at Monterey on her way down, and was shortly to proceed to San Pedro and San Diego, and thence, taking in her cargo, to sail for Valparaiso and Cadiz. She was a large, clumsy ship, and with her topmasts stayed forward, and high poop-deck, looked like an old woman with a crippled back. It was now the close of Lent, and on Good Friday she had all her yards a’cock-bill, which is customary among Catholic vessels. Some also have an effigy of Judas, which the crew amuse themselves with keel-hauling and hanging by the neck from the yard-arms.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 4th M 1835 / This day recd a kind & interesting letter from my dear Friend Thos Shillitoe of Tottenham England dated 26th of 12 M [December] 1834 — from accounts preciouslly recd of the state of his health. I did not expect to have seen the traces of his pen again — he gives a Sombre picture of the



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state of things in his country, regarding the state of our society. – But I can but hope The Ancient principles of our Early friends will stand the test of Truth.

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April 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13th of 4th M 1835 / Today our friends Edward & Elizabeth Wing came to town & dined with us – Wm Reynolds joined them at tea – Wm lodged at Job Shermans and Edw & Elizabeth lodged with us –

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April 14, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 4 M / This forenoon while sitting in our room Elizabeth Wing apprehended to me a concern to have a religious opportunity in the family on acct of Rowland Hazard – it was immediately effected & she addressed Rowland in very encouraging language & I have no doubt felt out his state & administered to it much to the satisfaction of all present & I have no doubt greatly to his comfort & edification. – She dined at Job Sherman, after which she & Wm Reynolds went in the Steam Boat [Providence](#) on their way to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, & Elizabeth intends to attend that of NYork on her return – I was gratified & comforted with a visit from Edward & Elizabeth, for I do love them with no common love

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April 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 25th of 4th M 1835 / It seems to be serious times in the land in various respects – but that which I seem mostly under the pressure of at the present moment is the alarming illness of my intimate friend James Taylor Apothocary who is very low & we fear is drawing to a conclusion –

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May 3, Sunday: The [Gazette musicale](#) published the 1st of 6 installments of Franz Liszt's "On the Situation of Artist and Their Condition in Society" (co-authored by Marie d'Agoult).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 5th M 1834 [sic] / This Morning about 7 O'clock my Friend & very intimate acquaintance James Taylor, apothocary departed this life – he was pleasant to me in life & in death it is hard to part with him – but all pleasant pictures of this life must be stained in our view & the Scripture realised, that we have no continuing City here. –



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Our Meetings were solid seasons.—

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May 5, Tuesday: King Leopold of Belgium officiated at the opening of a railroad line from Brussels to Mechelen — the 1st public passenger railroad to be opened in Europe.

In [Greenwich, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 5 M / My friend James Taylor was interred this Afternoon - I could not attend the funeral expecting to be called to go on Board the [Greenwich](#) Packet which we were about 4 OC & reached there before Dark -

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[David Henry Thoreau](#) was studying the first two volumes of [Harvard Library](#)'s copy of the 2d edition of [William Godwin](#)'s LIFE OF [GEOFFREY CHAUCER](#), published in London in 1804.



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GODWIN'S CHAUCER, VOL. 3

GODWIN'S CHAUCER, VOL. 4

He would make notes in the series of college notebooks now stored at the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia.

Per the records of the ["Institute of 1770"](#):

Thoreau absent. Russell lectured on "Poetry." Debated: "Whether the spread of the Catholic religion endangers the freedom of our institutions." Debaters for the next discussion: Trull, Treat, Thoreau and Thomas. Lecturers: Thoreau and Treat.



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May 6, Wednesday: In [Northampton](#), Samuel Whitmarsh the wannabee [silk](#) manufacturer purchased 20 acres “in the Great Pastures, so called” near the Mill River for \$2,500.

In New-York, the 1st-day issue of James Gordon Bennett, Sr.'s [Herald](#) newspaper was being hawked for one penny (this would become the initial [Rupert-Murdoch-style](#) metropolitan daily to sacrifice all respectability and increase sales by actively stimulating the public taste for crime and vice, routinely devoting front-page coverage to tales of murder and rape and providing press coverage for such events as races and prizefights).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Attended the Select Quarterly Meeting in the forenoon & the Meeting for sufferings in the Afternoon, & went out to Thos Howlands to lodge

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May 7, Thursday: In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day the Meeting at large, which was a season of favour -our friend Thos Anthony was engaged in a very powerful testimony for the Truth -- Meeting for buisness was satisfactorily conducted - Dined with Dr Eldredge & my wife having an opportunity to ride went on to [Providence](#) by land & I took the Steam Boat King Philp & went to Fall River, & after discharging their lading & taking in an addition of fuel returned to [Providence](#) & arrived there about half pasty 10 OClock. -I lodged at Dr Tobeys. -

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May 8, Friday: Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka got married with Mariya Petrovna Ivanova, his sister's brother-in-law's wife's sister (after four years of this they would separate and divorce).

In Copenhagen, Hans Christian Andersen's TALES, TOLD FOR CHILDREN (1ST COLLECTION).

In [Providence, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Spent the Morning in calling on some of my old friends - then went up to the School House where I spent the Afternoon & evening & lodged

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The *Pilgrim*, carrying [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#), arrived in San Diego harbor.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Friday, May 8th, 1835. Arrived at San Diego. Here we found the little harbor deserted. The *Lagoda*, *Ayacucho*, *Loriotte*, and all, had left the coast, and we were nearly alone. All the hide-houses on the beach, but ours, were shut up, and the Sandwich Islanders, a dozen or twenty in number, who had worked for the other vessels and been paid off when they sailed, were living on the beach, keeping up a grand carnival. A Russian discovery-ship which had been in this port a few years before, had built a large oven for baking bread, and went away, leaving it standing. This, the Sandwich Islanders took possession of, and had kept, ever since, undisturbed. It was big enough to hold six or eight men— that is, it was as large as a ship's fore-castle; had a door at the side, and a vent-hole at top. They covered it with Oahu mats, for a carpet; stopped up the vent-hole in bad weather, and made it their head-quarters. It was now inhabited by as many as a dozen or twenty men, who lived there in complete idleness— drinking, playing cards, and carousing in every way. They bought a bullock once a week, which kept them in meat, and one of them went up to the town every day to get fruit, liquor, and provisions. Besides this, they had bought a cask of ship-bread, and a barrel of flour from the *Lagoda*, before she sailed. There they lived, having a grand time, and caring for nobody. Captain T _____ was anxious to get three or four of them to come on board the *Pilgrim*, as we were so much diminished in numbers; and went up to the oven and spent an hour or two trying to negotiate with them. One of them,— a finely built, active, strong and intelligent fellow,— who was a sort of king among them, acted as spokesman. He was called Mannini,— or rather, out of compliment to his known importance and influence, Mr. Mannini— and was known all over California. Through him, the captain offered them fifteen dollars a month, and one month's pay in advance; but it was like throwing pearls before swine, or rather, carrying coals to Newcastle. So long as they had money, they would not work for fifty dollars a month, and when their money was gone, they would work for ten.

“What do you do here, Mr. Mannini?” said the captain. “Oh, we play cards, get drunk, smoke— do anything we're a mind to.”

“Don't you want to come aboard and work?”

“Aole! aole make make makou i ka hana. Now, got plenty money; no good, work. Mamule, money pau— all gone. Ah! very good, work!— maikai, hana hana nui!”

“But you'll spend all your money in this way,” said the captain.

“Aye! me know that. By-'em-by money pau— all gone; then Kanaka work plenty.”

This was a hopeless case, and the captain left them, to wait patiently until their money was gone.

We discharged our hides and tallow, and in about a week were ready to set sail again for the windward. We unmoored, and got everything ready, when the captain made another attempt upon the oven. This time he had more regard to the “mollia tempora fandi,” and succeeded very well. He got Mr. Mannini in his interest, and as the shot was getting low in the locker, prevailed upon him and three others to come on board with their chests and baggage, and sent a hasty summons to me and the boy to come ashore with our things, and join the gang at the hide-house. This was unexpected to me; but anything in the way of variety I liked; so we got ready, and were pulled ashore. I stood on the beach while the brig got under weigh, and watched her until she rounded the point, and then went up to the hide-house to take up my quarters for a few months.



May 9, Saturday: In [Newport](#), [Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day took the King Philip again at 8 OC in the Morning & returned to [Newport](#) — After having a pleasant & I trust



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proffitable visit & seen many friends whom I love –

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May 10, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th [sic] of 5 M 1835 / Had a pleasant & interesting call from my friend and acquaintance John Howland of [Providence](#) President of the R I Historical Society he was born in [Newport](#) & has lived in [Providence](#) about 65 Years - & is a man of very respectable & venerable standing in that Town. –

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May 14, Thursday: [Charles Darwin](#) reached Coquimbo in Northern Chile.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) received a gold medal from the City of Genoa.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 5 M / I attended Meeting which was a comfortable & refreshing Season & in the Afternoon took the Steam Boat Boston for New York with my wife to attend the Marriage of our dear son John Stanton Gould with Mary Ashby at Hudson – We had on the whole a pleasant & easy sail to NYork tho' it was rather rolling round Point Judith, we arrived in NYork early in the Morning & rode across the City to the North River Steamboat the Albany & had a pleasant & exceedingly interesting sail the Scenery being beautiful & quite a novelty to my dear wife who enjoyed it exceedingly - we arrived at Hudson in season to ride five miles out to the residence of our dear Mary Ashby, found her & her Mother & Grandfather well & were affectionately received by them just as they were setting down to tea - After a little refreshment - I walked down to Joseph Marshall's where our dear John has lived, & was not apprised of our arrival - he soon went back with me & Spent the evening pleasantly & sweetly –

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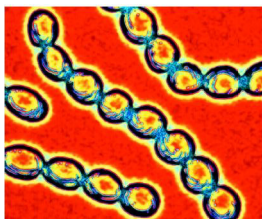
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May 16, Saturday: [Mrs. Felicia Hemans](#), the immensely popular British romantic poet who had for many years been issuing one or more books of poetry per year, died in Dublin, Ireland at the age of 42, reportedly of [tuberculosis](#) complicated by [scarlet fever](#).



The Reverend [Henry C. Wright](#) went to the downtown Boston office of the Garrisonians (this may have happened on the 16th, or it may have happened on the 18th), waited around until someone showed up, and asked to sign up for membership in the antislavery crusade.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 15th [sic] Spent this day in much sweetness of feeling
& in resting after our journey, finding our new acquaintance
highly interesting & affectionately disposed towards us. -*

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May 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 16th [sic] Rode into Hudson & attended their Meeting,
which tho' small was a solid good on[e] A Short testimony by
Abigail Hall & another encouraging one by Rachael Gardner of
[Nantucket](#) who with her Husband Benj Gardner & Elizabeth Mitchell
were there on a visit from [Nantucket](#) - We returned to Stockport
& dined -towards night we took a walk to Columbiaville, an
interesting village, where are Manufacturings for Cotton &c so
round by Joseph Marshalls House. -*

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May 18, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 18th of 5 M 1835 / Spent the day again quietly with our
friends at Stockport & find them very near our hearts - & indeed
& in Truth thankful are we that our beloved John has been cast
in the way of so good company & has formed a connection with a
young woman so amiable & pleasant in life -*

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May 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 19th of 5th M / This being the day appointed for the
Solemnization of the Marriage we rode into Hudson to Meeting
which was very large consisting of person of all persuasions in
the City & many came who could not be accommodated with a seat*



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-After the gathering was seated a very solemn covering spread of the Meeting & a silence that was to be felt in which Abigail Hall delivered a Short testimony which seemed to me did no hurt & to my feelings was rather pleasant - after which Sarah M Upton knealed in solemn Supplication. - after the Meeting was again seated, the solemnity continued in a remarkable manner. - The young folks stood up & pronounced the Marriage covenant in a manner which was at once forcible & striking on the Minds of the Audience, not a smile or the least symptom of disorder occurring thro' the whole & each countenance evincing a state of feeling not common to be general on like occasions - After the certificate was signed & read which our friend Saml Marrot performed handsomly it was signed by many present as witnesses -the solemnity continuing our friend Sarah M Upton rose & commended the people for their orderly & becoming deportment & added a short but savory & in good degree powerful testimony to the Truths of the Gospel - after which & a Solemn pause the Meeting closed & we returned to Stockport the wedding consisted of about 20 or 25 of the particular friends of the family including the overseers

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May 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 5th M 1835 / We attended Monthly Meeting at Hudson & dined with [blank] Jenkins then parted with our friends & dear Children & at [?] went on board the Steam boat David Clinton & had a good & pleasant passage down to NYork & arrived there early in the Morning - the 21 of 5 M & called at Wilson Merretts & took breakfast his daughter & son having been schollars at the School at [Providence](#) made us wish to see them His daughter Amelia is a fine amiable girl & if she keeps her place will make a fine woman - After sitting a while with them we went to Elizabeth Coggeshall & set a little while with them -She & her husband being old townsfolk we felt it a duty to see them -Then we went to Samuel Woods, dined & waited till it was time to go on board the Steam Boat Boston, & then came homeward, arriving at our home in [Newport](#) about 7 OClock next Morning being 6th day the 22nd of 5 M 1835 This is the longest journey My wife has ever taken & is the first time she was ever in NYork or Hudson. - We found our friends at home all well, & our family concerns in good order - This we felt to be an additional favour to the many we have heretofor recd & desire to be thankful to Him from whom all good is derived. -

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May 24, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 5 M 1835 / Attended Meeting at home, & in the forenoon experienced a dull Heavy time - but in the Afternoon



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was more favoured – Father bore short testimonies in both. –

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May 28, Thursday: Commander [George Back](#) journeyed toward Montréal on his way back home to England and glory.

The morning [...] was so fine, and the channel so free from obstruction, that I immediately prepared for my departure, having arranged that Hassel should follow in one of the Company's boats, and take the place of the person who was appointed to accompany me. Accordingly, provided with every thing that was necessary for the journey, I took leave of my kind friend Mr. Smith, [...]

THE FROZEN NORTH

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 5th M 1835 / Attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in [Newport](#) - In the first Father & Hannah Dennis bore short but acceptable testimonies - In the last we conducted the buisness pretty well - Perez Peck & Wm Reynolds came in a little while before the Meeting closed - they were a committee from the Meeting for Sufferings to make provision for the Yearly Meeting & the Moy [Monthly] Meeting appointed a corresponding committee & after the Meeting they came home & dined with us also Asa Sherman. –

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May 31, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 5 M / This morning Huldah Hoag arrived in the Steam Boat & attended Meeting In the Morning she had good service among us – In the Afternoon Father Rodman was lively & pertinent in testimony & was followed in short but acceptable testimony from Huldah – After Meeting I walked with her to the Point & set an hour with her at Mary Williams's at the house where Abigail Robinson lived - I was glad to find, that house is likely to be occupied by friends - it having been purchased by Hetty Smith & a Life lease given by her & her husband to Mary Williams

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June 2, Tuesday: The 1st test run of a train over the entire new Boston and Providence RR route between [Boston](#) and [Providence, Rhode Island](#), via Attleboro and Rumford, followed the east shore of the Seekonk River and crossed that river to a terminus at Providence's India Point. The trip consumed 2 hours and 25

inclusive of five stops — which was considered very speedy. broad will] only encourage the common people to move about needlessly.”

[Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington](#)





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The above description would make the event seem simpler than it was. Although the train of cars carrying the invited guests covered the entire distance, the train's locomotive did not. For the initial leg of the journey, as far as Canton, the train needed to be tugged along by a team of draft horses due to a delay in the arrival of the new locomotive that was to run between these two depots (this delinquent locomotive would show up a few days later).

READ EDWARD FIELD TEXT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 2nd of 6th M 1835 / It being concluded by Father Rodman to resign the Town Treasurership - & many of my friends having proposed me as his successor - I consented to stand as a candidate & after three trials I was elected in Town Meeting by a Majority of one vote as Town Treasurer - the Majority was not calculated to create pride but rather to humble the creature - I feel that for this unexpected provision for another Year & hope due returns may be made to Him from whom I have recd many unmerited blessings & merciful provisions, from sources little expected, & this all my life long -
I went down to the Steam Boat this Morning & as I expected found John on board with our dear Mary & her Mother. - but they had been so Sick off Point Judith that I only saw John they went on direct for Boston & Salem intending to return the last of this or first of next Week.-*

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June 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3rd of 6th M 1835 / This Morning Died at [Portsmouth](#) Ruth Freeborn after an afflicting illness of many Months - the Dropsy - She was a valuable friend & excellent Minister in our Society - - her loss will be severely felt by her immediate friends & connections as well as by the Church - How many valuable members of society have passed from Works to reward during the past Year - Oh that there may be an increase of religious concern among us, that the pillars of our society may be supported, increased & found standing erect. -

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June 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th of 6th M 1835 / This Afternoon went to Connanicut with Huldah Hoag to attend Meeting tomorrow. -

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June 7, Sunday: Jose Maria Queipo de Llano Ruiz de Saravia, Conde de Toreno replaced Francisco Martinez de la Rosa as Prime Minister of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day the 7th / Before I went to meeting I called to see Old Mercy Weeden, who is an old acquaintance of Mine. – We had a pretty full & good Meeting & Huldah was favoured in testimony & supplication – After dining at my cousin Joseph Greenes where we lodged & found him & my Ancient cousins Anne & Mary very glad to see me we came across the ferry & got to our Afternoon Meeting in season. –

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June 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8th of 6th M 1835 / This morning our dear & indeed precious children with their Mother our dear Sister Sarah Ashley arrived in the Steam Boat from [Providence](#) having passed a few days previous on their way to Boston & Salem. – It is a Sweetness & consolation to us, to have them with us, which I am unable to describe, but hope to render proportionate gratitude, to Him who has blessed us with many favours, of which we acknowledge ourselves unworthy. –

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June 13, Saturday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) accepted the position of director of the Gewandhaus concerts in Leipzig for the following year.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 13 of 6 M / From the last to the present date we passed in pleasant (& I may safely add) happy interview with our very dear children & our dear Sister Sarah Ashby who expect to stay till the close of Yearly Meeting which commences this day at [Portsmouth](#) which my dear wife & self attended. – It was a time of some secret mental suffering but on the whole was a time of favour, in that some were favoured to feel the ground they stood on & to know the time in which we live to be perilous & to require deep Watchfulness & care, lest the enemy attack us on a fresh or new side & lead us a way as far in the opposite as he has done many in Hixism.
In the Afternoon I attended the Meeting for Sufferings – & to some it was really a Suffering Season. – but it was also a time which afforded some encouragement to believe there is some strength remaining. –*

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June 14, Sunday: The Gazette Musicale de Paris published the 1st “official” biography of Franz Liszt, nominally by Joseph d’Ortigue (it may have been by Marie d’Agoult).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 6 M 1835 / Excepting a few short offerings Our Morning Meeting was silent but a very solid good Meeting - As usual in the Afternoon on Y Meeting First days the Meeting was much larger than in the Morning & Elisha Bates very large in testimony - the people were very quiet & well satisfied with what they heard & I hope Truths testimony was exalted. -

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June 15, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day Morning - We have for lodgers Joshua Lynch & James Boulton from Ohio - Mead Atwater & Richard Snell from the State of NYork together with our old friend Thomas Howland. - I cannot undertake to insert any thing like a regular Diary of the events of the Yearly Meeting - I shall therefore only say it was a time of no small suffering on acct of the State of Society, but yet there is ground to hope for the best - my mind was encouraged to trust in Israels Shepherd who leadeth the Flock correctly on, affording shelter from Storms & refreshment at noon day & will as his crook is suffered to guide & gather us, preserve from all hurtful things both on the right & left We have had Many pleasant & encouraging interviews with our friends & been favoured to get along in a good, & comfortable degree of peace as respects ourselves - & withall, the company of our dear John & Mary with our dear Sister Sarah Ashby has been truly balsamic to our hearts, & many have been the secret, but ardent mental prayers which my soul has been engaged to put up on their behalf - We have also had the company of many of our dear friends whom we love, that we have not had an opportunity to entertain at our home for six years being only boarders while in Newport, when residing at the boarding School in Providence This has been a pleasant circumstance to us, & we desire to be thankful for the Privilege-

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June 19, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

Meeting closed on 6 day forenoon & in the Afternoon many of our friends left us - Particularly our dear John & Mary with their Mother Sarah Ashby - they took the Steam Boat President for NYork expecting to be at their own home in Hudson on 7th day evening. - as they have made us a very pleasant visit & our minds were fraught with gratitude on the account thereof - & were willing to give them up to return - May the Lord bless & preserve them



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in life & in Death. –

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June 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

On Seventh day Joshua Lynch finding his mind released from further service at present - disposed of his carriage & horses & returned in the Afternoon boat to NYork on his way to his home in Ohio, thinking way for further service in New England may open again at some future period. –

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In the Capitol rotunda, a would-be assassin fired a percussion-cap pistol at President Andrew Jackson from a distance of approximately six feet. The cap failed to ignite the pistol's charge of powder and balls. As the aged Chief Executive took after him with a cane, the assailant produced a second pistol, but was wrestled to the floor before he could fire, by Congressman David Crockett. I don't know whether Congressman Davy was wearing his trademark coonskin at the time, or not. The failure of the pistol's charge to ignite excited the religious fervor of some Americans, who would term this a providential miracle of God.



By 1830 the tombstone inscription of [John Jack](#) in the Old Hill Burying Ground near the Milldam had become weathered and worn, and Concord residents had decided that it needed to be replaced. The replacement gravestone was being written up in the [Concord Freeman](#):

SLAVERY

God wills us free, Man wills us Slavers;
I will as God wills, Gods will be done.

HERE LIES THE BODY OF
JOHN JACK,
A NATIVE OF AFRICA, WHO DIED
MARCH 1773, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS.

Though born in a land of Slavery,
He was born free.
Though he lived in a land of Liberty,
He lived a Slave,
Till by his honest, though stolen labours,
He acquired the source of Slavery,
Which gave him his freedom —
Though not long before,
Death, the grand tyrant,
Gave him his final emancipation,
And set him on a footing with Kings.
Though a slave to vice,
He practiced those virtues,
Without which Kings are but slaves.

We have copied from a tombstone in one of the burying places in this town the above inscription, which we thought might please some one of the many who at this time are deeply interested in the welfare of the slaves. The writer of it is understood to have been the late Hon. DANIEL BLISS, who for a time was in the practice of Law here and administered on the "goods and effects" of the slave; but at the commencement of the Revolution his principles inclining him to the side of Royalty, he left the country and lived and died a subject of the British government.



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The stone that originally indicated the grave of JOHN JACK was broken some years since by accident; but afterwards, at the suggestion of RUFUS HOSMER, Esq. of Stow, in this county, a native of this town and a gentleman of pure and generous feelings, a subscription was commenced by members of Middlesex Bar, which was completed by the people of this town and was sufficient to procure a very seemly and durable monument as a memorial to Jack the Slave.

Those who are acquainted with the localities of this neighborhood will recollect, that the burying place is situated upon an abrupt rising ground. On the memorable 19th of April, 1775, the British officers who commanded the troops sent out from Boston to destroy the material of war collected at Concord, and whose was the first blood shed by American hands in the revolutionary struggle,³⁹² selected this spot as a point of observation from which they could watch the movements of the Americans and indicate by signals to their own soldiery sent in different directions, the plan of operations which circumstances might require them to pursue. Whilst thus occupied, this humble inscription caught the eye of one of those officers who was observed to copy it, and sometime afterwards it appeared in an English Magazine which made its way across the great waters and was read in this country.

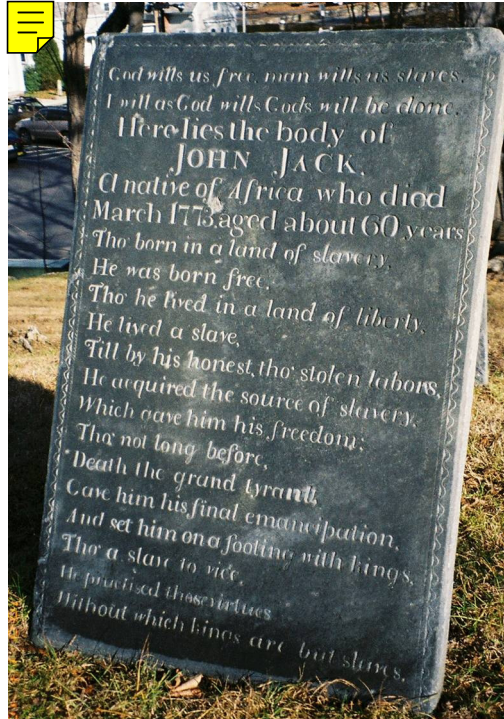
The grave of this forgotten African is in a retired spot surrounded by a cluster of beautiful young locust trees — where his ashes will quietly repose, till the grand inquest of this world shall be summoned and its decisions proclaimed. It will then be known by what right this son of immortality was torn from his mothers arms, his native land, his home, and upon this soil of the free reduced to the condition of the beast that perisheth. It will then be known by what right millions of the race have been stolen from their father land and here converted into beasts of burden, into goods and chattels and retained in that condition of sorrow by human legislation from [sic] mere reasons of state.

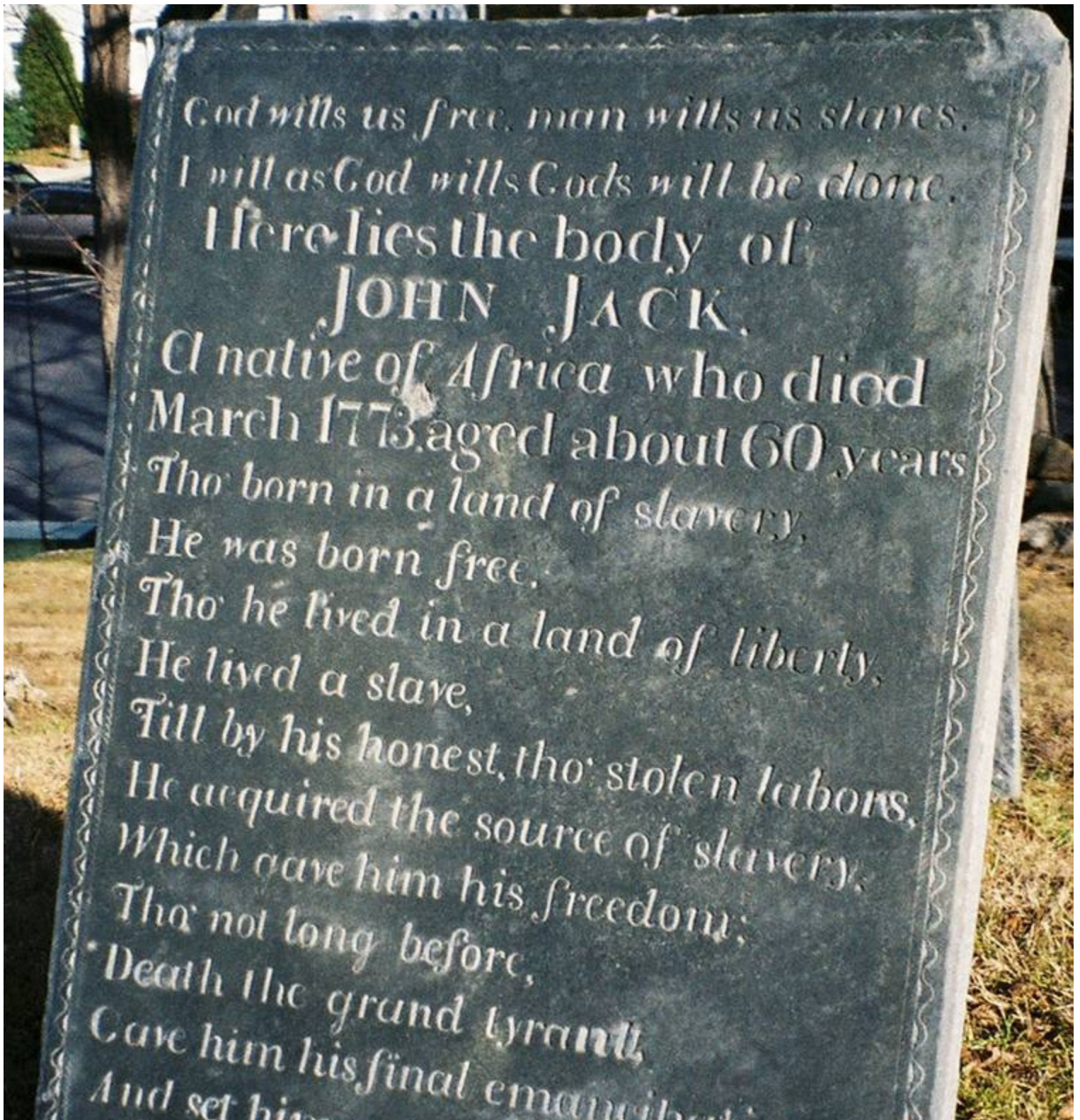
We have met with no one who recollects JACK; the tradition however is, that he belonged to a family by the name of Barns who lived on the Boston road some ways below the village, and that he died at the house of some member of that family to whom he gave his property.

392. On this point we are inclined to believe that an erroneous impression very extensively prevails. We know it was long the claim that British blood was first shed at Lexington, and we suppose from some circumstances of the late celebration in that town that the claim is still urged. We can only say that the fact may have been so, but as far as we have investigated the subject we can find no evidence of it. We take this opportunity to commend to our fellow citizens the perusal of a pamphlet prepared by the Rev. Dr. RIPLEY of this town and published in 1828. The respected writer has enjoyed the very best opportunity to acquire correct information on this subject — he has lived in this community more than half a century, been intimate with all classes of society and familiarly conversed with great numbers who took an active part in the scenes of that eventful day.

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Professor Elise Lemire's mom, Virginia Lemire, took a photo in Sleepy Hollow recently, getting the lettering of John Jack's 1835 replacement memorial stone to stand out admirably by rubbing it with snow (see blowup on following screen).



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June 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 6 M 1835 / Both in the forenoon & Afternoon Meetings Father Rodman was engaged in testimony & in the Morning in Supplication his Afternoon service was chiefly to the Youth & my mind had been specially drawn towards them, it seemed quite a corresponding exercise with my own. — Our old friend & associate Caroline Tobey from [Providence](#) was at Meeting — it was



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pleasant again to sit in Meeting with her. —

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June 25, Thursday: On the coast of California, a pueblo was founded with the construction of its very 1st building. This settlement would come to be known as Yerba Buena, and in a later timeframe, as San Francisco.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 6 M 1835 / We rode to [Portsmouth](#) & attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Mead Atwater & his comapnion Richd Snell were there & Mead was very acceptable in the Ministry - After the conclusion of the last Meeting we went to Uncle Stantons & spent the Afternoon - we found him very unwell, but passed the Afternoon more comfortably than common.—

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June 28, Sunday: After graduating from the General Theological Seminary, [William Ingraham Kip](#) was ordained as an Episcopal deacon.

For his Junior year at [Harvard College](#), [David Henry Thoreau](#) enrolled for classes in Greek, Latin,³⁹³ English, French, German, theology, and moral philosophy.

The Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal opened (currently for small craft only). France obtained a Columbian charter to dig a [ship canal](#) entirely across its province of Panama, from sea to shining sea.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 6th M / Our Mornng Meeting was well attended & Father engaged in the Ministry acceptably. - In the Afternoon our friend Mead ATwater was at Meeting & well engaged in the Ministry - it was rather larger than in the Morning. - H & Richd

393. Would it have been during this period that he had [Henry Swasey McKean](#) for his Latin tutor?



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went to Fathers to tea, & are to come here to lodge

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July 2, Thursday: Less than two years after his appointment as music director for the city, [Felix Mendelssohn](#) gave his final concert in Dusseldorf.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 7th M 1835 / Our meeting tho' rather small was a pretty good one to me, in that I was favoured to feel a resting place for the mind - attended at the same time with some cogitation of flesh & spirit. -

In the Afternoon went to Redwood Library & saw the Presents which the King of England has lately sent it, of a large Sett of Books containing the Ancient Laws of the Kingdom & among them, what is called Doomsday book, after which I went & spent an interesting hour with my friend Johnson near the Beach. -

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July 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th M 5th 1835 (1st day) / Father Rodman was engaged in testimony & supplication in the Mornng Meeting & in the Afternoon in testimony - They were good meetings, tho' life was not as much in dominion in my mind, as I desired it might be. -

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July 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 7 M / Thro' forgetfulness of the time on which Meeting began I was not there today

It happened on this wise - Meeting on 5th day in [Newport](#) from my Youth till the time we removed to [Providence](#) always began at 11 OClock - since our removal, in the Summer season it has been changed to half past 10 OClock - This Morning I was engaged on some buisness & returned home as I thought in good season to be at Meeting, but when I got ready it wanted only 10 Minutes of 11 OClock & then I recollected that Meeting must have been gathered nearly half an hour - It is some satisfactiion to me that Meeting was on my mind, & that it was not the day, but the time of day that escaped me - Some may say a Miss one way, is as bad as another, but I do not feel very guilty or very bad any way about it, but am sorry to Miss a Meeting when it was my full intention to have attended. -

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July 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11th of 1th M 1835 / Today My wife made a little party



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*for a few little girls of the neighborhood & our acquaintance,
as well as for our own comfort & pleasure as of our little niece
Elizabeth R Nichols - it was a pleasant sight to see them enjoy
themselves rationally & instructively -
My mind seemed in a state to enjoy the scene of innocence, & I
was thankful for the privilege*

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(probably a misprint in the book; this probably occurred on some other day:) [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#),
in the absence of the *Pilgrim*, enjoyed his California life.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Saturday, July 11th. The *Pilgrim* set sail for the windward, and left us to go on in our old way. Having laid in such a supply of wood, and the days being now long, and invariably pleasant, we had a good deal of time to ourselves. All the duck I received from home, I soon made up into trowsers and frocks, and displayed, every Sunday, a complete suit of my own make, from head to foot, having formed the remnants of the duck into a cap. Reading, mending, sleeping, with occasional excursions into the bush, with the dogs, in search of coati, hares, and rabbits, or to encounter a rattlesnake, and now and then a visit to the Presidio, filled up our spare time after hide-curing was over for the day. Another amusement, which we sometimes indulged in, was "burning the water" for craw-fish. For this purpose, we procured a pair of grains, with a long staff like a harpoon, and making torches with tarred rope twisted round a long pine stick, took the only boat on the beach, a small skiff, and with a torch-bearer in the bow, a steersman in the stern, and one man on each side with the grains, went off, on dark nights, to burn the water. This is fine sport. Keeping within a few rods of the shore, where the water is not more than three or four feet deep, with a clear sandy bottom, the torches light everything up so that one could almost have seen a pin among the grains of sand. The craw-fish are an easy prey, and we used soon to get a load of them. The other fish were more difficult to catch, yet we frequently speared a number of them, of various kinds and sizes. The *Pilgrim* brought us down a supply of fish-hooks, which we had never had before, on the beach, and for several days we went down to the Point, and caught a quantity of cod and mackerel. On one of these expeditions, we saw a battle between two Sandwich Islanders and a shark. "Johnny" had been playing about our boat for some time, driving away the fish, and showing his teeth at our bait, when we missed him, and in a few moments heard a great shouting between two Kanakas who were fishing on the rock opposite to us: "E hana hana make i ka ia nui!" "E pii mai Aikane!" etc., etc.; and saw them pulling away on a stout line, and "Johnny Shark" floundering at the other end. The line soon broke; but the Kanakas would not let him off so easily, and sprang directly into the water after him. Now came the tug of war. Before we could get into deep water, one of them seized him by the tail, and ran up with him upon the beach; but Johnny twisted round, turning his head under his body, and, showing his teeth in the vicinity of the Kanaka's hand, made him let go and spring out of the way. The shark now turned tail and made the best of his way, by flapping and floundering, toward deep water; but here again, before he was fairly off, the other Kanaka seized him by the tail, and made a spring towards the beach, his companion at the same time paying away upon him with stones and a large stick. As soon, however, as the shark could turn, he was obliged to let go his hold; but the instant he made toward deep water, they were both behind him, watching their chance to seize him. In this way the battle went on for some time, the shark, in a rage, splashing and twisting about, and the Kanakas, in high excitement, yelling at the top of their voices; but the shark at last got off, carrying away a hook and line, and not a few severe bruises.



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We kept up a constant connection with the Presidio, and by the close of the summer I had added much to my made vocabulary, besides having made the acquaintance of nearly everybody in the place, and acquired some knowledge of the character and habits of the people, as well as of the institutions under which they live.

California was first discovered in 1536, by Cortes and was subsequently visited by numerous other adventurers as well as commissioned voyagers of the Spanish crown. It was found to be inhabited by numerous tribes of Indians, and to be in many parts extremely fertile; to which, of course, was added rumors of gold mines, pearl fishery, etc. No sooner was the importance of the country known, than the Jesuits obtained leave to establish themselves in it, to Christianize and enlighten the Indians. They established missions in various parts of the country toward the close of the seventeenth century, and collected the natives about them, baptizing them into the church, and teaching them the arts of civilized life. To protect the Jesuits in their missions, and at the same time to support the power of the crown over the civilized Indians, two forts were erected and garrisoned, one at San Diego, and the other at Monterey. These were called Presidios, and divided the command of the whole country between them. Presidios have since been established at Santa Barbara and San Francisco; thus dividing the country into four large districts, each with its presidio, and governed by the commandant. The soldiers, for the most part, married civilized Indians; and thus, in the vicinity of each presidio, sprung up, gradually, small towns. In the course of time, vessels began to come into the ports to trade with the missions, and received hides in return; and thus began the great trade of California. Nearly all the cattle in the country belonged to the missions, and they employed their Indians, who became, in fact, their slaves, in tending their vast herds. In the year 1793, when Vancouver visited San Diego, the mission had obtained great wealth and power, and are accused of having depreciated the country with the sovereign, that they might be allowed to retain their possessions. On the expulsion of the Jesuits from the Spanish dominions, the missions passed into the hands of the Franciscans, though without any essential change in their management. Ever since the independence of Mexico, the missions have been going down; until, at last, a law was passed, stripping them of all their possessions, and confining the priests to their spiritual duties; and at the same time declaring all the Indians free and independent Rancheros. The change in the condition of the Indians was, as may be supposed, only nominal: they are virtually slaves, as much as they ever were. But in the missions, the change was complete. The priests have now no power, except in their religious character, and the great possessions of the missions are given over to be preyed upon by the harpies of the civil power, who are sent there in the capacity of administradores, to settle up the concerns; and who usually end, in a few years, by making themselves fortunes, and leaving their stewardships worse than they found them. The dynasty of the priests was much more acceptable to the people of the country, and indeed, to every one concerned with the country, by trade or otherwise, than that of the administradores. The priests were attached perpetually to one mission, and felt the necessity of keeping up its credit. Accordingly, their debts were regularly paid, and the people were, in the main, well treated, and attached to those who had spent their whole lives among them. But the administradores are strangers sent from Mexico, having no interest in the country; not identified in any way with their charge, and, for the most part, men of desperate fortunes—broken down politicians and soldiers—whose only object is to retrieve their condition in as short a time as possible. The change had been made but a few years before our arrival upon the coast, yet, in that short time, the trade was much diminished, credit impaired, and the venerable missions going rapidly to decay. The external arrangements remain the same. There are four presidios, having under their protection the various missions, and pueblos, which are towns formed by the civil power, and containing no mission or presidio. The most northerly presidio is San Francisco; the next Monterey; the next Santa Barbara, including the mission of the same, St. Louis Obispo, and St. Buenaventura, which is the finest mission in the whole country, having very fertile soil and rich vineyards. The last, and most



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southerly, is San Diego, including the mission of the same, San Juan Capestrano, the Pueblo de los Angelos, the largest town in California, with the neighboring mission of San Gabriel. The priests in spiritual matters are subject to the Archbishop of Mexico, and in temporal matters to the governor-general, who is the great civil and military head of the country.

The government of the country is an arbitrary democracy; having no common law, and no judiciary. Their only laws are made and unmade at the caprice of the legislature, and are as variable as the legislature itself. They pass through the form of sending representatives to the congress at Mexico, but as it takes several months to go and return, and there is very little communication between the capital and this distant province, a member usually stays there, as permanent member, knowing very well that there will be revolutions at home before he can write and receive an answer; if another member should be sent, he has only to challenge him, and decide the contested election in that way.

Revolutions are matters of constant occurrence in California. They are got up by men who are at the foot of the ladder and in desperate circumstances, just as a new political party is started by such men in our own country. The only object, of course, is the loaves and fishes; and instead of caucusing, paragraphing, libelling, feasting, promising, and lying, as with us, they take muskets and bayonets, and seizing upon the presidio and custom-house, divide the spoils, and declare a new dynasty. As for justice, they know no law but will and fear. A Yankee, who had been naturalized, and become a Catholic, and had married in the country, was sitting in his house at the Pueblo de los Angelos, with his wife and children, when a Spaniard, with whom he had had a difficulty, entered the house, and stabbed him to the heart before them all. The murderer was seized by some Yankees who had settled there, and kept in confinement until a statement of the whole affair could be sent to the governor-general. He refused to do anything about it, and the countrymen of the murdered man, seeing no prospect of justice being administered, made known that if nothing was done, they should try the man themselves. It chanced that, at this time, there was a company of forty trappers and hunters from Kentucky, with their rifles, who had made their head-quarters at the Pueblo; and these, together with the Americans and Englishmen in the place, who were between twenty and thirty in number, took possession of the town, and waiting a reasonable time, proceeded to try the man according to the forms in their own country. A judge and jury were appointed, and he was tried, convicted, sentenced to be shot, and carried out before the town, with his eyes blindfolded. The names of all the men were then put into a hat and each one pledging himself to perform his duty, twelve names were drawn out, and the men took their stations with their rifles, and, firing at the word, laid him dead. He was decently buried, and the place was restored quietly to the proper authorities. A general, with titles enough for an hidalgo, was at San Gabriel, and issued a proclamation as long as the fore-top-bowline, threatening destruction to the rebels, but never stirred from his fort; for forty Kentucky hunters, with their rifles, were a match for a whole regiment of hungry, drawling, lazy half-breeds. This affair happened while we were at San Pedro, (the port of the Pueblo,) and we had all the particulars directly from those who were on the spot. A few months afterwards, another man, whom we had often seen in San Diego, murdered a man and his wife on the high road between the Pueblo and San Louis Rey, and the foreigners not feeling themselves called upon to act in this case, the parties being all natives, nothing was done about it; and I frequently afterwards saw the murderer in San Diego, where he was living with his wife and family.

When a crime has been committed by Indians, justice, or rather vengeance, is not so tardy. One Sunday afternoon, while I was at San Diego, an Indian was sitting on his horse, when another, with whom he had had some difficulty, came up to him, drew a long knife, and plunged it directly into the horse's heart. The Indian sprang from his falling horse, drew out the knife, and plunged it into the other Indian's breast, over his shoulder, and laid him dead. The poor fellow was seized at once,



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clapped into the calabozo, and kept there until an answer could be received from Monterey. A few weeks afterwards, I saw the poor wretch, sitting on the bare ground, in front of the calabozo, with his feet chained to a stake, and handcuffs about his wrists. I knew there was very little hope for him. Although the deed was done in hot blood, the horse on which he was sitting being his own, and a great favorite, yet he was an Indian, and that was enough. In about a week after I saw him, I heard that he had been shot. These few instances will serve to give one a notion of the distribution of justice in California.

In their domestic relations, these people are no better than in their public. The men are thriftless, proud, and extravagant, and very much given to gaming; and the women have but little education, and a good deal of beauty, and their morality, of course, is none of the best; yet the instances of infidelity are much less frequent than one would at first suppose. In fact, one vice is set over against another; and thus, something like a balance is obtained. The women have but little virtue, but then the jealousy of their husbands is extreme, and their revenge deadly and almost certain. A few inches of cold steel has been the punishment of many an unwary man, who has been guilty, perhaps, of nothing more than indiscretion of manner. The difficulties of the attempt are numerous, and the consequences of discovery fatal. With the unmarried women, too, great watchfulness is used. The main object of the parents is to marry their daughters well, and to this, the slightest slip would be fatal. The sharp eyes of a duena, and the cold steel of a father or brother, are a protection which the characters of most of them—men and women—render by no means useless; for the very men who would lay down their lives to avenge the dishonor of their own family, would risk the same lives to complete the dishonor of another.

Of the poor Indians, very little care is taken. The priests, indeed, at the missions, are said to keep them very strictly, and some rules are usually made by the alcaldes to punish their misconduct; but it all amounts to but little. Indeed, to show the entire want of any sense of morality or domestic duty among them, I have frequently known an Indian to bring his wife, to whom he was lawfully married in the church, down to the beach, and carry her back again, dividing with her the money which she had got from the sailors. If any of the girls were discovered by the alcalde to be open evil-livers, they were whipped, and kept at work sweeping the square of the presidio, and carrying mud and bricks for the buildings; yet a few reals would generally buy them off. Intemperance, too, is a common vice among the Indians. The Spaniards, on the contrary, are very abstemious, and I do not remember ever having seen a Spaniard intoxicated.

Such are the people who inhabit a country embracing four or five hundred miles of sea-coast, with several good harbors; with fine forests in the north; the waters filled with fish, and the plains covered with thousands of herds of cattle; blessed with a climate, than which there can be no better in the world; free from all manner of diseases, whether epidemic or endemic; and with a soil in which corn yields from seventy to eighty fold. In the hands of an enterprising people, what a country this might be! we are ready to say. Yet how long would a people remain so, in such a country? The Americans (as those from the United States are called) and Englishmen, who are fast filling up the principal towns, and getting the trade into their hands, are indeed more industrious and effective than the Spaniards; yet their children are brought up Spaniards, in every respect, and if the “California fever” (laziness) spares the first generation, it always attacks the second.



July 12th, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 12th of 7 M / Father was engaged in supplication
& testimony in the Morning, & in testimony in the Afternoon –
Both Meetings seemed favoured - Thos & Lydia Ann Gould took tea*




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& spent the evening with us. –


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 July 16, Thursday: After some 41 years of service, the [Unitarian](#) parish of Dorchester over which the [Reverend Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D.](#) was presiding acceded to his request and provided him with a colleague, the Reverend Nathaniel Hall, to assist in these duties.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 7 M / Our Meeting was rather smaller than usual, but to me it was a very sweet comfortable time -- I suppose the reason of its being smaller than in common times, it is the season of hay & those who have it to make must attend to it. –


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 July 19, Sunday: After a journey through the Swiss countryside of over a month, Franz Liszt and Marie d'Agoult arrived in Geneva and took up residence together.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 7 M / Father Rodman bore short testimonies in both Meetings, & both were solid good meetings to me – tho' I was not as much favoured with life in the Afternoon as in the Morning

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 July 22, Wednesday: The balloon of the master goldbeater and intrepid aeronaut Louis Lauriat rose from [Providence](#) (*Moshasuck*), [Rhode Island](#) and in one hour and 25 minutes transited to within 19 miles of [Boston](#) town.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th M 22nd 1835 (4th day) / We rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Select Meeting – which was a time of some favour, & I was glad I was there it being the first I have attended Since we left [Providence](#) – We went to Uncle Stantons & spent the Afternoon – found him very poorly & the probability is that he is wearing out & cannot remain long with us – or cannot remain long on this side of the grave, tho' he may outlive many who now seem in tolerable health – We know not who may be called first, when I reflect on the many that are young in life pass to their long homes & leave behind them, those that are far advanced in life – I often think, how uncertain all things are in this transitory World

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 July 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 23 of 7 M / Attended Meeting in town which was a good solid one to me -

In the last which was Preparative Meetg We had a request for Membership from an ancient Man Aged about 85 Years by the name of Monro - who has been for many years a very dilligent attender of Friends meetings - The manner in which he came in & the diffident & humble manner in which he requested the care of Friends was affecting to my mind. - a committee was named to confer with him on the subject previous to its going to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. -

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July 26, Sunday: Over the following few days the 1st sugar cane plantation would be starting up in the Hawaiian Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 7th M 1835 / Good meetings as those who attended, informed me, but I was unable to attend Meeting from a jar which I had yesterday, by the top of the cellar Stair giving way with me upon it, so that I was let thro' into the cellar with precipitancy & considerable jar to my great frame - - aside from the jar I was not hurt, excepting the under part of both my Arms were considerably scraped. - I felt thankful for the preservation - Today I have felt much worse than yesterday & have not been able to set up for most of the day. -

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July 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 7 M / Much recovered from my fall tho' still feel the effects of it. -
Attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting - which was a time of favour - Mary Hicks first appeared in testimony - then Elizabeth Wing, then Hannah Dennis - then Father in Supplication then Ruth Davis - & then a short testimony from Father, after which the Meeting concluded & went to buisness - there was not much before it, save the Answering of the Queries &c.-
We had at Dinner Jon[athon] Dennis, Hannah Dennis Ruth Davis & Elizabeth Weeden - In addition we had at tea Susan Johnson & Martha Morris daughters of Isaac W Morris decd of Philadelphia, & after tea I walked with the two latter to their place of board in the Neck. -*

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August 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 8th M 1835 / Our Meeting today was seasons of favour - In the forenoon Father & Ruth Davis were both in testimony & Ruth in supplication - In the Afternoon Father &



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Ruth both appeared in testimony - Ruth remarkably lively & pertinent in concern for the Youth. -

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August 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 8 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Select Quarterly Meeting - which was a time of some favour - Dined at Uncle Stantons & returned home. -

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August 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 8 M / Again went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting at large, - It was a season of Watering under the Ministry of Moses Beede & Mead Atwater - Ruth Davis in supplication at the conclusion - The Meeting for buisness was not long - very little buisness but the Answers to the queries before it. - After Meeting we rode home without dinner & got into town in season to get on board the Lexington for [Providence](#) & arrived there just after Sunsett & went to my dear Friend [Moses Browns](#) & lodged - found him well & very glad to see me - I spent the evening very pleasantly with him & the company of there. -

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Commander [George Back](#) arrived at Montréal on his way back home to England and glory.

Bolivia gained its independence.



August 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7th of 8 M 1835 / Met with the committee & spent the day at the YMBSchool returned to M Browns & lodged

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August 8, Saturday: Penny Magazine:

<http://www.history.rochester.edu/pennymag/215.htm>

From this day until the 14th, [David Lee Child](#) and [Lydia Maria Child](#) accompanied George Thompson to New-York, intending to travel with him to England to work for British anti-slavery societies. Before they could depart, David was arrested for debt and thus they would need to spend the following six months boarding with the Quaker family of farmers, Joseph and Margaret Carpenter, in New Rochelle. "David's partner on the Massachusetts Journal and Tribune, George Snelling, not content with leaving the whole burden of the newspaper's debts to his associate, had filed suit against him and procured an injunction against letting David leave the country. Overcome with humiliation and disappointment, Child had sat down and wept on the quay."

Thomas George Morton was born in Philadelphia, a son of [Dr. Samuel George Morton](#).³⁹⁴

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day - Met with the Meeting for Sufferings & Trustees of O B Fund - dined at Wm Jenkins's & after attending to a little buisness in the Town I returned to the School House- & lodged there. -

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394. He seems not to have been a Quaker. He would be educated at the University of Pennsylvania and graduate in the medical department there in 1856. He would practice general surgery in Philadelphia for the next three years, actively engage during the Civil War in the establishment of military hospitals, and be a surgeon at Satterlee hospital, and consulting surgeon to the United States army hospital, Chesnut Hill, Pennsylvania. He would hold offices in numerous other hospitals, including the Orthopedic, of which he would be the originator. In 1876 he would be appointed a commissioner to erect a branch of the Pennsylvania Insane Asylum for the state's southern district, and be chairman of its committee on plans and buildings. He would be chosen president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Restriction of Vivisection in 1880, and vice-president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children the same year, be appointed a Commissioner of Pennsylvania Public Charities in 1883, and chairman of the Committee of Lunacy in 1886. He would introduce the ward-carriage into the Pennsylvania Hospital in 1866, the bed-elevator and carriage in 1874, and in 1876 receive the Centennial medal awarded for hospital ward dressing-carriage. He would publish numerous professional papers in the American Journal of the Medical Sciences and Pennsylvania Hospital Reports. He would publish LECTURE ON THE TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD AND ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION (New York, 1877); he and Dr. William Hunt would prepare SURGERY OF PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL (Philadelphia, 1880); and he would publish TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD AND ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION (New York, 1887).



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August 9, Sunday: [Henry Thoreau](#)'s espousal of a "higher law," a need to obey the dictates of one's personal conscience even when this conflicted with the demands of statute law and of custom and precedent, can usefully be compared and contrasted with the attitude of the US Postmaster General, Amos Kendall, toward the South's perceived need to purge abolitionist writings such as the Liberator from the US mail. On this date Kendall wrote to the postmaster of Charleston allowing that he could begin to search the mails for incoming materials like the Liberator, and burn any offending documents:³⁹⁵

We owe an obligation to the laws, but a higher one to the community in which we live and, if the former be perverted to destroy the latter, it is patriotism to disregard them.

Here is what Lewis Perry has had to say about this concept of the Higher Law, which, he pointed out, was "a phrase with important variations in meaning":



The phrase has been much favored by historians, but was not used frequently by nonresistant abolitionists. The higher law could refer simply to the obligations of Christian conscience which prevented compliance with an unjust civil statute (in which case it was a component of the divine government as understood by non-nonresistants). It could refer to the embodiment of universal, legal morality within the unwritten code of the land (as in [The Reverend Lysander] Spooner's writings). It could also refer to a Christian standard of politics toward which saints were expected to drive their governments (whether this was a libertarian or authoritarian standard varied among political abolitionists). And in contemporary justification of John Brown it referred to a state of grace in which one man, by virtue of his faith in his ideas, became his own source of law, higher than any government.

Nonresistants may be compared with Transcendentalists to clarify different implications of the higher law. With few exceptions, nonresistants believed that there was one grand source of law outside their sphere of understanding: God. Fear of affronting this authority dictated broad leeway of private judgment. It was clear that intermediate forms of coercion, government, and enslavement violated God's law; the range of options left for private judgment was clearly restricted by God's law. Transcendentalism, generally speaking, assumed correspondence between abstract verities and human impulses, and thus it trusted strictly individual, but nonetheless human, sources of law. Less attention was paid to God the lawmaker. A man had to obey his own nature. Lacking the security of fixed prohibitions, such as that violence and homicide are infractions of the divine law, the transcendentalist might be left in deeper difficulties than the nonresistant by the relativity of private judgment. He might feel unqualified admiration for John Brown as, in Emerson's words, "a pure idealist, with no by-ends of his own,"

395. This would be termed the "Post Office Lynch Law." It was a volkish attitude worthy of the Third Reich. [Thoreau](#), by espousing a higher law based not upon this putative "obligation to the community in which we live" but instead upon one's personal relationship with God, was at least in part seeking to subvert such racist illegalism. Tongue in cheek, he turned the US Postmaster's own argument quite against these racists and their all-white community.



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as a man who "believed in his ideas to the extent that he existed to put them all into action; he said 'he did not believe in moral suasion, he believed in putting the thing through.'"

Bronson Alcott, the only one of those ordinarily called [Transcendentalists](#) who was also a Garrisonian nonresistant, provided one of the most striking examples of nonviolent action in the 1850s. When armed abolitionists were being repelled in their attempt to deliver a Negro fugitive from Boston's court house, Alcott stepped forward and asked quietly, "Why are we not within?" His dignity was unruffled by a response of gunfire, but no one followed him. Though his action did not free anyone, Alcott furnished one of the rare examples of "practical Christianity" or active nonresistance. It is meaningful to say that he excelled other nonresistants on their own terms. We might conclude that, when the law of intuition was made identical with the Christian injunction of nonresistance, the result was proof against even such temptations as the plight of an imprisoned runaway. Alcott did not need to devise categories to exhort other men to violence. But no one else combined nonresistance and transcendentalism. And even Alcott, when he met John Brown, wrote ominously in his journal: "This is the man to do the Deed."

Most [Transcendentalists](#) spurned nonresistance. Brook Farm criticized [Hopedale](#) for presuming that divine laws, such as nonresistance, could be generalized in a creed. Orestes Brownson carried transcendentalism into a militant espousal of the interests of labor; in this cause he thought that armed resistance could be a Christian necessity. Although he wished that the world might comply with the principle of peace, he was shocked when nonresistants criticized Bunker Hill, "where Liberty and Slavery once met in the death-struggle." Emerson praised the principle of nonresistance lavishly in his diaries, but these private judgments were part of an inner life, walled off from public action. [The Reverend] [Adin Ballou](#) could not admire Emerson for this reason. If some of his "transcendental abstractions" were put into practice, they might "regenerate the world. But the fatal hitch with such moralists is that neither they nor their admirers can sail out of the old ship of society as it is." Emerson had told Ballou that his "utmost" would be to guide his own family above the plane of earthly strife.

[The Reverend Theodore Parker] did not lay the same priority on private life; he was an active abolitionist. Clear on most subjects, he was ambiguous about nonresistance. Although he respected nonresistants, he stated that the doctrine "never went down with me" – and for a transcendentalist it was what went down with him that counted. He admitted that his private opinions had fluctuated considerably on nonresistance; the BIBLE was not altogether clear, but he was not in any case "inclined to settle such questions on the authority of Jesus.... I could not cast down my own nature and be faithless to my own soul." He did not preach on the question, favorably or unfavorably, because his mind was not made up, because men needed no urging



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to fight, and because nonviolence was right in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred. But in being faithful to his own ideas, of course, he was associated with the most violent quarters of antislavery; he was one of the "Secret Six" who conspired with John Brown.

Thoreau deserves special attention since he is often called an anarchist and since his philosophy is sometimes compared to Garrisonianism. His views had little in common with nonresistance. Alcott's program for the New England nonresistants was the distillation from their consciences of persuasive simple truths; these were the measures with which he sought to evangelize the coercive world. Thoreau, on the other hand, paid little attention to the existence of universal truths. He placed a somewhat mystical value on particular experiences; he doubted the possibility of universal reform with a Calvinistic vehemence. His few remarks on antislavery, including his praise of John Brown, reveal a violent potential in what often is considered a philosophy of principled nonviolence.

Thoreau was generally critical of the reformers. In 1854, however, after Massachusetts had rendered a fugitive slave back to his owners, he spoke at a protest meeting in Framingham MA. Much of his time was spent in arguing the superiority of the countryside to the city and in attacking newspapers as bulwarks of slavery. He also used higher law to support arguments already familiar to antislavery – any perceiver of truth must judge the judges, law cannot make men free. But it was necessary for Thoreau to explain how he had gotten onto an antislavery platform in the first place: "I had never respected the government near to which I had lived, but I had foolishly thought I might manage to live here, minding my private affairs, and forget it." How he was impressed that his life was passing, not through some neutral zone, but "wholly within hell."

Even this shock did not mean that he joined organized reform. But he was ready, four years later, to condemn it for failing to equal his admiration for the hero John Brown. "A man of rare common sense and directness of speech, as of action; a transcendentalist above all, a man of ideas and principles," was his conception of Brown. This soldier "had no need to invent anything but to tell the simple truth, and communicate his own resolution." His martyrdom fed Thoreau's hatred of the respectable, commercial world. But Thoreau was not opposed to any government except that which disturbed his peace of mind. He explicitly identified Brown with a government needing no suffrage to establish justice and resist tyranny and occupying a Christian beachhead.

Thoreau brooded over the execution of John Brown and, a year later, he set his reflections down clearly. The martyr had been "the embodiment of principle," and therefore it was irrelevant to pass judgment on his means: "The man who does not recognize in Brown's words a wisdom and nobleness, and therefore an authority, superior to our laws, is a modern Democrat. This is



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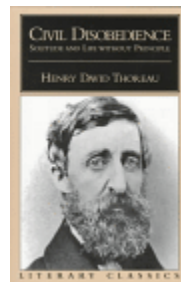
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the test by which to discover him. He is not wilfully but constitutionally blind on this side, and he is consistent with himself." Harpers Ferry was a test of personal sanctification; sinners could be discriminated from saints according to the ways in which different persons responded to Brown. As Thoreau proceeded to ridicule the ambitions and even the physical appearance of his neighbors, he spoke in terms of original sin:

"It is not every man who can be a Christian, even in a very moderate sense, whatever education you give him. It is a matter of constitution and temperament, after all. He may have to be born again many times. I have known many a man who pretended to be a Christian, in whom it was ridiculous, for he had no genius for it. It is not every man who can be a free man, even."

We may judge from this last sentence that not even in his veneration of Captain John Brown had Thoreau become an abolitionist.

Brown became Thoreau's personal Christ, a figure of unquestionable authority to liberate him from oppressive visions of authority. In the resulting scheme of law, Brown's importance as a reformer was dismissed; he was simply a vengeful foe of the unregenerate. Thoreau was able to celebrate "Resistance to Civil Government" (this was the original title of his great 1849 essay on civil disobedience).



So intent was he on the signs of his private consciousness, however, that he scarcely spoke of sinless alternatives to civil government. It was enough to worship the heroism -the faith in ideas- of Captain John Brown.

This brief look at the [Transcendentalists](#) gives perspective on the vacillations of the nonresistants in the 1850s. Nonresistants may not have measured up very well to their own original standards of pacifism, but they never ventured to proclaim any man a law unto himself. They also kept their minds on the goal of abolishing slavery more clearly than such a worshiper of John Brown as Thoreau. But transcendentalists and nonresistants shared the problem of how the validity of



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principles could be fixed between the sovereign individual and the sovereign God. The transcendentalists decided some men could embody principles and bring them to life. The nonresistant was left with the relativity of private judgment.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Morning rose early & Seth Davis took me to the Lexington & returned home in plenty of time to have gone to Meeting, but feeling quite fatigued & unwell, was satisfied to stay at home but attended the Afternoon sitting, it was however to me a season of leanness tho' Father was engaged in testimony & I have no doubt it was a time of favour & good feeling to some -but the body & mind are so connected that when one suffers the other is very likely to

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August 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 8 M 1835 / Just about tea time this Afternoon Wm Cozzins was married to my Neice Martha Stanton Gould & went immediately to Housekeeping in the house formerly Geo Champlins & lately occupied, & still owned by Dr Cotton Martha has been a very near & Dear neice to me. I love her & wish her well, there is a Singular coincidence between her Marriage & that of me & my wife, which occurred the same Month & day of the Month 27 Years ago - (11th of 8th M 1808) - We have been blessed - we have indeed much to be exceedingly thankful for, & it seems sometimes as if our cup has run over, yet we have had some keen trials to place in the opposite balance - The past year has been fraught with favourable incident & we count the Marriage of our dear Son with Mary Ashby as a blessing indeed & greatly desire the future walks of their lives may be prosperous & happy - Ours is now on the down hill side, & we greatly desire to render thanksgiving & praise to that power & preserving Arm which has so evidently been extended for our support

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August 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th 8th M 1835 / Our Meeting was small & rather low in life, tho' it was solid & quiet & Father bore a good little testimony - This afternoon I called to see my dear Neice Martha S Cozzens for the first time at her own home - I hope & trust she will do well. -


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
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 August 16, Sunday: [Frédéric François Chopin](#) met his parents for the 1st time since leaving Poland, in Karlsbad (they would stay together for three weeks).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 8 M 1835 / Being cloudy & drizley our Meeting this morning was rather small, but it was a season of no common Solemnity to me & I believe others were made partakers of it - on entering & taking my seat in meeting supplication arose in my spirit for a portion of that Salt which seasons those around us tho' vocal sounds may not be heard - This was experienced in no common degree. Father was engaged in a short supplication & testimony, which I thought was in a good degree of life, tho' it would have been a good Meeting if nothing had been Said. -

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 August 20, Thursday: The balloon of the Boston master goldbeater and intrepid aeronaut Louis Lauriat rose from Castle Garden at the south tip of Manhattan Island in New-York and half an hour later care to rest on the farm of a Judge Terhune on the mainland.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 8th M 1835 / Our meeting was to me a poor lean season - Father said a little twice on the subject of Faith, but I could not attain to much of that which makes a good Meeting to me - In the last (Preparative) Edw Earle preposed intentions of Marriage with Ann B Buffum - Nathan Morris's request to be admitted to Membership, & a complaint against Geo Bowen for Marrying our of the order of Society were forwarded to the Moy [Monthly] Meeting

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 August 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 8 M / Our Meeting was silent & very solid in the forenoon - Silent & in a good measure so in the Afternoon - Father was not at meeting having had a very sick turn for several days -

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 August 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 27th of 8 M 1835 / We went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting - the first was silent & more buisness than common.
Nathan Monro's application for Membership was recd & a committee appointed to visit him
Geo Bowen was complained of for marrying out of the Order of society & Edw Earle & Ann B Buffum published their intentions of Marriage & a committte was appointed to repair to [Portsmouth](#) Meeting house -*



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Dined at Uncle Stantons.

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August 30, Sunday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) arrived in Leipzig to take up directorship of the Gewandhaus Orchestra.

[Friend Angelina Emily Grimké](#) wrote to William Lloyd Garrison informing him that she had made a commitment to abolitionism.

[Friend John Greenleaf Whittier](#) and the Englishman George Thompson were egged and stoned in Concord NH, on account of their having favored “the niggers” in a speech they had just made in Plymouth, New Hampshire:

“I maintained the testimony and resisted not — I gave place unto wrath.”³⁹⁶

One of the thrown stones injured Whittier’s leg. Afterward, the two stopped off at an inn where the landlord asked if they had heard of the ruckus. As they left, stepping into their chaise, Whittier introduced Thompson, then Thompson introduced Whittier, and they drove off with the innkeeper “standing, mouth wide open, gazing after us.” However, Whittier would comment repeatedly, elsewhere, that one cannot expect “that because men are reformers, they will therefore be better than other people.”

[According to Russel B. Nye’s FETTERED FREEDOM: CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE SLAVERY CONTROVERSY, 1830-1860 (Michigan: Michigan State UP, 1963, page 203), it was Whittier and Samuel May and they were stoned. Would this have been a separate occasion, in New-York earlier, or in Boston later?]

I was mobbed in Concord, N.H., in company with George Thompson, afterwards member of the British Parliament, and narrowly escaped from great danger. I kept Thompson, whose life was hunted for, concealed in our lonely farm-house for two weeks. I was in Boston during the great mob in Washington Street, soon after, and was threatened with personal violence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 8M / Both Meetings were solid & very good ones to me, & after the Afternoon Meeting Attended the funeral of John H Barbers Child - in both Meetings & at the funeral Father had short testimonies & I thought at the funeral was particularly favoured. —

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September 1, Tuesday: [Elijah Hinsdale Burritt](#), A.M.’s ATLAS, DESIGNED TO ILLUSTRATE THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE HEAVENS, COMPRISING THE FOLLOWING MAPS OR PLATES.... (New York: Published by F.J. Huntington and Co. 174 Pearl Street. Hand-colored copper engravings by W.G. Evans of New-York. This was accompanied by a 2d edition of the author’s GEOGRAPHY OF THE HEAVENS.)

ASTRONOMY

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

396. To the people who were engaging in the antislavery struggle, this year of 1835 would become known as “the mob year.”



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3rd 9th M 1st 1835 / This Morning went on board the President for Providence to attend the Meeting of the Sub-Committee & arrived at the School House a few minutes after the buisness of the Meeting had commenced

We had two laborious sittings as it appeared there was trouble in the Camp - I went down to Moses Browns & lodged - In the Morning of the 2nd inst word came that another Meeting of the committee was requested & those of us at M Brownss were desired to be at the School House to which we soon repaired & had two long settings & at 4 OClock I left them & returned in the President to Newport. -

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September 3, Thursday: David Henry Thoreau checked out, from Harvard Library, for the 2d time, the 1st volume of Charles Rollin (1661-1741)'s THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE EGYPTIANS, CARTHAGINIANS, ASSYRIANS, BABYLONIANS, MEDES AND PERSIANS, MACEDONIANS, AND GRECIANS. INCLUDING A HISTORY OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES OF THE ANCIENTS. TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH. THE 12TH EDITION, REVISED, CORRECTED, AND ILLUSTRATED WITH A SET OF MAPS NEWLY ENGRAVED (first printed 1730-1738; one of the first 17 English editions, possibly the one issued in London in 1813).



This time he also checked out the atlas to this set of volumes. Our guy would comment later of the catacombs full of preserved death, of our museums full of stuffed animals, and of such history textbooks stuffed full with irrelevant facts, that:



"I hate museums, there is nothing so weighs upon the spirits. They are catacombs of nature. They are preserved death. One green bud of Spring one willow catkin, one faint trill from some migrating sparrow, might set the world on its legs again.

I know not whether I muse most at the bodies stuffed with cotton and sawdust - or those stuffed with bowels and fleshy fibre.

The life that is in a single green weed is of more worth than all this death. They are very much like the written history of the world - and I read Rollin and Ferguson with the same feeling."

-JOURNAL; September 24, 1843



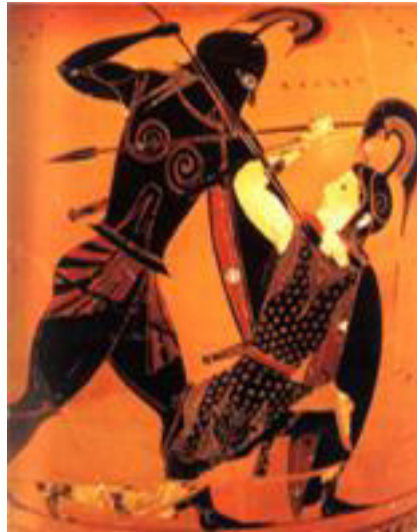


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[Thoreau](#) also checked out the 1st volume of the Christian Gottlob Heyne (1729-1812) translation of [Homer](#)'s *HOMERI ILLAS CUM BREVI ANNOTATIONE CURANTE C.G. HEYNE*. Lipsiae: in Libraria Weidmannia, 1804)



[Thoreau](#) also checked out volumes 1, 2, and 5 of the five volumes of THE CANTERBURY TALES OF [CHAUCER](#); WITH AN ESSAY ON HIS LANGUAGE AND VERSIFICATION, AN INTRODUCTORY DISCOURSE, NOTES AND A GLOSSARY BY THO. TYRWHITT, ESQ.... (London: W. Pickering, 1830).³⁹⁷

CANTERBURY TALES, I

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"There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away"
— Emily Dickinson

397. The record of the books Thoreau checked out from the Harvard Library during his Sophomore (1834-1835) and Junior (1835-1836) school years is of particular interest to us, because Charging Book "D" of the "[Institute of 1770](#)"—the book which contained the record of Thoreau's borrowings from that student club's library—is missing. This record may yet turn up — but its present absence is a serious hole in Thoreau scholarship.



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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th M 3rd 1835 / Owing to the alteration of the time of Holding the Meeting not being given out last first day, Vizt from 1 / 2 Past 10 to 11 OClock the gathering was scattered, as it is apt to be at every change which takes place. – it was However a pretty solid good Meeting – Several from other places were in attendance & Hannah Dennis spoke. –In the Afternoon I called on my Cousins Henry & Thos Gould at their respective Mills. –

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September 6, Sunday: [Frédéric François Chopin](#) and his parents traveled from Karlsbad to the estate of Count Bedrich Thun-Hohenstein in Cieszyn, Silesia (while in Paris, Chopin had taught the count's two sons).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 9th M / Pretty good Meetings Father said a little in each. –
I do much desire the help & strength of our poor Society, which is indeed in a low & poor condition both in Europe & in America
– My hands indeed hang down & I fear for its safety. –*

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September 10, Thursday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) took up his new duty station, manning the weather cross-jack braces, and described the labor-intensive nature of configuring a ship to be driven by the power of the winds. (The large crews that were necessary, in order to man all duty-stations at once, and the intricate coordination which was requisite, and the extensive skills which could only be learned by on-the-job training, were what would in a few years make it economical to transition from free-fueled weightless wind power to costly- and heavy-fueled steam power.)

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

The second day out, the wind drew ahead, and we had to beat up the coast; so that, in tacking ship, I could see the regulations of the vessel. Instead of going wherever was most convenient, and running from place to place, wherever work was to be done, each man had his station. A regular tacking and wearing bill was made out. The chief mate commanded on the forecastle, and had charge of the head sails and the forward part of the ship. Two of the best men in the ship— the sailmaker from our watch, and John, the Frenchman, from the other, worked the forecastle. The third mate commanded in the waist, and, with the carpenter and one man, worked the main tack and bowlines; the cook, ex-officio, the fore sheet, and the steward the main. The second mate had charge of the after yards, and let go the lee fore and main braces. I was stationed at the weather cross-jack braces; three other light hands at the lee; one boy at the spanker-sheet and guy; a man and a boy at the main topsail, top-gallant, royal braces; and all the rest of the crew— men and boys— tailed on to the main brace. Every one here knew his station, must be there when all hands were called to put the ship about, and was answerable for every rope committed to him. Each man's rope must be let go and hauled in at the order, properly made fast, and neatly coiled away when the ship was about. As soon as all hands are at their stations, the captain, who stands on the weather side of the quarter-deck, makes a sign to the man at the wheel to put it down, and calls out "Helm's a lee!" "Helm's a lee!" answers the mate on the forecastle, and the head sheets are let go. "Raise tacks and sheets!" says the captain; "tacks and sheets!" is passed forward, and the fore tack and main sheet are let go. The next thing is to haul taught for a swing. The weather cross-jack braces and the lee main braces are each belayed together upon two pins, and ready to be let go; and the opposite braces hauled taught. "Main topsail haul!" shouts the captain; the braces are let go; and if he has taken his time well, the yards swing round like a top; but if he is too late, or too soon, it is like drawing teeth. The after yards are then braced up and belayed, the main sheet hauled aft, the spanker eased over to leeward, and the men from the braces stand by the head yards. "Let go and haul!" says the captain; the second mate lets go the weather fore braces, and the men haul in to leeward. The mate, on the forecastle, looks out for the head yards. "Well, the fore topsail yard!" "Top-gallant yard's well!" "Royal yard too much! Haul into windward! So! well that!" "Well all!" Then the starboard watch board the main tack, and the larboard watch lay forward and board the fore tack and haul down the jib sheet, clapping a tackle upon it, if it blows very fresh. The after yards are then trimmed, the captain generally looking out for them himself. "Well the cross-jack yard!" "Small pull the main top-gallant yard!" "Well that!" "Well the mizen top-gallant yard!" "Cross-jack yards all well!" "Well all aft!" "Haul taught to windward!" Everything being now trimmed and in order, each man coils up the rigging at his own station, and the order is given— "Go below the watch!"

During the last twenty-four hours of the passage, we beat off and on the land, making a tack about once in four hours, so that I had a sufficient opportunity to observe the working of the ship; and certainly, it took no more men to brace about this ship's lower yards, which were more than fifty feet square, than it did those of the *Pilgrim*, which were not much more than half the size; so much depends upon the manner in which the braces run, and the state of the blocks; and Captain Wilson, of the *Ayacucho*, who was afterwards a passenger with us, upon a trip to windward, said he had no doubt that our ship worked two men lighter than his brig.



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Thursday In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 9 M / Our meeting was Silent, & After Meeting with two other committee men had an opportunity with Nathan Monro on account of his application, for Membership - He is now over 80 Years of Age & has been a dilligent attender of our Meetings for more than 50 Years both on first & on Week days - It is One Year ago this day that Aunt Nancy Carpenter departed this life since which time we have occupied her house & kept her family the same as she left it. -

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September 12, Saturday: It was the 2d centennial of the founding of the town of [Concord](#) and [Waldo Emerson](#) stood before its assembled citizenry in the old church to deliver the 2d Centennial Anniversary Address. The structure was packed so full that it was felt appropriate to place props under the galleries. Still “one of them settled alarmingly with the weight,” and when it “cracked ominously” some members of the audience made a rush to save themselves. Emerson, however, read for an hour and three-quarters: “A Historical Discourse, Delivered before the Citizens of Concord, 12th September 1835.” (See Rusk, Volume I, pages 451-453.) Good people, they sat still to hear about themselves. The paper told them how fine New Englanders were and what a grand institution the New England town meeting was:

It is the consequence of this institution that not a school-house, a public pew, a bridge, a pound, a mill-dam, hath been set up, or pulled down, or altered, or bought, or sold, without the whole population of this town having a voice in the affair. A general contentment is the result. And the people truly feel that they are lords of the soil. In every winding road, in every stone fence, in the smokes of the poor-house chimney, in the clock on the church, they read their own power, and consider, at leisure, the wisdom and error of their judgments.

[Waldo](#), in his wisdom, specifically called for the compensated emancipation of all American slaves (no compensation whatever to the slaves for their stolen labor, of course, and no provisions whatever for their illness or old age), followed of course by a total black repatriation to the coast of Africa. He supposed this could be accomplished at the ridiculously low cost of one week’s wages, which is to say approximately \$6, per



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white citizen worker: “It is said, it will cost a thousand millions of dollars to buy the slaves, — which sounds like a fabulous price. But if a price were named in good faith, — with the other elements of a practicable treaty in readiness, and with the convictions of mankind on this mischief once well awake and conspiring, I do not think that any amount that figures could tell, founded on an estimate, would be quite unmanageable. Every man in the world might give a week’s work to sweep this mountain of calamities out of the earth.”

As part of the oration, Emerson pointed out that after the Reverend “John Eliot’s praying Indians” had requested permission to establish a “praying village” near Concord, and had been granted such permission,

It is the misfortune of Concord to have permitted a disgraceful outrage upon the friendly Indians settled within its limits, in February, 1676, which ended in their forcible expulsion from the town.



That’s all. Nothing about racial mass murder, or the violation of the innocent woman and child.

JOHN ELIOT

John Shepard Keyes liked this one heck of a lot — self-congratulation being right up his alley:

At any rate I had never enjoyed so much in a day before and I keep the manuscript of Emersons oration to this day as my greatest literary treasure, and I mean never to part with it.

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Fellow Citizens,
The town of Concord begins, this day, the third Century of its history. By a common consent, the people of New England, for a few years past, at the second centennial anniversary of each of its early settlements arrived, have seen fit to observe the day. You have thought it becoming to commemorate the planting of the first inland town. The sentiment is just, and the practice is wise. Our ear shall not be deaf to the voice of time. We will review the deeds of our fathers, and pass that just verdict on them we expect from posterity on our own.

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A quotation from page 36 of Dr. [Edward Jarvis](#)'s TRADITIONS AND REMINISCENCES OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 1779-1878, in regard to the elaborate mechanics of this celebration, is to be found on the following screen:

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The dinner tent was in the field where now (1875) stands the dwelling of Judge Brooks. Mr. Shepherd, the excellent keeper of the hotel, was professionally ambitious and unwilling to set out a cheap dinner to which the multitude should come. He would get one that would be honorable to his hotel and to the town. The majority and the leading influences in the committee agreed with him and accepted his proposition to have a dinner at the cost of a \$1.50 for each person. There was not then nor has there since been any doubt that Mr. Shepherd's dinner was worth that sum or that as a matter of entertainment it was an honor to his skill and good taste and honorable dealing with customs. But although about 400 ate at this table and enjoyed the intellectual feast that followed, there was yet very many to whom it was an impossibility and these were kept away, who otherwise might have joined in the festivity and contributed by their presence to swell the gathering of Concord and her children and children's children at their family homes.... They remembered and brought up the scene on the Common when Lafayette was entertained in 1825 and said that this, like that, was for the glorification of the rich and [that it was] framed [planned] with the necessary consequence of the mortification of the mass of the people. Means were taken and influences used to persuade people not to accept this hospitality as alluded to in the article opposite then printed in the Concord paper. [The article referred is a letter dated September 12, 1835, signed "The wife of a Middlesex farmer," and describes the events of the centennial celebration: "I notice those who in independence might leisurely recline on a hair-cloth sofa with a volume of the *ILLIAD*, or ride in a splendid carriage to variegate the scene; here were those, who in the humbler walks of life ply their needles or tend their dairies for a livelihood -- all, all seemed happy without any inequality or distinction.... Most of us have the **means** of educating our children, as well as those who count their thousands; let us do it, and ever impress on their minds that true greatness and superiority consists more in wisdom and merit than in splendid equipages and fine houses."]... When the committee had finished their work and paid all the bills for expenses incurred under their direction, they found that they had exceeded the town's appropriation by about one hundred dollars. At first view, seeing that all this town's money had been expended in carrying out the purposes of the town, it would seem that this excess should be reported to the town and an additional appropriation asked for the payment. But the committee remembered the dissatisfaction that had been manifested by some and the undercurrent of censure that had been stirred by the leading malcontents and thought it more wise to ask no more grant of the town and avoid any opportunity of public complaint or unkind taunting at the gathering of the people. They therefore unanimously agreed to pay this deficiency out of their own private funds, each paying an equal proportion of the whole.



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Meanwhile, on the opposite coast of the continent, [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) was getting involved again in the port business of carrying hides, ferrying passengers, etc., in San Pedro harbor just as in San Diego harbor, the biggest difference between the two anchorages being that the ship was now farther offshore.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

The next morning, according to the orders of the agent, the Pilgrim set sail for the windward, to be gone three or four months. She got under weigh with very little fuss, and came so near us as to throw a letter on board, Captain Faucon standing at the tiller himself, and steering her as he would a mackerel smack. When Captain T_____ was in command of the Pilgrim, there was as much preparation and ceremony as there would be in getting a seventy-four under weigh. Captain Faucon was a sailor, every inch of him; he knew what a ship was, and was as much at home in one, as a cobbler in his stall. I wanted no better proof of this than the opinion of the ship's crew, for they had been six months under his command, and knew what he was; and if sailors allow their captain to be a good seaman, you may be sure he is one, for that is a thing they are not always ready to say. After the Pilgrim left us, we lay three weeks at San Pedro, from the 11th of September until the 2nd of October, engaged in the usual port duties of landing cargo, taking off hides, etc., etc. These duties were much easier, and went on much more agreeably, than on board the Pilgrim. "The more, the merrier," is the sailor's maxim; and a boat's crew of a dozen could take off all the hides brought down in a day, without much trouble, by division of labor; and on shore, as well as on board, a good will, and no discontent or grumbling, make everything go well. The officer, too, who usually went with us, the third mate, was a fine young fellow, and made no unnecessary trouble; so that we generally had quite a sociable time, and were glad to be relieved from the restraint of the ship. While here, I often thought of the miserable, gloomy weeks we had spent in this dull place, in the brig; discontent and hard usage on board, and four hands to do all the work on shore. Give me a big ship. There is more room, more hands, better outfit, better regulation, more life, and more company. Another thing was better arranged here: we had a regular gig's crew. A light whale-boat, handsomely painted, and fitted out with stern seats, yoke, tiller-ropes, etc., hung on the starboard quarter, and was used as the gig. The youngest lad in the ship, a Boston boy about thirteen years old, was coxswain of this boat, and had the entire charge of her, to keep her clean, and have her in readiness to go and come at any hour. Four light hands, of about the same size and age, of whom I was one, formed the crew. Each had his oar and seat numbered, and we were obliged to be in our places, have our oars scraped white, our tholepins in, and the fenders over the side. The bow-man had charge of the boat-hook and painter, and the coxswain of the rudder, yoke, and stern-sheets. Our duty was to carry the captain and agent about, and passengers off and on;



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which last was no trifling duty, as the people on shore have no boats, and every purchaser, from the boy who buys his pair of shoes, to the trader who buys his casks and bales, were to be taken off and on, in our boat. Some days, when people were coming and going fast, we were in the boat, pulling off and on, all day long, with hardly time for our meals; making, as we lay nearly three miles from shore, from forty to fifty miles rowing in a day. Still, we thought it the best berth in the ship; for when the gig was employed, we had nothing to do with the cargo, except small bundles which the passengers carried with them, and no hides to carry, besides the opportunity of seeing everybody, making acquaintances, hearing the news, etc. Unless the captain or agent were in the boat, we had no officer with us, and often had fine times with the passengers, who were always willing to talk and joke with us. Frequently, too, we were obliged to wait several hours on shore; when we would haul the boat up on the beach, and leaving one to watch her, go up to the nearest house, or spend the time in strolling about the beach, picking up shells, or playing hopscotch, and other games, on the hard sand. The rest of the crew never left the ship, except for bringing heavy goods and taking off hides; and though we were always in the water, the surf hardly leaving us a dry thread from morning till night, yet we were young, and the climate was good, and we thought it much better than the quiet, hum-drum drag and pull on board ship. We made the acquaintance of nearly half of California; for, besides carrying everybody in our boat, - men, women, and children, - all the messages, letters, and light packages went by us, and being known by our dress, we found a ready reception everywhere.

At San Pedro, we had none of this amusement, for, there being but one house in the place, we, of course, had but little company. All the variety that I had, was riding, once a week, to the nearest rancho, to order a bullock down for the ship. The brig Catalina came in from San Diego, and being bound up to windward, we both got under weigh at the same time, for a trial of speed up to Santa Barbara, a distance of about eighty miles. We hove up and got under sail about eleven o'clock at night, with a light land-breeze, which died away toward morning, leaving us becalmed only a few miles from our anchoring-place. The Catalina, being a small vessel, of less than half our size, put out sweeps and got a boat ahead, and pulled out to sea, during the night, so that she had the sea-breeze earlier and stronger than we did, and we had the mortification of seeing her standing up the coast, with a fine breeze, the sea all ruffled about her, while we were becalmed, in-shore. When the sea-breeze died away, she was nearly out of sight; and, toward the latter part of the afternoon, the regular north-west wind set in fresh, we braced sharp upon it, took a pull at every sheet, tack, and halyard, and stood after her, in fine style, our ship being very good upon a taughtened bowline. We had nearly five hours of fine sailing, beating up to windward, by long stretches in and off shore, and evidently gaining upon the Catalina at every tack.



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When this breeze left us, we were so near as to count the painted ports on her side. Fortunately, the wind died away when we were on our inward tack, and she on her outward, so we were in-shore, and caught the land-breeze first, which came off upon our quarter, about the middle of the first watch. All hands were turned-up, and we set all sail, to the skysails and the royal studding-sails; and with these, we glided quietly through the water, leaving the Catalina, which could not spread so much canvas as we, gradually astern, and, by daylight, were off St. Buenaventura, and our antagonist nearly out of sight. The sea-breeze, however, favored her again, while we were becalmed under the headland, and laboring slowly along, she was abreast of us by noon. Thus we continued, ahead, astern, and abreast of one another, alternately; now, far out at sea, and again, close in under the shore. On the third morning, we came into the great bay of Santa Barbara, two hours behind the brig, and thus lost the bet; though, if the race had been to the point, we should have beaten her by five or six hours. This, however, settled the relative sailing of the vessels, for it was admitted that although she, being small and light, could gain upon us in very light winds, yet whenever there was breeze enough to set us agoing, we walked away from her like hauling in a line; and in beating to windward, which is the best trial of a vessel, we had much the advantage of her.

Wilhelm Wieprecht, director of the Berlin Gardes du Corps-Musik, received a patent for a bass tuba.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 9th M 1835 / I dreamed a dream last night which I have often thought of thro' the day. I was at the School in [Providence](#) where I saw a scene, which I shall not describe - It was among the classical Schollars & my mind was so wrought upon by it, that I fell to preaching to them with a powerful voice & with such regularity & connection as made me wonder at my self as when ever I have offered any thing among them my expressions have been few & under a degree of embarrassment - Well I have greatly desired & laboured much for the welfare of that Institution, but if things remain as they were when I was last there, & if they should prove as I saw them in my dream last night - it is Certainly time there was some change in its condition. -

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September 13, Sunday: [Felix Mendelssohn](#) was introduced to the members of the Gewandhaus, Leipzig, and conducted his 1st rehearsal. Later he was guest of honor at a 16th birthday party for Clara Wieck. He entertained the assembly by doing imitations of [Frédéric François Chopin](#) and Liszt at the piano, then played his own music alone and with Clara. At Clara's request Mendelssohn played the scherzo from Schumann's new Piano Sonata. Clara received her presents, a new Capriccio, a birthday ode, and a gold watch from the Davidsbund.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13 of 9 M / It was a cloudy day & Meeting rather small
but I thought very quiet & solid seasons - tho' I must confess
that to me individually it was very far from being a time of
abounding
Father said a little in both Meetings - After tea I called over
to Mary Williams to see Wm Robinsoin on my return called at
Brother Isaacs & while there David returned from NYork having
last night encountered great Danger in the Steam boat by being
run a foul of by a Schooner - it being very dark & the sea high*

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September 18, Friday: [David Henry Thoreau](#)'s [Harvard College](#) essay on assignment "Speak of the privileges and pleasures of a literary man."



In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 9th M 1835 / Today Sister Mary returned to me the Letters which I wrote to my Lamented & dear Sister Ruth during my residence in [Providence](#) - I have read them all over, between 30 & 40 in Number - they revived some past occurrences which were much effaced from my memory - & renewed the feelings & remembrance of others, & were on the whole very interesting to me - I was glad they were preserved, as they contain an account of some things, which may be remembered to some advantage in a future day. -

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September 19, Saturday: [Frédéric François Chopin](#) arrived in Dresden from seeing his parents in Cieszyn. He was on his way to Leipzig.

Stephen Austin called on Anglo settlers in Texas to rise against the Mexican government.

A [Quaker](#) woman was depicted in this year, by Ammi Phillips:



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) had strained relations with some [Quaker](#) relatives who were being led astray by Friend [Elias Hicks](#):

7th day 9th of 9th M / Today Thos R Robinson & his wife Jemima called to take leave of us on their return home to Vermont, having spent the Summer here among their relations - they are both Hixites [[Hicksites](#)], & tho' as relations & the offspring of respectable parents & familys, I felt a disposition to be more than civil to them, yet I could not part with them as Friends I had unity with - Very different was the feeling our Friend Stephen Stevens & his wife (Rachail Bird that was) who called at the Same time on their way home to Vermont to Speak with us by the way & take leave of us having spent a few days on a visit to her relations at [Portsmouth](#) - they felt life [like] friends with whom I had unity & sympathy. - Stephen brought me a remarkable Stone found on his Fathers farm it is a curiosity to us, thoi' he says many such are found in clay banks in Vermont - it looke like some Indian carved Work

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September 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 9th M 1835 / Meeting this Morning was silent & Small - being Stormy but few came, it was however a solid good time to me. - Father had a short but good testimony in the Afternoon. -

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September 23, Wednesday: The balloon of the Boston master goldbeater Louis Lauriat rose again from Castle Garden at the south tip of the island of Manhattan but this time the flight of our intrepid aeronaut terminated abruptly on some rocks near the Battery shore. A second attempt was somewhat more successful, depositing him at North Hempstead on Long Island.

Vincenzo Salvatore Carmelo Francesco Bellini died alone at 5PM at a country house in the Paris suburb of Puteaux, at the age of 33.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23rd of 9th M 1835 / Went to [Portsmouth](#) to see Uncle Stanton who is still very ill with a stopage in his stomach, which prevents any thing remaining in it but a short time, before it is ejected - he suffers much from hunger & thirst & seems to be wearing out, tho' he may continue some time. -- This is also the day my aged & dear friend [Moses Brown](#) is 97 Years old, which I commemorate as having for the last Six years generally seen him on his birth day, & for some years previous to my residence in [Providence](#) have addressed a letter to him on that day or on this day of the Month. - but have been unable to today from the circumstance of by being from home. - This is also the Anniversary of the Great Storm 1815 which I well remember & also remember that our dear Sister Ruth Rodman Spent the day with us this day 20 Years ago & looked with us at the mighty force of the Wind & waves which beat over the Long Wharf & carried away Stores & house & drowned several in poor [Newport](#), many were made suffered by it, & our Cellar kitchen was filled with Water & some loss sustained.

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September 24, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 9th M 1835 / Attended Monthly Meeting held in Town Mary Hix appeared in testimony in a solid weighty manner & was followed in a few words by Hannah Dennis & Father Rodman & also A Supplication by Elizabeth Wing - In the last we had rather more than usual buisness Nathan Moroe was recd into membership & a committtee was verybally appointed to consider of the subject of Memorials, several of our dear friends having recently passed from death unto Life there appeared a concern prevalent that their memory be preserved by written testimony but things are so low amongst us that I do not see that much will be done. -

After dinner our dear friend Elizabeth Wing & Ann Hopkins called to see us & spent a little time very pleasantly - We read them divers letters we have recently recd & conversed on the State of Society - after which Dear Elizabeth preached to us very sweetly & encouragingly

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September 25, Friday: Samuel Whitmarsh exchanged the properties he had put together in [Northampton](#) for New-York financing in the amount of \$40,000, forming a stock association to be known as the Northampton [Silk](#) Company.

Juan Alvarez Mendizabal replaced Miguel Ricardo de Alava Esquivel as Prime Minister of Spain.

An autopsy on the body of Vincenzo Bellini showed “an acute inflammation of the large intestine, complicated by an abscess of the liver.” The cause of death was amoebic dysentery.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25th of 9 M / This day our Sister E R Nichols to fetch her little daughter Elizabeth who has been our pleasant inmate & companion thro' the Summer

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September 27, Sunday: [Frédéric François Chopin](#) arrived in Leipzig and spent the day making music with [Felix Mendelssohn](#). During his stay he visited [Robert Schumann](#) and the Wiecks, and declared that Clara Wieck was the only person in Germany to properly play his compositions.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 9th M / In our morning Meeting we had a Short communication from Father & in the Afternoon we were silent - both were solid meetings, but my mind was far from being in a state of Life - religious feelings were low tho' I trust I had some in the course of the Day

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September 29, Tuesday: Records of the [“Institute of 1770”](#):

“Whether the emigration [sic] of foreigners into our country is evil or not? Decided in the negative - 9 to 6.

Grand duo concertant sur la romance de ‘Le Marin’ for violin and piano by Franz Liszt was performed for the initial time, in Geneva.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 9th M 1835 / This Morning Our Dear Sister Elizabeth R Nichols, her son in law Isaiah & her little daughter Elizabeth Jr left us by the Steam Boat expecting to be at the School committee in [Providence](#) today, expecting to leave for Salem tomorrow - I sent several letters by them to my friends at [Providence](#). -

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October 2, Friday: A Requiem mass for Vincenzo Bellini was held at Les Invalides. According to a report "Paer, Cherubini, Carafa, and Rossini each held one corner of the shroud." The earthly remains of the musician were deposited in Pere-Lachaise Cemetery, between those of Andre Ernest Modeste Gretry and Francois-Adrien Boieldieu.

[Margaret Fuller](#)'s father Timothy Fuller died of the [cholera](#), throwing much family responsibility onto her shoulders.



For the first two days, my grief, under this calamity, was such as I dare not speak of. But since my father's head is laid in the dust, I feel an awful calm, and am becoming familiar with the thoughts of being an orphan. I have prayed to God that duty may now be the first object, and self set aside. May I have light and strength to do what is right, in the highest sense, for my mother, brothers, and sister.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10M 2nd 1835 / This morning word came in from [Portsmouth](#) that Uncle Stanton was very low - my Wife & I went our immediately & found he had breathed his last sometime before we got there. We found our dear Aunt in much affliction but as composed as could be expected on the occasion We spent the remainder of the day there & staid all night.

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October 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Morning to our comfort & support Benj Marshall arrived which took from us much weight & responsibility -Arrangement was made for the funeral which was agreed to be from our house tomorrow at 10 OClock & to be inter'd in friends ground according to his request both verbal & written - we came home in the afternoon to arrange for the funeral & in the evening the Corps



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was brought to Town & deposited in our South keeping room. —

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Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, and other dignitaries were approached, one by one, by the committee preparing for Concord's bicentennial event, to provide oratory for the occasion, and had struck out in each and every case. Finally they decided they would need to settle for some oratory from a local citizen, and approached [Waldo Emerson](#). In preparation for his delivery of the keynote address for [Concord](#)'s bicentennial, he borrowed proof sheets for the new local history book by [Lemuel Shattuck](#). He also placed a notice of the publication of Shattuck's book in the [Yeoman's Gazette](#).³⁹⁸

398. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#). Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)



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A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...

1612

When the English settlements first commenced in New England, that part of its territory, which lies south of New Hampshire, was inhabited by five principal nations of Indians: the Pequots, who lived in Connecticut; the Narragansets, in [Rhode Island](#); the Pawkunnawkuts, or Womponoags, east of the Narragansets and to the north as far as Charles River;¹ the Massachusetts, north of Charles river and west of Massachusetts Bay; and the Pawtuckets, north of the Massachusetts. The boundaries and rights of these nations appear not to have been sufficiently definite to be now clearly known. They had within their jurisdiction many subordinate tribes, governed by sachems, or sagamores, subject, in some respects, to the principal sachem. At the commencement of the seventeenth century, they were able to bring into the field more than 18,000 warriors; but about the year 1612, they were visited with a pestilential disease, whose horrible ravages reduced their number to about 1800.² Some of their villages were entirely depopulated. This great mortality was viewed by the first Pilgrims, as the accomplishment of one of the purposes of Divine Providence, by making room for the settlement of civilized man, and by preparing a peaceful asylum for the persecuted Christians of the old world. In what light soever the event may be viewed, it no doubt greatly facilitated the settlements, and rendered them less hazardous.

1621

1. I have supposed that the Indians living south of the Charles River did not belong to the Massachusetts tribe. Chickatabot, sachem of Neponset, and Obatinuat acknowledged submission to Massasoit in 1621, and were at enmity with Squaw Sachem. No instance within my knowledge is recorded of a petty sachem going to war with his own tribe. It is also worthy of remark, that these sachems and their descendants executed deeds of lands within Massasoit's territories, but never in the Massachusetts territories. As the country became settled by the English, and the jealousies between different tribes were forgotten, all the Indians living within the Massachusetts patent were rather erroneously classed among the Massachusetts Indians. Hence the statements of Winthrop, [Daniel Gookin](#), and other historians. See Prince, ANNALS, 1621.

2. MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COLLECTION, volume I.



Shattuck, a resident in [Concord](#) from 1823 to 1834, noted that there had been a "third soldier buried and a



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house built over the spot” and that “one of the wounded died and was buried where Mr. Keyes’ house stands.”³⁹⁹ He evidently was referring to a house just to the northeast of the replacement Courthouse the town had erected in 1784, that in 1815 had been leased by [John Shepard Keyes](#) (the father, who worked at that courthouse).

A
HISTORY
OF THE
TOWN OF CONCORD ;
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS,
FROM ITS EARLIEST SETTLEMENT TO 1832 ;
AND OF THE ADJOINING TOWNS,
BEDFORD, ACTON, LINCOLN, AND CARLISLE ;
CONTAINING
VARIOUS NOTICES OF COUNTY AND STATE HISTORY
NOT BEFORE PUBLISHED.
BY LEMUEL SHATTUCK,
MEMBER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Nobler records of patriotism exist nowhere. — Nowhere can there be found higher proofs of a spirit that was ready to hazard all, to pledge all, to sacrifice all in the cause of their country, than in the New England towns. WEBSTER.

The local historian is sure of obtaining the gratitude of posterity if he perform his task with faithful diligence. — His work would have a great and increasing value within the narrow sphere of its subject, even if confined to that sphere ; but must be very imperfectly executed, if it does not contain some matter of illustration for the national annals, for the history of manners, for literature, philology, natural history, and various other departments of knowledge.

QUARTERLY REVIEW.

BOSTON :
RUSSELL, ODIORNE, AND COMPANY.

CONCORD :
[JOHN STACY.](#)

399. Of the three stricken soldiers of the 4th Regiment Light Infantry Company, Thomas Smith, Patrick Gray, and James Hall, two had died and were buried at the North Bridge itself, while the third was carried toward town before succumbing to his wounds.



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1835.



October 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 10th M 1835 / The funeral this Afternoon was a solemn quiet opportunity & Father Rodman was engaged in testimony in nearly these words "I believe solemn & useful reflections are often much more impressive under the weight of silence which we have experienced, than from the utterance of many words, for words without knowledge darken council, & the minds of the hearers are in a worse state from them, but I believe it is my duty to say, that while sitting under the solemn covering with which we have been favoured, I have believed the Scripture would apply in regard to our valued friend whose remains we had assembled to pay the last of social duties Vizt "Because thy heart was tender & thou humbled thyself before the Lord & hast rent thy cloaths & wept before me, I also have heard thee, behold therefore I will gather thee unto thy fathers, & thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace." - he expressed a consoling hope that Uncle Stanton was at peace & rest - he added a little more which I do not clearly recollect - the setting soon closed & his remains were interd in Friend upper burying ground in the meadow field according to his request.

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October 11, Sunday: The last installment of "On the Situation of Artist and Their Condition in Society" by Franz Liszt appeared in the Gazette musicale de Paris.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 10th M / Attended both Meetings - Father was engaged in testimony in both - It was a time of some favour & some mental trial & exercise on my part - The Meeting was well attended particularly in the Morning.

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) sailed aboard the *Alert* from Santa Barbara anchorage to the bay of San Diego, California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, Oct. 11th. Set sail this morning for the leeward; passed within sight of San Pedro, and, to our great joy, did not come to anchor, but kept directly on to San Diego, where we arrived and moored ship on.



October 13, Tuesday: Records of the "[Institute of 1770](#)":

"Has the form of government of the U.S.A. a greater appearance of stability than any other?" Decided in the affirmative - 8 to 2.



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(What do you suppose, would scholar [David Henry](#)'s vote have been among the 8 affirmative ones, or one of the 2 in the negative?)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13th of 10th M 1835 / The House in Marlborough Street Once owned by the Venerable Govr Wm Coddington is now taking down, its great Age & the State of its timbers being such that it was unfit to live in & past repair - this circumstance reconciled my feelings to the removal of an object familiar to my eyesight from early childhood it was built by Rowland Robinson who was the first Robinson who settled in [Newport](#) for Govr Coddington & was the first contract he made as builder on his removal from Boston. This information I had from his grandson Thomas Robinson some years previous to his death - The Timbers are very large & were doubtless the growth of the land not far from the House & the Chimneys tho' of brick were evidently calculated for a very free use of fewel, being very wide & high. - While the rooms were yet Standing & the roof only removed I went into it & examined every part of it - & had I been a poet could have wrought up my mind to no very inconsiderable fancy - as it was I mentally saw the Yearly Meeting of Friends there Assembled - the weight & awe which covered the gathering & heard Geo. Fox preach in the demonstration of the Spirit & of Power - I walked thro' the rooms & saw (mentally) the pious & deeply exercised company of friends entertained around the large fireplaces by the Governor, & the table spread for refreshment - probably the Govr relating his exercises on board the Arbella & his trials as member of the General Court at Boston when Ann Hutchinson was tried before them or consulting with his friends relative to the welfare of his friends who then were grievously persecuted & the society in general - His funeral held in that House when the General Assembly adjourned to attend it, with the not improbable view of my Great great Grandfather Daniel Gould preaching at the time - That house was also probably the residence of His son Wm Coddington the Second of that Name & was also the residence of Nathaniel Coddington a former Secretary of State & was for many years the residence of Wm Coddington the old Town Clerk - In short for many very many years it was inhabited by those who were religious & Honourable in the World - but how indeed do all terestial things fail & that which was once in high account become low & even mean - for the last 20 or 30 Years, those who once were its dignified inmates have disappeared & it has been in habited by the lower order of society & it litteraly rotted down for want of seasonable repairs - I propose to obtain some of its venerable timbers to work into various little things such as boxes, Canes &c for the gratification of the Antiquarians & curious

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October 18, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* sailed north up the coast of California from the bay of San Diego.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday was again, as usual, our sailing day, and we got under weigh with a stiff breeze, which reminded us that it was the latter part of the autumn, and time to expect south-easters once more. We beat up against a strong head wind, under reefed top-sails, as far as San Juan, where we came to anchor nearly three miles from the shore, with slip-ropes on our cables, in the old south-easter style of last winter. On the passage up, we had an old sea captain on board, who had married and settled in California, and had not been on salt water for more than fifteen years. He was astonished at the changes and improvements that had been made in ships, and still more at the manner in which we carried sail; for he was really a little frightened; and said that while we had top-gallant sails on, he should have been under reefed topsails. The working of the ship, and her progress to windward, seemed to delight him, for he said she went to windward as though she were kedging.

The Hochzeitskantate Cassia La sede empirea for four voices and piano by Otto Nicolai was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 10 m 1835 / Attended both Meetings & both were times of some favour –

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October 21, Wednesday: [Waldo Emerson](#) made a note in his journal about an initial visit to his home in Concord by [Bronson Alcott](#):

Last Saturday night came hither Mr Alcott & spent the Sabbath with me. A wise man, simple, superior to display. & drops the best things as quietly as the least. Every man, he said, is a Revelation, & ought to write his Record. But few with the pen.

That night, just back in [Boston](#) from his visit to Emerson in Concord, Alcott would be visiting William Lloyd Garrison in the jail on Leverett Street. (What was Garrison doing in the Boston lockup? –Read on.)

Having met with brickbats in Concord, New Hampshire and garbage, raw eggs, and rocks in Lowell MA, and having been seriously injured by being hit in the face with a rock in [Ohio](#), and having been denounced by President Andrew Jackson in a message to Congress, the English anti-slavery reformer George Thompson had been reduced to making his return plans in secret because of concern that pro-slavery activists would attempt to kidnap him (presumably to tar and feather him).⁴⁰⁰ He had fled Boston Harbor in a rowboat in order to board a British ship leaving for New Brunswick.

400. Safely back in England, George Thompson would be elected to Parliament.

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Back ashore, in what would come to be known as the “Gentlemen’s Riot” carried out by a downtown [Boston](#) group of swells associated with State Street and Milk Street which sometimes referred to itself as “the broadcloth mob,” what had been planned as a protest against a scheduled lecture by Thompson on behalf of the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society transformed itself into a mob of several thousand persons which stormed the meeting while the women prayed for the protection of God. They came uncomfortably close to tarring and feathering the substitute speaker.⁴⁰¹

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This substitute, William Lloyd Garrison, was saved only by the intervention of Boston’s mayor, who –despite the fact that there was a mayoral election coming up in December– dealt personally with this proslavery mob.

To the people who were engaging in the antislavery struggle, this year of 1835 would become known as “the mob year.” The riot against Garrison in Boston was far from the only one. The North was having what Grimsted refers to as a “riot conversation” with the South, in an attempt to reassure it that its institution of human enslavement would be tolerated, and that opposition to this institution would not be allowed to interfere with the flow of business. There was therefore also an assault on this day upon Henry B. Stanton in [Newport](#), and an assault upon Samuel May in Montpelier. No great personal injury or property damage resulted, as that was not the point:

PAGE 27 GRIMSTED: The day’s riotous work was the North’s final offering of works to prove the sincerity of its stream of words against abolition ... few in the South noted how little damage to property and none to people these careful mobs perpetrated.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) recorded in his journal:

4th day 21 of 10 M / We rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Select Meeting - After which we went to Aunt Stantons & spent the Afternoon with her in sympathy with her lonely situation

401. This mob was witnessed by [William Cooper Nell](#), who, being himself a person of color, of course was unable to interfere.



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At this annual meeting of the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society at the Anti-Slavery Hall, the women were trapped in rooms on the 3d floor as the mob roamed the corridors of the building. The mayor of Boston belatedly arrived with a group of policemen and got the women to disperse, but William Lloyd Garrison was in his office and was left alone in the building with the mob. When he crawled through the back window and jumped down into the street, someone saw him and the mob gave chase. He was cornered in a 2d-floor room above a carpenter's shop into which he had dodged, whereupon there was a wrestling match to see whether he would be flung from the window, or into a tar kettle that had been prepared. The police jailed for the night for his own safety, in the jail on Leverett Street, and he inscribed on the wall there that his offense was "preaching the abominable and dangerous doctrine that all men have been created equal." Here is a fuller account of the action:

It was in the midst of such intense and widespread excitement that Boston called its meeting to abolish the Abolitionists. It was the month of August, and the heat of men's passions was as great as the heat of the August sun. The moral atmosphere of the city was so charged with inflammable gases that the slightest spark would have sufficed to produce an explosion. The Abolitionists felt this and carried themselves the while with unusual circumspection. They deemed it prudent to publish an address to neutralize the falsehoods with which they were assailed by their enemies. The address drawn up by Garrison for the purpose was thought "too fiery for the present time," by his more cautious followers and was rejected. The Liberator office had already been threatened in consequence of a fiery article by the editor, denouncing the use of Faneuil Hall for the approaching pro-slavery meeting. It seemed to the unawed and indignant champion of liberty that it were "better that the winds should scatter it in fragments over the whole earth – better that an earthquake should engulf it – than that it should be used for so unhallowed and detestable a purpose!" The anti-abolition feeling of the town had become so bitter and intense that Henry E. Benson, then clerk in the anti-slavery office, writing on the 19th of the month, believed that there were persons in Boston, who would assassinate George Thompson in broad daylight, and doubted whether Garrison or Samuel J. May would be safe in Faneuil Hall on the day of the meeting, and what seemed still more significant of the inflamed state of the public mind, was the confidence with which he predicted that a mob would follow the meeting. The wild-cat-like spirit was in the air – in the seething heart of the populace.

The meeting was held August 21st, in the old cradle of liberty. To its call alone fifteen hundred names were appended. It was a Boston audience both as to character and numbers, an altogether imposing affair, over whom the mayor of the city presided and before whom two of the most consummate orators of the commonwealth fulminated against the Abolitionists. One of their hearers, a young attorney of twenty-four, who listened to Peleg Sprague and Harrison Gray Otis that day, described sixteen years afterward the latter and the effects produced by him on that audience. Our young attorney vividly recalled how "'Abolitionist' was linked with contempt, in the silver tones of Otis, and all the charms that a divine eloquence and most



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felicitous diction could throw around a bad cause were given it; the excited multitude seemed actually ready to leap up beneath the magic of his speech. It would be something, if one must die, to die by such a hand – a hand somewhat worthy and able to stifle anti-slavery, if it could be stifled. The orator was worthy of the gigantic task attempted; and thousands crowded before him, every one of their hearts melted by that eloquence, beneath which Massachusetts had bowed, not unworthily, for more than thirty years." Here is a specimen of the sort of goading which the wild-cat-like spirit of the city got from the orators. It is taken from the speech of Peleg Sprague. The orator is paying his respects to George Thompson, "an avowed emissary" "a *professed agitator*," who "comes here from the dark and corrupt institutions of Europe to enlighten us upon the rights of man and the moral duties of our own condition. Received by our hospitality, he stands here upon our soil, protected by our laws, and hurls firebrands, arrows, and death into the habitations of our neighbors and friends, and brothers; and when he shall have kindled a conflagration which is sweeping in desolation over our land, he has only to embark for his own country, and there look serenely back with indifference or exultation upon the widespread ruin by which our cities are wrapt in flames, and our garments rolled in blood." The great meeting was soon a thing of the past but not so its effects. The echoes of Otis and Sprague did not cease at its close. They thrilled in the air, they thrilled long afterward in the blood of the people. When the multitude dispersed Mischief went out into the streets of the city with them. Wherever afterward they gathered Mischief made one in their midst. Mischief was let loose, Mischief was afoot in the town. The old town was no place for the foreign emissary, neither was it a safe place for the arch-agitator. On the day after the meeting, Garrison and his young wife accordingly retreated to her father's home at Brooklyn, Conn., where the husband needed not to be jostling elbows with Mistress Mischief, and her *pals*. Garrison's answer to the speeches of Otis and Sprague was in his sternest vein. He is sure after reading them that, "there is more guilt attaching to the people of the free States from the continuance of slavery, than those in the slave States." At least he is ready to affirm upon the authority of Orator Sprague, "that New England is as really a slave-holding section of the republic as Georgia or South Carolina." Sprague, he finds, "in amicable companionship and popular repute with thieves and adulterers; with slaveholders, slavedealers, and slave-destroyers; ... with the disturbers of the public peace; with the robbers of the public mail; with ruffians who insult, pollute, and lacerate helpless women; and with conspirators against the lives and liberties of New England citizens." To Otis who was then nearly seventy years of age Garrison addressed his rebuke in tones of singular solemnity. It seemed to him that the aged statesman had transgressed against liberty "under circumstances of peculiar criminality." "Yet at this solemn period," the reprobation of



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the prophet ran, "you have not scrupled, nay, you have been ambitious, to lead and address an excited multitude, in vindication of all imaginable wickedness, embodied in one great system of crime and blood – to pander to the lusts and desires of the robbers of God and his poor – to consign over to the tender mercies of cruel taskmasters, multitudes of guiltless men, women, and children – and to denounce as an 'unlawful and dangerous association' a society whose only object is to bring this nation to repentance, through the truth as it is in Jesus." These audacious and iconoclastic performances of the reformer were not exactly adapted to turn from him the wrath of the idol worshipers. They more likely added fuel to the hot anger burning in Boston against him. Three weeks passed after his departure from the city, and his friends did not deem it safe for him to return. Toward the end of the fourth week of his enforced absence, against which he was chafing not a little, an incident happened in Boston which warned him to let patience have its perfect work. It was on the night of September 17th that the dispositions of the city toward him found grim expression in a gallows erected in front of his house at 23 Brighton street. This ghastly reminder that the fellow-citizens of the editor of the Liberator continued to take a lively interest in him, "was made in real workmanship style, of *maple joist* five inches through, eight or nine feet high, for the accommodation of two persons." Garrison and Thompson were the two persons for whom these brave accommodations were prepared. But as neither they nor their friends were in a mood to have trial made of them, the intended occupants consented to give Boston a wide berth, and to be somewhat particular that they did not turn in with her while the homicidal fit lasted. This editing his paper at long range, and this thought of life and safety Garrison did not at all relish. They grew more and more irksome to his fearless and earnest spirit. For his was a "pine-and-fagot" Abolitionism that knew not the fear of men or their wrath. But now he must needs have a care for the peace of mind of his young wife, who was, within a few months, to give birth to a child. And her anxiety for him was very great. Neither was the anxiety of devoted friends and followers to be lightly disregarded. All of which detained the leader in Brooklyn until the 25th of the month, when the danger signals seemed to have disappeared. Whereupon he set out immediately for his post in Boston to be at the head of his forces. He found the city in one of those strange pauses of popular excitement, which might signify the ebb of the tide or only the retreat of the billows. He was not inclined to let the anti-Abolition agitation subside so soon, before it had carried on its flood Abolition principles to wider fields and more abundant harvests in the republic. Anxious lest the cat-like temper of the populace was falling into indifference and apathy, he and his disciples took occasion to prod it into renewed wakefulness and activity. The instruments used for this purpose were anti-slavery meetings and the sharp goad of his Liberator editorials. The city was possessed with the demon of



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slavery, and its foaming at the mouth was the best of all signs that the Abolition exorcism was working effectively. So, in between the glittering teeth and the terrible paws was thrust the maddening goad, and up sprang the mighty beast horrible to behold. One of these meetings was the anniversary of the formation of the Boston Female Anti-Slavery Society which fell on October 14th. The ladies issued their notice, engaged a hall, and invited George Thompson to address them. Now the foreign emissary was particularly exasperating to Boston sensibility on the subject of slavery. He was the veritable red rag to the pro-slavery bull. The public announcement, therefore, that he was to speak in the city threw the public mind into violent agitation. The Gazette and the Courier augmented the excitement by the recklessness with which they denounced the proposed meeting, the former promising to Thompson a lynching, while the latter endeavored to involve his associates who were to the "manner born" in the popular outbreak, which was confidently predicted in case the "foreign vagrant" wagged his tongue at the time appointed. Notwithstanding the rage of press and people the meeting was postponed through no willingness on the part of the ladies, but because of the panic of the owners of the hall lest their property should be damaged or destroyed in case of a riot. The ladies, thereupon, appointed three o'clock in the afternoon of October 21st as the time, and the hall adjoining the Anti-Slavery Office, at 46 Washington street, as the place where they would hold their adjourned meeting. This time they made no mention of Mr. Thompson's addressing them, merely announcing several addresses. In fact, an address from Mr. Thompson, in view of the squally outlook, was not deemed expedient. To provide against accidents and disasters, he left the city on the day before the meeting. But this his enemies did not know. They confidently expected that he was to be one of the speakers. An inflammatory handbill distributed on the streets at noon of the 21st seemed to leave no doubt of this circumstance in the pro-slavery portion of the city. The handbill referred to ran as follows:

THOMPSON, THE ABOLITIONIST!

That infamous foreign scoundrel, THOMPSON, will hold forth *this afternoon* at the Liberator office. No. 48 Washington street. The present is a fair opportunity for the friends of the Union to *snake Thompson out*! It will be a contest between the Abolitionists and the friends of the Union. A purse of \$100 has been raised by a number of patriotic citizens to reward the individual who shall first lay violent hands on Thompson, so that he may be brought to the tar-kettle before dark. Friends of the Union, be vigilant!

Boston, Wednesday, 12 o'clock.

That Wednesday forenoon Garrison spent at the anti-slavery office, little dreaming of the peril which was to overtake him in that very spot in the afternoon. He went home to an early



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dinner, since his wife was a member of the society, and he himself was set down for an address. As he wended his way homeward, Mischief and her gang were afoot distributing the aforesaid handbills "in the insurance offices, the reading-rooms, all along State street, in the hotels, bar-rooms, etc.," and scattering it "among mechanics at the North End, who were mightily taken with it." Garrison returned about a half hour before the time appointed for the meeting. He found a small crowd of about a hundred individuals collected in front of the building where the hall was situated, and on ascending to the hall more of the same sort, mostly young men, choking the access to it. They were noisy, and Garrison pushed his way through them with difficulty. As he entered the place of meeting and took his seat among the ladies, twenty had already arrived, the gang of young rowdies recognized him and evinced this by the exclamation: "That's Garrison!" The full significance of the crowd just without the hall did not seem to have occurred to the man whom they had identified. He did not know that they were the foam blown from the mouth of a great mob at the moment filling the streets in the neighborhood of the building where he sat with such serenity of spirit. His wife who had followed him from their home saw what Garrison did not see. The crowd of a hundred had swelled to thousands. It lay in a huge irregular cross, jammed in between the buildings on Washington street, the head lowering in front of the anti-slavery office, the foot reaching to the site where stood Joy building, now occupied by the Rogers, the right arm stretching along Court street to the Court House, and the left encircling the old State House, City Hall and Post-office then, in a gigantic embrace. All hope of urging her way through that dense mass was abandoned by Mrs. Garrison, and a friend, Mr. John E. Fuller, escorted her to his home, where she passed the night. Meantime the atmosphere upstairs at the hall began to betoken a fast approaching storm. The noises ominously increased on the landing just outside. The door of the hall was swung wide open and the entrance filled with rioters. Garrison, all unconscious of danger, walked over to these persons and remonstrated in his grave way with them in regard to the disturbance which they were producing, winding up with a characteristic bit of pleasantry: "Gentlemen," said he, "perhaps you are not aware that this is a meeting of the Boston *Female* Anti-Slavery Society, called and intended exclusively for *ladies*, and those only who have been invited to address them. Understanding this fact you will not be so rude and indecorous as to thrust your presence upon this meeting." But he added, "If, *gentlemen*, any of you are *ladies* in disguise — why only apprise me of the fact, give me your names, and I will introduce you to the rest of your sex, and you can take seats among them accordingly." The power of benignity over malignity lasted a few moments after this little speech, when the situation changed rapidly from bad to worse. "The tumult continually increased," says an eye-witness, "with horrible execrations, howling, stamping, and finally shrieking with rage. They seemed not to



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dare to enter, notwithstanding their fury, but mounted on each other's shoulders, so that a row of hostile heads appeared over the slight partition, of half the height of the wall which divides the society's rooms from the landing place. We requested them to allow the door to be shut; but they could not decide as to whether the request should be granted, and the door was opened and shut with violence, till it hung useless from its hinges." Garrison thinking that his absence might quiet these perturbed spirits and so enable the ladies to hold their meeting without further molestation volunteered at this juncture to the president of the society to retire from the hall unless she desired him to remain. She did not wish him to stay but urged him to go at once not only for the peace of the meeting but for his own safety. Garrison thereupon left the hall meaning at the time to leave the building as well, but egress by the way of the landing and the stairs, he directly perceived was impossible, and did what seemed the next best thing, entered the anti-slavery office, separated from the hall by a board partition. Charles C. Burleigh accompanied him within this retreat. The door between the hall and the office was securely locked, and Garrison with that marvelous serenity of mind, which was a part of him, busied himself immediately with writing to a friend an account of the scenes which were enacting in the next room. The tempest had begun in the streets also. The mob from its five thousand throats were howling "Thompson! Thompson!" The mayor of the city, Theodore Lyman, appeared upon the scene, and announced to the gentlemen of property and standing, who were thus exercising their vocal organs, that Mr. Thompson was not at the meeting, was not in the city. But the mayor was a modern Canute before the sea of human passion, which was rushing in over law and authority. He besought the rioters to disperse, but he might as well have besought the waves breaking on Nastasket Beach to disperse. Higher, higher rose the voices; fiercer, fiercer waxed the multitude; more and more frightful became the uproar. The long-pent-up excitement of the city and its hatred of Abolitionists had broken loose at last and the deluge had come. The mayor tossed upon the human inundation as a twig on a mountain stream, and with him for the nonce struggled helplessly the police power of the town also. Upstairs in the hall the society and its president are quite as powerless as the mayor and the police below. Miss Mary S. Parker, the president, is struggling with the customary opening exercises. She has called the meeting to order, read to the ladies some passages from the Bible, and has lifted up her voice in prayer to the All Wise and Merciful One "for direction and succor, and the forgiveness of enemies and revilers." It is a wonderful scene, a marvelous example of Christian heroism, for in the midst of the hisses and threats and curses of the rioters, the prayer of the brave woman rose clear and untremulous. But now the rioters have thrown themselves against the partition between the landing-place and the hall. They are trying to break it down; now, they have partially succeeded. In another moment they have thrown



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themselves against the door of the office where Garrison is locked. The lower panel is dashed in. Through the opening they have caught sight of their object, Garrison, serenely writing at his desk. "There he is! That's Garrison! Out with the scoundrel!" and other such words of recognition and execration, burst from one and another of the mob. The shattering of the partition, the noise of splitting and ripping boards, the sharp crash caused by the shivering of the office door, the loud and angry outcries of the rioters warn the serene occupant of the office that his position has become one of extreme peril. But he does not become excited. His composure does not forsake him. Instead of attempting to escape, he simply turns to his friend, Burleigh, with the words, "You may as well open the door, and let them come in and do their worst." But fortunately, Burleigh was in no such extremely non-resistant mood. The advent of the mayor and the constables upon the scene at this point rescued Garrison from immediately falling into the hands of the mob, who were cleared out of the hall and from the stairway. Now the voice of the mayor was heard urging the ladies to go home as it was dangerous to remain; and now the voice of Maria Weston Chapman, replying: "If this is the last bulwark of freedom, we may as well die here as anywhere." The ladies finally decided to retire, and their exit diverted, while the operation lasted, the attention of the huge, cat-like creature from their object in the anti-slavery office. When the passing of the ladies had ceased, the old fury of the mob against Garrison returned. "Out with him!" "Lynch him!" rose in wild uproar from thousands in the streets. But again the attention of the huge, cat-like creature was diverted from its object in the second story of the building before which it was lashing itself into frenzy. This time it was the anti-slavery sign which hung from the rooms of the society over the sidewalk. The mob had caught sight of it, and directly set up a yell for it. The sensation of utter helplessness in the presence of the multitude seemed at this juncture to return to the chief magistrate of the city. It was impossible to control the cataract-like passions of the rioters. He heard their awful roar for the sign. The din had risen to terrific proportions. The thought of what might happen next appalled him. The mob might begin to bombard the sign with brickbats, and from the sign pass to the building, and from the building to the constables, and then – but the mayor glanced not beyond, for he had determined to appease the fury of the mob by throwing down to it the hateful sign. A constable detached it, and hurled it down to the rioters in the street. But by the act the mayor had signified that the rule of law had collapsed, and the rule of the mob had really begun. When the rioters had wreaked their wrath upon the emblem of freedom, they were in the mood for more violence. The appetite for destruction, it was seen, had not been glutted; only whetted. Garrison's situation was now extremely critical. He could no longer remain where he was, for the mob would invade the building and hunt him like hounds from cellar to garret. He must leave the building without



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delay. To escape from the front was out of the question. A way of escape must, therefore, be found in the rear. All of these considerations the mayor and Garrison's friends urged upon him. The good man fell in with this counsel, and, with a faithful friend, proceeded to the rear of the building, where from a window he dropped to a shed, but in doing so was very nearly precipitated to the ground. After picking himself up he passed into a carpenter's shop, meaning to let himself down into Wilson's Lane, now Devonshire street, but the myriad-eyed mob, which was searching every portion of the building for their game, espied him at this point, and with that set up a great shout. The workmen came to the aid of the fugitive by closing the door of the carpenter's shop in the face of his pursuers. The situation seemed desperate. Retreat from the front was cut off; escape from the rear anticipated and foiled. Garrison perceived the futility of any further attempts to elude the mob, and proposed in his calm way to deliver himself up to them. But his faithful Achates, John Reid Campbell, advised him that it was his duty to avoid the mob as long as it was possible to do so. Garrison thereupon made a final effort to get away. He retreated up stairs, where his friend and a lad got him into a corner of the room and tried to conceal his whereabouts by piling some boards in front of him. But, by that time, the rioters had entered the building, and within a few moments had broken into the room where Garrison was in hiding. They found Mr. Reid, and demanded of him where Garrison was. But Reid firmly refused to tell. They then led him to a window, and exhibited him to the mob in the Lane, advising them that it was not Garrison, but Garrison's and Thompson's friend, who knows where Garrison is, but refuses to tell. A shout of fierce exultation from below greeted this announcement. Almost immediately afterward, Garrison was discovered and dragged furiously to the window, with the intention of hurling him thence to the pavement. Some of the rioters were for doing this, while others were for milder measures. "Don't let us kill him outright!" they begged. So his persecutors relented, coiled a rope around his body instead, and bade him descend to the street. The great man was never greater than at that moment. With extraordinary meekness and benignity he saluted his enemies in the street. From the window he bowed to the multitude who were thirsting for his destruction, requesting them to wait patiently, for he was coming to them. Then he stepped intrepidly down the ladder raised for the purpose, and into the seething sea of human passion. Garrison must now have been speedily torn to pieces had he not been quickly seized by two or three powerful men, who were determined to save him from falling into the hands of the mob. They were men of great muscular strength, but the muscular strength of two or three giants would have proven utterly unequal to the rescue, and this Mr. Garrison's deliverers evidently appreciated. For while they employed their powerful arms, they also employed stratagem as well to effect their purpose. They shouted anon as they fought their way through the excited throng, "He is an



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American! He shan't be hurt!" and other such words which divided the mind of the mob, arousing among some sympathy for the good man. By this means he was with difficulty got out of Wilson's lane into State street, in the rear of the old State House. The champion was now on historic ground, ground consecrated by the blood of Crispus Attucks and his fellow-martyrs sixty-five years before. His hat was lost, much of his clothing was stripped from his body, he was without his customary glasses, and was therefore practically blind. He could hear the awful clamor, the mighty uproar of the mob, but he could not distinguish them one from another, friend from foe. Nevertheless he "walked with head erect, calm countenance flashing eyes like a martyr going to the stake, full of faith and manly hope" according to the testimony of an eye-witness. Garrison himself has thrown light on the state of his mind during the ordeal. "The promises of God," he afterward remembered, sustained his soul, "so that it was not only divested of fear, but ready to sing aloud for joy." The news now reached the ears of the mayor that Garrison was in the hands of the mob. Thereupon the feeble but kindly magistrate began to act afresh the role of the twig in the mountain stream. He and his constables struggled helplessly in the human current rushing and raging around City Hall, the head and seat of municipal law and authority. Without the aid of private citizens Garrison must inevitably have perished in the commotions which presently reached their climax in violence and terror. He was in the rear of City Hall when the mayor caught up to him and his would-be rescuers. The mayor perceived the extremity of the situation, and said to the Faneuil Hall giants who had hold of Garrison, "Take him into my office," which was altogether more easily said than done. For the rioters have raised the cry "to the Frog Pond with him!" Which order will be carried out, that of the magistrate or that of the mob? These were horrible moments while the two hung trembling in the balance. But other private citizens coming to the assistance of the mayor struck the scales for the moment in his favor, and Garrison was finally hustled, and thrust by main force into the south door of the City Hall and carried up to the mayor's room. But the mob had immediately effected an entrance into the building through the north door and filled the lower hall. The mayor now addressed the pack, strove manfully in his feeble way to prevail upon the human wolves to observe order, to sustain the law and the honor of the city, he even intimated to them that he was ready to lay down his life on the spot to maintain the law and preserve order. Then he got out on the ledge over the south door and spoke in a similar strain to the mob on the street. But alas! he knew not the secret for reversing the Circean spell by which gentlemen of property and standing in the community had been suddenly transformed into a wolfish rabble. The increasing tumult without soon warned the authorities that what advantage the mayor may have obtained in the contest with the mob was only temporary and that their position was momentarily becoming more perilous and less tenable. It was impossible to say to what extreme of



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violence a multitude so infuriated would not go to get their prey. It seemed to the now thoroughly alarmed mayor that the mob might in their frenzy attack the City Hall to effect their purpose. There was one building in the city, which the guardians of the law evidently agreed could resist the rage of the populace, and that building was the jail. To this last stronghold of Puritan civilization the authorities and the powers that were, fell back as a dernier resort to save Garrison's life. But even in this utmost pitch and extremity, when law was trampled in the streets, when authority was a reed shaken in a storm, when anarchy had drowned order in the bosom of the town, the Anglo-Saxon passion for legal forms asserted itself. The good man, hunted for his life, must forsooth be got into the only refuge which promised him security from his pursuers by a regular judicial commitment as a disturber of the peace. Is there anything at once so pathetic and farcical in the Universal history of mobs? Pathetic and farcical to be sure, but it was also well meant, and therefore we will not stop to quarrel with men who were equal to the perpetration of a legal fiction so full of the comedy and tragedy of civilized society. But enough – the municipal wiseacres having put their heads together and evolved the brilliant plan of committing the prophet as a disturber of the peace, immediately set about its execution, which developed in the sequence into a bird of altogether another color. For a more perilous and desperate device to preserve Garrison's life could not well have been hit upon. How was he ever to be got out of the building and through that sea of ferocious faces surging and foaming around it. First then by disguising his identity by sundry changes in his apparel. He obtained a pair of trousers from one kindly soul, another gave him a coat, a third lent him a stock, a fourth furnished him a cap. A hack was summoned and stationed at the south door, a posse of constables drew up and made an open way from the door to it. Another hack was placed in readiness at the north door. The hack at the south door was only a ruse to throw the mob off the scent of their prey, while he was got out of the north door and smuggled into the other hack. Up to this point, the plan worked well, but the instant after Garrison had been smuggled into the hack he was identified by the mob, and then ensued a scene which defies description; no writer however skillful, may hope to reproduce it. The rioters rushed madly upon the vehicle with the cry: "Cut the traces! Cut the reins!" They flung themselves upon the horses, hung upon the wheels, dashed open the doors, the driver the while belaboring their heads right and left with a powerful whip, which he also laid vigorously on the backs of his horses. For a moment it looked as if a catastrophe was unavoidable, but the next saw the startled horses plunging at break-neck speed with the hack up Court street and the mob pursuing it with yells of baffled rage. Then began a thrilling, a tremendous race for life and Leverett street jail. The vehicle flew along Court street to Bodoin square, but the rioters, with fell purpose flew hardly less swiftly in its track. Indeed the



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pursuit of the pack was so close that the hackman did not dare to drive directly to the jail but reached it by a detour through Cambridge and Blossom streets. Even then the mob pressed upon the heels of the horses as they drew up before the portals of the old prison, which shut not an instant too soon upon the editor of the Liberator, who was saved from a frightful fate to use a Biblical phrase but by the skin of his teeth. Here the reformer safe from the wrath of his foes, was locked in a cell; and here, during the evening, with no abatement of his customary cheerfulness and serenity of spirit, he received several of his anxious friends, Whittier among them, whom through the grated bars he playfully accosted thus: "You see my accommodations are so limited, that I cannot ask you to spend the night with me." That night in his prison cell, and on his rude prison bed, he slept the sleep of the just man, sweet and long:

"When peace within the bosom reigns,
And conscience gives th' approving voice;
Though bound the human form in chains.
Yet can the soul aloud rejoice.

"'Tis true, my footsteps are confined –
I cannot range beyond this cell –
But what can circumscribe my mind,
To chain the winds attempt as well!"

The above stanzas he wrote the next morning on the walls of his cell. Besides this one he made two other inscriptions there, to stand as memorabilia of the black drama enacted in Boston on the afternoon of October 21, 1835. After being put through the solemn farce of an examination in a court, extemporized in the jail, Garrison was discharged from arrest as a disturber of the peace! But the authorities, dreading a repetition of the scenes of the day before, prayed him to leave the city for a few days, which he did, a deputy sheriff driving him to Canton, where he boarded the train from Boston to Providence, containing his wife, and together they went thence to her father's at Brooklyn, Conn. The apprehensions of the authorities in respect of the danger of a fresh attack upon him were unquestionably well founded, inasmuch as diligent search was made for him in all of the outgoing stages and cars from the city that morning. In this wise did pro-slavery, patriotic Boston translate into works her sympathy for the South.



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October 22, Thursday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* began to lay in hides at the anchorage in San Pedro, California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Thursday, Oct. 22d, at San Pedro, in the old south-easter berth, a league from shore, with a slip-rope on the cable, reefs in the topsails, and rope-yarns for gaskets. Here we lay ten days, with the usual boating, hide-carrying, rolling of cargo up the steep hill, walking barefooted over stones, and getting drenched in salt water.

Wilhelm III Friedrich Christian, Count von Aldenburg replaced Wilhelm II Gustav Friedrich as Baron of Knyphausen.

Samuel Colt of Hartford, Connecticut acquired French and British patents that protected his rights to the design of 5-shot rapid-firing percussion cap pistols using a ratchet to rotate its revolving cylinders (a year later, Colt would acquire similar United States protection and commence making his fortune in the small arms business):



The above is a most intriguing Daguerreotype! Normally the maneuver of producing the “revolver” self-protective device was to be masked by holding one’s hat in such manner as to conceal one’s pistol hand. However, for purposes of demonstrating the subtle maneuver to the camera — Mr. Colt has lowered his hat hand.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 22 of 10 M / Attended Meeting which was a good time in
silence - excepting a few savory words from Father Rodman -*



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The last was Preparative In which Benona Weaver requested Membership & two young couples laid their intentions of Marriage before the Meeting – After Meeting met with a committee of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting on the Sale of Land – In the Afternoon Answered a letter recd yesterday from Joshua Lynch of Ohio

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October 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 10 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my cousin Thos B Gould & attended Meeting there - after which we met with a committee on the subject of Memorials of dec'd Friends. After which we dined at Benjamin Freeborns & spent the remainder of the Afternoon - I have not been at his house before in a number of years.-

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) recorded the arrival of the *Rosa* at the anchorage in San Pedro, California, and recorded the story of one George P. Marsh aboard her.



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AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:



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The third day after our arrival, the *Rosa* came in from San Juan, where she went the day after the south-easter. Her crew said it was as smooth as a mill-pond, after the gale, and she took off nearly a thousand hides, which had been brought down for us, and which we lost in consequence of the south-easter. This mortified us; not only that an Italian ship should have got to windward of us in the trade, but because every thousand hides went toward completing the forty thousand which we were to collect before we could say good-by to California.

While lying here, we shipped one new hand, an Englishman, of about two or three and twenty, who was quite an acquisition, as he proved to be a good sailor, could sing tolerably, and, what was of more importance to me, had a good education, and a somewhat remarkable history. He called himself George P.Marsh; professed to have been at sea from a small boy, and to have served his time in the smuggling trade between Germany and the coasts of France and England. Thus he accounted for his knowledge of the French language, which he spoke and read as well as he did English; but his cutter education would not account for his English, which was far too good to have been learned in a smuggler; for he wrote an uncommonly handsome hand, spoke with great correctness, and frequently, when in private talk with me, quoted from books, and showed a knowledge of the customs of society, and particularly of the formalities of the various English courts of law, and of Parliament, which surprised me. Still, he would give no other account of himself than that he was educated in a smuggler. A man whom we afterwards fell in with, who had been a shipmate of George's a few years before, said that he heard at the boarding-house from which they shipped, that George had been at college, (probably a naval one, as he knew no Latin or Greek,) where he learned French and mathematics. He was by no means the man by nature that Harris was. Harris had made everything of his mind and character in spite of obstacles; while this man had evidently been born in a different rank, and educated early in life accordingly, but had been a vagabond, and done nothing for himself since. What had been given to him by others, was all that made him to differ from those about him; while Harris had made himself what he was. Neither had George the character, strength of mind, acuteness, or memory of Harris; yet there was about him the remains of a pretty good education, which enabled him to talk perhaps beyond his brains, and a high spirit and sense of honor, which years of a dog's life had not broken. After he had been a little while on board, we learned from him his remarkable history, for the last two years, which we afterwards heard confirmed in such a manner, as put the truth of it beyond a doubt.

He sailed from New York in the year 1833, if I mistake not, before the mast, in the brig *Lascar*, for Canton. She was sold in the East Indies, and he shipped at Manilla, in a small schooner, bound on a trading voyage among the Ladrone and Pelew Islands. On one of the latter islands, their schooner was wrecked on a reef, and they were attacked by the natives, and, after a desperate resistance, in which all their number except the captain, George, and a boy, were killed or drowned, they surrendered, and were carried bound, in a canoe, to a neighboring island. In about a month after this, an opportunity occurred by which one of their number might get away. I have forgotten the circumstances, but only one could go, and they yielded to the captain, upon his promising to send them aid if he escaped. He was successful in his attempt; got on board an American vessel, went back to Manilla, and thence to America, without making any effort for their rescue, or indeed, as George afterwards discovered, without even mentioning their case to any one in Manilla. The boy that was with George died, and he being alone, and there being no chance for his escape, the natives soon treated him with kindness, and even with attention. They painted him, tattooed his body, (for he would never consent to be marked in the face or hands,) gave him two or three wives; and, in fact, made quite a pet of him. In this way, he lived for thirteen months, in a fine climate, with a plenty to eat, half naked, and nothing to do.



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He soon, however, became tired, and went round the island, on different pretences, to look out for a sail. One day, he was out fishing in a small canoe with another man, when he saw a large sail to the windward, about a league and a half off, passing abreast of the island and standing westward. With some difficulty, he persuaded the islander to go off with him to the ship, promising to return with a good supply of rum and tobacco. These articles, which the islanders had got a taste of from American traders, were too strong a temptation for the fellow, and he consented. They paddled off in the track of the ship, and lay-to until she came down to them. George stepped on board the ship, nearly naked, painted from head to foot, and in no way distinguishable from his companion until he began to speak. Upon this, the people on board were not a little astonished; and, having learned his story, the captain had him washed and clothed, and sending away the poor astonished native with a knife or two and some tobacco and calico, took George with him on the voyage. This was the ship *Cabot*, of New York, Captain Low. She was bound to Manilla, from across the Pacific, and George did seaman's duty in her until her arrival in Manilla, when he left her, and shipped in a brig bound to the Sandwich Islands. From Oahu, he came, in the British brig *Clementine*, to Monterey, as second officer, where, having some difficulty with the captain, he left her, and coming down the coast, joined us at San Pedro. Nearly six months after this, among some papers we received by an arrival from Boston, we found a letter from Captain Low, of the *Cabot*, published immediately upon his arrival at New York, and giving all the particulars just as we had them from George. The letter was published for the information of the friends of George, and Captain Low added, that he left him at Manilla to go to Oahu, and he had heard nothing of him since.

George had an interesting journal of his adventures in the Pelew Islands, which he had written out at length, in a handsome hand, and in correct English.



October 29, Thursday: Having already perused the 1st volume and the Atlas, [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the 3rd volume of Charles Rollin (1661-1741)'s THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE EGYPTIANS, CARTHAGINIANS, ASSYRIANS, BABYLONIANS, MEDES AND PERSIANS, MACEDONIANS, AND GRECIANS. INCLUDING A HISTORY OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES OF THE ANCIENTS. TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH. THE 12TH EDITION, REVISED, CORRECTED, AND ILLUSTRATED WITH A SET OF MAPS NEWLY ENGRAVED (first printed 1730-1738; one of the first 17 English editions, possibly the one issued in London in 1813).



Our guy would comment later of the catacombs full of preserved death, of our museums full of stuffed animals, and of such history textbooks stuffed full with irrelevant facts, that:



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"I hate museums, there is nothing so weighs upon the spirits. They are catacombs of nature. They are preserved death. One green bud of Spring one willow catkin, one faint trill from some migrating sparrow, might set the world on its legs again.

I know not whether I muse most at the bodies stuffed with cotton and sawdust – or those stuffed with bowels and fleshy fibre.

The life that is in a single green weed is of more worth than all this death. They are very much like the written history of the world – and I read Rollin and Ferguson with the same feeling."

–JOURNAL; September 24, 1843



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th M 29th 1835 / Again we rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Monthly Meeting the first was silent & in the last we had much buisness - two couples passed Meeting for Marriage - One man requested to be admitted to Membership - One was disowned & several other cases of importance was before us. -- We dined with Stephen Chase & then rode home. -

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October 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10 M 30 1835 / In reviewing the exercises of Yesterday - I feel this Morning that we are not without an evidence that Quakerism is something yet - however the inward manifestation of Truth immediately conveyed to the mind may be undervalued & considerd as meere megrims [Webster: 1) a severe headache, 2) a whim, fancy or fad, 3) low spirits, the blues.] of the immagination - I do feel, & know from what is sealed on my mind as certain experience, that the Lord is yet great & his Name Known, & his power felt in the hearts of the children of Men, however great the effort may be to establish & bring in forms & ceremonies, without the life & power

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November 1, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* sailed from San Pedro anchorage toward the port of Santa Barbara, California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, November 1st. Sailed this day, (Sunday again,) for Santa Barbara, where we arrived on the 5th.

A convention in the Texas district of Mexico proclaimed the right of the province to secede (there's always a first time even if it's not named "Rick Perry").

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11 M 1 1835 / Attended Meetings Morning & Afternoon
Father bore short testimonies in both. - they were to me good
solid seasons.-*

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November 3, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*11th M 3rd (3rd day of week) 1835 / This Afternoon we Rode to
[Tiverton](#) & staid at Edward Wings - this was the first time my
wife was ever there*

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November 4, Wednesday: [Waldo Emerson](#) lectured at the Concord Lyceum on: [Michael Angelo](#) Buonaroti.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day after breakfast we rode to Somersett to attend the Select
Qrtly Meeting - Dined at Daniel Braytons & lodged at Nathan
Chases -*

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November 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day attended the Quarterly Meeting at large In the first
Hannah Robinson preached a savory little testimony after which
our fr John Meader took the weight of Service & it felt to me
that Truth was over the Meeting to the comfort & enlargement of
many minds - after which Dorcas Paine appeard in Supplication,
but from the feebleness of her voice was not generally heard -
but there were feelings of unity in her appearance - Directly
after Meeting we got into our Chaise & rode on to [Providence](#) &
reached our frd [Moses Browns](#) House before it was very dark. -*

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Having already perused Volume 1, the Atlas, and Volume 3 of Charles Rollin (1661-1741)'s THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE [EGYPTIANS](#), CARTHAGINIANS, ASSYRIANS, BABYLONIANS, MEDES AND PERSIANS, MACEDONIANS, AND GRECIANS. INCLUDING A HISTORY OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES OF THE ANCIENTS. TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH. THE 12TH EDITION, REVISED, CORRECTED, AND ILLUSTRATED WITH A SET OF MAPS NEWLY ENGRAVED (first printed 1730-1738; one of the first 17 English editions, possibly the one issued in London in 1813), [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th volumes of that set.



Our guy would comment later of the catacombs full of preserved death, of our museums full of stuffed animals, and of such history textbooks stuffed full with irrelevant facts, that:



"I hate museums, there is nothing so weighs upon the spirits. They are catacombs of nature. They are preserved death. One green bud of Spring one willow catkin, one faint trill from some migrating sparrow, might set the world on its legs again. I know not whether I muse most at the bodies stuffed with cotton and sawdust – or those stuffed with bowels and fleshy fibre. The life that is in a single green weed is of more worth than all this death. They are very much like the written history of the world – and I read Rollin and Ferguson with the same feeling."



–JOURNAL; September 24, 1843



November 6, Friday: Unable to resolve the spoliation issue, United States charge d'affaires Thomas Barton departed from Paris, thus severing relations between the two countries.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day attended the School committee at the School House. –
lodged again at [Moses Browns](#).*

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November 7, Saturday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), Thomas S. Farnsworth of Groton & Harriet H. Lawton of [Concord](#) filed an intention to marry.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Attended the Meeting for Sufferings at the Meeting House in [Providence](#) Dined at [Moses Browns](#) & sett off immediately for home - but got no further than [Bristol](#) ferry & lodged at Pierces

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) observed and described typical smuggling activities along the coast of California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

The second day after our arrival, a full-rigged brig came round the point from the northward, sailed leisurely through the bay, and stood off again for the south-east, in the direction of the large island of Catalina. The next day the *Avon* got under weigh, and stood in the same direction, bound for San Pedro. This might do for marines and Californians, but we knew the ropes too well. The brig was never again seen on the coast, and the *Avon* arrived at San Pedro in about a week, with a full cargo of Canton and American goods.

This was one of the means of escaping the heavy duties the Mexicans lay upon all imports. A vessel comes on the coast, enters a moderate cargo at Monterey, which is the only custom-house, and commences trading. In a month or more, having sold a large part of her cargo, she stretches over to Catalina, or other of the large uninhabited islands which lie off the coast, in a trip from port to port, and supplies herself with choice goods from a vessel from Oahu, which has been lying off and on the islands, waiting for her. Two days after the sailing of the *Avon*, the *Loriotte* came in from the leeward, and without doubt had also a snatch at the brig's cargo.



November 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day Mornng came across the ferry & rode home in season to be at Meetings in [Newport](#) -

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November 12, Thursday: The [Texas](#) Provisional Government, on the motion of Merriwether Woodson Smith, named [Sam Houston](#) a Major General in the Texas Army.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 11th M 1835 / Today our dear friend Elizabeth Wing was at meeting with is & had very seasonable & acceptable Service. - She & Betsy Sandford dined with us. -

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[Waldo Emerson](#) lectured in [Boston](#).

This was lecture #2 of the series “Permanent Traits of the English National Character.”

Meanwhile [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) was experiencing bad weather and adventurous rowing, in the Santa Barbara surfline.



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AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Thursday, Nov. 12th. This day was quite cool in the early part, and there were black clouds about; but as it was often so in the morning, nothing was apprehended, and all the captains went ashore together, to spend the day. Towards noon, the clouds hung heavily over the mountains, coming half way down the hills that encircle the town of Santa Barbara, and a heavy swell rolled in from the south-east. The mate immediately ordered the gig's crew away, and at the same time, we saw boats pulling ashore from the other vessels. Here was a grand chance for a rowing match, and every one did his best. We passed the boats of the *Ayacucho* and *Loriotte*, but could gain nothing upon, and indeed, hardly hold our own with, the long, six-oared boat of the whale-ship. They reached the breakers before us; but here we had the advantage of them, for, not being used to the surf, they were obliged to wait to see us beach our boat, just as, in the same place, nearly a year before, we, in the *Pilgrim*, were glad to be taught by a boat's crew of Kanakas.

We had hardly got the boats beached, and their heads out, before our old friend, Bill Jackson, the handsome English sailor, who steered the *Loriotte's* boat, called out that the brig was adrift; and, sure enough, she was dragging her anchors, and drifting down into the bight of the bay. Without waiting for the captain, (for there was no one on board but the mate and steward,) he sprung into the boat, called the Kanakas together, and tried to put off. But the Kanakas, though capital water-dogs, were frightened by their vessel's being adrift, and by the emergency of the case, and seemed to lose their faculties. Twice, their boat filled, and came broadside upon the beach. Jackson swore at them for a parcel of savages, and promised to flog every one of them. This made the matter no better; when we came forward, told the Kanakas to take their seats in the boat, and, going two on each side, walked out with her till it was up to our shoulders, and gave them a shove, when, giving way with their oars, they got her safely into the long, regular swell. In the mean time, boats had put off from our ships and the whaler, and coming all on board the brig together, they let go the other anchor, paid out chain, braced the yards to the wind, and brought the vessel up.

In a few minutes, the captains came hurrying down, on the run; and there was no time to be lost, for the gale promised to be a severe one, and the surf was breaking upon the beach, three deep, higher and higher every instant. The *Ayacucho's* boat, pulled by four Kanakas, put off first, and as they had no rudder or steering oar, would probably never have got off, had we not waded out with them, as far as the surf would permit. The next that made the attempt was the whale-boat, for we, being the most experienced "beach-combers," needed no help, and staid till the last. Whalemens make the best boats' crews in the world for a long pull, but this landing was new to them, and notwithstanding the examples they had had, they slued round and were hove up—boat, oars, and men—altogether, high and dry upon the sand. The second time, they filled, and had to turn their boat over, and set her off again. We could be of no help to them, for they were so many as to be in one another's way, without the addition of our numbers. The third time, they got off, though not without shipping a sea which drenched them all, and half filled their boat, keeping them baling, until they reached their ship. We now got ready to go off, putting the boat's head out; English Ben and I, who were the largest, standing on each side of the bows, to keep her "head on" to the sea, two more shipping and manning the two after oars, and the captain taking the steering oar. Two or three Spaniards, who stood upon the beach looking at us, wrapped their cloaks about them, shook their heads, and muttered "Caramba!" They had no taste for such doings; in fact, the hydrophobia is a national malady, and shows itself in their persons as well as their actions.



November 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 11th M / Yesterday our dear friend Thos Anthony came down the river from Wickford to be at Meeting with us - he



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THE REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR DANA, CONCLUDED:

Watching for a “smooth chance,” we determined to show the other boats the way it should be done; and, as soon as ours floated, ran out with her, keeping her head on, with all our strength, and the help of the captain’s oar, and the two after oarsmen giving way regularly and strongly, until our feet were off the ground, we tumbled into the bows, keeping perfectly still, from fear of hindering the others. For some time it was doubtful how it would go. The boat stood nearly up and down in the water, and the sea, rolling from under her, let her fall upon the water with a force which seemed almost to stave her bottom in. By quietly sliding two oars forward, along the thwarts, without impeding the rowers, we shipped two bow oars, and thus, by the help of four oars and the captain’s strong arm, we got safely off, though we shipped several seas, which left us half full of water. We pulled alongside of the *Loriotte*, put her skipper on board, and found her making preparations for slipping, and then pulled aboard our own ship. Here Mr. Brown, always “on hand,” had got everything ready, so that we had only to hook on the gig and hoist it up, when the order was given to loose the sails. While we were on the yards, we saw the *Loriotte* under weigh, and before our yards were mast-headed, the *Ayacucho* had spread her wings, and, with yards braced sharp up, was standing athwart our hawse. There is no prettier sight in the world than a full-rigged, clipper-built brig, sailing sharp on the wind. In a moment, our slip-rope was gone, the head-yards filled away, and we were off. Next came the whaler; and in a half an hour from the time when four vessels were lying quietly at anchor, without a rag out, or a sign of motion, the bay was deserted, and four white clouds were standing off to sea. Being sure of clearing the point, we stood off with our yards a little braced in, while the *Ayacucho* went off with a taught bowline, which brought her to windward of us. During all this day, and the greater part of the night, we had the usual south-easter entertainment, a gale of wind, variegated and finally topped off with a drenching rain of three or four hours. At daybreak, the clouds thinned off and rolled away, and the sun came up clear. The wind, instead of coming out from the northward, as is usual, blew steadily and freshly from the anchoring-ground. This was bad for us, for, being “flying light,” with little more than ballast trim, we were in no condition for showing off on a taught bowline, and had depended upon a fair wind, with which, by the help of our light sails and studding-sails, we meant to have been the first at the anchoring-ground; but the *Ayacucho* was a good league to windward of us, and was standing in, in fine style. The whaler, however, was as far to leeward of us, and the *Loriotte* was nearly out of sight, among the islands, up the Canal. By hauling every brace and bowline, and clapping watch-tackles upon all the sheets and halyards, we managed to hold our own, and drop the leeward vessels a little in every tack. When we reached the anchoring-ground, the *Ayacucho* had got her anchor, furled her sails, squared her yards, and was lying as quietly as if nothing had happened for the last twenty-four hours.

We had our usual good luck in getting our anchor without letting go another, and were all snug, with our boats at the boom-ends, in half an hour. In about two hours more, the whaler came in, and made a clumsy piece of work in getting her anchor, being obliged to let go her best bower, and finally, to get out a kedge and a hawser. They were heave-ho-ing, stopping and unstopping, pawling, catting, and fishing, for three hours; and the sails hung from the yards all the afternoon, and were not furled until sundown. The *Loriotte* came in just after dark, and let go her anchor, making no attempt to pick up the other until the next day.

This affair led to a great dispute as to the sailing of our ship and the *Ayacucho*. Bets were made between the captains, and the crews took it up in their own way; but as she was bound to leeward and we to windward, and merchant captains cannot deviate, a trial never took place; and perhaps it was well for us that it did not, for the *Ayacucho* had been eight years in the Pacific, in every part of it—Valparaiso, Sandwich Islands, Canton, California, and all, and was called the fastest merchantman that traded in the Pacific, unless it was the brig *John Gilpin*, and perhaps the ship *Ann McKim* of Baltimore.

came directly to our house & lodged & has attended both our



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Meetings today, which have indeed been watering & refreshing seasons - he dined at Henry Goulds & has gone to lodge at David Buffums.

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The HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) reached Tahiti.

At daylight, Tahiti, an island which must for ever remain classical to the voyager in the South Sea, was in view. At a distance the appearance was not attractive. The luxuriant vegetation of the lower part could not yet be seen, and as the clouds rolled past, the wildest and most precipitous peaks showed themselves towards the centre of the island. As soon as we anchored in Matavai Bay, we were surrounded by canoes. This was our Sunday, but the Monday of Tahiti: if the case had been reversed, we should not have received a single visit; for the injunction not to launch a canoe on the sabbath is rigidly obeyed. After dinner we landed to enjoy all the delights produced by the first impressions of a new country, and that country the charming Tahiti. A crowd of men, women, and children, was collected on the memorable Point Venus, ready to receive us with laughing, merry faces. They marshalled us towards the house of Mr. Wilson, the missionary of the district, who met us on the road, and gave us a very friendly reception. After sitting a very short time in his house, we separated to walk about, but returned there in the evening.

The land capable of cultivation, is scarcely in any part more than a fringe of low alluvial soil, accumulated round the base of the mountains, and protected from the waves of the sea by a coral reef, which encircles the entire line of coast. Within the reef there is an expanse of smooth water, like that of a lake, where the canoes of the natives can ply with safety and where ships anchor. The low land which comes down to the beach of coral-sand, is covered by the most beautiful productions of the intertropical regions. In the midst of bananas, orange, cocoa-nut, and bread-fruit trees, spots are cleared where yams, sweet potatoes, and sugar-cane, and pine-apples are cultivated. Even the brush-wood is an imported fruit-tree, namely, the guava, which from its abundance has become as noxious as a weed. In Brazil I have often admired the varied beauty of the bananas, palms, and orange-trees contrasted together; and here we also have the bread-fruit, conspicuous from its large, glossy, and deeply digitated leaf. It is admirable to behold groves of a tree, sending forth its branches with the vigour of an English oak, loaded with large and most nutritious fruit. However seldom the usefulness of an object can account for the pleasure of beholding it, in the case of these beautiful woods, the knowledge of their high productiveness no doubt enters largely into the feeling of admiration. The little winding paths, cool from the surrounding shade, led to the scattered houses; the owners of which everywhere gave us a cheerful and most hospitable reception.



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I was pleased with nothing so much as with the inhabitants. There is a mildness in the expression of their countenances which at once banishes the idea of a savage; and intelligence which shows that they are advancing in civilization. The common people, when working, keep the upper part of their bodies quite naked; and it is then that the Tahitians are seen to advantage. They are very tall, broad-shouldered, athletic, and well-proportioned. It has been remarked, that it requires little habit to make a dark skin more pleasing and natural to the eye of an European than his own colour. A white man bathing by the side of a Tahitian, was like a plant bleached by the gardener's art compared with a fine dark green one growing vigorously in the open fields. Most of the men are tattooed, and the ornaments follow the curvature of the body so gracefully, that they have a very elegant effect. One common pattern, varying in its details, is somewhat like the crown of a palm-tree. It springs from the central line of the back, and gracefully curls round both sides. The simile may be a fanciful one, but I thought the body of a man thus ornamented was like the trunk of a, noble tree embraced by a delicate creeper.

Many of the elder people had their feet covered with small figures, so placed as to resemble a sock. This fashion, however, is partly gone by, and has been succeeded by others. Here, although fashion is far from immutable, every one must abide by that prevailing in his youth. An old man has thus his age forever stamped on his body, and he cannot assume the airs of a young dandy. The women are tattooed in the same manner as the men, and very commonly on their fingers. One unbecoming fashion is now almost universal: namely, shaving the hair from the upper part of the head, in a circular form, so as to leave only an outer ring. The missionaries have tried to persuade the people to change this habit; but it is the fashion, and that is a sufficient answer at Tahiti, as well as at Paris. I was much disappointed in the personal appearance of the women: they are far inferior in every respect to the men. The custom of wearing a white or scarlet flower in the back of the head, or through a small hole in each ear, is pretty. A crown of woven cocoa-nut leaves is also worn as a shade for the eyes. The women appear to be in greater want of some becoming costume even than the men. Nearly all the natives understand a little English -- that is, they know the names of common things; and by the aid of this, together with signs, a lame sort of conversation could be carried on. In returning in the evening to the boat, we stopped to witness a very pretty scene. Numbers of children were playing on the beach, and had lighted bonfires which illumined the placid sea and surrounding trees; others, in circles, were singing Tahitian verses. We seated ourselves on the sand, and joined their party. The songs were impromptu, and I believe related to our arrival: one little girl sang a line, which the rest took up in parts, forming a very pretty chorus. The whole scene made us unequivocally aware that we were seated on the shores of an island in the far-famed South Sea.



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[Henry Thoreau](#) would comment on this in his essay "WALKING":

"WALKING": A tanned skin is something more than respectable, and perhaps olive is a fitter color than white for a man – a denizen of the woods. "The pale white man!" I do not wonder that the African pitied him. Darwin the naturalist says "A white man bathing by the side of a Tahitian was like a plant bleached by the gardener's art compared with a fine, dark green one growing vigorously in the open fields."

Ben Jonson exclaims,—

"How near to good is what is fair!"

So I would say—

How near to good is what is wild!

Life consists with Wildness. The most alive is the wildest. Not yet subdued to man, its presence refreshes him. One who pressed forward incessantly and never rested from his labors, who grew fast and made infinite demands on life, would always find himself in a new country or wilderness, and surrounded by the raw material of life. He would be climbing over the prostrate stems of primitive forest trees.

CHARLES DARWIN

BEN JONSON

VOYAGE OF THE BEAGLE II

LOVE FREED FROM IGNOR ...



November 16, Monday: [Halley's Comet](#) whipped around the sun and was, for more than a week, lost to view.⁴⁰²

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 11th M / Thos Anthony has spent a little time

402. "P/HALLEY, (1P=1835 III). Viewed with the unaided eye from September 23 until February 18th, T=1835 November 16. First detected without optical aid on September 23 when situated in the morning sky in eastern Auriga. Moved swiftly to the northeast. By October 5 already 3rd magnitude. Beginning October 8, visible all night as a 1-2 magnitude object in Ursa Major. Passed through solar conjunction far north of the Sun, entering the evening sky. On October 14 located in northernmost Bootes, 1st magnitude with a 20 degree tail. By October 20 situated in Ophiuchus, magnitude 1-2 and still with an impressive tail. In the first half of November about 2nd magnitude, drifting slowly to the southwest and then entering the evening twilight. Following solar conjunction reported as about 2nd magnitude at the very end of January 1836 — about 30-50 times brighter than expected! Comet situated a little southwest of Antares. Throughout the first half of February seen as a steadily fading naked eye object." According to a [comet](#) list published in Boston in 1846, attributed to Professor [Benjamin Peirce](#):

155	1834	April 2821	226	14	41	276	40	13	50	25	32	5	59	48	0.51240	R	Rumker.
156	1835	Mar. 30.68738	59	8	30	206	21	57	212	46	33	9	2	42	2.05149	R	W. Bessel.
		27.57651	58	32	23	207	55	33	210	36	50	9	7	39	2.041308	R	Santini.
H	1835	Nov. 15.94153	55	21	41	304	42	17	110	39	24	17	45	35	0.5863639	D	Lundhal.
157	1840	Jan. 4.47112	190	6	15	192	90	38	72	14	93	53	5	41	0.6184594	R	W. Bessel.



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with us this morning but has gone to Wm Nichols's to dine by invitation The Wind being high, he could not get up the River & lodged again with us. -

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November 17, Tuesday: Cesar Franck offered his 1st piano recital in Paris, at the Gymnase Musical. In spite of a vigorous advertising campaign by his father, no review would appear in the press.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 11 M / The weather being very calm the Wickford Boat did not get power till near night & Thos again Staid with us

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At anchor off the South Pacific island of Tahiti, the HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) registered the fact that they had crossed over this planet's Date Line and therefore needed to pay due homage to the calendar deity:

This day is reckoned in the log-book as Tuesday the 17th, instead of Monday the 16th, owing to our, so far, successful chase of the sun. Before breakfast the ship was hemmed in by a flotilla of canoes; and when the natives were allowed to come on board, I suppose there could not have been less than two hundred. It was the opinion of every one that it would have been difficult to have picked out an equal number from any other nation, who would have given so little trouble. Everybody brought something for sale: shells were the main articles of trade. The Tahitians now fully understand the value of money, and prefer it to old clothes or other articles. The various coins, however, of English and Spanish denomination puzzle them, and they never seemed to think the small silver quite secure until changed into dollars. Some of the chiefs have accumulated considerable sums of money. One chief, not long since, offered 800 dollars (about 160 pounds sterling) for a small vessel; and frequently they purchase whale-boats and horses at the rate of from 50 to 100 dollars.

After breakfast I went on shore, and ascended the nearest slope to a height of between two and three thousand feet. The outer mountains are smooth and conical, but steep; and the old volcanic rocks, of which they are formed, have been cut through by many profound ravines, diverging from the central broken parts of the island to the coast. Having crossed the narrow low girt of inhabited and fertile land, I followed a smooth steep ridge between two of the deep ravines. The vegetation was singular, consisting almost exclusively of small dwarf ferns, mingled higher up, with coarse grass; it was not very dissimilar from that on some of the Welsh hills, and this so close above the orchard of tropical plants on the coast was very surprising. At the highest point, which I reached, trees again appeared. Of the three zones of comparative luxuriance, the lower one owes its moisture, and therefore fertility, to its flatness; for, being scarcely raised above the level of the sea, the water from



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the higher land drains away slowly. The intermediate zone does not, like the upper one, reach into a damp and cloudy atmosphere, and therefore remains sterile. The woods in the upper zone are very pretty, tree-ferns replacing the cocoa-nuts on the coast. It must not, however, be supposed that these woods at all equal in splendour the forests of Brazil. The vast numbers of productions, which characterize a continent, cannot be expected to occur in an island.

From the highest point which I attained, there was a good view of the distant island of Eimeo, dependent on the same sovereign with Tahiti. On the lofty and broken pinnacles, white massive clouds were piled up, which formed an island in the blue sky, as Eimeo itself did in the blue ocean. The island, with the exception of one small gateway, is completely encircled by a reef. At this distance, a narrow but well-defined brilliantly white line was alone visible, where the waves first encountered the wall of coral. The mountains rose abruptly out of the glassy expanse of the lagoon, included within this narrow white line, outside which the heaving waters of the ocean were dark-coloured. The view was striking: it may aptly be compared to a framed engraving, where the frame represents the breakers, the marginal paper the smooth lagoon, and the drawing the island itself. When in the evening I descended from the mountain, a man, whom I had pleased with a trifling gift, met me, bringing with him hot roasted bananas, a pine-apple, and cocoa-nuts. After walking under a burning sun, I do not know anything more delicious than the milk of a young cocoa-nut. Pine-apples are here so abundant that the people eat them in the same wasteful manner as we might turnips. They are of an excellent flavor -- perhaps even better than those cultivated in England; and this I believe is the highest compliment which can be paid to any fruit. Before going on board, Mr. Wilson interpreted for me to the Tahitian who had paid me so adroit an attention, that I wanted him and another man to accompany me on a short excursion into the mountains.



November 18, Wednesday: Jose Jorge Loureiro replaced Joao Carlos Gregorio Domingues Vicente Francisco de Saldanha Oliveira e Daun, marques e conde de Saldanha as prime minister of Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 18 of 11 M / The wind being favourable this Mornng Our
fr Thos Anthony left us & returned home -*

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[Charles Darwin](#) went exploring on Tahiti:

In the morning I came on shore early, bringing with me some provisions in a bag, and two blankets for myself and servant. These were lashed to each end of a long pole, which was alternately carried by my Tahitian companions on their



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shoulders. These men are accustomed thus to carry, for a whole day, as much as fifty pounds at each end of their poles. I told my guides to provide themselves with food and clothing; but they said that there was plenty of food in the mountains, and for clothing, that their skins were sufficient. Our line of march was the valley of Tiaauru, down which a river flows into the sea by Point Venus. This is one of the principal streams in the island, and its source lies at the base of the loftiest central pinnacles, which rise to a height of about 7000 feet. The whole island is so mountainous that the only way to penetrate into the interior is to follow up the valleys. Our road, at first, lay through woods which bordered each side of the river; and the glimpses of the lofty central peaks, seen as through an avenue, with here and there a waving cocoa-nut tree on one side, were extremely picturesque. The valley soon began to narrow, and the sides to grow lofty and more precipitous. After having walked between three and four hours, we found the width of the ravine scarcely exceeded that of the bed of the stream. On each hand the walls were nearly vertical, yet from the soft nature of the volcanic strata, trees and a rank vegetation sprung from every projecting ledge. These precipices must have been some thousand feet high; and the whole formed a mountain gorge far more magnificent than anything which I had ever before beheld. Until the midday sun stood vertically over the ravine, the air felt cool and damp, but now it became very sultry. Shaded by a ledge of rock, beneath a facade of columnar lava, we ate our dinner. My guides had already procured a dish of small fish and fresh-water prawns. They carried with them a small net stretched on a hoop; and where the water was deep and in eddies, they dived, and like otters, with their eyes open followed the fish into holes and corners, and thus caught them.

The Tahitians have the dexterity of amphibious animals in the water. An anecdote mentioned by Ellis shows how much they feel at home in this element. When a horse was landing for Pomarre in 1817, the slings broke, and it fell into the water; immediately the natives jumped overboard, and by their cries and vain efforts at assistance almost drowned it. As soon, however, as it reached the shore, the whole population took to flight, and tried to hide themselves from the man-carrying pig, as they christened the horse.

A little higher up, the river divided itself into three little streams. The two northern ones were impracticable, owing to a succession of waterfalls which descended from the jagged summit of the highest mountain; the other to all appearance was equally inaccessible, but we managed to ascend it by a most extraordinary road. The sides of the valley were here nearly precipitous, but, as frequently happens with stratified rocks, small ledges projected, which were thickly covered by wild bananas, lilaceous plants, and other luxuriant productions of the tropics. The Tahitians, by climbing amongst these ledges, searching for fruit, had discovered a track by which the whole precipice could be scaled. The first ascent from the valley was



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very dangerous; for it was necessary to pass a steeply inclined face of naked rock, by the aid of ropes which we brought with us. How any person discovered that this formidable spot was the only point where the side of the mountain was practicable, I cannot imagine. We then cautiously walked along one of the ledges till we came to one of the three streams. This ledge formed a flat spot, above which a beautiful cascade, some hundred feet in height, poured down its waters, and beneath, another high cascade fell into the main stream in the valley below. From this cool and shady recess we made a circuit to avoid the overhanging waterfall. As before, we followed little projecting ledges, the danger being partly concealed by the thickness of the vegetation. In passing from one of the ledges to another, there was a vertical wall of rock. One of the Tahitians, a fine active man, placed the trunk of a tree against this, climbed up it, and then by the aid of crevices reached the summit. He fixed the ropes to a projecting point, and lowered them for our dog and luggage, and then we clambered up ourselves. Beneath the ledge on which the dead tree was placed, the precipice must have been five or six hundred feet deep; and if the abyss had not been partly concealed by the overhanging ferns and lilies my head would have turned giddy, and nothing should have induced me to have attempted it. We continued to ascend, sometimes along ledges, and sometimes along knife-edged ridges, having on each hand profound ravines. In the Cordillera I have seen mountains on a far grander scale, but for abruptness, nothing at all comparable with this. In the evening we reached a flat little spot on the banks of the same stream, which we had continued to follow, and which descends in a chain of waterfalls: here we bivouacked for the night. On each side of the ravine there were great beds of the mountain-banana, covered with ripe fruit. Many of these plants were from twenty to twenty-five feet high, and from three to four in circumference. By the aid of strips of bark for rope, the stems of bamboos for rafters, and the large leaf of the banana for a thatch, the Tahitians in a few minutes built us an excellent house; and with withered leaves made a soft bed.

They then proceeded to make a fire, and cook our evening meal. A light was procured, by rubbing a blunt pointed stick in a groove made in another, as if with intention of deepening it, until by the friction the dust became ignited. A peculiarly white and very light wood (the *Hibiscus tiliareus*) is alone used for this purpose: it is the same which serves for poles to carry any burden, and for the floating out-riggers to their canoes. The fire was produced in a few seconds: but to a person who does not understand the art, it requires, as I found, the greatest exertion; but at last, to my great pride, I succeeded in igniting the dust. The Gaucho in the Pampas uses a different method: taking an elastic stick about eighteen inches long, he presses one end on his breast, and the other pointed end into a hole in a piece of wood, and then rapidly turns the curved part, like a carpenter's centre-bit. The Tahitians having made a small fire



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of sticks, placed a score of stones, of about the size of cricket-balls, on the burning wood. In about ten minutes the sticks were consumed, and the stones hot. They had previously folded up in small parcels of leaves, pieces of beef, fish, ripe and unripe bananas, and the tops of the wild arum. These green parcels were laid in a layer between two layers of the hot stones, and the whole then covered up with earth, so that no smoke or steam could escape. In about a quarter of an hour, the whole was most deliciously cooked. The choice green parcels were now laid on a cloth of banana leaves, and with a cocoa-nut shell we drank the cool water of the running stream; and thus we enjoyed our rustic meal.

I could not look on the surrounding plants without admiration. On every side were forests of banana; the fruit of which, though serving for food in various ways, lay in heaps decaying on the ground. In front of us there was an extensive brake of wild sugar-cane; and the stream was shaded by the dark green knotted stem of the Ava, – so famous in former days for its powerful intoxicating effects. I chewed a piece, and found that it had an acrid and unpleasant taste, which would have induced any one at once to have pronounced it poisonous. Thanks to the missionaries, this plant now thrives only in these deep ravines, innocuous to every one. Close by I saw the wild arum, the roots of which, when well baked, are good to eat, and the young leaves better than spinach. There was the wild yam, and a liliaceous plant called Ti, which grows in abundance, and has a soft brown root, in shape and size like a huge log of wood: this served us for dessert, for it is as sweet as treacle, and with a pleasant taste. There were, moreover, several other wild fruits, and useful vegetables. The little stream, besides its cool water, produced eels, and cray-fish. I did indeed admire this scene, when I compared it with an uncultivated one in the temperate zones. I felt the force of the remark, that man, at least savage man, with his reasoning powers only partly developed, is the child of the tropics.

As the evening drew to a close, I strolled beneath the gloomy shade of the bananas up the course of the stream. My walk was soon brought to a close, by coming to a waterfall between two and three hundred feet high; and again above this there was another. I mention all these waterfalls in this one brook, to give a general idea of the inclination of the land. In the little recess where the water fell, it did not appear that a breath of wind had ever blown. The thin edges of the great leaves of the banana, damp with spray, were unbroken, instead of being, as is so generally the case, split into a thousand shreds. From our position, almost suspended on the mountain side, there were glimpses into the depths of the neighbouring valleys; and the lofty points of the central mountains, towering up within sixty degrees of the zenith, hid half the evening sky. Thus seated, it was a sublime spectacle to watch the shades of night gradually obscuring the last and highest pinnacles.

Before we laid ourselves down to sleep, the elder Tahitian fell



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on his knees, and with closed eyes repeated a long prayer in his native tongue. He prayed as a Christian should do, with fitting reverence, and without the fear of ridicule or any ostentation of piety. At our meals neither of the men would taste food, without saying beforehand a short grace. Those travellers who think that a Tahitian prays only when the eyes of the missionary are fixed on him, should have slept with us that night on the mountain-side. Before morning it rained very heavily; but the good thatch of banana-leaves kept us dry.



November 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 11th M 1835 / Our Meeting today was a solid good one - Father had a short encouraging testimony. - In the Preparative Meeting which followed, Thos P Nichols appeared in it & requested to become a member of our Society.- I felt glad Thos had given up to request Membership - he has been exemplary in the use of the plain language for some time, & a very dilligent attender of our religious Meetings both on First day & in the middle of the Week.-

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Meanwhile, at the Masonic Temple in [Boston](#), [Waldo Emerson](#) was delivering lecture Number 3 of the series "English Literature," entitled "The Age of Fable."

In the South Pacific, a Western ship ferried about 500 Māori warriors from New Zealand's North Island to the Chatham Islands, 500 miles to the east. The Moriori of the Chatham Islands were of the same stock as the Māori, but had been living in isolation for some 15 generations. Having learned from sealers of the existence of the Chatham Islands and of the existence of their relatives the Moriori, the Māori were going to make them be their slaves, and then, in short order, to exterminate them. This was their custom.

Meanwhile, on the island of Tahiti elsewhere in the South Pacific, [Charles Darwin](#) continued his explorations:

At daylight my friends, after their morning prayer, prepared an excellent breakfast in the same manner as in the evening. They themselves certainly partook of it largely; indeed I never saw any men eat near so much. I suppose such enormously capacious stomachs must be the effect of a large part of their diet consisting of fruit and vegetables, which contain, in a given bulk, a comparatively small portion of nutriment. Unwittingly, I was the means of my companions breaking, as I afterwards learned, one of their own laws, and resolutions: I took with me a flask of spirits, which they could not refuse to partake of; but as often as they drank a little, they put their fingers before their mouths, and uttered the word "Missionary." About two years ago, although the use of the ava was prevented, drunkenness from the introduction of spirits became very prevalent. The missionaries prevailed on a few good men, who saw that their country was rapidly going to ruin, to join with them in a Temperance Society. From good sense or shame, all the chiefs and the queen were at last persuaded to join. Immediately a law



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was passed, that no spirits should be allowed to be introduced into the island, and that he who sold and he who bought the forbidden article should be punished by a fine. With remarkable justice, a certain period was allowed for stock in hand to be sold, before the law came into effect. But when it did, a general search was made, in which even the houses of the missionaries were not exempted, and all the ava (as the natives call all ardent spirits) was poured on the ground. When one reflects on the effect of intemperance on the aborigines of the two Americas, I think it will be acknowledged that every well-wisher of Tahiti owes no common debt of gratitude to the missionaries. As long as the little island of St. Helena remained under the government of the East India Company, spirits, owing to the great injury they had produced, were not allowed to be imported; but wine was supplied from the Cape of Good Hope. It is rather a striking and not very gratifying fact, that in the same year that spirits were allowed to be sold in Helena, their use was banished from Tahiti by the free will of the people.

After breakfast we proceeded on our Journey. As my object was merely to see a little of the interior scenery, we returned by another track, which descended into the main valley lower down. For some distance we wound, by a most intricate path, along the side of the mountain which formed the valley. In the less precipitous parts we passed through extensive groves of the wild banana. The Tahitians, with their naked, tattooed bodies, their heads ornamented with flowers, and seen in the dark shade of these groves, would have formed a fine picture of man inhabiting some primeval land. In our descent we followed the line of ridges; these were exceedingly narrow, and for considerable lengths steep as a ladder; but all clothed with vegetation. The extreme care necessary in poising each step rendered the walk fatiguing. I did not cease to wonder at these ravines and precipices: when viewing the country from one of the knife-edged ridges, the point of support was so small, that the effect was nearly the same as it must be from a balloon. In this descent we had occasion to use the ropes only once, at the point where we entered the main valley. We slept under the same ledge of rock where we had dined the day before: the night was fine, but from the depth and narrowness of the gorge, profoundly dark.

Before actually seeing this country, I found it difficult to understand two facts mentioned by Ellis; namely, that after the murderous battles of former times, the survivors on the conquered side retired into the mountains, where a handful of men could resist a multitude. Certainly half a dozen men, at the spot where the Tahitian reared the old tree, could easily have repulsed thousands. Secondly, that after the introduction of Christianity, there were wild men who lived in the mountains, and whose retreats were unknown to the more civilized inhabitants.



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November 22, Sunday: Le cinq Mai: chant sur la mort de l'Empereur [Napoléon](#) for bass, chorus, and orchestra by [Hector Berlioz](#) to words of de Beranger was performed for the initial time, at the Paris Conservatoire.

[Charles Darwin](#) recorded the condition of Tahiti in his journal:

The harbour of Papiete, where the queen resides, may be considered as the capital of the island: it is also the seat of government, and the chief resort of shipping. Captain Fitz Roy took a party there this day to hear divine service, first in the Tahitian language, and afterwards in our own. Mr. Pritchard, the leading missionary in the island, performed the service. The chapel consisted of a large airy framework of wood; and it was filled to excess by tidy, clean people, of all ages and both sexes. I was rather disappointed in the apparent degree of attention; but I believe my expectations were raised too high. At all events the appearance was quite equal to that in a country church in England. The singing of the hymns was decidedly very pleasing, but the language from the pulpit, although fluently delivered, did not sound well: a constant repetition of words, like "tata ta, mata mai," rendered it monotonous. After English service, a party returned on foot to Matavai. It was a pleasant walk, sometimes along the sea-beach and sometimes under the shade of the many beautiful trees.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 11 M / Both Meetings were silent with the exception of a Short offering by Father in the Morning - Both were seasons of some favour

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November 26, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) lectured in [Boston](#). This was lecture Number 4 of the series: Chaucer.

THE LIST OF LECTURES

Texians captured a pack train bringing forage for General Martín Perfecto de Cos's cavalry.



REMEMBERING THE ALAMO

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 11th M / Our first Meeting was a very good one
Father had a good pertinent & well seasoned testimony - then
Hannah Dennis & then Elizabeth Wing & at the close Hannah Dennis
kneeled in supplication - In the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting)-
Moses F Rogers recd his Answer to proceed in Marriage with
Elizabeth Mitchell & Amos Earle was also liberated to proceed
in the same way with Catherine Mitchell - Elizabeth Wing was
liberated to pay a religious visit in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
- And a committee was apptd to Visit Thos R Nichols in
consequence of his request to be recd a Member of Society - other
buisness refered*

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November 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29th of 11th M 1835 / Our Morning meeting was an uncommon
good one to me, & the afternoon not the worst, but did not come
up in my feeling to the Morning - Father had short communications
in both. - In the evening visited Francis Carr & wife*

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A baby that would one day be the empress of [China](#) was born, we have no idea where. Since we have no way to know what her name was, we will simply refer to her in this contexture as [Tz'u-hsi](#) 慈禧.⁴⁰³

Over the millennia there have been but three women to reign over the Celestial Kingdom. One of these was in control of the most populous nation on earth during the later part of Thoreau's *florut*:

Dynasty	Period	Person	<i>Florut</i>
<i>Han</i>	206BCE-220	The Empress <i>Lü</i>	195BCE-180BCE
<i>T'ang</i>	618-907	The Empress <i>Wu Hou</i>	660-705
<i>Ch'ing</i> 清	1644-1911	The Empress Dowager <i>Tz'u-hsi</i> 慈禧	1861-1908

Photography had yet to be invented and she didn't yet look like this:



慈禧

403. She is called by this name, and the other empress dowager is called *Tz'u-an*, literally “Old East” and “Old West,” simply due to confusion over naming systems for females, and because these two influential ladies had their respective apartments in the east and west wings of the palace. She is sometimes termed Lady “Yehenara” but this name designates not her but her entire clan of origin. A more formal and up-to-date naming system would differentiate the two ladies as *Ci Xi* or “Motherly Auspiciousness” and *Ci An* or “Motherly Peace.”



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December 3, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 3rd of 12th M 1835 / This day at our Meeting house in
[Newport](#) Were married Amos Earl of Swansey to Catherine Mitchell
daughter of John Mitchell
Father Rodman bore a short testimony and the Meeting was a solid
favoured one –*

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December 6, Sunday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) finished the second term of his junior year and withdrew briefly from [Harvard College](#) in Cambridge in order to teach school in Canton, Massachusetts while residing with the Unitarian Reverend [Orestes Augustus Brownson](#), with whom he was to study German. (He would be out of college for some three months but the only time we can account for is the six weeks he spent with the Reverend Brownson.)

THOREAU RESIDENCES

Some have attempted to allege that Thoreau's encounter with the Reverend Orestes Augustus Brownson during his college years "transformed" David Henry Thoreau – that when he returned from the minister's house in Canton, and the study of the German language, to his Cambridge dorm room, he was an entirely different young man. In evaluating that account of it, we can take into consideration that in Thoreau's personal library was a copy of the Reverend's first book, *NEW VIEWS...* (undoubtedly a gift of the Reverend – but we have no indication whatever that Thoreau ever so much as glanced at it), and that in the Reverend's personal library was a copy of Thoreau's *A WEEK...* (inscribed as a gift from its author – but we know for sure that the Reverend did not ever bother to read it all the way through).

I am unable to come across any evidence whatever, that the writings or the example of the Reverend Brownson ever had the slightest impact on Thoreau's ideas or upon Thoreau's life. The most I have been able to infer is that Thoreau benefitted slightly, academically, from being able to have conversations in the German language.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6 of 12 M / Both meetings were solid quiet seasons Father
had short service. –*

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December 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th of 12th M / Elisha F Rogers And Elizabeth Mitchell
daughter of Jethro F Mitchell were married in our Meeting House
-the gathering was much larger than last 5th day, & quite as
still & quiet but I did not think there was as much of solid*



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*weight as was felt a week ago - short testimonies were delivered
by Father & Hannah Dennis
This Afternoon I wrote to my dear friend Thos Thompson of
Liverpool. -*

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The Battle of B  xar came to an end as the [Texians](#) fought their way into San Antonio de B  xar and General Mart  n Perfecto de Cos surrendered his Centralist [Mexican](#) army.

REMEMBERING THE ALAMO

Until January 24, 1836, US Marines would be protecting American interests in Callao and Lima, Peru during an attempted revolution.

US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

Our Perennial Quest to Do Harm So Good Will Come



Extermination of the Pequot Tribe	1634-1637
��King Phillip's�� Race War	1675-1676
The War of 1812	1812-1815
The Revolution of the Texians	1835-1836
War on Mejico	1846-1848
The War for the Union	1862-1865
War to End War	1916-1919
Stopping Hitler	1940-1945
The Korean Police Action	1950-1953
Helping South Vietnam be Free	1959-1975
Cuban Missile Crisis	1962



December 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 13th of 12 M / Good silent Meetings - my mind favoured
with quiet. -
Joseph Cozzins was taken in a Fit Yesterday & lays very low today*

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December 15, Tuesday: Vincenzo Lavigna certified that Giuseppe Verdi had successfully completed lessons in counterpoint with him in Milan, and was therefore employable as a maestro di cappella.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15 of 12 M 1835 / Attended the Funeral of Joseph Cozzens who died on 1st day [Sunday] the 13th inst about half past 7 OC in the evening - The funeral was a silent solid & very quiet opportunity & attended with a feeling of peace that was comfortable - Joseph was the Grandson of Old John Casey a former Minister in good standing in this Town & I believe was the only surviving grandchild of Joseph Casey & was the only attender of Friends Meeting of his family. - In the early part of his life he was disowned for Marrying out of the order of Society & much of his life was not marked with that Sobriety which was desirable, but was always a diligent attender of Friends Meeting on 1st day [Sunday] but for the last 12 or 15 Years of his life has been a very steady attender of Meetings in the Middle of the Week as well as on 1st days & has evinced a seriousness of mind & an attachment to Society which would afford the hope that his peace was made, & that he is at rest thro' the Mercy & goodness of Christ our Redeemer & intercesor with the father - He was Aged 83 Years

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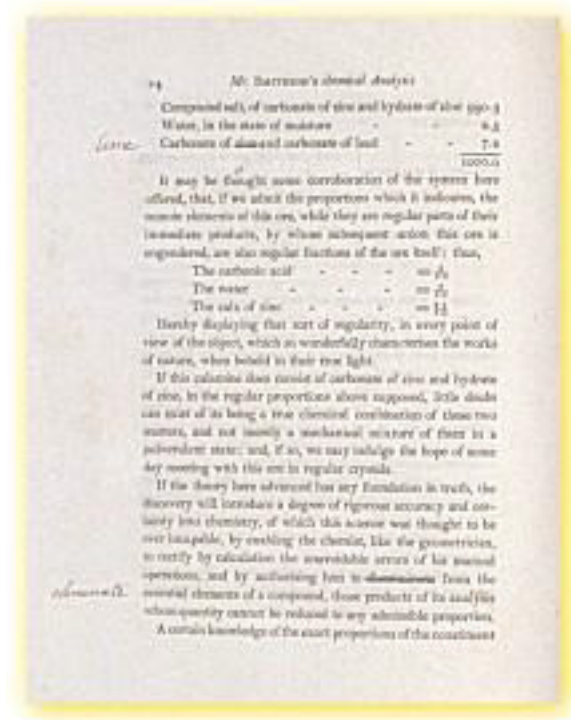


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December 17, Thursday: President Andrew Jackson inaugurated a decade of angry tugging in the federal Senate over what to do about the James Smithson bequest which would eventually become the "Smithsonian Institution."



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 12th M 1835 / Attended Meeting which was silent but a pretty good one

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December 20, Sunday: Native Americans in Georgia were forced by the white government (because gold has been discovered on their land) to depart from their ancestral homeland, to a locale on the far side of the Mississippi River.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 12th M 1835 / Both our Meetings were Silent the Morning was pretty well attended considering the walking.- The Afternoon small but solid & quiet Aunt Stanton who has for a long time manifested signs of decaying powers of mind has of late grown much worse & is evidently now very much deranged & I fear in permanent distraction

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December 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 12 M 1835 / What poor frail & forlorn creatures



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we are when deprived of reason – I have just returned from Aunt Stanton's & assisted in doing what I could for her help – but she is entirely deranged & I fear will never be any better. – The prayer of my heart is Oh Lord preserve us, for without thy holy help we are poor miserable blind & helpless

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December 24, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) lectured in [Boston](#). This was lecture Number 7 of the series, on [Lord Bacon](#).

An opinion issued by the Committee on Finance was to the effect that the annuity promised to Gioachino Rossini by King Charles X and withheld by the new regime could now be afforded by the French government. The Ministry of Finance decided to drop its case against Rossini, and disburse the annuity retroactive to July 1st, 1830 — on the basis of this decision the composer was now set for life.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 12 M / At meeting Father had a Short testimony to bear, & it was a good solid Meeting In the Preparative there was no buisness excepting a request for a Certificate & the representatives to appoint

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December 27, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* sailed out of the Golden Gate and turned south toward the bay of Monterey.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, December 27th. We had now finished all our business at this port, and it being Sunday, we unmoored ship and got under weigh, firing a salute to the Russian brig, and another to the Presidio, which were both answered. The commandant of the Presidio, Don Gaudaloupe Villego, a young man, and the most popular, among the Americans and English, of any man in California, was on board when we got under weigh. He spoke English very well, and was suspected of being favorably inclined to foreigners.

We sailed down this magnificent bay with a light wind, the tide, which was running out, carrying us at the rate of four or five knots. It was a fine day; the first of entire sunshine we had had for more than a month. We passed directly under the high cliff on which the Presidio is built, and stood into the middle of the bay, from whence we could see small bays, making up into the interior, on every side; large and beautifully-wooded islands; and the mouths of several small rivers. If California ever becomes a prosperous country, this bay will be the centre of its prosperity. The abundance of wood and water, the extreme fertility of its shores, the excellence of its climate, which is as near to being perfect as any in the world, and its facilities for navigation, affording the best anchoring-grounds in the whole western coast of America, all fit it for a place of great importance; and, indeed, it has attracted much attention, for the settlement of "Yerba Buena," where we lay at anchor, made chiefly by Americans and English, and which bids fair to become the most important trading place on the coast, at this time began to supply traders, Russian ships, and whalers, with their stores of wheat and frijoles.

The tide leaving us, we came to anchor near the mouth of the bay, under a high and beautifully sloping hill, upon which herds of hundreds and hundreds of red deer, and the stag, with his high branching antlers, were bounding about, looking at us for a moment, and then starting off, affrighted at the noises which we made for the purpose of seeing the variety of their beautiful attitudes and motions.

At midnight, the tide having turned, we hove up our anchor and stood out of the bay, with a fine starry heaven above us,— the first we had seen for weeks and weeks.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 12 M / Tho' our Meetings were solid & quiet, it did not seem to me that life rose as I have sometimes felt it — Father had short testimonies in both. — Aunt Stanton remains deranged & in a very trying State to herself & others — Rote this eveng to Benj Fry.

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December 30, Wednesday: The HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) sailed from New Zealand toward Sydney, Australia.

At Milan's Teatro alla Scala, the original version of *Maria Stuarda*, a tragedia lirica by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Bardari after Schiller, was performed for the initial time. Maria Felicita Malibran performed as lead soprano despite being noticeably ill.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

—th day 30th of 12th M / This day I complete my 54th Year



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While I am sensible that my glass in running out - that Youthfulness has departed, & that my whole man begins to exhibit a decaying & venerable aspect - I am favour'd with a concern to so live, as that Age may be honourable & peaceful, & as I have often expressed to others "Grow old with a good grace" - How much have I had to be thankful for, & tho' portions of bitterness have been my lot, yet in truth I have had much, which calls forth the tribute of thanksgiving & praise - Never in the abundance, but as yet, always enough to satisfy present necessary wants. - My heart is often fraught with gratitude for the many favours I have recd & Oh that I may ever feel so & ascribe - not unto me, not unto me, but to thy goodness & mercy, O Lord, are all my blessings

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December 31, Thursday: According to the Caledonian Mercury of Edinburgh, Scotland, the public tranquility had been completely restored at a port on the coast of Spain - the shops being open, there being music in the streets, a new governor having been installed - the result was a state of general confidence. The British troops had generally departed but, as a precaution, because it is better to be safe than to be sorry, had left behind "seventy artillerymen and two subalterns, under Captain [John] Thoreau, with a 24-pound howitzer, and two long 32-pounders." - Just in case a whiff of the ol' grapeshot might still upon occasion be what would be recommended. This is what warriors are for, to create peace! Congratulations, Sir! - Christmas has come and gone and the British army has brought the gift of peace to the entire Iberian peninsula but now you can't go home. Not yet.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12th M 1835 / Rose early this Morn'g & got into the Stage & rode to Portsmouth to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The first was a good solid Meeting - a sound lively & pertinent from Mary Hicks - In the last it seemed to me the business was all resulted in Wisdom - After meeting went with Francis Carr to Shadrach Chases & dined - not having been to Shadracks in some years a renewal of intimacy & good feeling was very pleasant - after dinner rode home with Francis he being alone in a Chaise True it is that times & seasons are not at our command - yesterday I was very desirous to feel the arising of life in my heart it being my birth day but was unable to get at it & today I have been favoured & am thankful for it
Here closes the Year & this day commences another of my Life-*

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[Waldo Emerson](#) lectured in [Boston](#). This was lecture Number 8 of the series, on [Ben Jonson](#), [Robert Herrick](#), Herbert, and Sir Henry Wotton.

On this day there was yet another episode in yet another of America's race wars:

Black Native Warriors? Where Had <i>That</i> Come From?	
December 1835	The destruction of sugar plantations along the St. Johns River south of St. Augustine, Florida
December 18, 1835	The battle of Black Point, west of the town of Micanopy in the Florida Territory
December 28, 1835	Massacre of Major Francis Dade's troops heading for Fort King
December 31, 1835	The 1st battle on the Withlacoochee River of Florida (Clinch's Battle)
February-March 1836	The siege of Camp Izard
October 12, 1836	The 2d battle on the Withlacoochee River of Florida (Call's Battle)
November 21, 1836	An action in the Wahoo Swamp on the Withlacoochee River
January 27, 1837	The battle of Hatcheelustee Creek at the head of the Kissimmee River
December 25, 1837	The battle of Lake Okeechobee
January 15, 1838	An action at Jupiter Inlet, on the east coast of Florida
January 24, 1838	The battle of Lockahatchee



SEMINOLES

WHITE ON RED, RED ON WHITE

SWAMP

“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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➡ January 1, Friday: During this general period [Halley's Comet](#) was in the constellation of Scorpius. As the [comet](#) would recede in the heavens, Sir John Herschel from his South Africa location would be well positioned to observe and sketch an entirely unexpected and most blazing amazing display. As the comet fled, Frederick Douglass made a new years resolution:

SKY EVENT

**“By this date
next year
I will be
a free man!”**



[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal, mentioning that he was in the process of writing to [Friend Moses Brown](#):

6th day 1st of 1st M 1836 / It has been a pleasant day as to the outward, & norm [?] in the inward to render it otherwise -called in the Afternoon to visit my cousins Henry & Thos Gould in their respective Mills - & this evening wrote a letter to my dear



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Ancient friend [Moses Brown](#).⁴⁰⁴



January 3, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the crew of the *Alert* went on liberty in Monterey.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

On Sunday morning, as soon as the decks were washed, and we had got breakfast, those who had obtained liberty began to clean themselves, as it is called, to go ashore. A bucket of fresh water apiece, a cake of soap, a large coarse towel, and we went to work scrubbing one another, on the forecastle. Having gone through this, the next thing was to get into the head,— one on each side— with a bucket apiece, and duck one another, by drawing up water and heaving over each other, while we were stripped to a pair of trowsers. Then came the rigging-up. The usual outfit of pumps, white stockings, loose white duck trowsers, blue jackets, clean checked shirts, black kerchiefs, hats well varnished, with a fathom of black ribbon over the left eye, a silk handkerchief flying from the outside jacket pocket, and four or five dollars tied up in the back of the neckerchief, and we were “all right.” One of the quarter-boats pulled us ashore, and we steamed up to the town. I tried to find the church, in order to see the worship, but was told that there was no service, except a mass early in the morning; so we went about the town, visiting the Americans and English, and the natives whom we had know when we were here before. Toward noon we procured horses, and rode out to the Carmel mission, which is about a league from the town, where from the town, where we got something in the way of a dinner— beef, eggs, frijoles, tortillas, and some middling wine— from the mayordomo, who, of course, refused to make any charge, as it was the Lord’s gift, yet received our present, as a gratuity, with a low bow, a touch of the hat, and “Dios se lo pague!”

After this repast, we had a fine run, scouring the whole country on our fleet horses, and came into town soon after sundown. Here we found our companions who had refused to go to ride with us, thinking that a sailor has no more business with a horse than a fish has with a balloon. They were moored, stem and stern, in a grog-shop, making a great noise, with a crowd of Indians and hungry half-breeds about them, and with a fair prospect of being stripped and dirked, or left to pass the night in the calabozo. With a great deal of trouble, we managed to get them down to the boats, though not without many angry looks and interferences from the Spaniards, who had marked them out for their prey. The *Diana*’s crews—a set of worthless outcasts, who had been picked up at the islands from the refuse of whale-ships,— were all as drunk as beasts, and had a set-to, on the beach, with their captain, who was in no better state than themselves. They swore they would not go aboard, and went back to the town, were stripped and beaten, and lodged in the calabozo, until the next day, when the captain bought them out. Our forecastle, as usual after a liberty-day, was a scene of tumult all night long, from the drunken ones. They had just got to sleep toward morning, when they were turned up with the rest, and kept at work all day in the water, carrying hides, their heads aching so that they could hardly stand. This is sailor’s pleasure.

In Kassel, Louis Spohr got married with Marianne Pfeiffer, sister of his late friend Carl Pfeiffer (this was his 2d marriage, her 1st — she was 28).

[Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 1st M / Our meeting this morning was a precious
one to me — in the Afternoon not so lively, but solid & quiet -*

404. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1833-1838: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 9 Folder 15: January 1, 1833-August 28, 1836; Box 9 Folder 16: September 1, 1836-September 20, 1838; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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THE REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR DANA, CONCLUDED:

Nothing worthy of remark happened while we were here, except a little boxing-match on board our own ship, which gave us something to talk about. A broad-backed, big-headed Cape Cod boy, about sixteen years old, had been playing the bully, for the whole voyage, over a slender, delicate-looking boy, from one of the Boston schools, and over whom he had much the advantage, in strength, age, and experience in the ship's duty, for this was the first time the Boston boy had been on salt water. The latter, however, had "picked up his crumbs," was learning his duty, and getting strength and confidence daily; and began to assert his rights against his oppressor. Still, the other was his master, and, by his superior strength, always tackled with him and threw him down. One afternoon, before we were turned-to, these boys got into a violent squabble in the between-decks, when George (the Boston boy) said he would fight Nat, if he could have fair play. The chief mate heard the noise, dove down the hatchway, hauled them both up on deck, and told them to shake hands and have no more trouble for the voyage, or else they should fight till one gave in for beaten. Finding neither willing to make an offer for reconciliation, he called all hands up, (for the captain was ashore, and he could do as he chose aboard,) ranged the crew in the waist, marked a line on the deck, brought the two boys up to it, making them "toe the mark;" then made the bight of a rope fast to a belaying pin, and stretched it across the deck, bringing it just above their waists. "No striking below the rope!" And there they stood, one on each side of it, face to face, and went at it like two game-cocks. The Cape Cod boy, Nat, put in his double-fisters, starting the blood, and bringing the black and blue spots all over the face and arms of the other, whom we expected to see give in every moment: but the more he was hurt, the better he fought. Time after time he was knocked nearly down, but up he came again and faced the mark, as bold as a lion, again to take the heavy blows, which sounded so as to make one's heart turn with pity for him. At length he came up to the mark for the last time, his shirt torn from his body, his face covered with blood and bruises, and his eyes flashing fire, and swore he would stand there until one or the other was killed, and set-to like a young fury. "Hurrah in the bow!" said the men, cheering him on. "Well crowed!" "Never say die, while there's a shot in the locker!" Nat tried to close with him, knowing his advantage, but the mate stopped that, saying there should be fair play, and no fingering. Nat then came up to the mark, but looked white about the mouth, and his blows were not given with half the spirit of his first. He was evidently cowed. He had always been his master, and had nothing to gain, and everything to lose; while the other fought for honor and freedom, under a sense of wrong. It would not do. It was soon over. Nat gave in; not so much beaten, as cowed and mortified; and never afterwards tried to act the bully on board. We took George forward, washed him in the deck-tub, complimented his pluck, and from this time he became somebody on board, having fought himself into notice. Mr. Brown's plan had a good effect, for there was no more quarrelling among the boys for the rest of the voyage.

*So far the Year has begun well with me & I feel thankful & can in sincerity & humility say Oh Lord preserve me to the end, with out thy Grace afforded we are indeed miserable creatiures
My Wife watched last night with Aunt Stanton - She is in a wretched State of Mind & but little hopes remain of her being any better.-*



January 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 1 M / I have this Morning pulled out my large front tooth next the eye tooth on the left side the one between the eye tooth & that having been gone for ten Years - this has



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*been long loose & troublesome & becoming very sore - I resolved to take it out
I well remember the first tooth which grew in its place & with much difficulty was pulled out by Abner Taber when I was a boy, & the Jaw bone was so much injured pieces of it worked out of the gum a long time afterward. - this was taken out without difficulty - tho very large -*

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January 7, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) lectured in [Boston](#). This was lecture Number 9 of the series: Ethical Writers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 1st M 1836 / Our Meeting was small but favoured - Father was engaged in a short & very appropriate testimony on the subject of Watchfulness. -

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January 8, Friday: The Reverend William Apess delivered a speech titled "Eulogy on King Philip." The speech was not well received.



Apess's innovation lies not primarily in his carefully documented exoneration of the "cursed memory" of Philip, for whom he ultimately claims the distinction of being "the greatest man that ever lived upon the American shores." Far more radically, Apess refuses the normalization of "extinction" by pointing out the ideological nature of American jurisprudence, by contending that institutionalized racism -rather than so-called natural processes- threatened the Indian, and by urging political intervention to alter the supposed destiny of indigenous peoples in America.



METACOM



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*6th day 8th of 1st M / Awoke early this mornng with desires for preservation – Last eveng recd a letter from our friend Joshua Lynch giving some acct of the State of affairs in our Society in Ohio
Oh that we may be preserved on the right foundation. -*

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January 10, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* arrived at anchorage off Santa Barbara, California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, January 10th. Arrived at Santa Barbara, and on the following Wednesday, slipped our cable and went to sea, on account of a south-easter. Returned to our anchorage the next day. We were the only vessel in the port. The *Pilgrim* had passed through the Canal and hove-to off the town, nearly six weeks before, on her passage down from Monterey, and was now at the leeward. She heard here of our safe arrival at San Francisco.

Great preparations were making on shore for the marriage of our agent, who was to marry Donna Anneta de G _____ de N _____ y C _____, youngest daughter of Don Antonio N _____, the grandee of the place, and the head of the first family in California. Our steward was ashore three days, making pastry and cake, and some of the best of our stores were sent off with him.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 1st M / Both meetings were small being a great Storm of Wind & rain, but were good meetings to me. – in the Afternoon Ann Weaver was all the Woman that attended. -

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January 14, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) lectured in [Boston](#). This was the tenth and last of the “English Literature” series: Modern Aspects of Letters.

After forbidding his daughter Clara to have any contact with [Robert Schumann](#), Friedrich Wieck carried her off to Dresden in an attempt to get her to forget about the guy.

General [Sam Houston](#) addressed his troops at Goliad and ordered Colonel Jim Bowie to return to San Antonio and blow up the Alamo.



REMEMBERING THE ALAMO

TEXAS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

14th of 1 M 1836 / My cousin Anne Gould Died this Morning about 3 OC in the 67th Year of her Age She had been sick of a Stopage in the bowels for about 5 or 6 days & suffer'd much for the time I learn she was very quiet in her mind patient & resigned. – She was the Daughter of my Fathers first cousin Thos Gould late of Middletown & till within some years ago lived on the paternal Estate but of latter years lived in [Newport](#) & kept house in the house owned by her brother in law Henry Gould – with her Sister Mary. –

Our Meeting today was solid & quiet & Father Rodman bore a short good testimony. –

Spent Most of the Afternoon at cousin Henrys.

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In the US Senate, [Daniel Webster](#) spoke in regard to Mr. Benton's resolutions for appropriating the surplus revenue to the purpose of national defense:

It is not my purpose, Mr. President, to make any remark on the state of our affairs with France. The time for that discussion has not come, and I wait. We are in daily expectation of a communication from the President, which will give us light; and we are authorized to expect a recommendation by him of such measures as he thinks it may be necessary and proper for Congress to adopt. I do not anticipate him. In this most important and delicate business, it is the proper duty of the executive to go forward, and I, for one, do not intend either to be drawn or



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driven into the lead. When official information shall be before us, and when measures shall be recommended upon the proper responsibility, I shall endeavor to form the best judgment I can, and shall act according to its dictates.

I rise, now, for another purpose. This resolution has drawn on a debate upon the general conduct of the Senate during the last session of Congress, and especially in regard to the proposed grant of the three millions to the President on the last night of the session. My main object is to tell the story of this transaction, and to exhibit the conduct of the Senate fairly to the public view. I owe this duty to the Senate. I owe it to the committee with which I am connected; and although whatever is personal to an individual is generally of too little importance to be made the subject of much remark, I hope I may be permitted to say a few words in defence of my own reputation, in reference to a matter which has been greatly misrepresented.

This vote for the three millions was proposed by the House of Representatives as an amendment to the fortification bill; and the loss of that bill, three millions and all, is the charge which has been made upon the Senate, sounded over all the land, and now again renewed. I propose to give the true history of this bill, its origin, its progress, and its loss.

Before attempting that, however, let me remark, for it is worthy to be remarked and remembered, that the business brought before the Senate last session, important and various as it was, and both public and private, was all gone through with most uncommon despatch and promptitude. No session has witnessed a more complete clearing off and finishing of the subjects before us. The communications from the other house, whether bills or whatever else, were especially attended to in a proper season, and with that ready respect which is due from one house to the other. I recollect nothing of any importance which came to us from the House of Representatives, which was neglected, overlooked, or disregarded by the Senate.

On the other hand, it was the misfortune of the Senate, and, as I think, the misfortune of the country, that, owing to the state of business in the House of Representatives towards the close of the session, several measures which had been matured in the Senate, and passed into bills, did not receive attention, so as to be either agreed to or rejected, in the other branch of the legislature. They fell, of course, by the termination of the session.

Among these measures may be mentioned the following, viz.:—

THE POST-OFFICE REFORM BILL, which passed the Senate **unanimously**, and of the necessity for which the whole country is certainly now most abundantly satisfied;
THE CUSTOM-HOUSE REGULATIONS BILL, which also passed nearly unanimously, after a very laborious preparation by the Committee on Commerce, and a full discussion in the Senate;

THE JUDICIARY BILL, passed here by a majority of thirty-one to five, and which has again already passed the



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Senate at this session with only a single dissenting vote;
THE BILL INDEMNIFYING CLAIMANTS FOR FRENCH SPOLIATIONS BEFORE 1800;
THE BILL REGULATING THE DEPOSIT OF THE PUBLIC MONEY IN THE DEPOSIT BANKS;
THE BILL RESPECTING THE TENURE OF CERTAIN OFFICES, AND THE POWER OF REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; which has now again been passed to be engrossed, in the Senate, by a decided majority.

All these important measures, matured and passed in the Senate in the course of the session, and many others of less importance, were sent to the House of Representatives, and we never heard any thing more from them. They there found their graves.

It is worthy of being remarked, also, that the attendance of members of the Senate was remarkably full, particularly toward the end of the session. On the last day, every Senator was in his place till very near the hour of adjournment, as the journal will show. We had no breaking up for want of a quorum; no delay, no calls of the Senate; nothing which was made necessary by the negligence or inattention of the members of this body. On the vote of the three millions of dollars, which was taken at about eight o'clock in the evening, forty-eight votes were given, every member of the Senate being in his place and answering to his name. This is an instance of punctuality, diligence, and labor, continued to the very end of an arduous session, wholly without example or parallel.

The Senate, then, Sir, must stand, in the judgment of every man, fully acquitted of all remissness, all negligence, all inattention, amidst the fatigue and exhaustion of the closing hours of Congress. Nothing passed unheeded, nothing was overlooked, nothing forgotten, and nothing slighted.

And now, Sir, I would proceed immediately to give the history of the fortification bill, if it were not necessary, as introductory to that history, and as showing the circumstances under which the Senate was called on to transact the public business, first to refer to another bill which was before us, and to the proceedings which were had upon it.

It is well known, Sir, that the annual appropriation bills always originate in the House of Representatives. This is so much a matter of course, that no one ever looks to see such a bill first brought forward in the Senate. It is also well known, Sir, that it has been usual, heretofore, to make the annual appropriations for the Military Academy at West Point in the general bill which provides for the pay and support of the army. But last year the army bill did not contain any appropriation whatever for the support of West Point. I took notice of this singular omission when the bill was before the Senate, but presumed, and indeed understood, that the House would send us a separate bill for the Military Academy. The army bill, therefore, passed; but no bill for the Academy at West Point appeared. We waited for it from day to day, and from week to



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week, but waited in vain. At length, the time for sending bills from one house to the other, according to the joint rules of the two houses, expired, and no bill had made its appearance for the support of the Military Academy. These joint rules, as is well known, are sometimes suspended on the application of one house to the other, in favor of particular bills, whose progress has been unexpectedly delayed, but which the public interest requires to be passed. But the House of Representatives sent us no request to suspend the rules in favor of a bill for the support of the Military Academy, nor made any other proposition to save the institution from immediate dissolution. Notwithstanding all the talk about a war, and the necessity of a vote for the three millions, the Military Academy, an institution cherished so long, and at so much expense, was on the very point of being entirely broken up.

Now it so happened, Sir, that at this time there was another appropriation bill which had come from the House of Representatives, and was before the Committee on Finance here. This bill was entitled "An Act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year 1835."

In this state of things, several members of the House of Representatives applied to the committee, and besought us to save the Military Academy by annexing the necessary appropriations for its support to the bill for civil and diplomatic service. We spoke to them, in reply, of the unfitness, the irregularity, the incongruity, of this forced union of such dissimilar subjects; but they told us it was a case of absolute necessity, and that, without resorting to this mode, the appropriation could not get through. We acquiesced, Sir, in these suggestions. We went out of our way. We agreed to do an extraordinary and an irregular thing, in order to save the public business from miscarriage. By direction of the committee, I moved the Senate to add an appropriation for the Military Academy to the bill for defraying civil and diplomatic expenses. The bill was so amended; and in this form the appropriation was finally made.

But this was not all. This bill for the civil and diplomatic service, being thus amended by tacking the Military Academy to it, was sent back by us to the House of Representatives, where its length of tail was to be still much further increased. That house had before it several subjects for provision, and for appropriation, upon which it had not passed any bill before the time for passing bills to be sent to the Senate had elapsed. I was anxious that these things should, in some way, be provided for; and when the diplomatic bill came back, drawing the Military Academy after it, it was thought prudent to attach to it several of these other provisions. There were propositions to pave the streets in the city of Washington, to repair the Capitol, and various other things, which it was necessary to provide for; and they, therefore, were put into the same bill, by way of amendment to an amendment; that is to say, Mr.



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President, we had been prevailed on to amend their bill for defraying the salary of our ministers abroad, by adding an appropriation for the Military Academy, and they proposed to amend this our amendment by adding matter as germane to it as it was itself to the original bill. There was also the President's gardener. His salary was unprovided for; and there was no way of remedying this important omission, but by giving him place in the diplomatic service bill, among *chargés d'affaires*, envoys extraordinary, and ministers plenipotentiary. In and among these ranks, therefore, he was formally introduced by the amendment of the House, and there he now stands, as you will readily see by turning to the law.

Sir, I have not the pleasure to know this useful person; but should I see him, some morning, overlooking the workmen in the lawns, walks, copses, and parterres which adorn the grounds around the President's residence, considering the company into which we have introduced him, I should expect to see, at least, a small diplomatic button on his working jacket.

When these amendments came from the House, and were read at our table, though they caused a smile, they were yet adopted, and the law passed, almost with the rapidity of a comet, and with something like the same length of tail.

Now, Sir, not one of these irregularities or incongruities, no part of this jumbling together of distinct and different subjects, was in the slightest degree occasioned by any thing done, or omitted to be done, on the part of the Senate. Their proceedings were all regular; their decision was prompt, their despatch of the public business correct and reasonable. There was nothing of disorganization, nothing of procrastination, nothing evincive of a temper to embarrass or obstruct the public business. If the history which I have now truly given shows that one thing was amended by another, which had no sort of connection with it; that unusual expedients were resorted to; and that the laws, instead of arrangement and symmetry, exhibit anomaly, confusion, and the most grotesque associations, it is nevertheless true, that no part of all this was made necessary by us. We deviated from the accustomed modes of legislation only when we were supplicated to do so, in order to supply bald and glaring deficiencies in measures which were before us.

But now, Mr. President, let me come to the fortification bill, the lost bill, which not only now, but on a graver occasion, has been lamented like the lost Pleiad.

This bill, Sir, came from the House of Representatives to the Senate in the usual way, and was referred to the Committee on Finance. Its appropriations were not large. Indeed, they appeared to the committee to be quite too small. It struck a majority of the committee at once, that there were several fortifications on the coast, either not provided for at all, or not adequately provided for, by this bill. The whole amount of its appropriations was four hundred or four hundred and thirty thousand dollars. It contained no grant of three millions, and if the Senate had passed it the very day it came from the House,



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not only would there have been no appropriation of the three millions, but, Sir, none of these other sums which the Senate did insert in the bill. Others besides ourselves saw the deficiencies of this bill. We had communications with and from the departments, and we inserted in the bill every thing which any department recommended to us. We took care to be sure that nothing else was coming. And we then reported the bill to the Senate with our proposed amendments. Among these amendments, there was a sum of \$75,000 for Castle Island in Boston harbor, \$100,000 for defences in Maryland, and so forth. These amendments were agreed to by the Senate, and one or two others added, on the motion of members; and the bill, as thus amended, was returned to the House.

And now, Sir, it becomes important to ask, When was this bill, thus amended, returned to the House of Representatives? Was it unduly detained here, so that the House was obliged afterwards to act upon it suddenly? This question is material to be asked, and material to be answered, too, and the journal does satisfactorily answer it; for it appears by the journal that the bill was returned to the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 24th of February, **one whole week before the close of the session.** And from Tuesday, the 24th of February, to Tuesday, the 3d day of March, we heard not one word from this bill. Tuesday, the 3d day of March, was, of course, the last day of the session. We assembled here at ten or eleven o'clock in the morning of that day, and sat until three in the afternoon, and still we were not informed whether the House had finally passed the bill. As it was an important matter, and belonged to that part of the public business which usually receives particular attention from the Committee on Finance, I bore the subject in my mind, and felt some solicitude about it, seeing that the session was drawing so near to a close. I took it for granted, however, as I had not heard any thing to the contrary, that the amendments of the Senate would not be objected to, and that, when a convenient time should arrive for taking up the bill in the House, it would be passed at once into a law, and we should hear no more about it. Not the slightest intimation was given, either that the executive wished for any larger appropriation, or that it was intended in the House to insert such larger appropriation. Not a syllable escaped from anybody, and came to our knowledge, that any further alteration whatever was intended in the bill.

At three o'clock in the afternoon of the 3d of March, the Senate took its recess, as is usual in that period of the session, until five o'clock. At five o'clock we again assembled, and proceeded with the business of the Senate until eight o'clock in the evening; and at eight o'clock in the evening, and not before, the clerk of the House appeared at our door, and announced that the House of Representatives had **disagreed** to one of the Senate's amendments, **agreed** to others; and to two of those amendments, namely, the fourth and fifth, it had agreed, **with an amendment of its own.**



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Now, Sir, these fourth and fifth amendments of ours were, one, a vote of \$75,000 for Castle Island in Boston harbor, and the other, a vote of \$100,000 for certain defences in Maryland. And what, Sir, was the addition which the House of Representatives proposed to make, by way of "**amendment**" to a vote of \$75,000 for repairing the works in Boston harbor? Here, Sir, it is:-

"**And be it further enacted**, That the sum of three millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, in whole or in part, under the direction of the President of the United States, for the military and naval service, including fortifications and ordnance, and the increase of the navy: **Provided**, such expenditures shall be rendered necessary for the defence of the country prior to the next meeting of Congress."

This proposition, Sir, was thus unexpectedly and suddenly put to us, at eight o'clock in the evening of the last day of the session. Unusual, unprecedented, extraordinary, as it obviously is, on the face of it, the manner of presenting it was still more extraordinary. The President had asked for no such grant of money; no department had recommended it; no estimate had suggested it; no reason whatever was given for it. No emergency had happened, and nothing new had occurred; every thing known to the administration, at that hour, respecting our foreign relations, had certainly been known to it for days and weeks. With what propriety, then, could the Senate be called on to sanction a proceeding so entirely irregular and anomalous? Sir, I recollect the occurrences of the moment very well, and I remember the impression which this vote of the House seemed to make all round the Senate. We had just come out of executive session; the doors were but just opened; and I hardly remember that there was a single spectator in the hall or the galleries. I had been at the clerk's table, and had not reached my seat, when the message was read. All the Senators were in the chamber. I heard the message, certainly with great surprise and astonishment; and I immediately moved the Senate to **disagree** to this vote of the House. My relation to the subject, in consequence of my connection with the Committee on Finance, made it my duty to propose some course, and I had not a moment's doubt or hesitation what that course ought to be. I took upon myself, then, Sir, the responsibility of moving that the Senate should disagree to this vote, and I now acknowledge that responsibility. It might be presumptuous to say that I took a leading part, but I certainly took an early part, a decided part, and an earnest part, in rejecting this broad grant of three millions of dollars, without limitation of purpose or specification of object, called for by no recommendation, founded on no estimate, made necessary by no state of things which was known to us. Certainly, Sir, I took a part in its rejection; and I stand here, in my place in the Senate, to-day,



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ready to defend the part so taken by me; or, rather, Sir, I disclaim all defence, and all occasion of defence, and I assert it as meritorious to have been among those who arrested, at the earliest moment, this extraordinary departure from all settled usage, and, as I think, from plain constitutional injunction,—this indefinite voting of a vast sum of money to mere executive discretion, without limit assigned, without object specified, without reason given, and without the least control.

Sir, I am told, that, in opposing this grant, I spoke with warmth, and I suppose I may have done so. If I did, it was a warmth springing from as honest a conviction of duty as ever influenced a public man. It was spontaneous, unaffected, sincere. There had been among us, Sir, no consultation, no concert. There could have been none. Between the reading of the message and my motion to disagree, there was not time enough for any two members of the Senate to exchange five words on the subject. The proposition was sudden and perfectly unexpected. I resisted it, as irregular, as dangerous in itself, and dangerous in its precedent; as wholly unnecessary, and as violating the plain intention, if not the express words, of the Constitution. Before the Senate, then, I avowed, and before the country I now avow, my part in this opposition. Whatsoever is to fall on those who sanctioned it, of that let me have my full share.

The Senate, Sir, rejected this grant by a vote of TWENTY-NINE against nineteen. Those twenty-nine names are on the journal; and whensoever the EXPUNGING process may commence, or how far soever it may be carried, I pray it, in mercy, not to erase mine from that record. I beseech it, in its sparing goodness, to leave me that proof of attachment to duty and to principle. It may draw around it, over it, or through it, black lines, or red lines, or any lines; it may mark it in any way which either the most prostrate and fantastical spirit of **man-worship**, or the most ingenious and elaborate study of self-degradation, may devise, if only it will leave it so that those who inherit my blood, or who may hereafter care for my reputation, shall be able to behold it where it now stands.

The House, Sir, insisted on this amendment. The Senate adhered to its disagreement; the House asked a conference, to which request the Senate immediately acceded. The committee of conference met, and in a very short time came to an agreement. They agreed to recommend to their respective houses, as a substitute for the vote proposed by the House, the following:—

“As an additional appropriation for arming the fortifications of the United States, three hundred thousand dollars.”

“As an additional appropriation for the repairs and equipment of ships of war of the United States, five hundred thousand dollars.”

I immediately reported this agreement of the committee of conference to the Senate; but, inasmuch as the bill was in the House of Representatives, the Senate could not act further on the matter until the House should first have considered the report of the committee, decided thereon, and sent us the bill.



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I did not myself take any note of the particular hour of this part of the transaction. The honorable member from Virginia [Mr. Leigh] says he looked at his watch at the time, and he knows that I had come from the conference, and was in my seat, at a quarter past eleven. I have no reason to think that he is under any mistake on this particular. He says it so happened that he had occasion to take notice of the hour, and well remembers it. It could not well have been later than this, as any one will be satisfied who will look at our journals, public and executive, and see what a mass of business was despatched after I came from the committee, and before the adjournment of the Senate. Having made the report, Sir, I had no doubt that both houses would concur in the result of the conference, and looked every moment for the officer of the House bringing the bill. He did not come, however, and I pretty soon learned that there was doubt whether the committee on the part of the House would report to the House the agreement of the conferees. At first, I did not at all credit this; but was confirmed by one communication after another, until I was obliged to think it true. Seeing that the bill was thus in danger of being lost, and intending at any rate that no blame should justly attach to the Senate, I immediately moved the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a message be sent to the honorable the House of Representatives, respectfully to remind the House of the report of the committee of conference appointed on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill respecting the fortifications of the United States."

You recollect this resolution, Sir, having, as I well remember, taken some part on the occasion. [Mr. King, of Alabama, was in the chair.]

This resolution was promptly passed; the secretary carried it to the House, and delivered it. What was done in the House on the receipt of this message now appears from the printed journal. I have no wish to comment on the proceedings there recorded; all may read them, and each be able to form his own opinion. Suffice it to say, that the House of Representatives, having then possession of the bill, chose to retain that possession, and never acted on the report of the committee of conference. The bill, therefore, was lost. It was lost in the House of Representatives. It died there, and there its remains are to be found. No opportunity was given to the members of the House to decide whether they would agree to the report of the committee or not. From a quarter past eleven, when the report was agreed to, until two or three o'clock in the morning, the House remained in session. If at any time there was not a quorum of members present, the attendance of a quorum, we are to presume, might have been commanded, as there was undoubtedly a great majority of members still in the city.

But, Sir, there is one other transaction of the evening which I now feel bound to state, because I think it quite important on several accounts, that it should be known.



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A nomination was pending before the Senate for a judge of the Supreme Court. In the course of the sitting, that nomination was called up, and, on motion, was indefinitely postponed. In other words, it was rejected; for an indefinite postponement is a rejection. The office, of course, remained vacant, and the nomination of another person to fill it became necessary. The President of the United States was then in the Capitol, as is usual on the evening of the last day of the session, in the chamber assigned to him, and with the heads of departments around him. When nominations are rejected under these circumstances, it has been usual for the President immediately to transmit a new nomination to the Senate; otherwise the office must remain vacant till the next session, as the vacancy in such case has not happened in the recess of Congress. The vote of the Senate, indefinitely postponing this nomination, was carried to the President's room by the secretary of the Senate. The President told the secretary that it was more than an hour past twelve o'clock, and that he could receive no further communications from the Senate, and immediately after, as I have understood, left the Capitol. The secretary brought back the paper containing the certified copy of the vote of the Senate, and indorsed thereon the substance of the President's answer, and also added, that, according to his own watch, it was quarter past one o'clock.

There are two views, Sir, in which this occurrence may well deserve to be noticed. One is as to the connection which it may perhaps have had with the loss of the fortification bill; the other is as to its general importance, as introducing a new rule, or a new practice, respecting the intercourse between the President and the two houses of Congress on the last day of the session.

On the first point, I shall only observe that the fact of the President's having declined to receive this communication from the Senate, and of his having left the Capitol, was immediately known in the House of Representatives. It was quite obvious, that, if he could not receive a communication from the Senate, neither could he receive a bill from the House of Representatives for his signature. It was equally obvious, that, if, under these circumstances, the House of Representatives should agree to the report of the committee of conference, so that the bill should pass, it must, nevertheless, fail to become a law for want of the President's signature; and that, in that case, the blame of losing the bill, on whomsoever else it might fall, could not be laid upon the Senate.

On the more general point, I must say, Sir, that this decision of the President, not to hold communication with the houses of Congress after twelve o'clock at night, on the 3d of March, is quite new. No such objection has ever been made before by any President. No one of them has ever declined communicating with either house at any time during the continuance of its session on that day. All Presidents heretofore have left with the houses themselves to fix their hour of adjournment, and to bring their



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session for the day to a close, whenever they saw fit. It is notorious, in point of fact, that nothing is more common than for both houses to sit later than twelve o'clock, for the purpose of completing measures which are in the last stages of their progress. Amendments are proposed and agreed to, bills passed, enrolled bills signed by the presiding officers, and other important legislative acts performed, often at two or three o'clock in the morning. All this is very well known to gentlemen who have been for any considerable time members of Congress. And all Presidents have signed bills, and have also made nominations to the Senate, without objection as to time, whenever bills have been presented for signature, or whenever it became necessary to make nominations to the Senate, at any time during the session of the respective houses on that day. And all this, Sir, I suppose to be perfectly right, correct, and legal. There is no clause of the Constitution, nor is there any law, which declares that the term of office of members of the House of Representatives shall expire at twelve o'clock at night on the 3d of March. They are to hold for two years, but the precise hour for the commencement of that term of two years is nowhere fixed by constitutional or legal provision. It has been established by usage and by inference, and very properly established, that, since the first Congress commenced its existence on the first Wednesday in March, 1789, which happened to be the fourth day of the month, therefore the 4th of March is the day of the commencement of each successive term; but no hour is fixed by law or practice. The true rule is, as I think, most undoubtedly, that the session held on the last day constitutes the last day for all legislative and legal purposes. While the session begun on that day continues, the day itself continues, according to the established practice both of legislative and judicial bodies. This could not well be otherwise. If the precise moment of actual time were to settle such a matter, it would be material to ask, Who shall settle the time? Shall it be done by public authority, or shall every man observe the tick of his own watch? If absolute time is to furnish a precise rule, the excess of a minute, it is obvious, would be as fatal as the excess of an hour. Sir, no bodies, judicial or legislative, have ever been so hypercritical, so astute to no purpose, so much more nice than wise, as to govern themselves by any such ideas. The session for the day, at whatever hour it commences, or at whatever hour it breaks up, is the legislative day. Every thing has reference to the commencement of that diurnal session. For instance, this is the 14th day of January; we assembled here to-day at twelve o'clock; our journal is dated January 14th, and if we should remain here until five o'clock to-morrow morning (and the Senate has sometimes sat so late), our proceedings would still bear date of the 14th of January; they would be so stated upon the journal, and the journal is a record, and is a conclusive record, so far as respects the proceedings of the body. It is so in judicial proceedings. If a man were on trial for his



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life, at a late hour on the last day allowed by law for the holding of the court, and the jury should acquit him, but happened to remain so long in deliberation that they did not bring in their verdict till after twelve o'clock, is it all to be held for naught, and the man to be tried over again? Are all verdicts, judgments, and orders of courts null and void, if made after midnight on the day which the law prescribes as the last day? It would be easy to show by authority, if authority could be wanted for a thing the reason of which is so clear, that the day lasts while the daily session lasts. When the court or the legislative body adjourns for that day, the day is over, and not before.

I am told, indeed, Sir, that it is true that, on this same 3d day of March last, not only were other things transacted, but that the bill for the repair of the Cumberland Road, an important and much litigated measure, actually received the signature of our presiding officer after twelve o'clock, was then sent to the President, and signed by him. I do not affirm this, because I took no notice of the time, or do not remember it if I did; but I have heard the matter so stated.

I see no reason, Sir, for the introduction of this new practice; no principle on which it can be justified, no necessity for it, no propriety in it. As yet, it has been applied only to the President's intercourse with the Senate. Certainly it is equally applicable to his intercourse with both houses in legislative matters; and if it is to prevail hereafter, it is of much importance that it should be known.

The President of the United States, Sir, has alluded to this loss of the fortification bill in his message at the opening of the session, and he has alluded, also, in the same message, to the rejection of the vote of the three millions. On the first point, that is, the loss of the whole bill, and the causes of that loss, this is his language: "Much loss and inconvenience have been experienced in consequence of the failure of the bill containing the ordinary appropriations for fortifications, which passed one branch of the national legislature at the last session, but was lost in the other."

If the President intended to say that the bill, having originated in the House of Representatives, passed the Senate, and was yet afterwards lost in the House of Representatives, he was entirely correct. But he has been wholly misinformed, if he intended to state that the bill, having passed the House, was lost in the Senate. As I have already stated, the bill was lost in the House of Representatives. It drew its last breath there. That House never let go its hold on it after the report of the committee of conference. But it held it, it retained it, and of course it died in its possession when the House adjourned. It is to be regretted that the President should have been misinformed in a matter of this kind, when the slightest reference to the journals of the two houses would have exhibited the correct history of the transaction.

I recur again, Mr. President, to the proposed grant of the three



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millions, for the purpose of stating somewhat more distinctly the true grounds of objection to that grant.

These grounds of objection were two; the first was, that no such appropriation had been recommended by the President, or any of the departments. And what made this ground the stronger was, that the proposed grant was defended, so far as it was defended at all, upon an alleged necessity, growing out of our foreign relations. The foreign relations of the country are intrusted by the Constitution to the lead and management of the executive government. The President not only is supposed to be, but usually is, much better informed on these interesting subjects than the houses of Congress. If there be danger of a rupture with a foreign state, he sees it soonest. All our ministers and agents abroad are but so many eyes, and ears, and organs to communicate to him whatsoever occurs in foreign places, and to keep him well advised of all which may concern the interests of the United States. There is an especial propriety, therefore, that, in this branch of the public service, Congress should always be able to avail itself of the distinct opinions and recommendations of the President. The two houses, and especially the House of Representatives, are the natural guardians of the people's money. They are to keep it sacred, and to use it discreetly. They are not at liberty to spend it where it is not needed, nor to offer it for any purpose till a reasonable occasion for the expenditure be shown. Now, in this case, I repeat again, the President had sent us no recommendation for any such appropriation; no department had recommended it; no estimate had contained it; in the whole history of the session, from the morning of the first day, down to eight o'clock in the evening of the last day, not one syllable had been said to us, not one hint suggested, showing that the President deemed any such measure either necessary or proper. I state this strongly, Sir, but I state it truly. I state the matter as it is; and I wish to draw the attention of the Senate and of the country strongly to this part of the case. I say again, therefore, that, when this vote for the three millions was proposed to the Senate, there was nothing before us showing that the President recommended any such appropriation. You very well know, Sir, that this objection was stated as soon as the message from the House was read. We all well remember that this was the very point put forth by the honorable member from Tennessee [Mr. White], as being, if I may say so, the but-end of his argument in opposition to the vote. He said, very significantly, and very forcibly, "It is not asked for by those who best know what the public service requires; how, then, are we to presume that it is needed?" This question, Sir, was not answered then; it never has been answered since, it never can be answered satisfactorily.

But let me here again, Sir, recur to the message of the President. Speaking of the loss of the bill, he uses these words: "This failure was the more regretted, not only because it necessarily interrupted and delayed the progress of a system of



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national defence projected immediately after the last war, and since steadily pursued, but also because it contained a contingent appropriation, inserted in accordance with the views of the executive, in aid of this important object, and other branches of the national defence, some portions of which might have been most usefully applied during the past season."

Taking these words of the message, Sir, and connecting them with the fact that the President had made no recommendation to Congress of any such appropriation, it strikes me that they furnish matter for very grave reflection. The President says that this proposed appropriation was "in accordance with the views of the executive"; that it was "in aid of an important object"; and that "some portions of it might have been most usefully applied during the past season."

And now, Sir, I ask, if this be so, why was not this appropriation recommended to Congress by the President? I ask this question in the name of the Constitution of the United States; I stand on its own clear authority in asking it; and I invite all those who remember its injunctions, and who mean to respect them, to consider well how the question is to be answered.

Sir, the Constitution is not yet an entire dead letter. There is yet some form of observance of its requirements; and even while any degree of formal respect is paid to it, I must be permitted to continue the question, Why was not this appropriation recommended? It was in accordance with the President's views; it was for an important object; it might have been usefully expended. The President being of opinion, therefore, that the appropriation was necessary and proper, how is it that it was not recommended to Congress? For, Sir, we all know the plain and direct words in which the very first duty of the President is imposed by the Constitution. Here they are:—"He shall, from time to time, give to the Congress information of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

After enumerating the **powers** of the President, this is the first, the very first **duty** which the Constitution gravely enjoins upon him. And now, Sir, in no language of taunt or reproach, in no language of party attack, in terms of no asperity or exaggeration, but called upon by the necessity of defending my own vote upon the subject, as a public man, as a member of Congress here in my place, and as a citizen who feels as warm an attachment to the Constitution of the country as any other can, I demand of any who may choose to give it an answer to this question: WHY WAS NOT THIS MEASURE, WHICH THE PRESIDENT DECLARES THAT HE THOUGHT NECESSARY AND EXPEDIENT, RECOMMENDED TO CONGRESS? And why am I, and why are other members of Congress, whose path of duty the Constitution says shall be enlightened by the President's opinions and communications, to be charged with want of patriotism and want of fidelity to the country, because we refused an appropriation which the President, though it was in accordance with his views, and though he believed it



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important, would not, and did not, recommend to us? When these questions are answered to the satisfaction of intelligent and impartial men, then, and not till then, let reproach, let censure, let suspicion of any kind, rest on the twenty-nine names which stand opposed to this appropriation.

How, Sir, were we to know that this appropriation "was in accordance with the views of the executive"? He had not so told us, formally or informally. He had not only not recommended it to Congress, or either house of Congress, but nobody on this floor had undertaken to speak in his behalf. No man got up to say, "The President desires it; he thinks it necessary, expedient, and proper." But, Sir, if any gentleman had risen to say this, it would not have answered the requisition of the Constitution. Not at all. It is not by a hint, an intimation, the suggestion of a friend, that the executive duty in this respect is to be fulfilled. By no means. The President is to make a recommendation,—a public recommendation, an official recommendation, a responsible recommendation, not to one house, but to both houses; it is to be a recommendation to Congress. If, on receiving such recommendation, Congress fail to pay it proper respect, the fault is theirs. If, deeming the measure necessary and expedient, the President fails to recommend it, the fault is his, clearly, distinctly, and exclusively his. This, Sir, is the Constitution of the United States, or else I do not understand the Constitution of the United States.

Does not every man see how entirely unconstitutional it is that the President should communicate his opinions or wishes to Congress, on such grave and important subjects, otherwise than by a direct and responsible recommendation, a public and open recommendation, equally addressed and equally known to all whose duty calls upon them to act on the subject? What would be the state of things, if he might communicate his wishes or opinions privately to members of one house, and make no such communication to the other? Would not the two houses be necessarily put in immediate collision? Would they stand on equal footing? Would they have equal information? What could ensue from such a manner of conducting the public business, but quarrel, confusion, and conflict? A member rises in the House of Representatives, and moves a very large appropriation of money for military purposes. If he says he does it upon executive recommendation, where is his voucher? The President is not like the British king, whose ministers and secretaries are in the House of Commons, and who are authorized, in certain cases, to express the opinions and wishes of their sovereign. We have no king's servants; at least, we have none known to the Constitution. Congress can know the opinions of the President only as he officially communicates them. It would be a curious inquiry in either house, when a large appropriation is moved, if it were necessary to ask whether the mover represented the President, spoke his sentiments, or, in other words, whether what he proposed were "in accordance with the views of the executive." How could that be judged of? By the party he belongs



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to? Party is not quite strongly enough marked for that. By the airs he gives himself? Many might assume airs, if thereby they could give themselves such importance as to be esteemed authentic expositors of the executive will. Or is this will to be circulated in whispers; made known to the meetings of party men; intimated through the press; or communicated in any other form, which still leaves the executive completely irresponsible; so that, while executive purposes or wishes pervade the ranks of party friends, influence their conduct, and unite their efforts, the open, direct, and constitutional responsibility is wholly avoided? Sir, this is not the Constitution of the United States, nor can it be consistent with any constitution which professes to maintain separate departments in the government. Here, then, Sir, is abundant ground, in my judgment, for the vote of the Senate, and here I might rest it. But there is also another ground. The Constitution declares that no money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law. What is meant by "**appropriations**"? Does not this language mean that particular sums shall be assigned by law to particular objects? How far this pointing out and fixing the particular objects shall be carried, is a question that cannot be settled by any precise rule. But "specific appropriation," that is to say, the designation of every object for which money is voted, as far as such designation is practicable, has been thought to be a most important republican principle. In times past, popular parties have claimed great merit from professing to carry this doctrine much farther, and to adhere to it much more strictly, than their adversaries. Mr. Jefferson, especially, was a great advocate for it, and held it to be indispensable to a safe and economical administration and disbursement of the public revenues.

But what have the friends and admirers of Mr. Jefferson to say to this **appropriation**? Where do they find, in this proposed grant of three millions, a constitutional designation of object, and a particular and specific application of money? Have they forgotten, all forgotten, and wholly abandoned even all pretence for specific appropriation? If not, how could they sanction such a vote as this? Let me recall its terms. They are, that "the sum of three millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, in whole or in part, under the direction of the President of the United States, for the military and naval service, including fortifications and ordnance, and the increase of the navy; provided such expenditures shall be rendered necessary for the defence of the country prior to the next meeting of Congress."

In the first place it is to be observed, that whether the money shall be used at all, or not, is made to depend on the discretion of the President. This is sufficiently liberal. It carries confidence far enough. But if there had been no other objections, if the objects of the appropriation had been sufficiently described, so that the President, if he expended



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the money at all, must expend it for purposes authorized by the legislature, and nothing had been left to his discretion but the question whether an emergency had arisen in which the authority ought to be exercised, I might not have felt bound to reject the vote. There are some precedents which might favor such a contingent provision, though the practice is dangerous, and ought not to be followed except in cases of clear necessity. But the insurmountable objection to the proposed grant was, that it specified no objects. It was as general as language could make it. It embraced every expenditure that could be called either military or naval. It was to include "fortifications, ordnance, and the increase of the navy," but it was not confined to these. It embraced the whole general subject of military service. Under the authority of such a law, the President might repair ships, build ships, buy ships, enlist seamen, and do any thing and every thing else touching the naval service, without restraint or control.

He might repair such fortifications as he saw fit, and neglect the rest; arm such as he saw fit, and neglect the arming of others; or build new fortifications wherever he chose. But these unlimited powers over the fortifications and the navy constitute by no means the most dangerous part of the proposed authority; because, under that authority, his power to raise and employ land forces would be equally absolute and uncontrolled. He might levy troops, embody a new army, call out the militia in numbers to suit his own discretion, and employ them as he saw fit.

Now, Sir, does our legislation, under the Constitution, furnish any precedent for all this?

We make appropriations for the army, and we understand what we are doing, because it is "the army," that is to say, the army established by law. We make appropriations for the navy; they, too, are for "the navy," as provided for and established by law. We make appropriations for fortifications, but we say what fortifications, and we assign to each its intended amount of the whole sum. This is the usual course of Congress on such subjects; and why should it be departed from? Are we ready to say that the power of fixing the places for new fortifications, and the sum allotted to each; the power of ordering new ships to be built, and fixing the number of such new ships; the power of laying out money to raise men for the army; in short, every power, great or small, respecting the military and naval service, shall be vested in the President, without specification of object or purpose, to the entire exclusion of the exercise of all judgment on the part of Congress? For one, I am not prepared. The honorable member from Ohio, near me, has said, that if the enemy had been on our shores he would not have agreed to this vote. And I say, if the proposition were now before us, and the guns of the enemy were pointed against the walls of the Capitol, I would not agree to it.

The people of this country have an interest, a property, an inheritance, in this INSTRUMENT, against the value of which forty capitol do not weigh the twentieth part of one poor



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scruple. There can never be any necessity for such proceedings, but a feigned and false necessity; a mere idle and hollow pretence of necessity; least of all can it be said that any such necessity actually existed on the 3d of March. There was no enemy on our shores; there were no guns pointed against the Capitol; we were in no war, nor was there a reasonable probability that we should have war, unless we made it ourselves.

But whatever was the state of our foreign relations, is it not preposterous to say, that it was necessary for Congress to adopt this measure, and yet not necessary for the President to recommend it? Why should we thus run in advance of all our own duties, and leave the President completely shielded from his just responsibility? Why should there be nothing but trust and confidence on our side, and nothing but discretion and power on his?

Sir, if there be any philosophy in history, if human blood still runs in human veins, if man still conforms to the identity of his nature, the institutions which secure constitutional liberty can never stand long against this excessive personal confidence, against this devotion to men, in utter disregard both of principle and experience, which seem to me to be strongly characteristic of our times. This vote came to us, Sir, from the popular branch of the legislature; and that such a vote should come from such a branch of the legislature was amongst the circumstances which excited in me the greatest surprise and the deepest concern. Certainly, Sir, certainly I was not, on that account, the more inclined to concur. It was no argument with me, that others seemed to be rushing, with such heedless, headlong trust, such impetuosity of confidence, into the arms of executive power. I held back the more strongly, and would hold back the longer. I see, or I think I see,—it is either a true vision of the future, revealed by the history of the past, or, if it be an illusion, it is an illusion which appears to me in all the brightness and sunlight of broad noon,—that it is in this career of personal confidence, along this beaten track of **man-worship**, marked at every stage by the fragments of other free governments, that our own system is making progress to its close. A personal popularity, honorably earned at first by military achievements, and sustained now by party, by patronage, and by enthusiasm which looks for no ill, because it means no ill itself, seems to render men willing to gratify power, even before its demands are made, and to surfeit executive discretion, even in anticipation of its own appetite.

If, Sir, on the 3d of March last, it had been the purpose of both houses of Congress to create a military dictator, what formula had been better suited to their purpose than this vote of the House? It is true, we might have given more money, if we had had it to give. We might have emptied the treasury; but as to the **form** of the gift, we could not have bettered it. Rome had no better models. When we give our money **for any military purpose whatever**, what remains to be done? If we leave it with one man to decide, not only whether the military means of the country



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shall be used at all, but how they shall be used, and to what extent they shall be employed, what remains either for Congress or the people but to sit still and see how this dictatorial power will be exercised? On the 3d of March, Sir, I had not forgotten, it was impossible that I should have forgotten, the recommendation in the message at the opening of that session, that power should be vested in the President to issue letters of marque and reprisal against France, at his discretion, in the recess of Congress. Happily, this power was not granted; but suppose it had been, what would then have been the true condition of this government? Why, Sir, this condition is very shortly described. The whole war power would have been in the hands of the President; for no man can doubt a moment that reprisals would bring on immediate war; and the treasury, to the amount of this vote, in addition to all ordinary appropriations, would have been at his absolute disposal also. And all this in a time of peace. I beseech all true lovers of constitutional liberty to contemplate this state of things, and tell me whether such be a truly republican administration of this government. Whether particular consequences had ensued or not, is such an accumulation of power in the hands of the executive according to the spirit of our system? Is it either wise or safe? Has it any warrant in the practice of former times? Or are gentlemen ready to establish the practice, as an example for the benefit of those who are to come after us?

But, Sir, if the power to make reprisals, and this money from the treasury, had both been granted, is there not great reason to believe that we should have been now actually at war? I think there is great reason to believe this. It will be said, I know, that if we had armed the President with this power of war, and supplied him with this grant of money, France would have taken it for such a proof of spirit on our part, that she would have paid the indemnity without further delay. This is the old story, and the old plea. It is the excuse of every one who desires more power than the Constitution or the laws give him, that if he had more power he could do more good. Power is always claimed for the good of the people; and dictators are always made, when made at all, for the good of the people. For my part, Sir, I was content, and am content, to show France that we are prepared to maintain our just rights against her by the exertion of our power, when need be, according to the forms of our own Constitution; that, if we make war, we will make it constitutionally; and that we will trust all our interests, both in peace and war, to what the intelligence and the strength of the country may do for them, without breaking down or endangering the fabric of our free institutions.

Mr. President, it is the misfortune of the Senate to have differed with the executive on many great questions during the last four or five years. I have regretted this state of things deeply, both on personal and on public accounts; but it has been unavoidable. It is no pleasant employment, it is no holiday business, to maintain opposition against power and against



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majorities, and to contend for stern and sturdy principle, against personal popularity, against a rushing and overwhelming confidence, that, by wave upon wave and cataract after cataract, seems to be bearing away and destroying whatsoever would withstand it. How much longer we may be able to support this opposition in any degree, or whether we can possibly hold out till the public intelligence and the public patriotism shall be awakened to a due sense of the public danger, it is not for me to foretell. I shall not despair to the last, if, in the mean time, we are true to our own principles. If there be a steadfast adherence to these principles, both here and elsewhere, if, one and all, they continue the rule of our conduct in the Senate, and the rallying-point of those who think with us and support us out of the Senate, I am content to hope on and to struggle on. While it remains a contest for the preservation of the Constitution, for the security of public liberty, for the ascendancy of principles over men, I am willing to bear my part of it. If we can maintain the Constitution, if we can preserve this security for liberty, if we can thus give to true principle its just superiority over party, over persons, over names, our labors will be richly rewarded. If we fail in all this, they are already among the living who will write the history of this government, from its commencement to its close.



January 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 15th of 1st M 1836 / In the course of this Week I have recd interesting letters from my Friends Thos Thompson & [Moses Brown](#)
Attended the funeral of my cousin Anne Gould - Hannah Dennis preached - the remains were carried to Middletown & interd in the family burying ground on the Paternal estate. - a part of which Still remains in regular descent in the Name of Gould from Jeremiah & Daniel Gould*

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January 17, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) participated in a small way in a society wedding in Santa Barbara.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

On the day appointed for the wedding, we took the captain ashore in the gig, and had orders to come for him at night, with leave to go up to the house and see the fandango. Returning on board, we found preparations making for a salute. Our guns were loaded and run out, men appointed to each, cartridges served out, matches lighted, and all the flags ready to be run up. I took my place at the starboard after gun, and we all waited for the signal from on shore. At ten o'clock the bride went up with her sister to the confessional, dressed in deep black. Nearly an hour intervened, when the great doors of the mission church opened, the bells rang out a loud, discordant peal, the private signal for us was run up by the captain ashore, the bride, dressed in complete white, came out of the church with the bridegroom, followed by a long procession. Just as she stepped from the church door, a small white cloud issued from the bows of our ship, which was full in sight, the loud report echoed among the surrounding hills and over the bay, and instantly the ship was dressed in flags and pennants from stem to stern. Twenty-three guns followed in regular succession, with an interval of fifteen seconds between each when the cloud cleared away, and the ship lay dressed in her colors, all day. At sun-down, another salute of the same number of guns was fired, and all the flags run down. This we thought was pretty well—a gun every fifteen seconds—for a merchantman with only four guns and a dozen or twenty men.

After supper, the gig's crew were called, and we rowed ashore, dressed in our uniform, beached the boat, and went up to the fandango. The bride's father's house was the principal one in the place, with a large court in front, upon which a tent was built, capable of containing several hundred people. As we drew near, we heard the accustomed sound of violins and guitars, and saw a great motion of the people within. Going in, we found nearly all the people of the town—men, women, and children—collected and crowded together, leaving barely room for the dancers; for on these occasions no invitations are given, but every one is expected to come, though there is always a private entertainment within the house for particular friends. The old women sat down in rows, clapping their hands to the music, and applauding the young ones. The music was lively, and among the tunes, we recognized several of our popular airs, which we, without doubt, have taken from the Spanish. In the dancing, I was much disappointed. The women stood upright, with their hands down by their sides, their eyes fixed upon the ground before them, and slid about without any perceptible means of motion; for their feet were invisible, the hem of their dresses forming a perfect circle about them, reaching to the ground. They looked as grave as though they were going through some religious ceremony, their faces as little excited as their limbs; and on the whole, instead of the spirited, fascinating Spanish dances which I had expected, I found the Californian fandango, on the part of the women at least, a lifeless affair. The men did better. They danced with grace and spirit, moving in circles round their nearly stationary partners, and showing their figures to great advantage.

A great deal was said about our friend Don Juan Bandini, and when he did appear, which was toward the close of the evening, he certainly gave us the most graceful dancing that I had ever seen. He was dressed in white pantaloons neatly made, a short jacket of dark silk, gaily figured, white stockings and thin morocco slippers upon his very small feet. His slight and graceful figure was well calculated for dancing, and he moved about with the grace and daintiness of a young fawn. An occasional touch of the toe to the ground, seemed all that was necessary to give him a long interval of motion in the air. At the same time he was not fantastic or flourishing, but appeared to be rather repressing a strong tendency to motion.



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THE REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR DANA, CONCLUDED:

He was loudly applauded, and danced frequently toward the close of the evening. After the supper, the waltzing began, which was confined to a very few of the “gente de razon,” and was considered a high accomplishment, and a mark of aristocracy. Here, too, Don Juan figured greatly, waltzing with the sister of the bride, (Donna Angustia, a handsome woman and a general favorite,) in a variety of beautiful, but, to me, offensive figures, which lasted as much as half an hour, no one else taking the floor. They were repeatedly and loudly applauded, the old men and women jumping out of their seats in admiration, and the young people waving their hats and handkerchiefs. Indeed among people of the character of these Mexicans, the waltz seemed to me to have found its right place. The great amusement of the evenings,— which I suppose was owing to its being carnival— was the breaking of eggs filled with cologne, or other essences, upon the heads of the company. One end of the egg is broken and the inside taken out, then it is partly filled with cologne, and the whole sealed up. The women bring a great number of these secretly about them, and the amusement is to break one upon the head of a gentleman when his back is turned. He is bound in gallantry to find out the lady and return the compliment, though it must not be done if the person sees you. A tall, stately Don, with immense grey whiskers, and a look of great importance, was standing before me, when I felt a light hand on my shoulder, and turning round, saw Donna Angustia, (whom we all knew, as she had been up to Monterey, and down again, in the *Alert*,) with her finger upon her lip, motioning me gently aside. I stepped back a little, when she went up behind the Don, and with one hand knocked off his huge sombrero, and at the same instant, with the other, broke the egg upon his head, and springing behind me, was out of sight in a moment. The Don turned slowly round, the cologne, running down his face, and over his clothes and a loud laugh breaking out from every quarter. He looked round in vain, for some time, until the direction of so many laughing eyes showed him the fair offender. She was his niece, and a great favorite with him, so old Don Domingo had to join in the laugh. A great many such tricks were played, and many a war of sharp manoeuvring was carried on between couples of the younger people, and at every successful exploit a general laugh was raised.

Another singular custom I was for some time at a loss about. A pretty young girl was dancing, named, after what would appear to us the sacrilegious custom of the country— *Espiritu Santo*, when a young man went behind her and placed his hat directly upon her head, letting it fall down over her eyes, and sprang back among the crowd. She danced for some time with the hat on, when she threw it off, which called forth a general shout; and the young man was obliged to go out upon the floor and pick it up. Some of the ladies, upon whose heads hats had been placed, threw them off at once, and a few kept them on throughout the dance, and took them off at the end, and held them out in their hands, when the owner stepped out, bowed, and took it from them. I soon began to suspect the meaning of the thing, and was afterwards told that it was a compliment, and an offer to become the lady’s gallant for the rest of the evening, and to wait upon her home. If the hat was thrown off, the offer was refused, and the gentleman was obliged to pick up his hat amid a general laugh. Much amusement was caused sometimes by gentlemen putting hats on the ladies’ heads, without permitting them to see whom it was done by. This obliged them to throw them off, or keep them on at a venture, and when they came to discover the owner, the laugh was often turned upon them.

The captain sent for us about ten o’clock, and we went aboard in high spirits, having enjoyed the new scene much, and were of great importance among the crew, from having so much to tell, and from the prospect of going every night until it was over; for these fandangos generally last three days. The next day, two of us were sent up to the town, and took care to come back by way of Capitan Noriego’s and take a look into the booth. The musicians were still there, upon their platform, scraping and twanging away, and a few people, apparently of the lower classes, were dancing. The dancing is kept up, at intervals, throughout the day, but the crowd, the spirit, and the elite, come in at night.



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 1 M / Our friend John Wilbur came over from Narragansett Yesterday Afternoon & lodged at our house - he was a very acceptable guest & attended both our Meetings today - his testimonies were truly pertinent & acceptable, being sound in doctrine & well seasoned With that life & spirit, without which the most sound & orthodox Sermons are no more than Sounding brass or tinkling symbols - he took tea & lodged at Henry Goulds. -

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January 18, Monday: [Waldo Emerson](#) probably delivered a lecture on this date in Salem, the first of a series at their lyceum, for the Salem Mechanics' Institute. Although dates are available for only five lectures, the payments records in Emerson's *ms* account books and on the books of the town Lyceum, which total up to \$146, suggest that actually eight or ten lectures were delivered.

[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) reported the *Alert* dealing with the weather off Santa Barbara, California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

The next night, which was the last, we went ashore in the same manner, until we got almost tired of the monotonous twang of the instruments, the drawling sounds which the women kept up, as an accompaniment, and the slapping of the hands in time with the music, in place of castanets. We found ourselves as great objects of attention as any persons or anything at the place. Our sailor dresses— and we took great pains to have them neat and shipshape— were much admired, and we were invited, from every quarter, to give them an American sailor's dance; but after the ridiculous figure some of our countrymen cut, in dancing after the Spaniards, we thought it best to leave it to their imaginations. Our agent, with a tight, black, swallow-tailed coat, just imported from Boston, a high stiff cravat, looking as if he had been pinned and skewered, with only his feet and hands left free, took the floor just after Bandini; and we thought they had had enough of Yankee grace.

The last night they kept it up in great style, and were getting into a high-go, when the captain called us off to go aboard, for, it being south-easter season, he was afraid to remain on shore long; and it was well he did not, for that very night, we slipped our cables, as a crowner to our fun ashore, and stood off before a south-easter, which lasted twelve hours, and returned to our anchorage the next day.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 1 M / Our friend Jn Wilbur left us today & returned homewards to Hopkinton where he lives - it was a Snow Storm when hie went over the ferrys, but otherwise a favourable time, the Wind not being high. -

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January 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 1st M / Rode in the Stage to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Select Meeting - The first was Silent & Portsmouth Preparative Meeting was also well conducted the Select Meeting




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*which followed the others was also a pretty good Meeting –
Rode home with cousin Henry Gould who was alone in a Sleigh –*

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
 January 21, Thursday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

The Spartan is respectable and strong who speaks what must be spoken; but these gay Athenians that go up and down the world making all talk a Recitation, talking for display, disgust.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 1 M 1831 / Preparative Meeting In the first Father had a short testimony & in the last there was no buisness but the Queries & a report of the School Committee was read In the Afternoon took a walk on the Hill & went round across the fields & visited cousin Henry Gould at his Mill. –

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 January 24, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

Cudworth is an armory for a poet to furnish himself withal. He should look at every writer in that light and read no poor book. Why should the poet bereave himself of the sweetest as well as grandest thoughts by yielding deference to the miserly, indigent unbelief of this age, and leaving God and moral nature out of his catalogue of beings? I know my soul is immortal if it were only by the sublime emotion I taste in reading these lines of Swedenborg: "The organical body with which the soul clothes itself is here compared to a garment, because a garment invests the body, and the soul also puts off the body and casts it away as old clothes (exuviae), when it emigrates by means of death from the natural world into its own spiritual world." Influx, p. 26.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 1 M 1836 / On 6th day last I recd letters & pamphlets from my Friend Thos Thompson which on various accounts were highly interesting & his account of the comfortable progress of our Friend Anna W Thorn among them. – Our Meetings today were well attended & comfortable – Father was exercised in both



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In the evening our interesting young Cousin called & set some time with us. -

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January 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 1 M / Before i went to meeting I was sitting by the side of the Stove & endeavouring to get down that the life might rise - I took the Bible & read the 24 Chap Luke and was particularly Struck with the first verse Vizt "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the Morning they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the Spices which they had prepared." - It seemed to me necessary that we labour to center into the quiet & have our minds prepared for solemn worship that the spice thus prepared may shed a perfume & their preserving qualities to others around us - tho' I labourd for this was unable to realize all I desired but was favoured with a portion & could feel that there was a good degree of solemnity prevailed of which my mind partook & while I was thus getting along - our fr H Dennis rose as she said in the weakness & said she was sensible it was not a time of encouragement, but felt the language of encouragement to flow to those who was suffering under poverty - it ended a pretty good Meeting & in the last which was our Monthly Meeting - the buisness was well conducted & Thomas P Nichols was recd into membership. he is an hopeful young man & we do greatly desire his prosperity & establishment in the Truth -

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January 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 1 M 1836 / Attended Meetings, the weather being Stormy, the gathering Was Small but season of Some favour in Silence -

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February 1, Monday: James Henry Hammond of South Carolina declared “Slavery can never be abolished.”⁴⁰⁵ He lay out in graphic detail on the floor of the US House of Representatives, why it was that the federal government would never have it in its power to abolish [slavery](#): “There are about 2,300,000 slaves at this moment in the United States, and their annual increase is about 60,000. Sir, even the British Government did not dare to emancipate its enslaved West India subjects without some compensation. They gave them [the slavemasters] about sixty percent of their value. It could scarcely be expected that this government would undertake to free our slaves without paying for them. Their value, at \$400, average, (and they are now worth more than that) would amount to upwards of nine hundred millions. The value of their annual increase, alone, is twenty-four millions of dollars; so that to free them in one hundred years, without the expense of taking them from the country, would require an annual appropriation of between thirty-three and thirty-four millions of dollars. The thing is physically impossible.” We can bear in mind that this was being said in regard to a federal establishment which had enjoyed gross receipts in 1830 of but \$24,844,000. Merely to purchase and manumit the slave babies as they were being born would have required the entire tax revenue upon which the entire government at that point depended. The only course open to the government therefore was confiscation, which of course would be something politically impossible in a system within which the interests of the enslaved were “represented” by their slavemasters.

MANUMISSION

Elsewhere in the world on this day, [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* were sailing from Santa Barbara toward a San Pedro anchorage:

Monday, Feb. 1st. After having been in port twenty-one days, we sailed for San Pedro, where we arrived on the following day, having gone “all fluking,” with the weather clew of the mainsail hauled up, the yards braced in a little, and the lower studding-sails just drawing; the wind hardly shifting a point during the passage.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 of 2 M 1836 / With my esteemed Cousin Thos B Gould Set out in the Stage for [Providence](#) to attend the Qrly Meeting -when we got to [Bristol](#) ferry the Ice had so accumulated that we were obliged to go along Shore South & be carted off in an Oxcart among the Cakes of Ice till we were in sufficient depth of Water for a Small boat to float & from thence were carried off to the Great Boat to get on the opposite shore This was great exposure to my dear neice Elizabeth Rodman who was with us on her way to

405. Of course, this legislator was only attempting to inform us of the simplest financial, calculational, quantitative reality and not struggling at all to inform us of the very ugliest moral truth about our soul condition. –For the complete absence in our legal system at the federal level of any formal definition for constructs such as “slave,” “slavery,” and “enslavement,” a void in our conceptual apparatus which persists even to the date of this writing (2013), may serve to remind us of what De Tocqueville, once attempted to point out to the obtuse Americans, “An abstract word is like a box with a false bottom; you may put in it what ideas you please and take them out again unobserved.” If [slavery](#) is, as it has been ever since the 1865 enactment of the XIIIth Amendment to the Constitution, just anything anyone wants to say it is—as long as they do not overlook to invoke the sacred formulation that whatever it may be, it is most assuredly prohibited and therefore entirely nonexistent and therefore not a problem needing to be addressed—then slavery is not anything at all and “slavery” is a word which, because it cannot function except as a signifier for something which must not exist, cannot be functioning as a word of the language but must be functioning, instead, as a box with a false bottom, a “gag rule” we have imposed upon our own minds.



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the [YMBSchool](#) where we arrived about 3 OC in the Afternoon after a cold ride from [Bristol](#) ferry in the Stage Sleigh - After introducing Elizabeth to the Superintendent & teachers of the School - Thos & I went down to [Moses Brown](#) - we found he had gone to Wm Almys on acct of his Birth day [Almy's birthday], having his family & friends around him on the occasion being 75 Years old. - early in the eveng - Moses returned & we took tea & took lodging with him, he being glad to see & entertain us. -

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February 2, Tuesday: Franklin Pierce was born to [Franklin Pierce](#) and Jane Means Appleton Pierce (this infant would survive only four days).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day was Sub committee Meeting & we passed the day at the



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February 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Attended the Select Meeting which was a season of some favour - Divers testimonies were deliverd & a Supplication by Anna A Jenkins - The buisness was conducted in harmony In the Afternoon was the Meeting for sufferings which Wm Almy attended - Some conflict was experienced in the management of affairs but both the London General Epistle & the epistle of advice to their members was concluded to be printed & circulated among our Members

At the close of the Meeting a very Solid & reverend Silence took place - during which my mind glanced at the uncertainty of ever Meeting Our friend [Moses Brown](#) & Wm Almy in that way again -One very Aged & the other in advance life & very feeble from the effects of a fit which he had near a year ago - When it closed, a precious covering & much good feeling prevailed for which favour I was truly thankful

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February 4, Thursday: Representative Henry Laurens Pinckney of South Carolina⁴⁰⁶ submitted a proposal regarding the bothersome and objectionable petitions that kept being forwarded to the federal legislature, in regard to human enslavement as it was being practiced in these United States of America. So many citizens thought there was something wrong with that! And, they were so persistent and bothersome! For God's sake, why couldn't they just let their representatives alone and allow them to tend to the nation's business?

SLAVERY

GAG RULE

ABOLITIONISM

At the Teatro La Fenice of Venice, Belisario, a tragedia lirica by Gaetano Donizetti to words of Cammarano after von Schenk translated by Marchionni, was performed for the initial time. The work was well received.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Was the Quarterly Meeting at large. In the first our friend Thos Anthony was engaged in a truly Apostolical testimony & was followed by A A Jenkins & Rowland Greene & Mary B Allen in Supplication. - In the last Meeting the buisness was conducted in Harmony & Elizabeth Peckham from So Kingston Moy [Monthly] Meeting was acknowledged as a Minister - I returned

406. Note the famous patriotic name: Henry Laurens, a Huguenot, had been the biggest slavetrader in Charleston, and while we were establishing our freedom he had served in the Continental Congress.



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to [Moses Browns](#) & dined & lodged

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February 5, Friday: Lieutenant Governor [Sir Francis Bond Head](#) had discovered, he informed Lord Glenelg, the colonial secretary, back in England, that the Whig policy of negotiation and compromise and accommodation with Canadian reformists was mistaken, because their actual objective was not reform. It was nothing less than to sever the imperial connection, and reconstitute Canada as an independent republic. He intended, by marshaling the support of the loyal, orderly, and prosperous general public, to destroy the invidious agenda of such "Republicans."



The Loyalist Royalist

The French Prime Minister, the Duc de Broglie, agreed to pay spoliation claims to the United States of America as required under an 1831 treaty.

[Sam Houston](#) was granted a furlough from the army to travel to an Indian parlay. There he met with Chief Bowl to arrange a treaty that would protect both the [Cherokee](#) and white residents of northern [Texas](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Was the Meeting of the Genl Committee which I attended - the buisness got along very well. - & just as the committee was gathering for the adjournment in the Afternoon - Information was brought that Wm Almy had departed this life about half an hour before being taken Ill about 6 OClock in the Mornng & lived about 8 hours Afterwards - his disorder was considerd to be an accumulation of Water on the heart. - The buisness of the committee was dispatched as soon as it could conveniently be done, as none of us felt like prolonging it under the circumstances of Wms sudden departure. - I lodged that night at the School House, feeling it to be my duty to spend a little time with them - which gave me an opportunity to discharge a duty I felt towards some that were there & I felt peace in my services - May peace & the God of



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peace dwell with them. –

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February 6, Saturday: The HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) reached Diemen's Land, also known as Tasmania, Australia.

The publication of John Field's Nocturnes nos.14-16 was advertised in *BIBLIOGRAPHIE DE FRANCE*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Morning I went to Town & after attending to some buisness their - took the Stage & came by the way of Slades ferry to Fall river where I dined at Wilders public House & from thence home, by the way of the Stone Bridge - finding our family & concerns, all well. –

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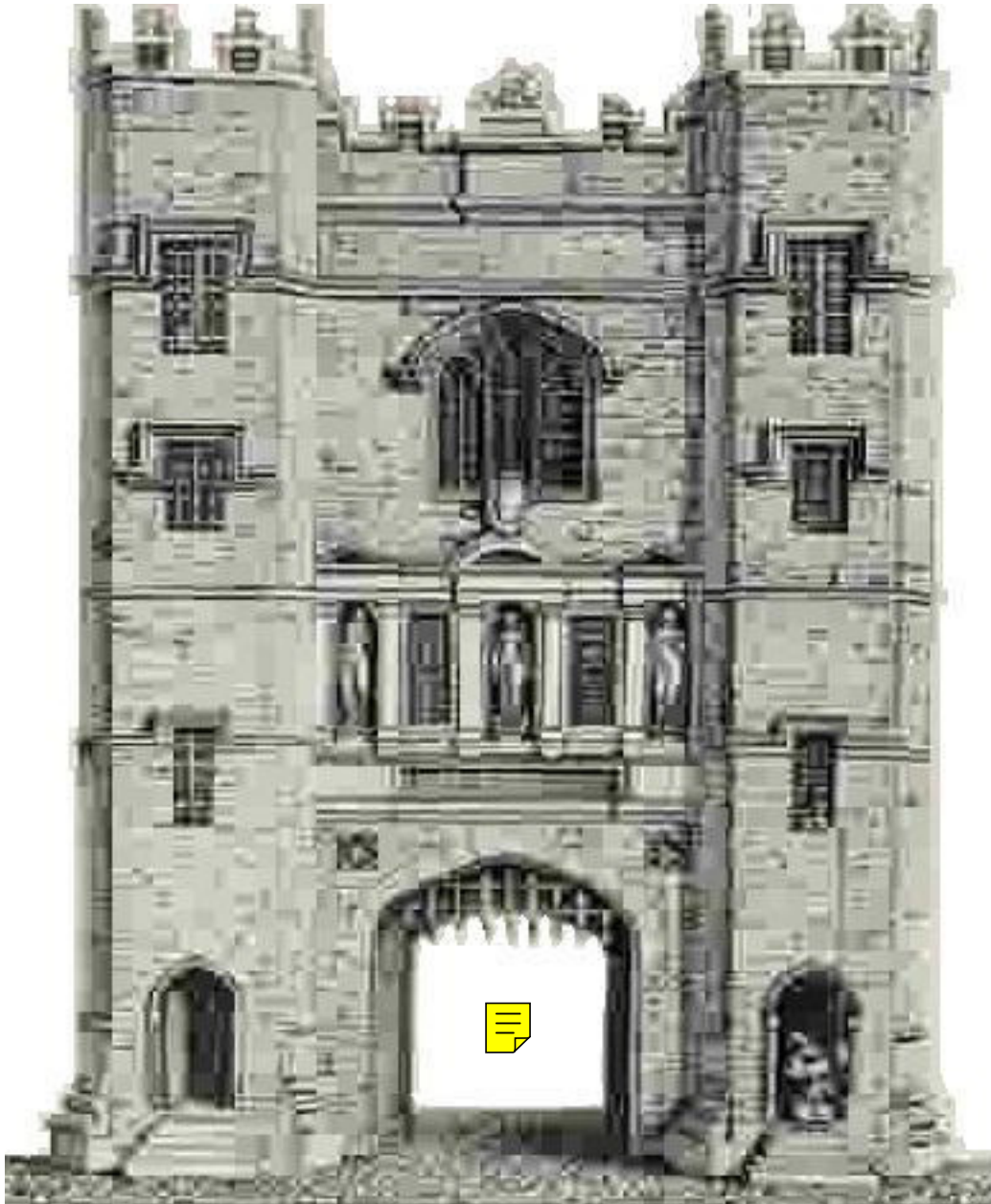
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February 7, Sunday: Charles Dickens's *SKETCHES BY BOZ* got good reviews. This was his initial book, compiled of journalistic pieces written from 1833, some of which had appeared in The Evening Chronicle, including a description of Newgate Prison.



While in Zwickau because of his mother's death, [Robert Schumann](#) secretly visited Clara Wieck to profess love. She reciprocated.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 7 of 2 M 1836 / Our Meetings today were good ones –Father Rodman was engaged in short testimonies in each –

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February 14, Sunday: William Travis and Colonel James Bowie agreed to share command of the Alamo at San Antonio de B  xar, after Colonel Neill received a temporary leave of absence.



REMEMBERING THE ALAMO

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 2 M / Stormy day - Silent Meetings & pretty good ones. –

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February 18, Thursday: In Hoogly, Bengal, [India](#), Ramakrishna was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 2nd M / Father bore a short testimony at Meeting which was small, the weather was very cold & the walking slippery, which rendered it perilous for women to get there. – In the Preparative Meeting, the communication from the Yearly Meeting to the subordinate Meetings was read. – This evening I went up to cousin Henry Goulds, who has been to attend Sweet out on the Island to set several bones, particularly Ruth Chases - in the Ride the Chaise was turned over & they narrowly escaped being bodily hurt themselves Sweet set Cousin Hannah Goulds Hip last night which she put out about a Week ago - It is a favour that there is such a family as the Sweets, who seem by nature to possess so eminently the faculty of Setting bones. –

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February 19, Friday: Joseph Fieschi, Pierre Morey, and Theodore Pepin were [guillotined](#) for their part in the attempted assassination of King Louis-Philippe of France during the previous July. Hours before his head was to be removed Pepin revealed his membership in a hitherto unknown radical republican group, the “Societe des Familles.”

HEADCHOPPING

Prime Minister Mendizabal ordered closure of all monasteries and convents in Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 2 M 1836 / I have had this morning to look a little over my past life & to commemorate the goodness & many mercies of Kind Providence towards me – I hope I shall never distrust his power nor despair of his goodness & mercy – for many times when it looked as if all resources were coming to an end, something has opened, whereby I was enabled to look a little ways a head – I am now writing of temporal prospects, for tho' at this time I have nothing to elate, but rather to depress my feelings – yet as way has always singularly opened I can but feel a faith in the Power of God who has so wonderfully opened the way for me to live comfortably & even respectably among men – & even if I should be brought to more narrow limits – may I endure the privation as becomes a Man & a Christian – he knows what is best for us, & deals kindly even with his rebellious Sons – but I know it will not do – it is not safe to presume on his mercy, & yet continue in rebellion & disobedience – he requires a cheerful a willing & yet as pure offering & that of the Whole heart

My heart is humbled under a Sense of the many Mercies I have received while I write this – much much more presenting to view than I have mind to relate at this time –

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February 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 21st of 2nd M 1836 / Both Meeting were silent & Small – the walking was so bad – slippery & wet that but three females were there in the Morning & two in the Afternoon – Called at Father Rodmans in the evening & sat the rest of it at home

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February 22, Monday: Be cautious not to underestimate the pervasiveness of American racism:

WEST INDIA NEGROES.
FROM THE NEW YORK SUNDAY NEWS.
Extract from a letter to the editor, dated Matanzas, Dec. 20, 1835.

The town of Matanzas is called healthy, which, I take it, means by comparison, for its location, being low, between two sluggish rivers, and surrounded by hills, must entail upon it an annual visitation of fevers of the worst description—to say nothing of the indolent, filthy habits of the people; low, damp dwellings, dirty streets, dreaming police, and a standing law and gospel to boot, against all improvement. But there is one thing that bigotry and despotism cannot mar, and even a New York corporation could not improve, and that is the climate. For two months the thermometer (Far.) has stood regularly, morning, noon, and night, 80, 82, 80, except a few days past it has been down to 60, and 58 in the morning and evening, which is the only cold weather I have experienced since leaving New York. A cool turn like this they call a *north-east* or *of Medias*, (the doctor) whether from its salubrity or the reverse, I am not quite sure, for many invalids die soon after a visit of this sort, but new cases of fever seldom occur during its continuance.

The slave part of the population, you know, is a great deal the most numerous, and you have only to see them to be satisfied that their condition, generally, cannot be bettered. I have often caused new comers from the coast and old slaves to be questioned about their country, and whether they would like to return; and scarcely one has expressed such a wish. "No, no!" they say, "no yam yammy," meaning nothing to eat, which with sleeping is the only enjoyment they comprehend. Whatever condition brings such beings in contact with the whites, from whom they may and must learn higher motives, is clearly more for their benefit than to remain stationary, perhaps go back, if possible, or, at best, make the slow advancement they must if left to themselves. The English abolitionists have accomplished for the unfortunate blacks, in their own colonies, the retrograde movement that the blacks of St. Domingo undertook for themselves. Since the glorious dawn of emancipation in these fertile and beautiful islands, every sort of occupation is abandoned, except such as are necessary to support life.

The miserable negro, thrown out from the restraints of his master's government and protection, cares only for the indulgence of appetites. Completely animal in their constitution and wants, the negroes could not have been more effectually thrown back from all means and hope of mental redemption, than by giving them up to themselves, and cutting them off from the government, and therefore from in-

Both the proslavery and the antislavery agendas of the period were being in large part fueled by white racism.

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It wasn't just the US president alone who was a racist:

INAUGURAL ADDRESS,
*Delivered by Gen. ANDREW JACKSON, on
being sworn into office as President of the
United States, on the 4th of March, 1829.*

Fellow Citizens—About to undertake the arduous duties that I have been appointed to perform, by the choice of a free people, I avail myself of this customary and solemn occasion, to express the gratitude which their confidence inspires, and to acknowledge the accountability which my situation enjoins. While the magnitude of their interests convinces me that no thanks can be adequate to the honour they have conferred, it admonishes me that the best return I can make, is the zealous dedication of my humble abilities to their service and their good.

As the instrument of the Federal Constitution, it will devolve on me, for a stated period, to execute the laws of the United States; to superintend their foreign and their confederate relations; to manage their revenue; to command their forces; and, by communications to the Legislature to watch over, and to promote their interests generally. And the principles of action by which I shall endeavor to accomplish this circle of duties, it is now proper for me briefly to explain.

In administering the laws of Congress, I shall keep steadily in view the limitations as well as the extent of the executive power, trusting thereby to discharge the functions of my office, without transcending its authority. With foreign nations it will be my study to preserve peace, and to cultivate friendship, on fair and honorable

Marie Joseph Louis Adolphe Thiers replaced Achille Charles Leonce Victor, Duc de Broglie as prime minister of France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 22nd of 2 M / This Afternoon took a walk to cousin Henrys
- the Walking was exceedingly Muddy & wet - but nevertheless it
was a pleasnt time. -*

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February 25, Thursday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* sailed for Santa Barbara, California.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Thursday, Feb. 25th. Set sail for Santa Barbara, where we arrived on Sunday, the 28th.

Samuel Colt received a US patent for a “revolver,” eventually to be colloquially referred to as a “sixshooter” (although some of them were capable only of five shots).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 2nd M / With my young friend Thomas Nichols rode to [Portsmouth](#) & attended Monthly Meeting - It was a most Violent windy day, clouds & very uncomfortable riding being very cold & a part of the way muddy & heavy traveling - The First Meeting was silent & small & not a time of much life to me. - In the last we had but little buisness & the Meeting was not detained long. - We went with Henry & Thomas Gould to Josiah Chases & dined & got home before sunset. - I have of late felt my mind engaged to write our friend Robert Comfort of Wheatland State of NYork who attended our last Yearly Meeting, he was a true & honest friend & one with whom I felt much unity & Sympathy I have also in the course of the Week written to my friends Thos Evans of Philada. - It is a time of great streight in society, & it becomes necessary for those who can to commune together.

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February 29, Monday: At the Paris Opera, Les Huguenots, a grand opera by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Scribe and Deschamps, was performed for the initial time. This would be one of the most successful productions ever staged there, with 1,126 performances over the following century, breaking all box office records. It was to become Meyerbeer’s most performed work, with thousands of performances throughout the world.⁴⁰⁷ In the audience were [Hector Berlioz](#) and Harriet Smithson.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd M 29th 1836 - 2nd day / Yesterday our Meetings were Small & to me not seasons of that life & Spirit which I love to feel - Father Rodman was engaged in both in short testimonies. - With this day ends the winter & the Month. It has truly been a hard Winter & there has been considerable suffering among the poor - but the benevolent have been active & afforded much relief to those in distress - for my own part We have been comfortable. - Our wood has held out well, & I have had Money sufficient to supply all real wants - I desire to return thanks for my many favours thus far in my life, they certainly have been numerous, & way has many times opened where there has appeared to be no way a head - This is even now my state & condition I can see but little forward but still Faith & hope are alive & I do not

407. This opera is much superior to another often-performed songfest, Les Miserables (“miserable” has been said to be the French term for “audience”).



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distrust the Ways of kind Providence. —

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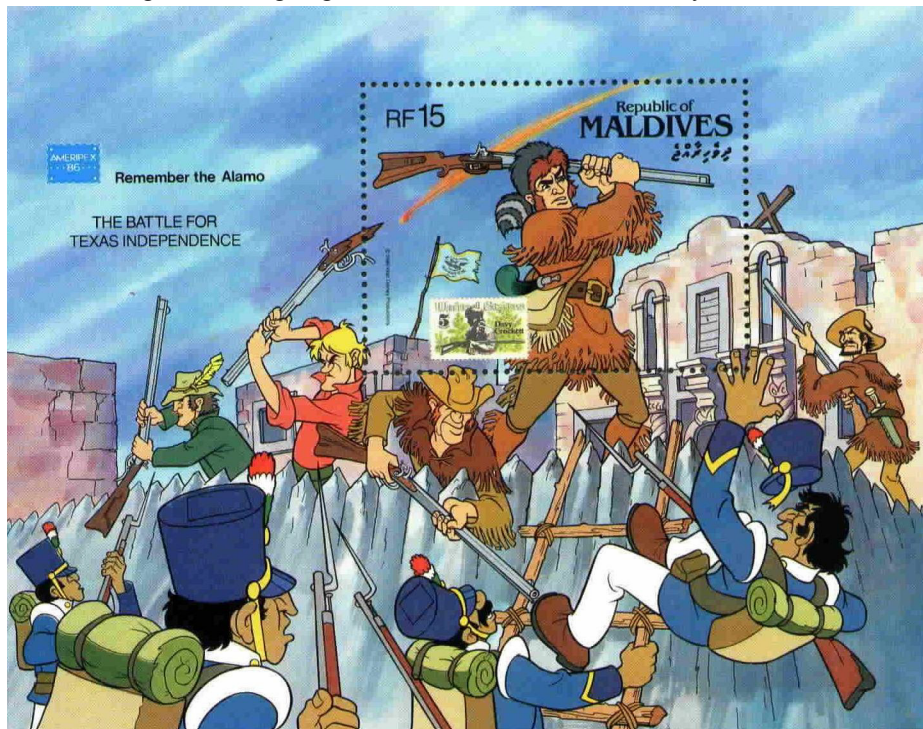
March 2, Wednesday: [Waldo Emerson](#) lectured in Salem. This was lecture Number 5 of the series, presumably about Martin Luther. He would receive \$25.

THE LIST OF LECTURES

At San Antonio, in the northern province of Mejico, Tejas, General Antonio López de Santa Anna y Pérez de Lebrón and the Mexican army had staged a siege that finally, at some cost, had overwhelmed the 179 defenders of the Alamo fortification. Among those trapped there and eliminated, in what would eventually become known as “The Battle for Texas Independence” (see below), had been Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and Colonel Travis. General Santa Ana would later be defeated at San Jacinto in a battle against troops led by Sidney Sherman and [Sam Houston](#), and the new [Republic of Texas](#) would be able to assert a claim to all the land between the Rio Grande and Nueces rivers. On this day a constituent assembly named David Burnet as president and Lorenzo de Zavala as vice-president and this northern province declared independence from Mejico.

READ THE FULL TEXT

[General Houston](#) celebrated his 43rd birthday as the republic declared its independence from Mexico. These were free white men, Texians with Kentucky squirrel rifles, and they could hold slaves if they wanted to — and no little brown greaser was going to come around and tell them they shouldn’t.





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March 4, Friday: [Sam Houston](#) was appointed Major General of the Army of the Republic of [Texas](#) — regular, volunteer, and militia. He was to take immediate command and organize the army.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3M 4 (6th day) 1836 / I can say in Truth, truly, that I am thankful for every tendering impression in my heart - because I consider it an evidence of the continued Mercy & kind dealing of my heavenly Father with me & This Morning I have been afresh touched with the arisings of life in my heart - attended with a sense of unworthiness for his many favours. - Yesterday I visited poor Aunt Stanton she is in a retched State of mind & while setting with her I endeavoured to settle down into a solid retired frame & was favoured in good measure so to do & thought I even reached her, so far at last that she talked less loud & was more still in her Chair.

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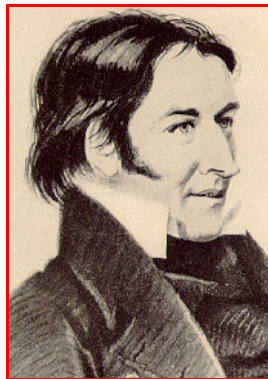
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March 6, Sunday: In a predawn assault after an 11-day battle the garrison at the Alamo –an unfinished old Franciscan mission complex outside the pueblo of San Antonio in the “[Texas](#)” district of Mexico that had not been in use as a mission for a good deal of time and had been recycled as a fort of sorts– was eliminated by a Mexican army of 4,000 under General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.⁴⁰⁸ Davy Crockett, William Travis, Colonel James Bowie, and 143 other United States citizens and their slaves, led by William Travis, had through some inexplicable obtuseness stuck around to get killed.



James Bowie



Davy Crockett

A teacher on Long Island, Walt Whitman, himself not among the fallen, nevertheless found the Eastern

408. By this point the old mission of the Franciscans in the Mejian province of Tejas, the mission which had been founded under the name San Antonio de Valero, was being generally characterized as “the Alamo.” It had picked up this nickname because of a Spanish cavalry unit that had been using it as a headquarters, that having been the designation for this cavalry unit. (“Remember *La Mission San Antonio de Valero*!!” — well, it wouldn’t have worked very well as an Anglo-Saxon battle chant, would it?)



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newspaper reports of this defeat to be of considerable interest (SONG OF MYSELF, 34):



REMEMBERING THE ALAMO

...I tell not the fall of Alamo,
Not one escaped to tell the fall of Alamo,
The hundred and fifty are dumb yet at Alamo,...

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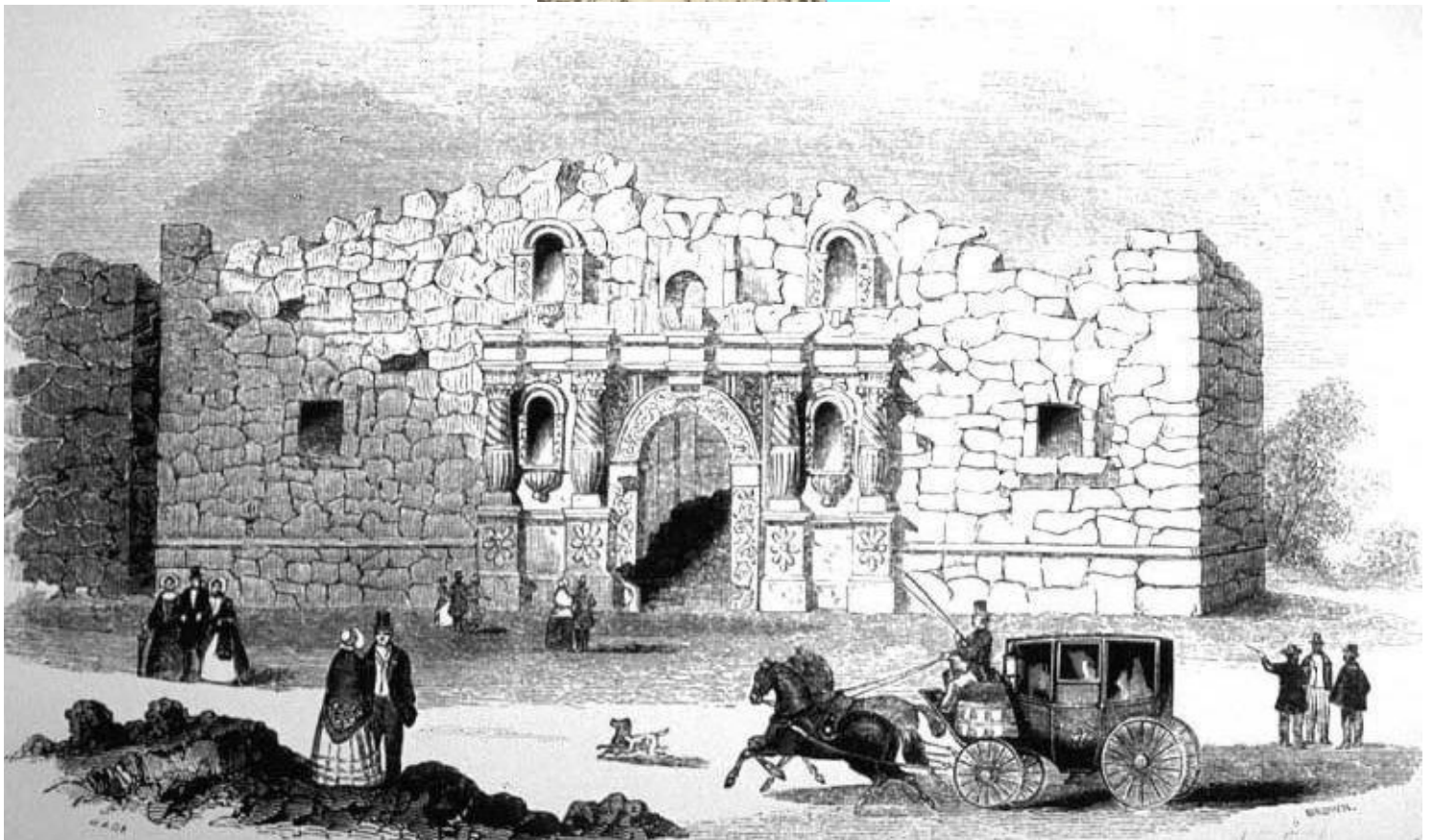
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At that time the fee for teaching an older child was usually about a shilling or 12¹/₂ cents and teaching, for a male teacher, usually brought in an income of about \$200.⁰⁰ per year.⁴⁰⁹ Whitman was supplementing this teaching income by writing for various New-York papers:

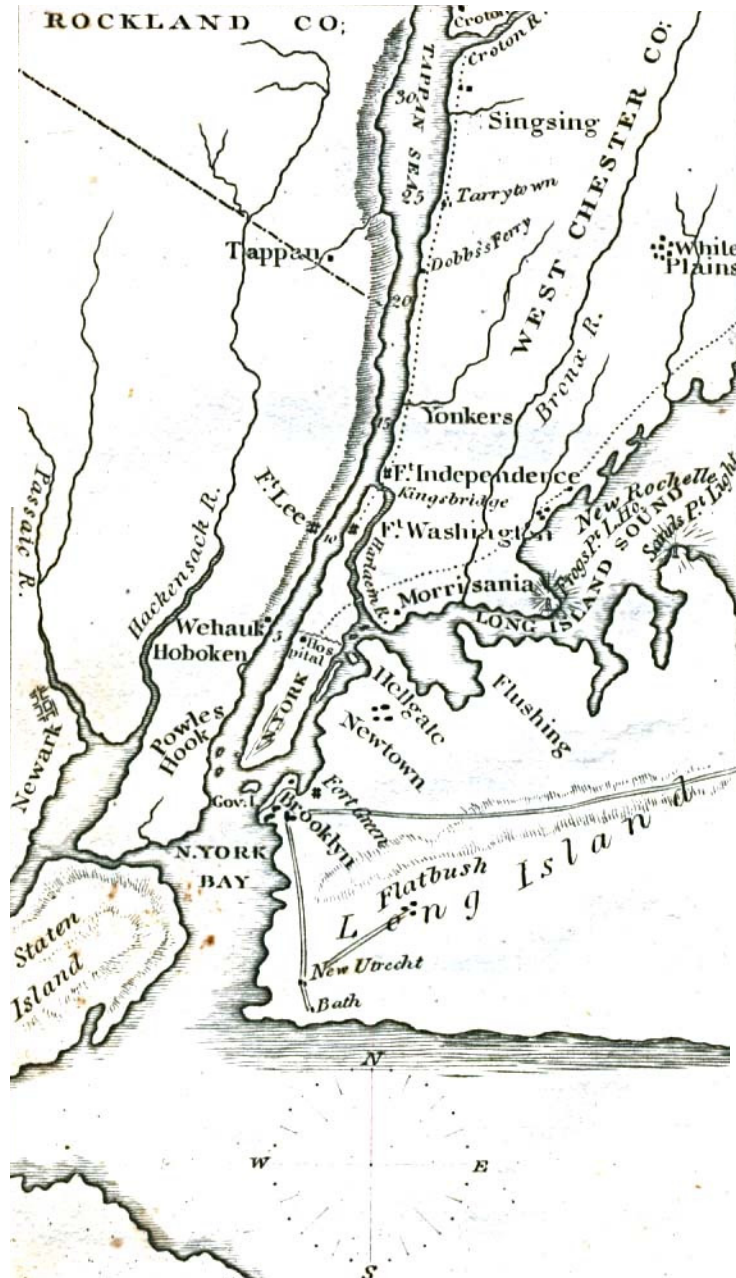
“Specimen Days”

MY PASSION FOR FERRIES

Living in Brooklyn or New York city from this time forward, my life, then, and still more the following years, was curiously identified with Fulton ferry, already becoming the greatest of its sort in the world for general importance, volume, variety, rapidity, and picturesqueness. Almost daily, [Page 701] later, ('50 to '60,) I cross'd on the boats, often up in the pilot-houses where I could get a full sweep, absorbing shows, accompaniments, surroundings. What oceanic currents, eddies, underneath – the great tides of humanity also, with ever-shifting movements. Indeed, I have always had a passion for ferries; to me they afford inimitable, streaming, never-failing, living poems. The river and bay scenery, all about New York island, any time of a fine day – the hurrying, splashing sea-tides – the changing panorama of steamers, all sizes, often a string of big ones outward bound to distant ports – the myriads of white-sail'd schooners, sloops, skiffs, and the marvelously beautiful yachts – the majestic sound boats as they rounded the Battery and came along towards 5, afternoon, eastward bound – the prospect off towards Staten island, or down the Narrows, or the other way up the Hudson – what refreshment of spirit such sights and experiences gave me years ago (and many a time since.) My old pilot friends, the Balsirs, Johnny Cole, Ira Smith, William White, and my young ferry friend, Tom Gere – how well I remember them all.

409. To read a story of a teacher/student sex scandal which may or may not have had Walt Whitman as its principal, see Reynolds, David, WALT WHITMAN'S AMERICA (Knopf):

That I could forget the mockers and insults!
That I could forget the trickling tears and the blows of the bludgeons and hammers!

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 3M 1836 / Our meeting this morning was indeed a very solid good one - tho' mostly in Silence - it Seemed to me there was scarcely an Idle or irreverend mind present - Father had a short testimony to bear - soon after which the Meeting closed. - Good meeting again in the Afternoon & Father had a



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little to say –

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March 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 10th of 3rd M / Small meeting & rather a low time Father
had short testimonies in each –*

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March 14, Monday: The HMS *Beagle* with [Charles Darwin](#) left Australia.

[Sam Houston](#) continued his retreat (known now as the “Runaway Scrape”), moving eastward in a zig-zagging pattern (until April 20th).

TEXAS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 14th of 3rd M / This day 24 Years ago our only living
son John was born. – I cannot pass over the event without noting
it in commemoration of the Mercy & goodness of God which have
followed us ever since – for tho' we have had to partake of some
bitter cups, known to few but ourselves, – yet surely Mercy &
Goodness have followed us & we have partaken of many good things
– both in regard to his presence often Mercifully vouchsafed &
interposed for our help & support, & also in our getting along
in the affairs of this world – for tho' abounding in this respect
was never Known by us yet we have been so favoured as to have
sufficient for our needs & some to spare.
John has so far done well, lived respectably & I hope has known
a growth in religion & we believe is blessed with a good wife –*

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March 17, Thursday: The Constitution of the Republic of [Texas](#): [enslavement](#) was to be for life (with no possibility of [manumission](#) ever); whether or not it should be legal to breed local negro slaves for sale would be an issue to be determined from time to time by the legislature in their wisdom; however, engaging in the [international slave trade](#) was to be a capital crime.

§ 9. All persons of color who were slaves for life before coming to Texas shall remain so. “Congress shall pass no laws to prohibit emigrants from bringing their slaves into the republic with them, and holding them by the same tenure by which such slaves were held in the United States; ... the importation or admission of Africans or negroes into this republic, excepting from the United States of America, is forever prohibited, and declared to be [piracy](#).” LAWS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS (Houston, 1838), I. 19.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 17th of 3rd M 1836 / Our meeting was small owing to its being Stormy – Father was not there having a bad cold – It was a silent but solid & to me comfortable Meeting

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March 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 3 M / Our Friends Enoch Page & his wife Sophrona together with Sister Elizabeth R Nichols on a journey into Virginia Yearly Meeting intending to pay a religious visit to the Meetings constituting it & to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting there in the 5th Month - They arrived in the Steamboat from [Providence](#) this Afternoon & the Wind blowing a gale they continued at the head of Long Wharf thro' the rest of the day & evening - this gave me an opportunity to visit them in the Afternoon, & again in the evening & had unity & sweet fellowship with them - under a full belief that it is right for them to go & that they are put forth under the influence of the right Spirit, & in the right calling. - The wind blew so hard that it was not fit for them to come on shore or they would have been very glad to have spent an hour or two at Fathers & with us. Mary Merrett wife of Wilson Merrett of NYork was also on board having been to [Providence](#) to fetch her son James from the YMBSchool who has been there for some time & is now quite sick We were kindly entertained by them at their home in NYork as we passed through on our return from Hudson in the 5 M last. -

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March 20, Sunday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) was back at [Harvard College](#) for the 3d term of his Junior year, enrolling in courses in Greek, Latin, English, Italian, mathematics, and possibly chemistry. (Thoreau would be enrolled in the study of Italian for a total of four terms, in the study of French for four terms, in the study of German for four terms, and in the study of Spanish for two terms under [Francis Sales](#).) The Italian studies would, as always, be under the instructor [Pietro Bachi](#). This term would continue for Thoreau only until about May 28th, when he would be obliged by illness to suspend his college studies.

THOREAU RESIDENCES

NEW “HARVARD MEN”

HARVARD 1836 REPORT

The University of Leipzig conferred an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree on Felix Mendelssohn.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st 20th of 3 M / Our Meetings were both silent & very solid quiet opportunities - for which I was thankful Aunt Stanton fell this Afternoon & hurt her hip very badly, but it does not seem as if any bone is broken or out

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March 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21st of 3 M 1836 / Last night Mother Rodman was taken Sick but is better today – Aunt Stanton no better in any respect–

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March 23, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 23 of 3 M 1836 / I have been today taking a view & things past present & prospectively – Truly I have had much to be thankful for – I desire to enjoy present good, & submit the future to My heavenly Father, who has dealt so kindly with me all my life long. – I have this Afternoon visited Aunt Stanton, whose state of body & mind is truly pitiable – She is quite confined to her bed with her lameness & her mind so deranged that she has no comfort herself & seems disposed not to let any one around her take any – when deprived of reason what poor miserable & forlorn objects we are.–

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March 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 3rd M 1836 / The Snow of day before yesterday made very sloppy walking & there were but few at Meeting but there was a comfortable company of Male & female, & the preparative Meeting was honourably held. – It was silent in the first

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March 27, Palm Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 3 M / Our Meetings were silent, but solid good seasons. Father yet confined with a very havy cold & lame back –

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In Kirtland, Ohio, the 1st [Mormon](#) temple began to be dedicated (this would be a drawn-out process).



At Fort Defiance (Presidio La Bahia) in the town of Goliad, General Jose de Urrea, acting reluctantly under repeated direct orders of President of [Mexico](#) Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, who considered these foreigners to have the same legal standing as [pirates](#), had 303 [Texian](#) prisoners of war marched out in three columns in three different directions, and then gunned down. Of the 40 who had been unable to walk, 39 were killed inside the fort. The commanding officer, Colonel James W. Fannin, was the last to be executed, and asked the firing squad to shoot him in the heart rather than in the face — so of course they shot him in the face. Of the 303 men in the three columns, 28 were able to feign death and escape.⁴¹⁰

Now I tell what I know in Texas in my early youth,
(I tell not the fall of Alamo,
Not one escaped to tell the fall of Alamo,
The hundred and fifty are dumb yet at Alamo,)
'Tis the tale of the murder in cold blood of four hundred and twelve young men.

Retreating they had form'd in a hollow square with their baggage for breastworks,
Nine hundred lives out of the surrounding enemy's, nine times their number, was the price they took in advance,
Their colonel was wounded and their ammunition gone,
They treated for an honorable capitulation, receiv'd writing and seal, gave up their arms and march'd back prisoners of war.

They were the glory of the race of rangers,
Matchless with horse, rifle, song, supper, courtship,
Large, turbulent, generous, handsome, proud, and affectionate,
Bearded, sunburnt, drest in the free costume of hunters,
Not a single one over thirty years of age.

The second First-day morning they were brought out in squads and massacred, it was beautiful early summer,
The work commenced about five o'clock and was over by eight.

None obey'd the command to kneel,
Some made a mad and helpless rush, some stood stark and straight,

410. Some 100 others were also executed (by the way, at this point [Halley's Comet](#) was finally fading from being visible to the naked eye).

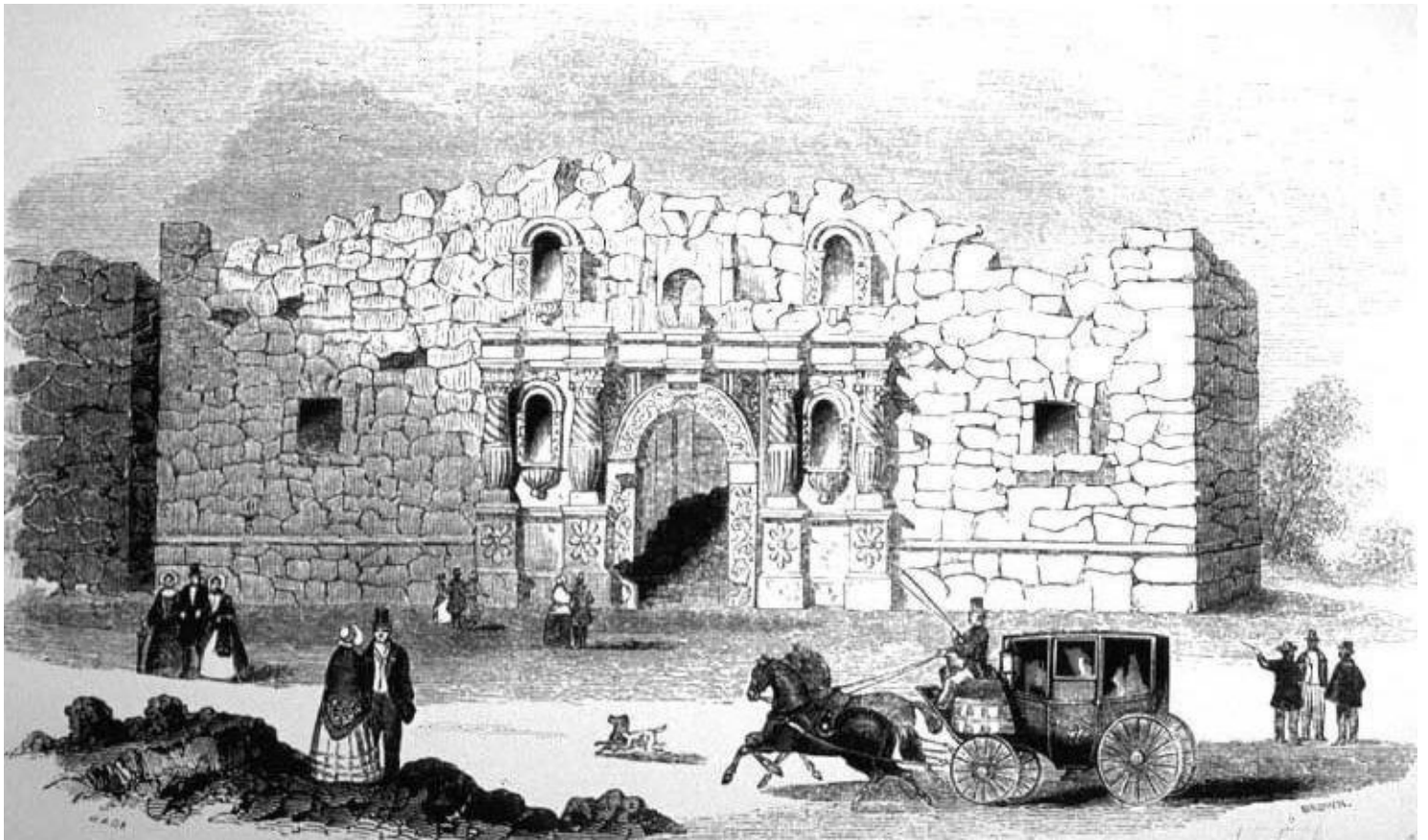
SKY EVENT

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A few fell at once, shot in the temple or heart, the living and dead lay together,
The maim'd and mangled dug in the dirt, the new-comers saw them there,
Some half-kill'd attempted to crawl away,
These were despatch'd with bayonets or batter'd with the blunts of muskets.
A youth not seventeen years old seiz'd his assassin till two more came to release him,
The three were all torn and cover'd with the boy's blood.

At eleven o'clock began the burning of the bodies;
That is the tale of the murder of the four hundred and twelve young men.

— Walt Whitman, SONG OF MYSELF, 34





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March 31, Thursday: The initial monthly installment of Charles Dickens's 1st novel appeared:
THE POSTHUMOUS PAPERS OF THE PICKWICK CLUB.



(This was going to extend to 20 monthly magazine issues.)

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 31 of 3 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this day held in
Town was a good Meeting Hannah Dennis, I thought was favoured in
testimony -After Meeting heard my dear friend Moses Brown was
very Sick*

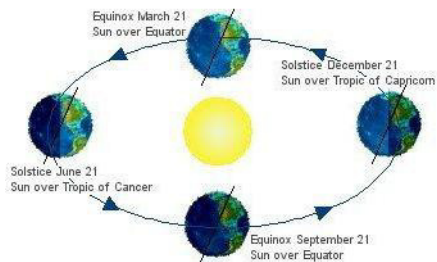
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In his [Harvard College](#) book report on [William Howitt](#)'s THE BOOK OF THE SEASONS; OR, THE CALENDAR OF NATURE, [David Henry Thoreau](#) attempted to commit New England weather banter:



...see how familiarly that North-western plays with the coat-flaps of the traveller, or sends him over stone walls and rail fences to fish his beaver out of a pond-hole. This is indeed melancholy.



[Thoreau](#) reviewed [Howitt](#)'s effort by opinioning that this was a "book calculated to do all that books can do to



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excite a spirit of attachment to nature.”

THE BOOK OF THE SEASONS

In consideration of all the folks who have considered Thoreau to have been an early nature writer, albeit not a good one (not one who could stick to his topic but one who persisted in interlarding his nature descriptions with distractive side attempts to set up a new religion), would it be possible to characterize [WALDEN](#) thusly, as a “book calculated to do all that books can do to excite a spirit of attachment to nature”? No. Larry Buell’s sustained analysis in *THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMAGINATION* to the contrary notwithstanding, no.



Our budding author also referred humorously but quite pointlessly to Captain John Cleves Symmes’s



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THEORY OF CONCENTRIC SPHERES:

The Greenlander, dwelling on the very brink of Symmes' hole, exposed to the rigorous cold of the northern latitudes, with the bear's flesh and train oil to solace him, an inhabitant of snow and ice not of earth, crawls into a snow-bank, and yet his heart is not so frozen but that he feels at home.

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Thoreau cited Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Nightingale" in mockery of Howitt's association of the month of November with the affect of melancholy. Coleridge's poem went "'Most musical, most melancholy' bird!"



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/ A melancholy bird? Oh! Idle thought! / In Nature there is nothing melancholy.” Thoreau’s citation of this was

“There is nothing melancholy in Nature.” If there is, where is it?... To the eye of the dyspeptic, to be sure, all is stamped with melancholy. Let him walk out into the fields....

Also, in this essay, Thoreau disparaged those “who are destitute of pure and elevated principle, whose sordid views extend no further than the profitable, who cannot contemplate the meandering brook, without, in imagination, polluting its waters with a mill-wheel.” He did this, however, by alleging that such white folks were “less enviable” than



The poor Indian! whose untutor’d mind
Sees God in clouds, or hears him the wind.


Here he was referring, of course, to Alexander Pope’s ESSAY ON MAN and its “Lo” figure who “hears him in the wind.” One wishes this youth had possessed the wit, even at that time in his college studies, to refrain from such phrases as “less enviable” which give the appearance of being complicit with the general mythos of the dominant cultures of America, that a native American is rather a poor sort of American.



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We may console ourselves, however, by noting that although Thoreau's word choice was inappropriate, indeed quite as inelegant as his having inadvertently omitted a word from the doggerel he quoted, nevertheless the mistake reveals no particular ill will and endorses no social policy of extermination of the inferior. It might prove useful for you to contrast this with a remark [Waldo Emerson](#)'s would make a few years later in his journal, on September 10, 1840 , in which the same Popish term "poor Indian" would be mobilized merely to conclude that for us officiously to take the positive steps that would be necessary to exterminate these human-seeming nonhumans ("similar") before their time would be a moral error — in that it would have an unfortunate moral impact on ourselves.



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WALDEN: Yet we should oftener look over the taffarel of our craft, like curious passengers, and not make the voyage like stupid sailors picking oakum. The other side of the globe is but the home of our correspondent. Our voyaging is only great-circle sailing, and the doctors prescribe for diseases of the skin merely. One hastens to Southern Africa to chase the giraffe; but surely that is not the game he would be after. How long, pray, would a man hunt giraffes if he could? Snipes and woodcocks also may afford rare sort; but I trust it would be nobler game to shoot one's self.-

“Direct your eye sight inward, and you'll find
A thousand regions in your mind
Yet undiscovered. Travel them, and be
Expert in home-cosmography.”

What does Africa, -what does the West stand for? Is not our own interior white on the chart? black though it may prove, like the coast, when discovered. Is it the source of the Nile, or the Niger, or the Mississippi, or a North-West Passage around this continent, that we would find? Are these the problems which most concern mankind? Is Franklin the only man who is lost, that his wife should be so earnest to find him? Does Mr. Grinnell know where he himself is? Be rather the Mungo Park, the Lewis and Clarke and Frobisher, of your own streams and oceans; explore your own higher latitudes, -with shiploads of preserved meats to support you, if they be necessary; and pile the empty cans sky-high for a sign. Were preserved meats invented to preserve meat merely? Nay, be a Columbus to whole new continents and worlds within you, opening new channels, not of trade, but of thought. Every man is the lord of a realm beside which the earthly empire of the Czar is but a petty state, a hummock left by the ice. Yet some can be patriotic who have no *self-respect*, and sacrifice the greater to the less. They love the soil which makes their graves, but have no sympathy with the spirit which may still animate their clay. Patriotism is a maggot in their heads. What was the meaning of that South-Sea Exploring Expedition, with all its parade and expense, but an indirect recognition of the fact, that there are continents and seas in the moral world, to which every man is an isthmus or an inlet, yet unexplored by him, but that it is easier to sail many thousand miles through cold and storm and cannibals, in a government ship, with five hundred men and boys to assist one, than it is to explore the private sea, the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean of one's being alone.-

“Erret, et extremos alter scrutetur Iberos.
Plus habet hic vitæ, plus habet ille viæ.”
Let them wander and scrutinize the outlandish Australians.
I have more of God, they more of the road.

It is not worth the while to go round the world to count the cats in Zanzibar. Yet do this even till you can do better, and you may perhaps find some “Symmes' Hole” by which to get at the inside at last. England and France, Spain and Portugal, Gold Coast and Slave Coast, all front on this private sea; but no bark from them has ventured out of sight of land, though it is without doubt the direct way to India. If you would learn to speak all tongues and conform to the customs of all nations, if you would travel farther than all travellers, be naturalized in all climes, and cause the Sphinx to dash her head against a stone, even obey the precept of the old philosopher, and Explore thyself. Herein are demanded the eye and the nerve. Only the defeated and deserters go to the wars, cowards that run away and enlist. Start now on that farthest western way, which does not pause at the Mississippi or the Pacific, nor conduct toward a worn-out China or Japan, but leads on direct a tangent to this sphere, summer and winter, day and night, sun down, moon down, and at last earth down too.

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March 31, 1836

[Review of [William Howitt](#)'s THE BOOK OF THE SEASONS; OR, THE CALENDAR OF NATURE, first published in 1951 by Professor Wendell Glick in the [Huntington Library Quarterly](#). The "Advertisement" of the first edition (London, 1831) is dated Dec. 15, 1830. Besides the first, Harvard owns the following: (4th edition) London, 1836; (5th edition) London, 1837; (6th edition) London, 1839; (6th edition) London, 1840 (From the 6th London edition) Phila., 1842; (6th edition) London, 1856; (7th edition) London, 1846. Many others, doubtless, were in circulation. Thoreau's review, composed six months before the publication of Emerson's NATURE, probably introduced him to his lifelong quest for the objects and appearances peculiar to each month of the year. See Emerson's JOURNALS, III, 460-461 (Mar. 28, 1835.) See also Emerson the Essayist, I, 411, for a note on NATURE, 12.3.] [Copy in Concord Social Library before 1836.]

THE BOOK OF THE SEASONS;
OR THE CALENDAR OF NATURE,
by William Howitt

1st edition, London, 1831. A rather popular work, this book went through three editions before 1850.

We have here a book calculated to do all that books can do to excite a spirit of attachment to Nature—one expressly adapted to the climate and customs of England, but none the less acceptable to the lovers of natural scenery of whatever clime or nation—neither too scientific, nor too much abounding in technical term and phrases to be comprehended by the general reader, nor yet of too miscellaneous and catch-penny a stamp for the would-be literate or blue stockings. "My plan has been" says the author, "to furnish an original article on the general appearances of Nature in each month, drawing entirely from my own regular observation through many seasons; and finally, to superadd a great variety of facts from the best sources, as well as such as occurred to myself after the principle [sic] article was written. To these a complete table of the Migrations of Birds; a copious list of Garden Plants which come into flower in the month; a Botanical Calendar and an Entomological catalogue; a notice of Rural occupations, and finally, one of Angling, are added."

(*Ibid.*, pp. Vi-vii. I have not attempted to call attention to Thoreau's errors in transcription or to other than his most egregious slips in grammatical usage.)

See line 9. Howitt reads "regular observations."

T. abbreviated his quotations. Compare, for example, Howitt, ed. *Princ.*, vii: "...a Botanical Calendar, including a select number of the most beautiful or interesting British plants, and an Entomological Catalogue of about three hundred of the most common or remarkable insects; a notice of Rural Occupations, and, finally, one of Angling, are added."

There are certain pure and substantial pleasures, pleasures springing from a never failing source, which are absolutely denied those who are destitute of pure and elevated principle, whose sordid views extend no further than the profitable, who cannot contemplate the meandering brook without, in imagination, polluting its waters with a mill-wheel⁸

"Mill-wheel." Cf. His theme, "Advantages and Disadvantages of Foreign Influence on American Literature" (April, before 6, 1836: "True, there are some amongst us who can contemplate the babbling brook without (in imagination) polluting its waters with a mill-wheel; but even they are prone to sing of skylarks...."

Far less enviable in my eyes, is their condition, than that of

"The poor Indian, whose untutor'd mind
Sees God in clouds, or hears him [in] the wind."



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No one, perhaps, possesses materials for happiness in such abundance, or has the sources of contentment and pure enjoyment so completely under his thumb, as the lover of Nature. Her devotee is never alone; the solitary vale is as the crowded city, even there may he "hold sweet converse" with nature; even, did I say? Here is she most garrulous, most communicative; this her home—her country-seat, where she resides all the year round. This love is universal, it is emphatically natural. The inhabitant of the desert talks of home—prized home—he leaves home and he returns home; to him there is nothing like home and her homely comforts. The desert, in his eyes, is blooming as the rose. The Greenlander, dwelling on the very brink of Symmes' hole exposed to the rigorous cold of the northern latitudes, with the bear's flesh and train oil to solace him, an inhabitant of snow and ice not of earth, crawls into a snow-bank, and yet his heart is not so frozen but that he feels at home. The tanned and dusky African realizes the delights of "de dear native land" in dancing a jog on (not under) the equator. We find that no region is so barren or so desolate as not to afford some human being a home. But Nature's home is everywhere, and in whatever clime, her devotee is at home with her. The attachment to his country which is manifested by the mariner, as he looses [sic] sight of "the blue hue of his native land," (as Irving has beautifully expressed it,) and which is at no time more strongly felt than when, on some distant strand his thoughts revert to the well-known steeple, the most conspicuous object in a country village, the slowly winding stream which flows at the foot of the hill where he netted in Autumn and coasted in Winter, the cart path that leads down to the great meadows where the grapes were as thick as blackberries and cranberries were to be had for the picking, this attachment, I say, this love of natural scenery, (for they are equivalent—which explains the truth of the observation, that no one is more fond of home than the traveller,) is so interwoven with the best feelings of our nature that it would seem obscure to suppose it associated with meaner and baser sentiments, or vice in any shape. The great and good of every age and nation have felt its influence. Poetry, from Chaucer's to the present time has teemed with it. The lost of his sight did not shut out Nature from the view of Milton; the rich store-house of his mind was a source of serene and elevated pleasure in his hours of darkness—the inmost recesses of the Garden of Eden were as plainly visible to him as the light of day could have made them. "Between the poet and nature," says Schlegel, "no less than between the poet and man, there is a sympathy of feeling. Not only in the song of the Nightingale, or in the melodies to which all men listen, but even in the roar of the stream, and the rushing of the forest, the poet thinks that he hears a kindred voice of sorrow or of gladness; as if spirits and feelings like our own were calling to use from afar, or seeking to sympathize and communicate with us from the utmost nearness to which their natures will allow them to approach us. It is for the purpose of listening to these tones, and of holding mysterious converse with the soul of nature, that every great poetry is a lover of solitude."⁹

So much for Germany; with how much more truth would these remarks apply to America; "America," in the words of the Novelist, "with her beautiful and stupendous scenes of nature; her immense lakes; her broad and sweeping rivers; her clime melting into all the variety of the globe; her cataraacts shaking the earth; her mountains kissing the heavens; her solitudes and forests, yet hushed in primeval silence."

January is derived from the Latin, Janus, door-keeper of heaven, and God of peace. Under this head is described a great storm which will serve as a specimen of the author's style, "Frost-keen biting frost is in the ground and in the air, a bitter scythe-edged, perforating wind from the north; or what is worse, the north-east, sweeps the descending snow along, whirling it from the open fields, and driving it against whatever opposes its course. People who are obliged to be passing to and fro muffle up their faces, and bow their heads to the blast. There is no loitering, no street-gossiping, no stopping to make recognition of each other; they shuffle along the most wintry objects of the scene, bearing on their fronts the tokens of the storm. Against every house, rock or bank the snow-drift accumulates. It curls over the tops of walls and hedges in fantastic wildness, forming often the most perfect curves, resembling the scrolls of Ionic capitals, and showing beneath romantic caves and canopies."¹⁰

February is so called from the Roman custom of burning expiatory sacrifices, Februalia. "Nothing can perhaps illustrate so livingly our idea of a spirit," says Howitt, "as a mighty wind—present in its amazing power and sublimity, yet seen only in its effects. We are whirled along with its careening torrent with irresistible [sic] power."¹¹ Who can stand on the verge of the forest, at the approach of nightfall, on the eve of a tempest, and hear it as it comes rushing and roaring in its mad career, without being influenced by overwhelming ideas of majesty, grandeur, and the awful power of the elements.

March, the first month in antiquity, was named so after Mars the god of War, because he was the father of their first prince. All Nature is now reviving; the earth throws off her snowy mantle and puts on the garb of spring; the squirrel comes forth from his subterranean abode to snuff the fresh air, and commences his sprightly gambols along the walls and hedges, or skip from tree to tree, seemingly in mere sport. The air is still too chilly for the feathered race, though the shrill and doleful note of the jay is heard in the orchards.

April is so called from the Latin, Aprilis, which is derived from Aperire, to open. The allusion is obvious. "April shows/Bring forth May flowers," is one of the old sayings which possess no intrinsic merit of their own, but derive all their interest from the association of ideas, as Stewart would say.

[Pope, *Essay on Man*, I, 99-100.]

[See Milton, *Paradise Lost*, IX, 909, and Shakespeare's *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, I, iii, 31.]

[Isaiah 35:1.]

[Symes' Hole is mentioned in the last chapter of *Walden*. For commentary on Capt. John Cleves Symmes and his belief that the earth was hollow and open at the poles (*Theory of Concentric Spheres*, 1826) see Joseph Jones, *Index to Walden*, Austin, [1955], p. 49]

Unidentified. The language resembles that of passages in Lydia Maria (Francis) Child's *The Rebels*; or, Boston before the Revolution (see esp. The "Preface") and in Irving's "The Author's Account of Himself" at the beginning of *The Sketch Book*.

Cf. Whittier's "Snow-Bound: A Winter Idyl" and Emerson's "The Snow-Storm." This much of Howitt the New Englander could fully appreciate.

¹⁰Ibid., pp. 4-5.

¹¹Ibid., p. 42

T. had recently completed Dugald Stewart's *ELEMENTS OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN MIND*—required for the first term of the Junior year. Chap. V. deals with the association of ideas.



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May is so called from the Goddess Maia. This is, perhaps, the pleasantest month of the 12. The Botanist may now commence his rambles without much fear of suffocating heat or intense cold. Now also commences the harvest of death, and woe be unto the unlucky squirrel[,] bob lincoln, or black bird that [ventures?] to approach the haunts of man, or sit within the range of an old French-piece or horse-pistol! Every stripling that can shoulder a musket, or can hold up one end while the other rests on a rail, or can muster courage to touch off a wooden cannon without shutting his eyes is up and stirring betimes. And then what a rattling of ramrods! What a demand for wadding paper with which to stuff the pockets of the ragged troop that one may see assembled around the instrument of death, ready to counsel and assist, nay, even to take charge of the weapon itself should the absence of its present proprietor make it necessary. And now if some stray sparrow should have the imprudence to perch upon a neighboring post, tree, or rock, or if a bob-lincoln holding in utter contempt the marksmanship of the musket-bearer, should approach within gunshot, then what a scateration takes place; some are seen to ensconce themselves behind a tree, others fall flat upon the ground, while some favored 2 or 3 boldly accompany their leader to the work of death. The barrel is slowly raised, the now diminished group satisfy themselves that the right angle of elevation is attained, and then the hero of the day, with the rest to back him pulls the trigger. Tick, goes the lock, and now succeeds a hissing noise which proves the success of the experiment, showing that the powder is subjected to the process of ignition; endued with the patience of Job our hero abides the result. The passerby will not probably have proceeded many rods before he is startled by the report, which reverberating through the surrounding forest produces a startling effect upon myriads of the smaller birds and quadrupeds, and, perhaps disturbs, for a moment, the calm, unruffled serenity of the victim. Then for the hurry, bustle, and confusion of the motley crew who are hastening to be in at the death. The victim is finally transmitted to the hands of the executioner as completely base and destitute of feathers, as the callow young who are piping anything but melody in the deserted nest.

June, probably from Juno, in honor of whom a festival was held at the beginning of this month. "June," says Howitt, "is the very carnival of Nature, and she is prodigal of her luxuries. It is luxury to walk abroad indulging every sense with sweetness, loveliness, and harmony. It is luxury to stand beneath the forest side, when all is still and basking at noon; and to see the landscape suddenly darken, the black and tumultuous clouds assemble as at a signal; to hear the awful thunder crash upon the listening air; and then to mark the glorious bow rise on the lurid rear of the tempest, the sun laugh jocundly abroad, and

Every bathed leaf and blossom fair
Pour out its soul to the delicious air.

It is luxury to plunge into the cool river; and, if we are tempted to turn angles, it must be now. To steal away into a quiet valley, by a winding stream, buried, completely buried, in fresh grass; the foam-like flower of the meadow sweet, the crimson loose-strife, and the large blue geranium nodding beside us; the dragon fly, the ephemera, and the kingfisher glancing to and fro; the trees above casting their flickering shadows on the stream; and one of our 10,000 volumes of delightful literature in our pockets—then indeed might one be a most patient angler though taking not a single fin."¹²

July, from J. Caesar. "Now is the general season of hay-making. There is a sound of tinkling teams and waggons rolling along lanes and fields the whole country over, ay, even at midnight, till at length, the fragrant ricks rise in the farmyard, and the pale, smooth shaven fields are left in solitary beauty."¹³

Honest old Isaak Walton has done much in his quaint style, to impart an interest to quiet haunts and streams—to cool and shady banks, which if they are ever interesting are peculiarly so this month. Nature has spread her flowering carpet over the earth, and a thousand ripening berries invite the wanderer to prolong his walks.

Howitt's discussion of May is literary and concerns the month of marriages. T. substitutes a memorable picture of New England boyhood in Concord village. Compare the opening pages of "Higher Laws" in Walden.

[Continued from p. 144.] See Outre-Mer, II, 245-247: "...amid these scenes and musings—amid all the novelties of the old world, and the quick succession of images...there were always fond regrets and longings after the land of my birth, lurking in the secret corners of my heart. When I stood by the seashore, and listened to the melancholy and familiar roar of its waves, it seemed but a step from the threshold of a foreign land to the fireside of home; and when I watched the out-bound sail, fading over the water's edge, and losing itself in the blue mists of the sea, my heart

¹²Outre-Mer, II, pp. 176-7. Should read: "176-178."

¹³Outre-Mer, II, pp. xxv. Should read: "224-225."

T. here summarizes Howitt's p. Xxv.



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August, from Augustus. The grand feature of this month is Corn Harvest. Berries of almost every description are now perfectly ripe; the sports-man may be seen, drenched with the morning dew,—rambling about the fields, or reconnoitering the hedges, in search of game; the orchards assume a rosy tint, which is a sign that the season for commencing depredations has already set in. A walk in any direction is delightful, but a quiet cart-path leading through the woods to some sylvan dell, some well known spot, a “Sleepy Hollow” for instance, is preferable. Sept. It is the height of enjoyment, reclined at length upon the turf, in the shade of a noble tree, to give reins to the imagination—to hearken to the audible silence that prevails around the hum of 10000 insects with which the air is filled—the materials, it would seem of which the atmosphere is composed. It is at such times that man realizes that he is indeed the Lord of Creation. What can be more majestic than a stately oak presiding with parental care over the surrounding fields, with arms outstretched, as it were, to protect the traveller! What an idea of independence it suggests! There it stands and there it has stood for ages; generation after generation has passed away, and still we talk of the oak; from year to year the birds have build their nests and carolled in its branches, and the squirrel frisked from bough to bough; The tired Indian, perchance, in times gone by, has sought shelter and refreshment in its shade. To use the words of a novelist, for novelists sometimes speak the truth, “The fruit of an insignificant seed, you were planted by accident, and grew in neglect; and now you appear flinging abroad your branches to heaven, striking your roots deep into the hearth, bending and groaning sometimes beneath the storm, but never yielding to its fury; and towering above the surrounding woods, till the remote revolutions of time and nature shall lay your lofty honors in the dust.” Oct. Nothing can be more pleasing to the eye than the appearance of the woods at this season. Green is allowed by most oculists [sic] to be the color which the eye may dwell upon with the least injury, as it is certainly that to which it is most accustomed. The trees have now thrown off their green costume and assumed a variegated dress of orange, red, brown, and yellow, a yellowish brown predominating. The waving surface of the forest, as from some height the eye runs over the sea of colors, invites the beholder to come down and stalk sat large over the undulating, but seemingly compact plane, to explore each nook and cranny, the haunts of hawks and ravens.

Nov. There is nothing melancholy in Nature.” If there is, where is it? It is in the op’ning bud of Spring—youthful boy-ant [sic] Spring, in the blooming flower of Summer, or the yellow harvest of Autumn? To the eye of the dyspeptic, to be sure, all is stamped with melancholy. Let him walk out into the fields—take no exercise, but get as much as he can—let him look at the butterfly pursuing its zigzag course from flower to flower, and from field to field, and then talk of Dyspepsia: why it would puzzle the Blue Devils to follow suite. Do you think they would feel at home by the side of its gaudy opinions? Oh no! They would ‘vanish into thin air.’ But some, in a doleful tone, will remind you of the fall of the leaf.

Every tree sends forth its thousands—away they go, flying hither and thither, up and down, in search of a resting place. Behold dame Partlet sailing up the avenue with feathers all erect, urged by rude Boreas to an unwonted pace; or see how familiarly that North-western plays with the coat-flaps of the traveller, or sends him over stone walls and rail fences to fish his beaver out of a pond-hole. This is indeed melancholy. The following are the words of one possessed of what he calls the golden abundance and profuse beauty of this magnificent globe, one who is ready to resign the true riches of this world to the uncivilised savage, and the poverty-stricken peasant.

“Those luscious ever-green valleys, those luxuriant hills, those rich slopes, clothed with the most gorgeous fruits and the tenderest and deepest verdure, and more than all, those gentle and transparent skies, seem beneficently designed for man in his more uncivilized state, or for the poor.” The so-called rich may enjoy all the honors that titled rank can confer, they may revel in luxury and dissipation [sic], and count their wealth by thousands and tens of thousands,—but if they reject or are denied those gifts which Nature alone can bestow,—they are poor indeed. Is it poverty to breathe [sic] the free air of heaven, to satisfy the cravings of hunger with the simple fruits of the soil, to quench the natural thirst from the running water of the brook, or to seek refreshment for the wearied limbs on the lap of our common mother Earth? Is it wealth to monopolise the confined air of a pleasure carriage, to wage continual war with Nature, to pore over the hues of a few home-sick and stinted [sic?] exotics to gratify the least intellectual of the 5 senses? Does it consist in the profession of one half this sunny little farm the Earth without enjoying a foot, or in the putting in jeopardy the health and spirits by swallowing the earliest green cucumber?

Concord had its “Sleepy Hollow.” The phrase also suggests Irving’s “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” and “Rip Van Winkle.”

Probably T’s paraphrase of Coleridge’s famous line in “The Nightingale:”

‘Most musical, most melancholy’ bird! A melancholy bird? Oh! Idle thought! In Nature there is nothing melancholy.

Howitt begins his discussion of November with two pages on melancholy Ossian, whose harp is a “harp of sorrow.” “It breathes perpetually of melancholy tenderness.” (369) “...we are now surrounded by precisely the melancholy images in which he delight. We are in a month of darkness, storms, and mists.” (370). T. Laughs at the concept. As a Transcendentalist, he holds to Quantum sumus scimus. To the alert and happy person—to the God-directed—November can be a month of glee. T. Indulges in delightful irony at Howitt’s expense.

“Those luscious ever-green valleys...” Source?

“thousands and tens of thousands....” For this allusion, see 1 Samuel 18:7ff. T. Used it again in his theme, “Advantages and Disadvantages of Foreign Influence on American Literature,” April, [before 6], 1835: “The Press is daily sending forth its thousands and tens of thousands; for the publisher says ‘it is profitable.”



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December. Nature is left in undisturbed possession of the country, while man resorts to his burrow the city.

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1836, MARCH 31+ [HM945] [The following is appended to T's review of William Howitt and was possibly written shortly thereafter. His source might have been: Francis Parkman, "Salem Witchcraft," Christian Examiner, XI (n.s., VI) (1831-1832) pp. 240-259 (a review of Charles W. Upham's Lectures on Witchcraft. Parkman quotes from Cotton Mather's diary: "July 1, 1724. This day being our insipid, ill-contrived anniversary, which we call the commencement, I chose to spend it at home in supplications, partly on the behalf of the College, that it may not be foolishly thrown away, but that God may bestow such a President upon it as may prove a rich blessing unto it and unto all our churches." Mather has some where observed, "July 1, 1724. This day being our insipid, ill-contrived anniversary, which we call the commencement



April 3, Easter Sunday morning: Frederick Douglass was thrown into jail in Easton, the county seat, in Maryland, charged with complicity in a plan to escape from the labor gang of William Freeland.⁴¹¹ Douglass had used his laboriously acquired knowledge of language to compose passes or "protections" for himself and a number of other field laborers. Here Douglass later reconstructs the substance of what he had written in these "protections," despite the fact that upon the failure of the escape plan all copies of the "protections" had been destroyed by the slaves:



*"This is to certify that I, the undersigned, have given the bearer, my servant, full liberty to go to Baltimore, and spend the Easter holidays.
Written with mine own hand, &c., 1835.*

"WILLIAM HAMILTON,

"Near St. Michael's, in Talbot county, Maryland."

Quite possibly, one of the members of the group plotting this escape has informed on the others.

At the climax of the dedication of the temple of the Mormons in Kirtland, Ohio on this Easter Sunday, people were channeling not only Christ Jesus, but also Moses, and Elijah.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th M 3rd (1st day) 1836 / Meetings both silent & solid -While I fully believe a sound & living Gospel Ministry is a great blessing to a Meeting I am also as fully in the belief that is is not absolutely necessary to Make a good Meeting, for I have no doubt that many at our Meetings today were sensibly edified in Silent Waiting - While I was sensible that my own spirit could

411. Later, in his autobiography, Douglass would play on words in the Thoreauvian style:

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But, by this time, I began to want to live **upon free land** as well as **with Freeland**; and I was no longer content, therefore, to live with him or any other slaveholder.



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not impart much religious weight I was confirmed it was a season of refreshment to others. -

After Meeting in the Afternoon with Brother Isaac attended the funeral of Patience Lina a woman of colour who was the daughter of old Betty Dyre who with her Mother, who was known in the family as Mother Moll were the family Servants of my Great Grandfather Samuel Clarke of Connanicut, & we felt it due to Patience to pay her so much respectful remembrance as to attend her funeral - I well remember (from my childhood to the day of her death & attended her funeral) Betty Dyre & her Husband James Dyre - I have heard my Mother say James was the favorite servant of Sam Dyre & that when James & Betty were married - Grandfather Clarke made a wedding for them at his House & Saml Dyre attended it & them [then] Saml Dyre made another at his house which Grandfather Clarke came over to Saml Dyres & attended also - this was an uncommon occurrence in those days.

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April 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 4th M 1836 / As I have frequently done, I visited Aunt Stanton, who is truly a most Miserable object both in body & Mind, ever since uncles decease she has been loosing her reason & the greater part of the time quite frantic & full of the most unreasonable halucinations of Mind & a few weeks ago fell & hurt her hip which deprived her of walking - Last first Day her nurse & caretaker discovered she had a bad Sore come very suddenly on The lower part of her back & hips, which first appeard like a spot as black as a hat, at first it was about as big as the Palm of the hand, & when a thin black Scale came off it appeared inflamed & began to run very putrid matter - the sore is increasing & she is this Afternoon very weak & low, & how long she can remain in her present condition is uncertain - but it is very afflicting to see her under so much suffering in body & her mind also so distressed that no human effort can alleviate or soothe in any degree - I suggested to her this Afternoon that I was sorry to see her in such a State of mind, as it did not seem from present appearances that she could remain in this life much longer - But it did not seem to affect her in any way. -

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April 7, Thursday: Death of [William Godwin](#) in London. The body would be interred next to Mary Wollstonecraft in the burial ground of Old St. Pancras Church (in 1851 both would be moved to Bournemouth Churchyard to be placed next to Mary Shelley).

Here is a fragment that by chance has been preserved, evidently of a [Harvard College](#) essay by [David Henry Thoreau](#) on [Sir Henry Vane](#) although we do not have a record of Professor Channing having made this one of his assignments. The fragmentary essay is now at the Huntington Library in Pasadena, California. At least a third of a page is missing at its center. At its end this fragment bears the marking "Concord, April 7th 1836." The "Clarendon" reference in the text would be to Edward Hyde, 1st Earl of Clarendon's 1717 HISTORY OF THE REBELLION AND CIVIL WARS IN ENGLAND: BEGUN IN THE YEAR 1641:

... The fact that he was no party man, the leader of no sect, but equally to be feared by the foes of freedom and religion every where, explains the circumstance of his being passed over, with little if any notice, by the historians of the day. The age in which he lived was not worthy of him, his contemporaries knew not how to appreciate his talents or his motives to action, the principles which he advanced, the great truths which he foretold were soon to shake the civilized world to its very center, and before which the bulwarks of tyranny and oppression were to crumble away, were to them absolutely unintelligible, unmeaning nonsense – opposed to that "clearness of ratiocination" which even Clarendon allowed him to possess in conversation. It was peculiarly the duty of America to brush away the dust of ages that had collected around his name – to clear off the cobwebs that prejudices and calumny had spun ... of argument in defence of liberty religious and political, were the captives that adorned his triumph – assembled multitudes formed the procession – the talent, wealth, and nobility of the kingdom were collected around his chariot, to wonder and admire. Thus fell Vane,

"Than whom", in the words of a kindred spirit,
"a better senator ne'er held
"The helm of Rome, when gowns, not arms, repelled"
"The fierce Epirot, and the African bold,"
"Whether to settle peace, or to unfold"
"The drift of hollow states hard to be spelled."
On whose "firm hand Religion leans"
"In peace, and reckons" -him- "her eldest son".

Equally the terror of evil-doers, and the praise of those who did well wherever and whoever they might be.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7th of 4th M 1836 / Our Meeting was silent - but some of the few who met I trust were sensible & knew the Source from whence worship was performed - It was but a low time with me. -


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
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 April 10, Sunday: Richard P. Robinson murdered famed New-York [prostitute](#) Helen Jewett. Because of her profession few would complain when a bribed jury would acquit Robinson and he would be set free.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 4th M / Our Meetings were both silent, but to me very solid seasons –

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 April 12, Tuesday: Despite his serious injuries from being mauled by a Bengal tiger, [John Adams](#) got married with Cylena (“Selma” or “Cylie” or “Selena”) Drury (January 1, 1816-February 19, 1866) in Spencer, Massachusetts.⁴¹² For a period of about 15 years he would be working in the shoemaking business in the vicinity of Boston. The marriage would produce a daughter Arathusea Elizabeth Adams (1843-November 8, 1875) and a son Seymour Adams (December 25, 1845-July 23, 1865). Eventually there would be financial difficulty, occasioned by the loss by fire in St. Louis of a consignment of Adams’s shoes and boots.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 12th of 4th M / This Morning I recd a letter from my fr Joshua Lynch of Ohio – It mentioned his prospect of attending our approaching Y Meeting & that of NYork – In the evening Stephen A Chase called & set the evening with us – he has been to his Father James Robinsons & is on his way home to Salem in the Morning Steam Boat – Thos P Nichols also called in a little while in the evening. –

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412. I bet you didn’t know [Henry Thoreau](#) lived within a few miles of [Grizzly Adams](#)!





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April 14, Thursday: The brothers Friend [William Henry Harvey](#) and Friend Joseph Harvey embarked in Cape Town, South Africa for the journey back to the British Isles.

[David Henry Thoreau](#)'s [Harvard College](#) essay on assignment "Literary Digressions." Under this date in Thoreau's literary notebook there is a detached fragment which appears to be the conclusion to a forensic which might have been titled something like "Do Digressions or Examples Destroy the Unity of a Literary Work?" This detached fragment, which Thoreau indicates that he wrote while in Concord town, evidently on vacation, rather than while in Cambridge town, reads as follows:

author may chance, here and there, to throw out, upon the characters and actions of his personages, and which are regarded by the majority of his readers as interrupting to the course of the narative [sic], and are generally passed over with little if any notice, for wherein, I would ask, do these differ from the admonitions and exhortations of the express moral teacher? Perhaps his interests in the work, like an accompanying sweet, may induce the reader to swallow the bitter potion. Physiologists, however, would say, "let the draught be swallowed voluntarily, if you would expect it to produce its full effect!" With regard to the "exemplification" business, it reminds me of the fable of the lion and the painter; — if lions had been painters it would have been otherwise. Examples may be divided into good and bad.

In exegesis of this fragment's "*reminds me of the fable of the lion and the painter; — if lions had been painters it would have been otherwise,*" we may refer to the fables of [Æsop](#)⁴¹³.

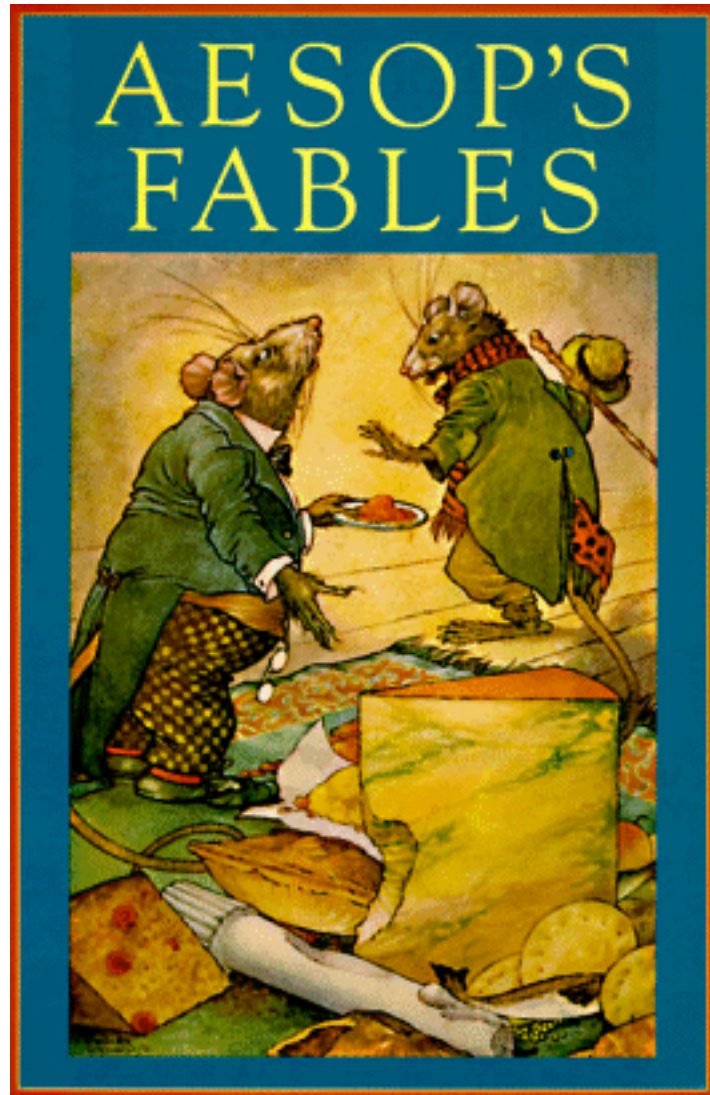
413. Do not assume that you know the [Æsop](#) fables. Most editions are highly selective, and your experience may well be with a very partial and tendentious subset of the fables. For the Greek text, consult Ben Perry's *AESOPICA* (which can be ordered from amazon.com, shipped in 4-6 weeks), and for an English translation, consult Ben Perry's Loeb edition of BABRIUS AND PHAEDRUS (shipped within 2-3 days from amazon.com). This Loeb volume contains in addition English translations of 143 Greek verse fables by Babrius, 126 Latin verse fables by Phaedrus, 328 Greek fables not extant in Babrius, and 128 Latin fables not extant in Phaedrus (including some medieval materials) for a total of 725 fables.



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Page 41 of the Ernest Rhys edition:⁴¹⁴

Once upon a time a Man and a Lion were journeying together, and came at length to high words which was the braver and stronger creature of the two. As the dispute waxed warmer they happened to pass by, on the road-side, a statue of a man strangling a lion. "See there," said the Man; "what more undeniable proof can you have of our superiority than that?" "That," said the Lion, "is your version of the story; let us be the sculptors, and for one lion under the feet of a man, you shall have twenty men under the paw of a lion." Men are but sorry witnesses in their own cause.

Steve Mailleaux's version:

A Man and a Lion traveled together through the forest. They soon began to boast of their respective superiority

⁴¹⁴. London, 1936.



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to each other in strength and prowess. As they were disputing, they passed a statue carved in stone, which represented “a Lion strangled by a Man.” The traveler pointed to it and said: “See there! How strong we are, and how we prevail over even the king of beasts.” The Lion replied: “This statue was made by one of you men. If we Lions knew how to erect statues, you would see the Man placed under the paw of the Lion.” One story is good, till another is told.

[There is, however, an interesting cross-pollination here between the fables of [Æsop](#) and the philosophical fragments of the Presocratic Eleatic [Xenophanes](#). For three of his sentences as incidentally preserved for our eyes in the seven books of the MISCELLANIES (*STROMATEIS*) of St. Clement of Alexandria (but not elsewhere) read as follows:

#14: But mortals deem that the gods are begotten as they are, and have clothes like theirs, and voice and form. (5.109)

#15: Yes, and if oxen and horses or lions had hands, and could paint with their hands, and produce works of art as men do, horses would paint the forms of the gods like horses, and oxen like oxen, and make their bodies in the image of their several kinds. (5.110)

#16: The Ethiopians make their gods black and snub-nosed; the Thracians say theirs have blue eyes and red hair. (7.22)]



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CAPE COD: It is remarkable that there is not in English any adequate or correct account of the French exploration of what is now the coast of New England, between 1604 and 1608, though it is conceded that they then made the first permanent European settlement on the continent of North America north of St. Augustine. If the lions had been the painters it would have been otherwise. This omission is probably to be accounted for partly by the fact that the early edition of Champlain's "Voyages" had not been consulted for this purpose. This contains by far the most particular, and, I think, the most interesting chapter of what we may call the Ante-Pilgrim history of New England, extending to one hundred and sixty pages quarto; but appears to be unknown equally to the historian and the orator on Plymouth Rock. Bancroft does not mention Champlain at all among the authorities for De Monts' expedition, nor does he say that he ever visited the coast of New England. Though he bore the title of pilot to De Monts, he was, in another sense, the leading spirit, as well as the historian of the expedition. Holmes, Hildreth, and Barry, and apparently all our historians who mention Champlain, refer to the edition of 1632, in which all the separate charts of our harbors, &c., and about one half the narrative, are omitted; for the author explored so many lands afterward that he could afford to forget a part of what he had done. Hildreth, speaking of De Monts's expedition, says that "he looked into the Penobscot [in 1605], which Pring had discovered two years before," saying nothing about Champlain's extensive exploration of it for De Monts in 1604 (Holmes says 1608, and refers to Purchas); also that he followed in the track of Pring along the coast "to Cape Cod, which he called Malabarre." (Haliburton had made the same statement before him in 1829. He called it Cap Blanc, and Malle Barre (the Bad Bar) was the name given to a harbor on the east side of the Cape.) Pring says nothing about a river there. Belknap says that Weymouth discovered it in 1605. Sir F. Gorges says, in his narration (Maine Hist. Coll., Vol. II. p. 19), 1658, that Pring in 1606 "made a perfect discovery of all the rivers and harbors." This is the most I can find. Bancroft makes Champlain to have discovered more western rivers in Maine, not naming the Penobscot; he, however, must have been the discoverer of distances on this river (see Belknap, p. 147). Pring was absent from England only about six months, and sailed by this part of Cape Cod (Malebarre) because it yielded no sassafras, while the French, who probably had not heard of Pring, were patiently for years exploring the coast in search of a place of settlement, sounding and surveying its harbors.

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CHAMPLAIN

WEBSTER

BANCROFT

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HOLMES

HALIBURTON

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A WEEK: It is remarkable that Homer and a few Hebrews are the most Oriental names which modern Europe, whose literature has taken its rise since the decline of the Persian, has admitted into her list of Worthies, and perhaps the **worthiest** of mankind, and the fathers of modern thinking, – for the contemplations of those Indian sages have influenced, and still influence, the intellectual development of mankind, – whose works even yet survive in wonderful completeness, are, for the most part, not recognized as ever having existed. If the lions had been the painters it would have been otherwise. In every one's youthful dreams philosophy is still vaguely but inseparably, and with singular truth, associated with the East, nor do after years discover its local habitation in the Western world. In comparison with the philosophers of the East, we may say that modern Europe has yet given birth to none. Beside the vast and cosmogonical philosophy of the Bhagvat-Geeta, even our Shakespeare seems sometimes youthfully green and practical merely. Some of these sublime sentences, as the Chaldaean oracles of Zoroaster, still surviving after a thousand revolutions and translations, alone make us doubt if the poetic form and dress are not transitory, and not essential to the most effective and enduring expression of thought. *Ex oriente lux* may still be the motto of scholars, for the Western world has not yet derived from the East all the light which it is destined to receive thence. It would be worthy of the age to print together the collected Scriptures or Sacred Writings of the several nations, the Chinese, the Hindoos, the Persians, the Hebrews, and others, as the Scripture of mankind. The New Testament is still, perhaps, too much on the lips and in the hearts of men to be called a Scripture in this sense. Such a juxtaposition and comparison might help to liberalize the faith of men. This is a work which Time will surely edit, reserved to crown the labors of the printing-press. This would be the Bible, or Book of Books, which let the missionaries carry to the uttermost parts of the earth.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 14th of 4th M / Our Meeting was small & silent, but a good solid & favour'd season to me for which I feel thankful – Father Rodman was out & the first time he has been at Meeting since he was taken unwell. –

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April 17, Sunday: At the Vienna Musikverein, Overture in D D.556 by Franz Schubert was performed publicly for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 4 M / Father was out at Meeting this mornng & preached a little twice – both offerings I thought were Savory. – Silent Meeting in the Afternoon & I thought both were favoured Meetings



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This evening a little before 10 OClock Benjamin Hadwen departed this life Aged 79 Years & almost three Months - After a long time of Infermity & weakness - He was the Son of our Worthy friend John Hadwen & Elizabeth his Wife. -

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April 19, Tuesday: [Caleb G. Forshey](#) got married with Margaret Monroe, a 1st cousin. There would be a daughter Margaret Forshey, born during July 1838, but I have been unable to discover what happened to this initial child, and this wife would die during August 1843.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 4 M 1836 / Recd this Afternoon a letter from my dear Aged friend [Moses Brown](#), which speaks of the state of Society in England as exhibited by documents he has lately received - It is afflicting to find that many in that land & some in our own, who have embraced doctrines divers from those of Fox Barclay Pennington & Penn & seem again to be merging into those of the Episcopal Church & of Calvin - but I trust the Seed of the Church & a true Quakerism will remain, & tho' it may be in but few, that few will continue to exist - Oh may I stand unshaken in the doctrines of hour dear Ancient Friends. -

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April 20, Wednesday: Giuseppe Verdi signed a contract to be maestro di musica in Busseto, a position that would obligate him to reside in Busseto ten months of every year, give vocal, instrumental, counterpoint, and composition lessons, and conduct the Philharmonic Society.

Prince Johann I of Liechtenstein died and was succeeded by his son Alois II.

Antonio Jose de Sousa, Manuel e Meneses Severim de Noronha, duque de Terceira, marques e conde de Vila-Flor replaced Jose Jorge Loureiro as prime minister of Portugal.

Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka petitioned Alyeksandr Mikhailovich Gedeonov, Imperial Theater director, to accept A Life for the Tsar for production.

In St. Petersburg, an aria and chorus for Bakhturin's play The Moldavian Girl and the Gypsy Girl by Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka were performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 4 M / This Afternoon attended the funeral of Benjamin Hadwen he was buried from the House now owned by the Widow Tew Corner of Marlborough & Meeting Streets - in this House I went several Years to School Kept by Nicholas Garrison & his wife we sat in the room where the School was kept - The Sitting was a very solid good little opportunity & Father was there & preached a very appropriate & Sweet little testimony which I



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*doubt not was acceptable to All & I trust was edifying to some
-While sitting in this room the scenes of my childhood passed
in review on to manhood to the present day & in prospective to
the final close -- I also remembered that it was the house once
owned by John Round & in which he lived & entertained his Brother
in Law John Fothergil of which his speaks in his journal. -*

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April 21, Thursday: At 4PM, [Sam Houston](#)'s army of 800 attacked General Antonio López de Santa Anna y Pérez de Lebrón's army of 1,400 at San Jacinto, and in 20 minutes the issue was decided. General Houston took a gunshot in the lower right leg. General Santa Anna was taken prisoner. The Americans lost 6 killed and 13 wounded while the Mexicans lost 630 killed and 208 wounded. At the beginning of the fight US Army Colonel Sidney Sherman had uttered a famous inspirational slogan, "Remember the Alamo," and it would appear that some of his audience had heard this slogan as a code for "Take no prisoners" — for some of the 630 Mexicans killed on this day had been attempting to surrender.⁴¹⁵

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 21st of 4th M 1836 / Our first meeting was a solid time
of favour Father was twice engaged in testimony & Elizabeth Wing
once - In the second which was preparative the queries were all
answered, it being the Meeting previous to the Yearly Meeting -
After the Preparative Meeting Our Select Meeting for Ministers
& Elders was also held at the close of the Preparative Meeting
which was a time of some Searching & much favour, my mind was
engaged to speak & I did it in a way which affords peace & an
evidence that I am not forsaken or out of the right way in some
respects at least - Elizabeth Wing bore a faithful testimony as
did Father on several occasions in remarking on the Answers to
the queries -*

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April 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24th of 4 M / Our Meetings were solid good seasons -
Fathers communications in each I thought were seasonable &
pertinent - Ann Hopkins was at meeting in the Afternoon, & in
the eveng I visited her at Henry Goulds where she is spending a
few days. -*

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) went aboard the *California*.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

415. To avoid misunderstanding we need to be careful what we say and how we say it (for instance, there appear to be some folks who suppose "Never forget the Holocaust" to mean "Let's kill all the Germans before they have a chance to start this stuff again").



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Sunday, April, 24th. We had now been nearly seven weeks in San Diego, and had taken in the greater part of our cargo, and were looking out, every day, for the arrival of the *California*, which had our agent on board; when, this afternoon, some Kanakas, who had been over the hill for rabbits and to fight rattlesnakes, came running down the path, singing out, singing out, “Kail ho!” with all their might. Mr. H., our third mate, was ashore, and asking them particularly about the size of the sail, etc., and learning that it was “Moku– Nui Moku,” hailed our ship, and said that the *California* was on the other side of the point. Instantly, all hands were turned up, the bow guns run out and loaded, the ensign and broad pennant set, the yards squared by lifts and braces, and everything got ready to make a good appearance. The instant she showed her nose round the point, we began our salute. She came in under top-gallant sails, clawed up and furled her sails in good order, and came-to, within good swinging distance of us. It being Sunday, and nothing to do, all hands were on the forecastle, criticising the new-comer. She was a good, substantial ship, not quite so long as the *Alert*, and wall-sided and kettle-bottomed, after the latest fashion of south-shore cotton and sugar wagons; strong, too, and tight, and a good average sailor, but with no pretensions to beauty, and nothing in the style of a “crack ship.” Upon the whole, we were perfectly satisfied that the *Alert* might hold up her head with a ship twice as smart as she.

At night, some of us got a boat and went on board, and found a large, roomy forecastle, (for she was squarer forward than the *Alert*,) and a crew of a dozen or fifteen men and boys, sitting around on their chests, smoking and talking, and ready to give a welcome to any of our ship’s company. It was just seven months since they left Boston, which seemed but yesterday to us. Accordingly, we had much to ask, for though we had seen the newspapers that she brought, yet these were the very men who had been in Boston and seen everything with their own eyes. One of the green-hands was a Boston boy, from one of the public schools, and, of course, knew many things which we wished to ask about, and on inquiring the names of our two Boston boys, found that they had been schoolmates of his. Our men had hundreds of questions to ask about Ann street, the boarding-houses, the ships in port, the rate of wages, and other matters.

Among her crew were two English man-of-war’s-men, so that, of course, we soon had music. They sang in the true sailor’s style, and the rest of the crew, which was a remarkably musical one, joined in the choruses. They had many of the latest sailor songs, which had not yet got about among our merchantmen, and which they were very choice of. They began soon after we came on board, and kept it up until after two bells, when the second mate came forward and called “the Alerts away!” Battle-songs, drinking-songs, boat-songs, love-songs, and everything else, they seemed to have a complete assortment of, and I was glad to find that “All in the Downs,” “Poor Tom Bowline,” “The Bay of Biscay,” “List, ye Landsmen!” and all those classical songs of the sea, still held their places. In addition to these, they had picked up at the theatres and other places a few songs of a little more genteel cast, which they were very proud of; and I shall never forget hearing an old salt, who had broken his voice by hard drinking on shore, and bellowing from the mast-head in a hundred north-westerns, with all manner of ungovernable trills and quavers– in the high notes, breaking into a rough falsetto– and in the low ones, growling along like the dying away of the boatswain’s “all hands ahoy!” down the hatch-way, singing, “Oh, no, we never mention him.”

“Perhaps, like me, he struggles with
Each feeling of regret;
But if he’s loved as I have loved,
He never can forget!”



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The last line, being the conclusion, he roared out at the top of his voice, breaking each word up into half a dozen syllables. This was very popular, and Jack was called upon every night to give them his “sentimental song.” No one called for it more loudly than I, for the complete absurdity of the execution, and the sailors’ perfect satisfaction in it, were ludicrous beyond measure.

The next day, the *California* commenced unloading her cargo; and her boats’ crews, in coming and going, sang their boat-songs, keeping time with their oars. This they did all day long for several days, until their hides were all discharged, when a gang of them were sent on board the *Alert*, to help us steeve our hides.

This was a windfall for us, for they had a set of new songs for the capstan and fall, and ours had got nearly worn out by six weeks’ constant use. I have no doubt that this timely reinforcement of songs hastened our work several days.

Our cargo was now nearly all taken in; and my old friend, the *Pilgrim*, having completed her discharge, unmoored, to set sail the next morning on another long trip to windward. I was just thinking of her hard lot, and congratulating myself upon my escape from her, when I received a summons into the cabin. I went aft, and there found, seated round the cabin table, my own captain, Captain Faucon of the *Pilgrim*, and Mr. R_____, the agent. Captain T_____ turned to me and asked abruptly —

“D_____, do you want to go home in the ship?”

“Certainly, sir,” said I; “I expect to go home in the ship.”

“Then,” said he, “you must get some one to go in your place on board the *Pilgrim*.”

I was so completely “taken aback” by this sudden intimation, that for a moment I could make no reply. I knew that it would be hopeless to attempt to prevail upon any of the ship’s crew to take twelve months more upon the *California* in the brig. I knew, too, that Captain T_____ had received orders to bring me home in the *Alert*, and he had told me, when I was at the hide-house, that I was to go home in her; and even if this had not been so, it was cruel to give me no notice of the step they were going to take, until a few hours before the brig would sail. As soon as I had got my wits about me, I put on a bold front, and told him plainly that I had a letter in my chest informing me that he had been written to, by the owners in Boston, to bring me home in the ship, and moreover, that he had told me that I was to go in the ship.

To have this told him, and to be opposed in such a manner, was more than my lord paramount had been used to.

He turned fiercely upon me, and tried to look me down, and face me out of my statement; but finding that that wouldn’t do, and that I was entering upon my defence in such a way as would show to the other two that he was in the wrong,— he changed his ground, and pointed to the shipping papers of the *Pilgrim*, from which my name had never been erased, and said that there was my name,— that I belonged to her,— that he had an absolute discretionary power;— and, in short, that I must be on board the *Pilgrim* by the next morning with my chest and hammock, or have some one ready to go in my place, and that he would not hear another word from me. No court or star chamber could proceed more summarily with a poor devil, than this trio was about to do with me; condemning me to a punishment worse than a Botany Bay exile, and to a fate which would alter the whole current of my future life; for two years more in California would have made me a sailor for the rest of my days. I felt all this, and saw the necessity of being determined. I repeated what I had said, and insisted upon my right to return in the ship.

I “raised my arm, and tauld my crack,
Before them a’.”



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But it would have all availed me nothing, had I been “some poor body,” before this absolute, domineering tribunal. But they saw that I would not go, unless “vi et armis,” and they knew that I had friends and interest enough at home to make them suffer for any injustice they might do me. It was probably this that turned the matter; for the captain changed his tone entirely, and asked me if, in case any one went in my place, I would give him the same sum that S_____ gave Harris to exchange with him. I told him that if any one was sent on board the brig, I should pity him, and be willing to help him to that, or almost any amount; but would not speak of it as an exchange.

“Very well,” said he. “Go forward about your business, and send English Ben here to me!”

I went forward with a light heart, but feeling as angry, and as much contempt as I could well contain between my teeth. English Ben was sent aft, and in a few moments came forward, looking as though he had received his sentence to be hung. The captain had told him to get his things ready to go on board the brig the next morning; and that I would give him thirty dollars and a suit of clothes.

The hands had “knocked off” for dinner, and were standing about the fore-castle, when Ben came forward and told his story. I could see plainly that it made a great excitement, and that, unless I explained the matter to them, the feeling would be turned against me. Ben was a poor English boy, a stranger in Boston, and without friends or money; and being an active, willing lad, and a good sailor for his years, was a general favorite. “Oh, yes!” said the crew, “the captain has let you off, because you are a gentleman’s son, and have got friends, and know the owners; and taken Ben, because he is poor, and has got nobody to say a word for him!” I knew that this was too true to be answered, but I excused myself from any blame, and told them that I had a right to go home, at all events. This pacified them a little, but Jack had got a notion that a poor lad was to be imposed upon, and did not distinguish very clearly; and though I knew that I was in no fault, and, in fact, had barely escaped the grossest injustice, yet I felt that my berth was getting to be a disagreeable one. The notion that I was not “one of them,” which, by a participation in all their labor and hardships, and having no favor shown me, had been laid asleep, was beginning to revive. But far stronger than any feeling for myself, was the pity I felt for the poor lad. He had depended upon going home in the ship; and from Boston, was going immediately to Liverpool, to see his friends. Beside this, having begun the voyage with very few clothes, he had taken up the greater part of his wages in the slop-chest, and it was every day a losing concern to him; and, like all the rest of the crew, he had a hearty hatred of California, and the prospect of eighteen months or two years more of hide-droghing seemed completely to break down his spirit. I had determined not to go myself, happen what would, and I knew that the captain would not dare to attempt to force me. I knew, too, that the two captains had agreed together to get some one, and that unless I could prevail upon somebody to go voluntarily, there would be no help for Ben. From this consideration, though I had said that I would have nothing to do with an exchange, I did my best to get some one to go voluntarily. I offered to give an order upon the owners in Boston for six months’ wages, and also all the clothes, books, and other matters, which I should not want upon the voyage home. When this offer was published in the ship, and the case of poor Ben was set forth in strong colors, several, who would not have dreamed of going themselves, were busy in talking it up to others, who, they thought, might be tempted to accept it; and, at length, one fellow, a harum-scarum lad, whom we called Harry Bluff, and who did not care what country or ship he was in, if he had clothes enough and money enough— partly from pity for Ben, and partly from the thought he should have “cruising money” for the rest of his stay,— came forward, and offered to go and “sling his hammock in the bloody hooker.” Lest his purpose should cool, I signed an order for the sum upon the owners in Boston, gave him all the clothes I could spare, and sent him aft to the captain, to let him know what had been done. The skipper accepted the exchange, and was, doubtless, glad to have it pass off so easily. At the same time he cashed the order, which was endorsed to him,⁴¹⁶ and the next morning, the lad went aboard the brig, apparently in good spirits, having shaken hands with each of us and wished us a

416. When the crew were paid off in Boston, the owners answered the order, but generously refused to deduct the amount from the pay-roll, saying that the exchange was made under compulsion. They also allowed S_____ his exchange money.



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pleasant passage home, jingling the money in his pockets, and calling out, “Never say die, while there’s a shot in the locker.” The same boat carried off Harris, my old watchmate, who had previously made an exchange with my friend S_____. I was sorry to part with Harris. Nearly two hundred hours (as we had calculated it) had we walked the ship’s deck together, at anchor watch, when all hands were below, and talked over and over every subject which came within the ken of either of us. He gave me a strong gripe with his hand; and I told him, if he came to Boston again, not to fail to find me out, and let me see an old watchmate. The same boat brought on board S_____, my friend, who had begun the voyage with me from Boston, and, like me, was going back to his family and to the society which we had been born and brought up in. We congratulated one another upon finding what we had long talked over and wished for, thus brought about; and none on board the ship were more glad than ourselves to see the old brig standing round the point, under full sail. As she passed abreast of us, we all collected in the waist, and gave her three loud, hearty cheers, waving our hats in the air. Her crew sprang into the rigging and chains, answered us with three as loud, to which we, after the nautical custom, gave one in return. I took my last look of their familiar faces as they got over the rail, and saw the old black cook put his head out of the galley, and wave his cap over his head. The crew flew aloft to loose the top-gallant sails and royals; the two captains waved their hands to one another; and, in ten minutes, we saw the last inch of her white canvas, as she rounded the point. Relieved as I was to see her well off, (and I felt like one who had just sprung from an iron trap which was closing upon him) I had yet a feeling of regret at taking the last look at the old craft in which I had spent a year, and the first year, of my sailor’s life— which had been my first home in the new world into which I had entered— and with which I had associated so many things,— my first leaving home, my first crossing the equator, Cape Horn, Juan Fernandez, death at sea, and other things, serious and common. Yet, with all this, and the feeling I had for my old shipmates, condemned to another term of California life, the thought that we were done with it, and that one week more would see us on our way to Boston, was a cure for everything.



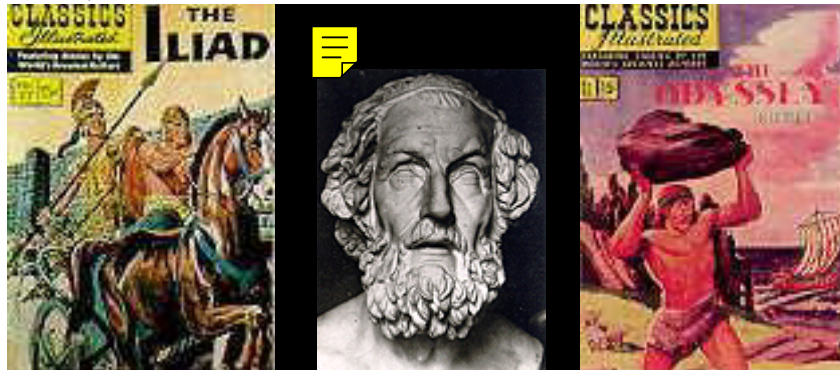
April 28, Thursday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), John Hoole’s translation of Pietro “Metastasio” Trapassi (1698-1782)’s DRAMAS AND OTHER POEMS; OF THE ABBÈ PIETRO METASTASIO (London: Printed for Otridge and Son, 3 volumes, 1800).⁴¹⁷



417. Since he had already, in 1834, checked out the 1st volume of this edition, we may presume that this time he was checking out all three volumes.

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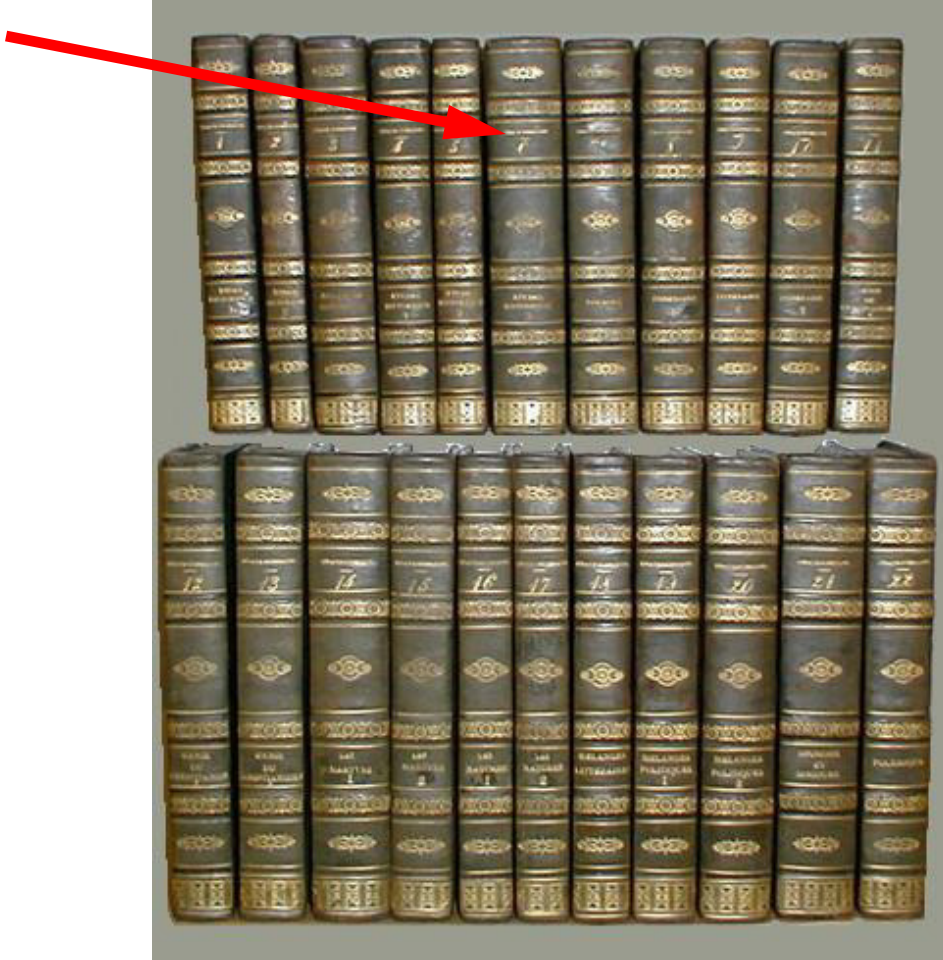
[Thoreau](#) also checked out Thomas Hobbes's THE ILIADS AND ODYSSES OF [HOMER](#) / TRANSLATED OUT OF GREEK INTO ENGLISH BY THO. HOBBS OF MALMSBURY, WITH A LARGE PREF. CONCERNING THE VERTUES OF AN HEROICK POEM, WRITTEN BY THE TRANSLATOR.



"There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away"
— Emily Dickinson

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[Thoreau](#) also checked out *LES NATCHEZ*, the 6th volume of [François Auguste René, vicomte de Chateaubriand](#)'s just issued *ŒUVRES COMPLÈTES*:

***LES NATCHEZ***

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 4 M / Took the Carryall & took My wife & Mary Williams to Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Hannah Dennis preached in the first Meeting - & tho' I thought she was favoured, yet it seemed to me as a rather dull & obstructed season - in the last Meeting we transacted the buisness pretty well -- We went to Benjamin Motts after Meeting & dined in his South room, in which G Fox once preached

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le vicomte (1768-1848)



May 1, Sunday: Felix Mendelssohn departed from Leipzig on his way to direct the Niederrheinisches Musikfest in Dusseldorf.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1 of 5th M 1836 / Our Meetings were silent & were very lean to me – they were well attended & seemed to quiet & solid – but my mind was poor
In the evening Thos B Gould & Thos P Nichols came to see us & passed the evening. –*



May 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2nd of 5th M / This Afternoon met Sarah Babcock daughter of my cousin Avis Knowles in the Street who told me that her Mother deceased [-] of 3 Month & was buried the first day of this 4 M [April] 1836 Aged [-] Years -- She was first cousin to my Father - her maiden name was Avis Stanton, & Married Wm Knowles -she was a religious woman & one whom I loved - She visited much at our house when iI was a youth & was particularly intimate with my Aunts Martha Mary & Hannah After the death of her husband at Richmond She removed to this town & lived a number of years & from [Newport](#) she removed to [Nantucket](#) where she Died



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May 3, Tuesday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) turned in his [Harvard College](#) essay on the assigned topic “SOME ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE AND WORKS OF [SIR W. SCOTT](#) by Allan Cunningham, FAMILIAR ANECDOTES OF SIR W. SCOTT BY [JAMES HOGG](#), AND WITH A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THE SHEPHERD by S. Dewitt [Simeon De

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AT EVENING FALL, IN LONESOME DALE.
HE KEPT STRANGE CONVERSE WITH THE GALE:
HELD WORLDLY POMP IN HIGH DERISION.
AND WANDERED IN A WORLD OF VISION.

SOME ACCOUNT OF ...

FAMILIAR ANECDOTES

At the Exhibition Program that took place on this day, [Jones Very](#) presented a new version of his Bowdoin Prize Essay of July 1835, “The Practical Application in This Life, by Men as Social and Intellectual Beings,



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of the Certainty of a Future State,” which he had for this occasion retitled simply “The Heroic Character.”

Our Literature is uncommonly rich in Biography. No sooner has a passing meteor, whose brilliance and length of train arrests the attention of the gaping multitudes of this nether world, sunk below the horizon, than the literary astronomers of the day set about tracing its orbit, and soon crowd a ponderous tome with the phenomena it presented. This is all very well as far as it goes, but, for my part, I am not satisfied with being acquainted with a man's actions merely. I want to be introduced to the man himself. “Biography,” says Fuseli, “however useful to man, or dear to art, is the unequivocal homage of inferiority offered to the majesty of genius.” This is not the character of the works before us; we here behold Scott in the capacity of a friend, and patron, free from all restraint.

Divested of all the mystery in which genius is usually enveloped, he appears for the moment to have put on mortality, he is no longer the “Author of Waverly” the eighth wonder of the world. While we imagine him snugly ensconced in his antique armchair, poring over the pages of a huge black-letter folio containing the marvellous deeds of some Sir Tristram or Sir Guy who figured in border warfare, or performing a pilgrimage a la Terre Sante, we find him, perchance, “leistering kippers in Tweed”, or seated on the river's bank, while Rob Fletcher is gone after another fiery peat, singing Hogg's ballad of “Gilman's-cleuch”. The account of the Life and Works of Scott is written in a frank and impartial style, though the author appears to be a little vain of his intimacy with Sir Walter. The same may be said of Hogg. The former winds up with these words, “No other genius ever exercised over the world so wide a rule: no one, perhaps ever united so many great – almost godlike qualities, and employed them so generously for the benefit of the living. It is not to us alone that he has spoken: his voice will delight thousands of generations unborn, and charm his country while wood grows and water runs.”

The Ettrick Shepherd was the second son of Robert Hogg and Margaret Laidlaw, and was born on the 25th of Jan'y, 1772, the anniversary of Burns' birth, who was born 1759. When 6 years of age he attended for a short time a neighboring school, and learned to read the Proverbs of Solomon and the Shorter Catechism, but at the age of 7 went to service as a cowherd, receiving for half a year's service, “a ewe lamb and a pair of shoes.”

It was in his 18th year that he first saw the “Life and Adventures of Sir W. Wallace”, and Ramsay's “Gentle Shepherd”. It was in 1796 that he first felt the inspiration of the Muse; he now for the first time had access to a valuable library, and his genius shone forth so conspicuously, that he was known as “Jamie the Poeter.” He could compose, but he could not write “and he wept to think, however fancy and inspiration might impart their influence, he could not ‘catch their shadows as they passed’.” The song commencing,

“My name it is Donald McDonald,”



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written at the time England was threatened with invasion by Napoleon, was the first he published.
The following is a list of his works.

The Queen's Wake.
Pilgrims of the Sun.
The Hunting of Badlewe.
Mador of the Moor.
Poetic Mirror.
Dramatic Tales.
Brownie of Bodsbeck.
Winter Evening Tales
Sacred Melodies.
Border Garland.
Jacobite Relics of Scotland
The Spy.
Queen Hynde.
The Three Perils of Man.
The Three do. of Women.
Confessions of a Sinner.
The Shepherd's Calendar.
A Selection of Songs.
The Queer Book.
The Royal Jubilee.
The Mountain Bard.
The Forest Minstrel.
The Altrive Tales.

Now living, 1834.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 5 M / This Afternoon we found a ready conveyance to [Greenwich](#) direct in a Packet Cousins Henry & Thomas Gould, Thos Nichols & my wife & self went on board & in about two hours & three Quarters we arrived safely & pleasantly in [Greenwich](#) Our friend Thos Howland met us in the Street & took my wife our to his house & Henry & I walked on & got there before tea time - the two Thomas's stoping at Dr Eldredges.



May 4, Wednesday: In the Chiesa Collegiata di San Bartolomeo of Busseto, Giuseppe Verdi got married with Margherita Barezzi, daughter of Antonio Barezzi, a grocer and Verdi's patron.

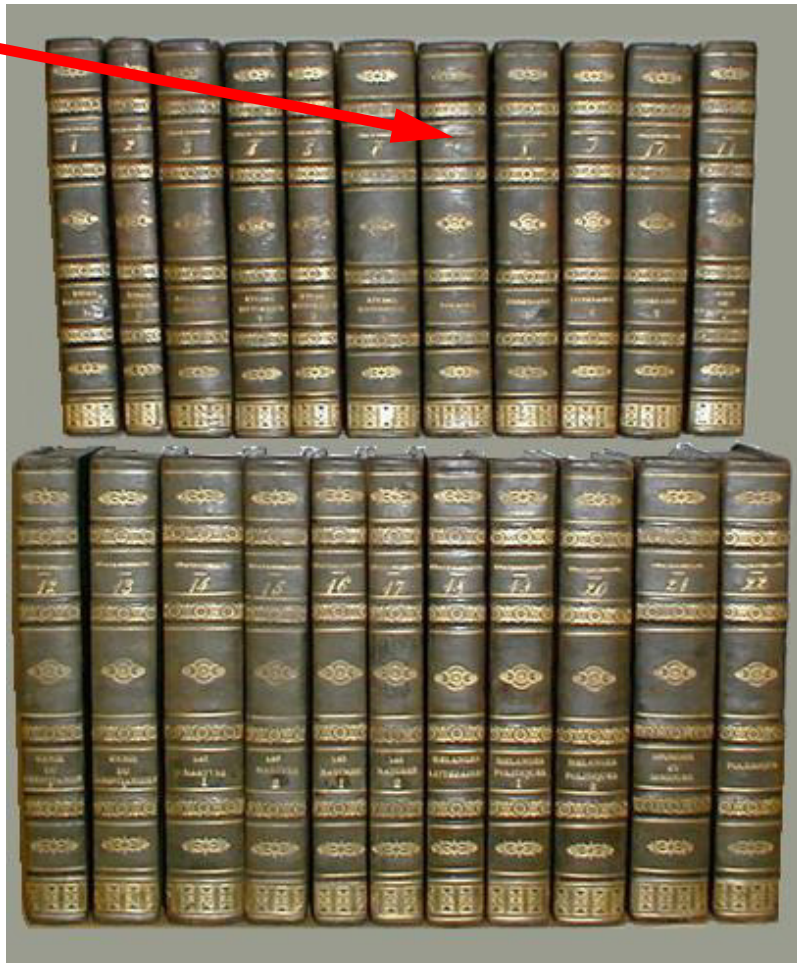
When Felix Mendelssohn arrived in Frankfurt on his way to Dusseldorf to direct the Niederrheinisches Musikfest he was introduced to several people among whom was a young chorus member, Cecile Jeanrenaud, daughter of a Protestant minister (she would eventually become his wife).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day we came in to attend the select Meeting - Dined at Susan Prouds - & I went to the Meeting for Sufferings in the Afternoon after which T Howland again took my wife to his House & I again

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May 5, Thursday: Having already checked out the 6th volume of [François-Auguste-René, vicomte de Chateaubriand](#)'s just issued *ŒUVRES COMPLÈTES*, [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the 7th volume of this set.

**CHATEAUBRIAND, 7**

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Attended Meetings which were large & generally satisfactory – John Wilbur & Mary Card in testimony & Anna Macomber in supplication – After the last Meeting we dined at Abigail Prouds & Lodged & took tea at Dr Eldredges –

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François-René, vicomte de Chateaubriand (1768-1848)



May 6, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day spent the forenoon in walking about [Greenwich](#) in waiting for the Packet which got off about 1 OC & we arrived at home in about 4 hours altho the wind was entirely a head. –

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The New York State Legislature authorized construction of the [Genesee Valley Canal](#).

The *Alert*, [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) crewman, completed its cargo of California hides.



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AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Friday, May 6th, completed the taking of our cargo, and was a memorable day in our calendar. The time when we were to take in our last hide, we had looked forward to, for sixteen months, as the first bright spot. When the last hide was stowed away, and the hatches calked down, the tarpaulins battened on to them, the longboat hoisted in and secured, and the decks swept down for the night,— the chief mate sprang upon the top of the long-boat, called all hands into the waist, and giving us a signal by swinging his cap over his head,— we gave three long, loud cheers, which came from the bottom of our hearts, and made the hills and valleys ring again. In a moment, we heard three, in answer, from the *California*'s crew, who had seen us taking in our long-boat, and— “the cry they heard— its meaning knew.”

The last week, we had been occupied in taking in a supply of wood and water for the passage home, and bringing on board the spare spars, sails, etc. I was sent off with a party of Indians to fill the water-casks, at a spring, about three miles from the shipping, and near the town, and was absent three days, living at the town, and spending the daytime in filling the casks and transporting them on ox-carts to the landing-place, whence they were taken on board by the crew with boats. This being all done with, we gave one day to bending our sails; and at night, every sail, from the courses to the skysails, was bent, and every studding-sail ready for setting.

Before our sailing, an unsuccessful attempt was made by one of the crew of the *California* to effect an exchange with one of our number. It was a lad, between fifteen and sixteen years of age, who went by the name of the “reefer,” having been a midshipman in East India Company's ship. His singular character and story had excited our interest ever since the ship came into the port. He was a delicate, slender little fellow, with a beautiful pearly complexion, regular features, forehead as white as marble, black haired, curling beautifully, rounded, tapering, delicate fingers, small feet, soft voice, gentle manners, and, in fact, every sign of having been well born and bred. At the same time there was something in his expression which showed a slight deficiency of intellect. How great the deficiency was, or what it resulted from; whether he was born so; whether it was the result of disease or accident; or whether, as some said, it was brought on by his distress of mind, during the voyage, I cannot say. From his own account of himself, and from many circumstances which were known in connection with his story, he must have been the son of a man of wealth. His mother was an Italian woman. He was probably a natural son, for in scarcely any other way could the incidents of his early life be accounted for. He said that his parents did not live together, and he seemed to have been ill treated by his father. Though he had been delicately brought up, and indulged in every way, (and he had then with him trinkets which had been given him at home,) yet his education had been sadly neglected; and when only twelve years old, he was sent as midshipman in the Company's service. His own story was, that he afterwards ran away from home, upon a difficulty which he had with his father. and went to Liverpool, whence he sailed in the ship *Rialto*, Captain Holmes, for Boston. Captain Holmes endeavored to get him a passage back, but there being no vessel to sail for some time, the boy left him, and went to board at a common sailor's boarding-house, in Ann street, where he supported himself for a few weeks by selling some of his valuables. At length, according to his own account, being desirous of returning home, he went to a shipping-office, where the shipping articles of the *California* were open. Upon asking where the ship was going, he was told by the shipping-master that she was bound to California. Not knowing where that was, he told him that he wanted to go to Europe, and asked if California was in Europe. The shippingmaster answered him in a way which the boy did not understand, and advised him to ship. The boy signed the articles, received his advance, laid out a little of it in clothes, and spent the rest, and was ready to go on board, when, upon the morning of sailing, he heard that the ship was bound upon the North-west Coast, on a two or three years' voyage, and was not going to Europe. Frightened at this prospect, he slipped away when the crew was going aboard, wandered up into another part of the town, and spent all the forenoon in straying about the common, and the neighboring streets.



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THE REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR DANA, CONCLUDED:

Having no money, and all his clothes and other things being in the chest, on board, and being a stranger, he became tired and hungry, and ventured down toward the shipping, to see if the vessel had sailed. He was just turning the corner of a street, when the shippingmaster, who had been in search of him, popped upon him, seized him, and carried him on board. He cried and struggled, and said he did not wish to go in the ship, but the topsails were at the mast-head, the fasts just ready to be cast off, and everything in the hurry and confusion of departure, so that he was hardly noticed; and the few who did inquire about the matter were told that it was merely a boy who had spent his advance and tried to run away. Had the owners of the vessel known anything of the matter, they would have interfered at once; but they either knew nothing of it, or heard, like the rest, that it was only an unruly boy who was sick of his bargain. As soon as the boy found himself actually at sea, and upon a voyage of two or three years in length, his spirits failed him; he refused to work, and became so miserable, that Captain Arthur took him into the cabin, where he assisted the steward, and occasionally pulled and hauled about decks. He was in this capacity when we saw him; and though it was much better for him than the life in the forecabin, and the hard work, watching, and exposure, which his delicate frame could not have borne, yet, to be joined with a black fellow in waiting upon a man whom he probably looked upon as but little, in point of education and manners, above one of his father's servants, was almost too much for his spirit to bear. Had he entered upon his situation of his own free will, he could have endured it; but to have been deceived, and, in addition to that, forced into it, was intolerable. He made every effort to go home in our ship, but his captain refused to part with him except in the way of exchange, and that he could not effect. If this account of the whole matter, which we had from the boy, and which was confirmed by all the crew, be correct, I cannot understand why Captain Arthur should have refused to let him go, especially being a captain who had the name, not only with that crew, but with all whom he had ever commanded, of an unusually kind-hearted man. The truth is, the unlimited power which merchant captains have, upon long voyages on strange coasts, takes away a sense of responsibility, and too often, even in men otherwise well-disposed, substitutes a disregard for the rights and feelings of others. The lad was sent on shore to join the gang at the hide-house; from whence, I was afterwards rejoiced to hear, he effected his escape, and went down to Callao in a small Spanish schooner; and from Callao, he probably returned to England.

Soon after the arrival of the *California*, I spoke to Captain Arthur about Hope; and as he had known him on the voyage before, and was very fond of him, he immediately went to see him, gave him proper medicines, and, under such care, he began rapidly to recover. The Saturday night before our sailing, I spent an hour in the oven, and took leave of my Kanaka friends; and, really, this was the only thing connected with leaving California which was in any way unpleasant. I felt an interest and affection for many of these simple, true-hearted men, such as I never felt before but for a near relation. Hope shook me by the hand, said he should soon be well again, and ready to work for me when I came upon the coast, next voyage, as officer of the ship; and told me not to forget, when I became captain, how to be kind to the sick. Old "Mr. Bingham" and "King Mannini" went down to the boat with me, shook me heartily by the hand, wished us a good voyage, and went back to the oven, chanting one of their deep monotonous songs, the burden of which I gathered to be about us and our voyage.



May 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 8 of 5 M 1836 / Attended meetings & I must say they were seasons of much dryness to me but I have no doubt the fault was my own
Father had short Service in both. -*

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* sailed out of San Diego harbor, headed south. Aboard the vessel was Professor [Thomas Nuttall](#) of [Harvard College](#), returning to [Boston](#) from his [botanical](#) expedition to the California coast:

This passenger ... was no one else than a gentleman whom I had known in my better days; and the last person I should have expected to have seen on the coast of California—Professor N_____, of Cambridge [[Thomas Nuttall](#)]. I had left him quietly seated in the chair of Botany and Ornithology, in Harvard University; and the next I saw of him, was strolling about San Diego beach, in a sailor's pea-jacket, with a wide straw hat, and barefooted, with his trowsers rolled up to his knees, picking up stones and shells. He had travelled overland to the North-west Coast, and come down in a small vessel to Monterey. There he learned that there was a ship at the leeward, about to sail for Boston; and, taking passage in the *Pilgrim*, which was then at Monterey, he came slowly down, visiting the intermediate ports, and examining the trees, plants, earths, birds, etc., and joined us at San Diego shortly before we sailed. The second mate of the *Pilgrim* told me that they had an old gentleman on board who knew me, and came from the college that I had been in. He could not recollect his name, but said he was a "sort of an oldish man," with white hair, and spent all his time in the bush, and along the beach, picking up flowers and shells, and such truck, and had a dozen boxes and barrels, full of them. I thought over everybody who would be likely to be there, but could fix upon no one; when, the next day, just as we were about to shove off from the beach, he came down to the boat, in the rig I have described, with his shoes in his hand, and his pockets full of specimens. I knew him at once, though I should not have been more surprised to have seen the Old South steeple shoot up from the hide-house. He probably had no less difficulty in recognizing me. As we left home about the same time, we had nothing to tell one another; and, owing to our different situations on board, I saw but little of him on the passage home. Sometimes, when I was at the wheel of a calm night, and the steering required no attention, and the officer of the watch was forward, he would come aft and hold a short yarn with me; but this was against the rules of the ship, as is, in fact, all intercourse between passengers and the crew.... The *Pilgrim's* crew christened [Mr. N.](#) "[Old Curious.](#)" from his zeal for curiosities, and some of them said that he was crazy, and that his friends let him go about and amuse himself in this way. Why else a rich man (sailors call every man rich who does not work with his hands, and wears a long coat and cravat) should leave a Christian country, and come to such a place as California, to pick up shells and stones, they could not understand. One of them, however, an old salt, who had seen something more of the world ashore, set all to rights, as he thoughts— "Oh, 'vast there!— You don't know anything about them craft. I've seen them colleges, and know the ropes. They keep all such things for curiosities, and study 'em, and have men a' purpose to go and get 'em. This old chap knows what he's about. He a'n't the child you take him for. He'll carry all these things to the college, and if they are better than any that they have had before, he'll be head of the college. Then, by-and-by, somebody else will go after some more, and if they beat him, he'll have to go again, or else give up his berth. That's the way they do it. This old covey knows the ropes. He has worked a traverse over 'em, and come 'way out here, where nobody's ever been afore, and where they'll never think of coming." This explanation satisfied Jack; and as it raised Mr. N.'s credit for capacity, and was near enough to the truth for common purposes, I did not disturb it.



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The *Alert*, for its homeward journey, was carrying in addition to the hides and its passenger a small quantity of gold dust which had been brought down to the ports from the interior by various persons, something not at all unusual which at that time was attracting little attention.⁴¹⁸

418. Not until 1841 would the first notable gold discovery be made in California, in San Feliciano Canyon near the Mission San Fernando.



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AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, May 8th. This promised to be our last day in California. Our forty thousand hides, thirty thousand horns, besides several barrels of otter and beaver skins, were all stowed below, and the hatches calked down. All our spare spars were taken on board and lashed; our water-casks secured; and our live stock, consisting of four bullocks, a dozen sheep, a dozen or more pigs, and three or four dozen of poultry, were all stowed away in their different quarters: the bullocks in the long-boat, the sheep in a pen on the fore-hatch, and the pigs in a sty under the bows of the long-boat, and the poultry in their proper coop; and the jolly-boat was full of hay for the sheep and bullocks. Our unusually large cargo, together with the stores for a five months' voyage, brought the ship channels down into the water. In addition to this, she had been steved so thoroughly, and was so bound by the compression of her cargo, forced into her by so powerful machinery, that she was like a man in a straight-jacket, and would be but a dull sailer, until she had worked herself loose.

The *California* had finished discharging her cargo, and was to get under weigh at the same time with us. Having washed down decks and got our breakfast, the two vessels lay side by side, in complete readiness for sea, our ensigns hanging from the peaks, and our tall spars reflected from the glassy surface of the river, which, since sunrise, had been unbroken by a ripple. At length, a few whiffs came across the water, and, by eleven o'clock, the regular north-west wind set steadily in. There was no need of calling all hands, for we had all been hanging about the fore-castle the whole forenoon, and were ready for a start upon the first sign of a breeze. All eyes were aft upon the captain, who was walking the deck, with, every now and then, a look to windward. He made a sign to the mate, who came forward, took his station, deliberately between the knight-heads, cast a glance aloft, and called out, "All hands, lay aloft and loose the sails!" We were half in the rigging before the order came, and never since we left Boston were the gaskets off the yards, and the rigging overhauled, in a shorter time. "All ready forward, sir!"— "All ready the main!"— "Cross-jack yards all ready, sir!"— "Lay down, all hands but one on each yard!" The yard-arm and bunt gaskets were cast off; and each sail hung by the jigger, with one man standing by the tie to let it go. At the same moment that we sprang aloft, a dozen hands sprang into the rigging of the *California*, and in an instant were all over her yards; and her sails, too, were ready to be dropped at the word. In the mean time our bow gun had been loaded and run out, and its discharge was to be the signal for dropping sails. A cloud of smoke came out of our bows; the echoes of the gun rattled our farewell among the hills of California; and the two ships were covered, from head to foot, with their white canvas. For a few minutes, all was uproar and apparent confusion: men flying about like monkeys in the rigging; ropes and blocks flying; orders given and answered, and the confused noises of men singing out at the ropes. The top-sails came to the mast-heads with "Cheerily, men!" and, in a few minutes, every sail was set; for the wind was light. The head sails were backed, the windlass came round "slip—slap" to the cry of the sailors;— "Hove short, sir," said the mate;— "Up with him!"— "Aye, aye, sir."— A few hearty and long heaves, and the anchor showed its head. "Hook cat!"— The fall was stretched along the decks; all hands laid hold;— "Hurrah, for the last time," said the mate; and the anchor came to the cat-head to the tune of "Time for us to go," with a loud chorus. Everything was done quick, as though it were for the last time. The head yards were filled away, and our ship began to move through the water on her homeward-bound course.

The *California* had got under weigh at the same moment; and we sailed down the narrow bay abreast and were just off the mouth, and finding ourselves gradually shooting ahead of her, were on the point of giving her three parting cheers, when, suddenly, we found ourselves stopped short, and the *California* ranging fast ahead of us. A bar stretches across the mouth of the harbor, with water enough to float common vessels, but, being low in the water, and having kept well to leeward, as we were bound to the southward, we had stuck fast, while the *California*, being light, had floated over.



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THE REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR DANA, CONTINUED:

We kept all sail on, in the hope of forcing over, but failing in this, we hove aback, and lay waiting for the tide, which was on the flood, to take us back into the channel. This was somewhat of a damper to us, and the captain looked not a little mortified and vexed. "This is the same place where the *Rosa* got ashore," observed the redheaded second mate, most mal-a-propos. A malediction on the *Rosa*, and him too, was all the answer he got, and he slunk off to leeward. In a few minutes, the force of the wind and the rising of the tide backed us into the stream, and we were on our way to our old anchoring-place, the tide setting swiftly up, and the ship barely manageable, in the light breeze. We came-to, in our old berth, opposite the hide-house, whose inmates were not a little surprised to see us return. We felt as though we were tied to California; and some of the crew swore that they never should get clear of the bloody coast.

In about half an hour, which was near high water, the order was given to man the windlass, and again the anchor was catted; but not a word was said about the last time. The *California* had come back on finding that we had returned, and was hove-to, waiting for us, off the point. This time we passed the bar safely, and were soon up with the *California*, who filled away, and kept us company. She seemed desirous of a trial of speed, and our captain accepted the challenge, although we were loaded down to the bolts of our chain plates, as deep as a sand-barge, and bound so taught with our cargo that we were no more fit for a race than a man in fetters;— while our antagonist was in her best trim. Being clear of the point, the breeze became stiff, and the royal masts bent under our sails, but we would not take them in until we saw three boys spring aloft into the rigging of the *California*; when they were all furled at once, but with orders to stay aloft at the top-gallant mastheads, and loose them again at the word. It was my duty to furl the fore royal; and while standing by to loose it again, I had a fine view of the scene. From where I stood, the two vessels seemed nothing but spars and sails, while their narrow decks, far below, slanting over by the force of the wind aloft, appeared hardly capable of supporting the great fabrics raised upon them. The *California* was to windward of us, and had every advantage; yet, while the breeze was stiff, we held our own. As soon as it began to slacken, she ranged a little ahead, and the order was given to loose the royals. In an instant the gaskets were off and the bunt dropped. "Sheet home the fore royal!— Weather sheet's home!"— "Hoist away, sir!" is bawled from aloft. "Overhaul your clew-lines!" shouts the mate. "Aye, aye, sir, all clear!"— "Taught leech! belay! Well the lee brace; haul taught to windward"— and the royals are set. These brought us up again; but the wind continuing light, the *California* set hers, and it was soon evident that she was walking away from us. Our captain then hailed, and said that he should keep off to his course; adding— "She isn't the *Alert* now. If I had her in your trim, she would have been out of sight by this time." This was good-naturedly answered from the *California*, and she braced sharp up, and stood close upon the wind up the coast; while we squared away our yards, and stood before the wind to the south-southwest. The *California*'s crew manned her weather rigging, waved their hats in the air, and gave up three hearty cheers, which we answered as heartily, and the customary single cheer came back to us from over the water. She stood on her way, doomed to eighteen months' or two years' hard service upon that hated coast, while we were making our way to our home, to which every hour and every mile was bringing us nearer.

As soon as we parted company with the *California*, all hands were sent aloft to set the studding-sails. Booms were rigged out, tacks and halyards rove, sail after sail packed upon her, until every available inch of canvas was spread, that we might not lose a breath of the fair wind. We could now see how much she was cramped and deadened by her cargo; for with a good breeze on her quarter, and every stitch of canvas spread, we could not get more than six knots out of her. She had no more life in her than if she were water-logged. The log was hove several times; but she was doing her best. We had hardly patience with her, but the older sailors said— "Stand by! you'll see her work herself loose in a week or two, and then she'll walk up to Cape Horn like a race-horse."

When all sail had been set, and the decks cleared up, the *California* was a speck in the horizon, and the coast lay like a low cloud along the north-east. At sunset they were both out of sight, and we were once more upon the ocean where sky and water meet.

At eight o'clock all hands were called aft, and the watches set for the voyage. Some changes were made; but I was glad to find myself still in the larboard watch. Our crew was somewhat diminished; for a man and a boy had gone

the hide-house under the charge of Captain Arthur.



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THE REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR DANA, CONCLUDED:

The poor fellow wished very much to come home in the ship; and he ought to have been brought home in her. But a live dog is better than a dead lion, and a sick sailor belongs to nobody's mess; so he was sent ashore with the rest of the lumber, which was only in the way. By these diminutions, we were short-handed for a voyage round Cape Horn in the dead of winter. Besides S_____ and myself, there were only five in the fore-castle; who, together with four boys in the steerage, the sailmaker, carpenter, etc., composed the whole crew. In addition to this, we were only three or four days out, when the sailmaker, who was the oldest and best seaman on board, was taken with the palsy, and was useless for the rest of the voyage. The constant wading in the water, in all weathers, to take off hides, together with the other labors, is too much for old men, and for any who have not good constitutions. Beside these two men of ours, the second officer of the *California* and the carpenter of the *Pilgrim* broke down under the work, and the latter died at Santa Barbara. The young man, too, who came out with us from Boston in the *Pilgrim*, had to be taken from his berth before the mast and made clerk, on account of a fit of rheumatism which attacked him soon after he came upon the coast. By the loss of the sailmaker, our watch was reduced to five, of whom two were boys, who never steered but in fine weather, so that the other two and myself had to stand at the wheel four hours apiece out of every twenty-four; and the other watch had only four helmsmen. "Never mind— we're homeward bound!" was the answer to everything; and we should not have minded this, were it not for the thought that we should be off Cape Horn in the very dead of winter. It was now the first part of May; and two months would bring us off the cape in July, which is the worst month in the year there; when the sun rises at nine and sets at three, giving eighteen hours night, and there is snow and rain, gales and high seas, in abundance.

The prospect of meeting this in a ship half manned, and loaded so deep that every heavy sea must wash her fore and aft, was by no means pleasant. The *Alert*, in her passage out, doubled the Cape in the month of February, which is midsummer; and we came round in the *Pilgrim* in the latter part of October, which we thought was bad enough. There was only one of our crew who had been off there in the winter, and that was in a whaleship, much lighter and higher than our ship; yet he said they had man-killing weather for twenty days without intermission, and their decks were swept twice, and they were all glad enough to see the last of it. The *Brandywine* frigate, also, in her passage round, had sixty days off the Cape, and lost several boats by the heavy sea. All this was for our comfort; yet pass it we must; and all hands agreed to make the best of it.

During our watches below we overhauled our clothes, and made and mended everything for bad weather. Each of us had made for himself a suit of oil-cloth or tarpaulin, and these we got out, and gave thorough coatings of oil or tar, and hung upon the stays to dry. Our stout boots, too, we covered over with a thick mixture of melted grease and tar, and hung out to dry. Thus we took advantage of the warm sun and fine weather of the Pacific to prepare for its other face. In the forenoon watches below, our fore-castle looked like the workshop of what a sailor is— a Jack at all trades. Thick stockings and drawers were darned and patched; mittens dragged from the bottom of the chest and mended; comforters made for the neck and ears; old flannel shirts cut up to line monkey jackets; south-westerns lined with flannel, and a pot of paint smuggled forward to give them a coat on the outside; and everything turned to hand; so that, although two years had left us but a scanty wardrobe, yet the economy and invention which necessity teaches a sailor, soon put each of us in pretty good trim for bad weather, even before we had seen the last of the fine. Even the cobbler's art was not out of place. Several old shoes were very decently repaired, and with waxed ends, an awl, and the top of an old boot, I made me quite a respectable sheath for my knife.

There was one difficulty, however, which nothing that we could do would remedy; and that was the leaking of the fore-castle, which made it very uncomfortable in bad weather, rendered half of the berths tenantless. The tightest ships, in long voyage, from the constant strain which is upon the bowsprit, will leak, more or less, round the heel of the bowsprit, and the bitts, which come down into the fore-castle; but, in addition to this, we this, we had an unaccountable leak on the starboard bow, near the cat-head, which drove us from the forward berths on that side, and, indeed, when she was on the starboard tack, from all the forward berths. One of the after berths, too, leaked in very bad weather; so that in a ship which was in other respects as tight as a bottle, and brought her cargo to Boston perfectly dry, we had, after every effort made to prevent it, in the way of caulking and leading, a fore-castle with only three dry berths for seven of us. However, as there is never but one watch below at a time, by 'turning in and out,' we did pretty well. And there being, in our watch, but three of us who lived forward, we generally had a dry berth apiece in bad weather.¹

All this, however, was but anticipation. We were still in fine weather in the North Pacific, running down the north-east trades, which we took on the second day after leaving San Diego.

arriving at anchor, and which, accidentally, had not been plugged up when the cat-head was placed over them. This was sufficient to account for the leak, and for our not having been able to discover and stop it.



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May 11, Wednesday: [Sam Houston](#) sailed from Galveston Island for New Orleans to receive medical attention for the wounds he had received at the Battle of San Jacinto.

TEXAS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 5 M / Aunt Stanton is very low today & it looks this Morning as if her time is very short in this world - it is truly painful to behold her leaving time so entirely distracted as she seems to be - her whole visage is now changed & while she seems sinking there is no abatement of the disorder of her Mind - I sat by her this morning & was pained to the heart to see her in the situation & state of Mind she was in - I suggested to her my desire that she would labour for the quiet, as I apprehended the time she would be with us was very Short, but she did not appear to Sense my remarks as I wished her to - My silent petition was that she might be more composed in her last Moments - but whether it will vouchsafe I know not -

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May 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12th of 5 M 1836 / Before meeting I called in to see Aunt Stanton & found her very low & sinking fast - My wife concluded to Sit with her & I went to meeting - After Meeting I found her still weaker & the signs of approaching dissolution at hand - I was in frequently in the course of the Afternoon, & after tea I went in & remained in the room with her till she breathed her last which was at just a quarter before 8 OC in the evening, Aged 78 Years eleven Months & six days - being born the 6th day of 6 M AD One thousand seven hundred & fifty seven in [Newport](#) her parents were my Grandparents Stephen & Mary Wanton

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May 15, Sunday: There was an annular [eclipse](#) of the sun (#7254) visible on this day at the tip of Florida. The [astronomer Francis Bailey](#), viewing from southern Scotland where the eclipse was more total, witnessed light from the limb of the sun shining like a string of beads through the valleys on the limb of the moon — “Bailey’s Beads” was quite a sight.



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Back in 1824 at [Harvard College](#), [Edward Bliss Emerson](#)’s exercise in mathematics (25 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 38 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., Thesis #285, HUC 8782.514) had consisted of a calculation and projection predicting the path across the face of the earth of the shadow of a solar eclipse that would be occurring during May 1836. Question: was this the one? Another question: how accurate did this undergraduate’s mathematical projection turn out to be?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 5th M 1836 / We did not attend Meeting this Morning as Aunt Stantons funeral was to be spoken of in my name -Attended the funeral at 1 OC at the house which was a silent & Serious setting the funeral was got through with in season, for us to attend the Afternoon Meeting which was silent & pretty good time. -

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May 17, Tuesday: Joseph Norman Lockyer, who would discover the presence of helium in the sun, was born.

According to the Caledonian Mercury of Edinburgh, Scotland for May 30, Monday, 1836, the General Order issued on the 17th by General Evans of the British legion in Spain, the Military Order “Second Class of St Ferdinand,” a decoration in recognition of services rendered,⁴¹⁹ was issued among others to “P. Thoreau, artillery.”

CAPTAIN JOHN THOREAU

One is of course reminded of the recycling by Henry Thoreau of a poetic remainder (by Charles Wolfe) from England’s painful Peninsular campaign:

419. The 1st class of this medal was lowest, the 3d class highest, and this officer was being awarded the intermediate grade.



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“RESISTANCE TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT”: After all, the practical reason why, when the power is once in the hands of the people, a majority are permitted, and for a long period continue, to rule, is not because they are most likely to be in the right, nor because this seems fairest to the minority, but because they are physically the strongest. But a government in which the majority rule in all cases cannot be based on justice, even as far as men understand it. Can there not be a government in which majorities do not virtually decide right and wrong, but conscience? – in which majorities decide only those questions to which the rule of expediency is applicable? Must the citizen ever for a moment, or in the least degree, resign his conscience to the legislator? Why has every man a conscience, then? I think that we should be men first, and subjects afterward. It is not desirable to cultivate a respect for the law, so much as for the right. The only obligation which I have a right to assume is to do at any time what I think right. It is truly enough said that a corporation has no conscience; but a corporation of conscientious men is a corporation with a conscience. Law never made men a whit more just; and, by means of their respect for it, even the well-disposed are daily made the agents of injustice. A common and natural result of an undue respect for law is, that you may see a file of soldiers, colonel, captain, corporal, privates, powder-monkeys, and all, marching in admirable order over hill and dale to the wars, against their wills, ay, against their common sense and consciences, which makes it very steep marching indeed, and produces a palpitation of the heart. They have no doubt that it is a damnable business in which they are concerned; they are all peaceably inclined. Now, what are they? Men at all? or small movable forts and magazines, at the service of some unscrupulous man in power? Visit the Navy Yard, and behold a marine, such a man as an American government can make, or such as it can make a man with its black arts – a mere shadow and reminiscence of humanity, a man laid out alive and standing, and already, as one may say, buried under arms with funeral accompaniments, though it may be

“Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note,
As his corse to the rampart we hurried;
Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot
O’er the grave where our hero we buried.”



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The mass of men serve the state thus, not as men mainly, but as machines, with their bodies. They are the standing army, and the militia, jailers, constables, posse comitatus, etc. In most cases there is no free exercise whatever of the judgment or of the moral sense; but they put themselves on a level with wood and earth and stones; and wooden men can perhaps be manufactured that will serve the purpose as well. Such command no more respect than men of straw or a lump of dirt. They have the same sort of worth only as horses and dogs. Yet such as these even are commonly esteemed good citizens. Others, as most legislators, politicians, lawyers, ministers, and office-holders, serve the state chiefly with their heads; and, as they rarely make any moral distinctions, they are as likely to serve the devil, without intending it, as God. A very few, as heroes, patriots, martyrs, reformers in the great sense, and men, serve the state with their consciences also, and so necessarily resist it for the most part; and they are commonly treated as enemies by it. A wise man will only be useful as a man, and will not submit to be "clay," and "stop a hole to keep the wind away," but leave that office to his dust at least:-

"I am too high-born to be propertied,
To be a secondary at control,
Or useful serving-man and instrument
To any sovereign state throughout the world."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17th of 5 M 1836 / This day I purchased a little Book which among other things contained the life of Our friend & my old acquaintance Thomas Watson of Bolton Massachusetts this little sketch of his life & some of his letters has indeed been a brook by the way - & refreshed my heart - all the circumstances it contains I have heard from his own Mouth, excepting the Anecdote of his going to Abel Noughtons house to warn him in the night - he used before I was married, for several years, to dine with me at my fathers house at least once in the course of the Yearly Meeting, & was always very communicative & interesting -he was rather tall, at least not far from the common height - his cloaths coarse & generally of a Sheeps grey colour & his whole appearance much of the rustic, quick spoken with considerable motion with his hands while speaking - his countenance hard & flushed, yet with all when favoured & under the right influence Divine grace Shone over all - he often said his natural disposition was rough & hard, & it required a constant Watch, to keep Nature in subjection - his religious communications, of which I have heard but few want not in Mans Wisdom - but the wisdom attended them & were often very reaching to individuals. -

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May 19, Thursday: United States troops in Alabama began rounding up Creeks into concentration camps.⁴²⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 5th M 1836 / Attended Meeting which tho' small
was a favourable season in solid quiet Father bore a short
testimony. —*

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May 22, Sunday: At the Niederrheinisches Musikfest in Dusseldorf, Felix Mendelssohn conducted his own St. Paul, an oratorio to words of Schubring after the Bible for the initial time (this and other performances at the festival would assure Mendelssohn's international stature).

[Sam Houston](#) landed in New Orleans, where he was met by a band and huzzahing crowds. I bring you tidings of great cheer — Texians are revolting!

The laying, in [Concord](#), of the corner-stone for a Trinitarian Congregationalist Church.

[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* were approaching the equator.
After an equatorial rain squall, everyone was able to take a freshwater bath.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, May 22d. Lat. 5° 14' N., long. 166° 45' W. We were now a fortnight out, and within five degrees of the line, to which two days of good breeze would take us; but we had, for the most part, what sailors call “an Irishman's hurricane,— right up and down.” This day it rained nearly all day, and being Sunday, and nothing to do, we stopped up the scuppers and filled the decks with rain water, and bringing all our clothes on deck, had a grand wash, fore and aft. When this was through, we stripped to our drawers, and taking pieces of soap and strips of canvas for towels, we turned-to and soaped, washed, and scrubbed one another down, to get off, as we said, the California dust; for the common wash in salt water, which is all Jack can get, being on an allowance of fresh, had little efficacy, and was more for taste than utility. The captain was below all the afternoon, and we had something nearer to a Saturnalia than anything we had yet seen; for the mate came into the scuppers, with a couple of boys to scrub him, and got into a battle with them in heaving water. By unplugging the holes, we let the soapsuds off the decks, and in a short time had a new supply of rain water, in which we had a grand rinsing. It was surprising to see how much soap and fresh water did for the complexions of many of us; how much of what we supposed to be tan and sea-blackening, we got rid of. The next day, the sun rising clear, the ship was covered, fore and aft, with clothes of all sorts, hanging out to dry.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22nd of 5 M 1836 / Father in both meetings today had
short but I thought lively & well adapted testimonies to bear -
but they were not very rich seasons to me. —
After tea I went to the head of the Long Wharf when the Steam
Boat came down from [Providence](#) - there were many persons there
but I did not know the cause of it till I got there - It seems*

420. “Oh, c'mon, concentration camps only happen in Europe — here they are sequestration facilities, right?”




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the Company of soldiers on Fort Walcot were to embark to go to Georgia to Fight the Indians - after the boat had taken in her passengers at the Long Wharf she went over to the fort wharf where the poor fellows were arranged in Martial order & we saw them March down on board the boat to go off to be Shot at It was an affecting scene to see them leave a pleasant Island & healthy situation where their little gardens were made & their articles of Vegetables already come up & in good progress -to see them with heavy & very sorrowful & dismayed feelings leave all this, for an unhealthy climate, which of itself is almost certain death to a Northern constitution, & above all to be shot at & Killed or to Kill the Indians in their way It was a very affecting scene & reminded me of a scene I once saw in [Providence](#) of a Man who was going to the Gallows - It seemed nearly as awful when I saw these poor objects March down from the Barracks & go on board the boat - but over all & above all, when we reflect on the utter inconsistency & repugnance it is to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How truly Awful.

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 May 25, Wednesday: [Waldo Emerson](#)'s 33d birthday.



Representative John Quincy Adams was gagged from being able to introduce his petition for the end of the practice of human enslavement in the United States of America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 25th of 5th M 1836 / This evening Joseph Gifford of Dartmouth & Edmond Chase of Fall River called to see us, they have come to wait on our friends Mary Card & Anna Macomber to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting tomorrow - after spending a pleasant time with us - I walked with them to Henry Goulds where they lodge & where the women Friends are. - I sat there till 9 OClock very pleasantly & then came home. -

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May 26, Thursday: The proposals made by Representative Henry Laurens Pinckney of South Carolina,⁴²¹ that the federal Congress had no authority to interfere in any way with slavery in the States and that it ought not to interfere with it in the District of Columbia, including his gag rule according to which any and all petitions about slavery were automatically to be “laid on the table” of the House of Representatives and thus denied further consideration, were enacted by a vote of 117 over 68. Meanwhile, in the Senate, Calhoun’s “Bill for excluding Papers written or printed, touching the subject of Slavery, from the U.S. Post-office,” a piece of criminal legislation which made it a penal offence for postmasters in any State, District, or Territory “knowingly to deliver, to any person whatever, any pamphlet, newspaper, handbill, or other printed paper or pictorial representation, touching the subject of slavery, where, by the laws of the said State, District, or Territory, their circulation was prohibited,” was being enacted.

In this circumstance, [Friend John Greenleaf Whittier](#) resorted to poetry:

A SUMMONS.

MEN of the North-land! where’s the manly spirit
Of the true-hearted and the unshackled gone?

Sons of old freemen, do we but inherit
Their names alone?

Is the old Pilgrim spirit quenched within us,
Stoops the strong manhood of our souls so low,
That Mammon’s lure or Party’s wile can win us
To silence now?

Now, when our land to ruin’s brink is verging,
In God’s name, let us speak while there is time!
Now, when the padlocks for our lips are forging,
Silence is crime!

What! shall we henceforth humbly ask as favors
Rights all our own? In madness shall we barter,
For treacherous peace, the freedom Nature gave us,
God and our charter?

Here shall the statesman forge his human fetters,
Here the false jurist human rights deny,
And in the church, their proud and skilled abettors.
Make truth a lie?

Torture the pages of the hallowed Bible,
To sanction crime, and robbery, and blood?
And, in Oppression’s hateful service, libel
Both man and God?

Shall our New England stand erect no longer,
But stoop in chains upon her downward way,
Thicker to gather on her limbs and stronger
Day after day?

Oh no; methinks from all her wild, green mountains;
From valleys where her slumbering fathers lie;
From her blue rivers and her welling fountains,
And clear, cold sky;

From her rough coast, and isles, which hungry Ocean
Gnaws with his surges; from the fisher’s skiff,

421. Note the famous name: Henry Laurens, like Whittier a Huguenot, had been the biggest slave trader in Charleston, and while we were establishing our freedom over here, had served in the Continental Congress.



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With white sail swaying to the billows' motion
Round rock and cliff;

From the free fireside of her unbought farmer;
From her free laborer at his loom and wheel;
From the brown smith-shop, where, beneath the hammer,
Rings the red steel;

From each and all, if God hath not forsaken
Our land, and left us to an evil choice,
Loud as the summer thunderbolt shall waken
A People's voice.

Startling and stern! the Northern winds shall bear it
Over Potomac's to St. Mary's wave;
And buried Freedom shall awake to hear it
Within her grave.

Oh, let that voice go forth! The bondman sighing
By Santee's wave, in Mississippi's cane,
Shall feel the hope, within his bosom dying,
Revive again.

Let it go forth! The millions who are gazing
Sadly upon us from afar shall smile,
And unto God devout thanksgiving raising,
Bless us the while.

Oh for your ancient freedom, pure and holy,
For the deliverance of a groaning earth,
For the wronged captive, bleeding, crushed, and lowly,
Let it go forth!

Sons of the best of fathers! will ye falter
With all they left ye perilled and at stake?
Ho! once again on Freedom's holy altar
The fire awake!

Prayer-strengthened for the trial, come together,
Put on the harness for the moral fight,
And, with the blessing of your Heavenly Father,
Maintain the right!



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 26th of 5 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in town was attended by Mary Card – Anna Macomber returned home this Morning with Joseph Gifford she being too unwell to prosecute her journey
Mary Hicks first appeared in testimony in a lively & well adapted communication, then Mary Card followed her in a lively & acceptable testimony & the Meeting concluded shortly after the Meeting broke – In the last meeting we had but little buisness & the Meeting did not sit long – – Mary Card expects to go to Connanicut tomorrow to visit the few families there. – Had a letter from our dear John in the Afternoon. –*

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May 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 5th M 1836 / The letter we had from John yesterday conveys no very favourable account of our dear Marys health - this is matter of much concern to us - She went the week before 60 miles to attend Stamford Qrly Meeting but soon after their return she was taken unwell again & tho' John says she is better it will prevent their attending NYork Yearly Meeting which they intended to do. - I hope & pray she may be restored to health. -

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June 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 6th M 1836 / Our meeting was rather small but a solid & pretty good one. - Father had a little testimony to bear - My mind this Afternoon has been in a solid quiet frame, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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June 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5 of 6 M / This morning our friend Sam Rhodes arrived in the Steam Boat & came to our house while we were eating breakfast he is from Pennsylvania near Philad. & is a Minister with a good certificate from the Meeting he belongs - he attended our Morning Meeting & had acceptable service - In the Afternoon he attended a Meeting appointed at [Portsmouth](#), & expects to attend as many Meetings as he can before YMeeting. -Our Afternoon meeting was solid, & father had a short good testimony. -

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[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) noted that the *Alert* had made 1,200 miles in seven days.



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AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, June 5th, we were in lat. 19° 29' S., and long. 118° 01' W., having made twelve hundred miles in seven days, very nearly upon a taught bowline. Our good ship was getting to be herself again, had increased her rate of sailing more than one-third since leaving San Diego. The crew ceased complaining of her, and the officers hove the log every two hours with evident satisfaction. This was glorious sailing. A steady breeze; the light trade-wind clouds over our heads; the incomparable temperature of the Pacific,— neither hot nor cold; a clear sun every day, and clear moon and stars each night; and new constellations rising in the south, and the familiar ones sinking in the north, as we went on our course,— “stemming nightly toward the pole.” Already we had sunk the north star and the Great Bear in the northern horizon, and all hands looked out sharp to the southward for the Magellan Clouds, which, each succeeding night, we expected to make. “The next time we see the north star,” said one, “we shall be standing to the northward, the other side of the Horn.” This was true enough, and no doubt it would be a welcome sight; for sailors say that in coming home from round Cape Horn, and the Cape of Good Hope, the north star is the first land you make.

These trades were the same that, in the passage out in the *Pilgrim*, lasted nearly all the way from Juan Fernandez to the line; blowing steadily on our starboard quarter for three weeks, without our starting a brace, or even brailing down the skysails. Though we had now the same wind, and were in the same latitude with the *Pilgrim* on her passage out, yet we were nearly twelve hundred miles to the westward of her course; for the captain, depending upon the strong south-west winds which prevail in high southern latitudes during the winter months, took the full advantage of the trades, and stood well to the westward, so far that we passed within about two hundred miles of Ducie’s Island.

It was this weather and sailing that brought to my mind a little incident that occurred on board the *Pilgrim*, while we were in the same latitude. We were going along at a great rate, dead before the wind, with studding-sails out on both sides, aloft and aloft, on a dark night, just after midnight, and everything was as still as the grave, except the washing of the water by the vessel’s side; for, being before the wind, with a smooth sea, the little brig, covered with canvas, was doing great business, with very little noise. The other watch was below, and all our watch, except myself and the man at the wheel, were asleep under the lee of the boat. The second mate, who came out before the mast, and was always very thick with me, had been holding a yarn with me, and just gone aft to his place on the quarter-deck, and I had resumed my usual walk to and from the windlass-end, when, suddenly, we heard a loud scream coming from ahead, apparently directly from under the bows. The darkness, and complete stillness of the night, and the solitude of the ocean, gave to the sound a dreadful and almost supernatural effect. I stood perfectly still, and my heart beat quick. The sound woke up the rest of the watch, who stood looking at one another. “What, in the name of God, is that?” said the second mate, coming slowly forward. The first thought I had was, that it might be a boat, with the crew of some wrecked vessel, or perhaps the boat of some whaleship, out over night, and we had run them down in the darkness. Another scream, but less loud than the first. This started us, and we ran forward, and looked over the bows, and over the sides, to leeward, but nothing was to be seen or heard. What was to be done. Call the captain, and heave the ship aback? Just at this moment, in crossing the forecastle, one of the men saw a light below, and looking down the scuttle, saw the watch all out of their berths, and afoul of one poor fellow, dragging him out of his berth, and shaking him, to wake him out of a nightmare. They had been waked out of their sleep, and as much alarmed at the scream as we were, and were hesitating whether to come on deck, when the second sound, coming directly from one of the berths, revealed the cause of the alarm. The fellow got a good shaking for the trouble he had given. We made a joke of the matter and we could well laugh, for our minds were not a little relieved by its ridiculous termination.

We were now close upon the southern tropical line, and, with so fine a breeze, were daily leaving the sun behind us, and drawing nearer to Cape Horn, for which it behoved us to make every preparation. Our rigging was all examined and overhauled, and mended, or replaced with new, where it was necessary:



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new and strong bobstays fitted in the place of the chain ones, which were worn out; the spritsail yard and martingale guys and back-ropes set well taught; bran new fore and main braces rove; top-gallant sheets, and wheel-ropes, made of green hide, laid up in the form of rope, were stretched and fitted; and new top-sail clewlines, etc., rove; new fore-topmast back-stays fitted; and other preparations made, in good season, that the ropes might have time to stretch and become limber before we got into cold weather.



June 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th M 7th (3rd of the Week) 1836 / We do not always know what is best for us - & some times that which looks the most favourable does not so prove - but as far as is to be seen by the natural eye - the circumstance of my being elected Town Treasurer this forenoon is a favourable one as to a living - I have been so mercuflly provided for from my youth to the present day - that I sometimes think of all Men I have the least reason to despond of the Mercies & goodness of God to me poor, unprofitable servant as I feel myself to be

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June 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6M 9th 5th day 1836 / Our Meeting was small as it generally is the 5th day before Y Meeting - Father Rodman had a short good testimony. - This Afternoon Our friend Joshua Lynch & Saml Woolman from Ohio arrived at our house so that Yearly Meeting has commenced with us. -

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June 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 M 10th / This Morning our friends Isaac Thorn & his companion John Boyce arrived in the Steam Boat & came to our house

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June 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 6th M 11 / We went to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Select meeting - It was a good meeting, before the service of buisness commenced - Isaac Thorn was engaged in a Baptizing supplication & a Man friend offered a Short testimony whose name I do not know - The buisness was well conducted & the Meeting was not long, we dined at Asa Shermans. - My wife came home, taking Saml Bettles seat in the carriage he went in & I took him to Meeting for Sufferings - Some important subjects were before us but there was much solid weight evidently in & over the Meeting & we got along pretty satisfactorily. - After Meeting rode home with Saml Bettle & had much interesting conversation with him on the Road. - When I got



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home I found a very pleasant & Intersting letter from Our dear friend Ann M Thorn dated Dublin 22 of 4th M 1836 which was very greatful, particularly as her husband was present & had an opportunity of hearing it read as soon as it came. –

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June 12, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* experienced a week of intermittent winds.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

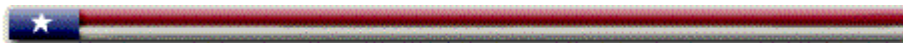
Sunday, June 12th. Lat. 26° 04' S., 116° 31' W. We had now lost the regular trades, and had the winds variable, principally from the westward, and kept on, in a southerly course, sailing very nearly upon a meridian, and at the end of the week,

Hearing reports that the [Texas](#) government was in chaos, [Sam Houston](#) began a difficult journey back.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 6 M 1836 / Our Morning Meeting was a season of remarkable solemnity & favour - Father Rodman opened the service in a short lively testimony & was followed in a powerful living gospel communication by Saml Bettle, Supplication by Hannah Evans - after a time of very solid waiting Saml was engaged in another Supplication after which the Meeting closed. In the Afternoon the Meeting was very large & the weight of the Service lay on Isaac Thorn his testimony was powerful & prevalent & considering the great concourse present the Meeting was as quiet as I ever knew it in the Afternoon. –

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June 13, Monday: The US House of Representatives voted to admit the new states of Arkansas and Michigan to the federal union, preserving of course the necessary political balance by admitting the one as a slave state and the other as a free state.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13th of 6 M 1836 / The silent part of the Meeting was attended with a precious covering under which Saml Bettle was engaged in testimony much to the consolation of Friends followed by a living prayer by Isaac Thorn when we proceeded to buisness - & the usual buisness was proceeded in for three hours - when our friend Benj. Freeborn was taken in a fit & carried our of Meeting - which unsettled the Minds of Friends that after he was removed to the door, buisness could not be proceeded in under



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the same settlement & quiet that we were in before & the Meeting adjourned to 4 OC in the Afternoon - It was a very favoured time all looseness & spirit was remarkable kept down & things went on in the true Spirit of Quakerism. -

At 4 OC the Meeting gathered & again proceeded to buisness - there was not so much of the preciius covering as we were favoured with in the Morning - but on the whole the right weight predominated the committee on epistles was appointed, the report of the boarding School committee was read & the committee reappointed

In the Afternoon we had the company of our intimate & beloved friend Mary Ann Barker in addition to our family, who consists of Joshua Lynch, Saml Woolman, Isaac Thorn & John Boyce Elizabeth Barker & her daughter Mary Ann - Clarke Shove & wife, and Thomas Howland. -[that's a total of nine houseguests]

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June 14, Tuesday: On this day or the following one, [Waldo Emerson](#) wrote in his journal:

Power is one great lesson which Nature teaches Man. The secret that he can not only reduce under his will, that is, conform to his character, particular events but classes of events & so harmonize all the outward occurrences with the states of mind, that must he learn. Worship, must he learn.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14th of 6 M 1836 / Select Meeting met at 8 OClock this Morning - Our friend John Warren returned the certificates he recd two years ago to visit Friends in England & Ireland & produced very lively & satisfactory - The queries & Answers were read & the subjects before treated in a weighty manner. - The Meeting at large in the Afternoon was also a season of favour - In the eveng a committee met at our house which has been the case each evening, including first Day which has made hard service for us. -

I find my time is so much occupied that I must neglect a daily entry of events & must defer to the close of the Meeting any further attempts at writing in my diary & then insert a general clause according to my remembrance & feeling of what occurred. -

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June 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18th of 6 M - Our friends have now left us - our family have all gone & tho' still under the pressure of fatigue wish to commit to writing that it has through out, been a season of



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much good feeling & divine favour & great harmony has been experienced. – yet we have had some difficulty in coming to a few decisions, particularly in the testimony given fourth against false doctrines circulated in many unauthorized pamphlets issued in England – This testimony was agreed to by the Meeting for Sufferings & accepted by the Yearly Meeting, tho' it was very desirable to have had a few of the objectionable works specified & a little more full acknowledgement of the opposition of the spirit of Truth & of its being paramount to the Scriptures as a great attempt is now making to Set the Scriptures above the Spirit – but for the hurried manner in which it was written & the little time we had to digest it, the testimony was a pretty good one & it was my sense & judgement that it will do some good tho' perhaps not as much as it might have done. – The Subject of the removal of Yearly Meeting was reported to by the committee who have had charge of it four years & their opinions being favourable to a change – Another committee was appointed to consider of what place it was best to remove to, in case it was removed, & to report their prospects next year. – In all our sittings there was much drawing together among the weighty part of the society & altho' there was some appearance of the New views which now is agitating Friends in England Yet Truth the everlasting Truth went over all & we have reason to believe that the Great Name was honoured – The public Ministers who were with us were instruments of good & gave evidence that there are yet Seers in Israel & that the Scripture has not departed from Judah

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June 19, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* began to enter the waters off Cape Horn.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, June 19th, were in lat. 34° 15' S., and long. 116° 38' W.

There now began to be a decided change in the appearance of things. The days became shorter and shorter; the sun running lower in its course each day, and giving less and less heat; and the nights so cold as to prevent our sleeping on deck; the Magellan Clouds in sight, of a clear night; the skies looking cold and angry; and, at times, a long, heavy, ugly sea, setting in from the southward, told us what we were coming to. Still, however, we had a fine, strong breeze, and kept on our way, under as much sail as our ship would bear. Toward the middle of the week, the wind hauled to the southward, which brought us upon a taught bowline, made the ship meet, nearly head on, the heavy swell which rolled from that direction; and there was something not at all encouraging in the manner in which she met it. Being so deep and heavy, she wanted the buoyancy which should have carried her over the seas, and she dropped heavily into them, the water washing over the decks; and every now and then, when an unusually large sea met her fairly upon the bows, she struck it with a sound as dead and heavy as that with which a sledge-hammer falls upon the pile, and took the whole of it in upon the forecastle, and rising, carried it aft in the scuppers, washing the rigging off the pins, and carrying along with it everything which was loose on deck. She had been acting in this way all of our forenoon watch below; as we could tell by the washing of the water over our heads, and the heavy breaking of the seas against her bows, (with a sound as though she were striking against a rock,) only the thickness of the plank from our heads, as we lay in our berths, which are directly against the bows. At eight



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bells, the watch was called, and we came on deck, one hand going aft to take the wheel, and another and another going to the galley to get the grub for dinner. I stood on the fore-castle, looking at the seas, which were rolling high, as far as the eye could reach, their tops white with foam, and the body of them of a deep indigo blue, reflecting the bright rays of the sun. Our ship rose slowly over a few of the largest of them, until one immense fellow came rolling on, threatening to cover her, and which I was sailor enough to know, by “the feeling of her” under my feet, she would not rise over. I sprang upon the knight-heads, and seizing hold of the fore-stay with my hands, drew myself upon it. My feet were just off the stanchion, when she struck fairly into the middle of the sea, and it washed her fore and aft, burying her in the water. As soon as she rose out of it, I looked aft, and everything forward of the main-mast, except the long-boat, which was gripped and doublelashed down to the ring-bolts, was swept off clear. The galley, the pig-sty, the hen-coop, and a large sheep-pen which had been built upon the fore-hatch, were all gone, in the twinkling of an eye— leaving the deck as clean as a chin new-reaped— and not a stick left, to show where they had stood. In the scuppers lay the galley, bottom up, and a few boards floating about, the wreck of the sheep-pen— and half a dozen miserable sheep floating among them, wet through, and not a little frightened at the sudden change that had come upon them. As soon as the sea had washed by, all hands sprung out of the fore-castle to see what had become of the ship and in a few moments the cook and old Bill crawled out from under the galley, where they had been lying in the water, nearly smothered, with the galley over them. Fortunately, it rested against the bulwarks, or it would have broken some of their bones. When the water ran off, we picked the sheep up, and put them in the long-boat, got the long-boat, got the galley back in its place, and set things a little to rights; but, had not our ship had uncommonly high bulwarks and rail, everything must have been washed overboard, not excepting Old Bill and the cook. Bill had been standing at the galley-door, with the kid of beef in his hand for the fore-castle mess, when, away he went, kid, beef, and all. He held on to the kid till the last, like a good fellow, but the beef was gone, and when the water had run off, we saw it lying high and dry, like a rock at low tide— nothing could hurt that. We took the loss of our beef very easily, consoling ourselves with the recollection that the cabin had more to lose than we; and chuckled not a little at seeing the remains of the chicken-pie and pan-cakes floating in the scuppers. “This will never do!” was what some said, and every one felt. Here we were, not yet within a thousand miles of the latitude of Cape Horn, and our decks swept by a sea not one half so high as we must expect to find there. Some blamed the captain for loading his ship so deep, when he knew what he must expect; while others said that the wind was always southwest, off the Cape, in the winter; and that, running before it, we should not mind the seas so much. When we got down into the fore-castle, Old Bill, who was somewhat of a croaker,— having met with a great many accidents at sea— said that if that was the way she was going to act, we might as well make our wills, and balance the books at once, and put on a clean shirt. “Vast there, you bloody old owl! You’re always hanging out blue lights! You’re frightened by the ducking you got in the scuppers, and can’t take a joke! What’s the use in being always on the look-out for Davy Jones?” “Stand by!” says another, “and we’ll get an afternoon watch below, by this scrape;” but in this they were disappointed, for at two bells, all hands were called and set to work, getting lashings upon everything on deck; and the captain talked of sending down the long top-gallant masts; but, as the sea went down toward night, and the wind hauled abeam we left them standing, and set the studding-sails.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 6th M 1836 / Our fr Joshua Lynch & his companion Joel Woolman staid last night at David Buffums, being engaged in looking for a horse to go the journey they have in propect. — They returned to Meeting with us in the forenoon & went to an appt Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) at 4 OC this Afternoon intending to go from thence to Edw Wings in [Tiverton](#) & stay tonight — Joshua had a good testimony with us in the Morning & in the Afternoon



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Meeting Father Rodman was concerned in lively testimony

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June 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 6 M / This PM I called to see my dear Neice Martha Cozzens who was confined the first day of this Month with their first child whose name they have concluded to call James Gould Cozzens - My mind was affected with many considerations while sitting with her & my desires were hearty & ardent for their welfare. —

Our Meeting today was smaller than usual - Father preached a little very good but it was not a lively time with me - Edw & Elizabeth Wing were at Meeting & came home with us & Dined

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June 24, Friday: [Waldo Emerson](#) completed his draft of [NATURE](#), which he recognized to be hardly enough to offer as a decent book.

My design is to follow it by and by with another essay, "Spirit"; and the two shall make a decent volume.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 6th M / This eveng between 9 & 10 OC Died Redwood Hazard. Aged 75 Years & 6 Days - he had been for many years partially deranged & taken care of by Society at the house of David Buffum in Middletown - he was mostly pleasant & was always remarkable for his retentive memory & careful attendance of Meetings when of ability to attend—

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June 26, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* were within 1,800 miles of Cape Horn.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, June 26th, when, having a fine, clear day, the captain got a lunar observation, as well as his meridian altitude, which made us in lat. 47° 50' S., long. 113° 49' W.; Cape Horn bearing, according to my calculation, E. S. E. 1/2 E., and distant eighteen hundred miles.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 6th M 1836 / The remains of Redwood Hazard was brought into Town, & buried after Meeting - Father Rodman was engaged in testimony as were Hannah Dennis & Anna D Wing - the latter also appeared in supplication - it appeared to me the Meeting was preserved, & a good degree of solemnity was spread over it. —



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In the Afternoon Anna was again concerned to preach –Father also said a few word.– In the evening I met Hannah & Anna at Fathers.

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June 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 30 of 6 M / Went to [Portsmouth](#) in a Carriage with My wife & Mary Williams to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first Meeting Mary Hicks preached very much to my satisfaction & comfort Anna D Wing then preached - then Hannah Dennis in a few words satisfactorily, then HAnnah Hall was engaged to bear testimony to the Mercy & goodness of God to her soul, but she was so far from me that I could hear but little she said - Then A D Wing prayed - In this Meeting I said in my heat, Oh the need there is of care & watchfulness over the Ministry.

We had but very little buisness in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & it closed sooner than usual.

We dined & spent the Afternoon with my Cousin Shadrach Chase - it was very pleasant & a renewal of Ancient love & friendship, having been long intimate with him & the family & spent many happy hours at his house in the Days of his father & Mother Zacheus & Elizabeth Chase

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July 2, Saturday: Fromental Halevy was elected to the French Institute.

[Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* entered the region of drifting ice.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Saturday, July 2nd. This day the sun rose fair, but it ran too low in the heavens to give any heat, or thaw out our sails and rigging; yet the sight of it was pleasant; and we had a steady "reef topsail breeze" from the westward. The atmosphere, which had previously been clear and cold, for the last few hours grew damp, and had a disagreeable, wet chilliness in it; and the man who came from the wheel said he heard the captain tell "the passenger" that the thermometer had fallen several degrees since morning, which he could not account for in any other way than by supposing that there must be ice near us; though such a thing had never been heard of in this latitude, at this season of the year. At twelve o'clock we went below, and had just got through dinner, when the cook put his head down the scuttle and told us to come on deck and see the finest sight that we had ever seen. "Where away, cook?" asked the first man who was up. "On the larboard bow." And there lay, floating in the ocean, several miles off, an immense, irregular mass, its top and points covered with snow, and its center of a deep indigo color. This was an iceberg, and of the largest size, as one of our men said who had been in the Northern ocean. As far as the eye could reach, the sea in every direction was of a deep blue color, the waves running high and fresh, and sparkling in the light, and in the midst lay this immense mountain-island, its cavities and valleys thrown into deep shade, and its points and pinnacles glittering in the sun. All hands were soon on deck, looking at it, and admiring in various ways its beauty and grandeur. But no description can give any idea of the strangeness, splendor, and, really, the sublimity, of the sight. Its great size;— for it must have been from two to three miles in circumference, and several hundred feet in height;— its slow motion, as its base rose and sank in the water, and its high points nodded against the clouds; the dashing of the waves upon it, which, breaking high with foam, lined its base with a white crust; and the thundering sound of the cracking of the mass, and the breaking and tumbling down of huge pieces; together with its nearness and approach, which added a slight element of fear,— all combined to give to it the character of true sublimity. The main body of the mass was, as I have said, of an indigo color, its base crusted with frozen foam; and as it grew thin and transparent toward the edges and top, its color shaded off from a deep blue to the whiteness of snow. It seemed to be drifting slowly toward the north, so that we kept away and avoided it. It was in sight all the afternoon; and when we got to leeward of it, the wind died away, so that we lay-to quite near it for a greater part of the night. Unfortunately, there was no moon, but it was a clear night, and we could plainly mark the long, regular heaving of the stupendous mass, as its edges moved slowly against the stars. Several times in our watch loud cracks were heard, which sounded as though they must have run through the whole length of the iceberg, and several pieces fell down with a thundering crash, plunging heavily into the sea.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 2nd of 7th M 1836 / It seems as if I have constantly something to be thankful for, & the language of my heart has often of late been "What shall I render to the Lord for all his blessings." What I am now alluding to particularly is that I have acted as Town Treasurer for the last Year & today the Audit has been to our house & made a satisfactory settlement of my accounts with the Town - which places me at ease on account of them & I find all the Money in my hands that appears due to the Town by the settlement of the Books

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July 3, Sunday: [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) and the *Alert* sailed on through drifting, shifting archipelago of islands of ice.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Toward morning, a strong breeze sprang up, and we filled away, and left it astern, and at daylight it was out of sight. The next day, which was

Sunday, July 3d, the breeze continued strong, the air exceedingly chilly, and the thermometer low. In the course of the day we saw several icebergs, of different sizes, but none so near as the one which we saw the day before. Some of them, as well as we could judge, at the distance at which we were, must have been as large as that, if not larger. At noon we were in latitude 55° 12' south, and supposed longitude 89° 5' west. Toward night the wind hauled to the southward, and headed us off our course a little, and blew a tremendous gale; but this we did not mind, as there was no rain nor snow, and we were already under close sail.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3rd of 7 M / In our morning Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in testimony^supplication – & also in testimony in the Afternoon much to satisfaction

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July 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 5 of 7 M / This Morning I went on board the Steam Boat & got to [Providence](#) in season to attend the Meeting of the Sub-committee & Spent the day at the School House
Lodged at my dear fr [Moses Browns](#)*

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[David Henry Thoreau](#) wrote from [Concord](#) to Henry Vose, a classmate at [Harvard College](#) and fellow [Concordian](#) who would eventually sit on the Superior Court of Massachusetts.

Concord, July 5.th 1836.

Dear Vose.

You will probably recognise in the following dialogue a part which you yourself acted.

Act 1st. Scene 1st.

T. Come, Vose, let's hear from a fellow now and then.

V. We—ll, I certainly will, but you must write first.

T. No, confound you, I shall have my hands full, and moreover shall have nothing to say, while you will have bonfires, gunpowder plots, and deviltry enough to back you.

V. Well, I'll write first, and in the course of our correspondence we can settle a certain other matter.

Now 'tis to this "certain other matter" alone that you are indebted for this epistle. The length and breadth, the height and depth, the sum & substance, of what I have to say, is this. Your humble servant



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will endeavor to enter the Senior Class of Harvard University next term, and if you intend taking a room in College, and it should be consistent with your pleasure, will joyfully sign himself your lawful and proper "Chum".

Should the case be otherwise, you will oblige him much if you will request that sage doughface of a Wheeler to secure me one of the following rooms. Agreeably to his polite offer.

H. 23

St. do

H. 27

St. do

St 28

H. do

Look well to the order.

I shall expect to hear from you forthwith. I leave it to you to obtain a room, should it be necessary.

Yrs

Matter-of-factly

D H Thoreau



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Until Friday, aboard the *Alert*, [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) would be sick in his hammock.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

I went below and turned-in, covering myself over with blankets and jackets, and lay in my berth nearly twenty-four hours, half asleep and half awake, stupid, from the dull pain. I heard the watch called, and the men going up and down, and sometimes a noise on deck, and a cry of “ice,” but I gave little attention to anything. At the end of twenty-four hours the pain went down, and I had a long sleep, which brought me back to my proper state; yet my face was so swollen and tender, that I was obliged to keep to my berth for two or three days longer. During the two days I had been below, the weather was much the same that it had been, head winds, and snow and rain; or, if the wind came fair, too foggy, and the ice too thick, to run. At the end of the third day the ice was very thick; a complete fog-bank covered the ship. It blew a tremendous gale from the eastward, with sleet and snow, and there was every promise of a dangerous and fatiguing night. At dark, the captain called all hands aft, and told them that not a man was to leave the deck that night; that the ship was in the greatest danger; any cake of ice might knock a hole in her, or she might run on an island and go to pieces. No one could tell whether she would be a ship the next morning. The look-outs were then set, and every man was put in his station. When I heard what was the state of things, I began to put on my clothes to stand it out with the rest of them, when the mate came below, and looking at my face, ordered me back to my berth, saying that if we went down, we should all go down together, but if I went on deck I might lay myself up for life. This was the first word I had heard from aft; for the captain had done nothing, nor inquired how I was, since I went below.

In obedience to the mate’s orders, I went back to my berth; but a more miserable night I never wish to spend. I never felt the curse of sickness so keenly in my life. If I could only have been on deck with the rest, where something was to be done, and seen, and heard; where there were fellow-beings for companions in duty and danger— but to be cooped up alone in a black hole, in equal danger, but without the power to do, was the hardest trial. Several times, in the course of the night, I got up, determined to go on deck; but the silence which showed that there was nothing doing, and the knowledge that I might make myself seriously ill, for nothing, kept me back. It was not easy to sleep, lying, as I did, with my head directly against the bows, which might be dashed in by an island of ice, brought down by the very next sea that struck her. This was the only time I had been ill since I left Boston, and it was the worst time it could have happened. I felt almost willing to bear the plagues of Egypt for the rest of the voyage, if I could but be well and strong for that one night. Yet it was a dreadful night for those on deck. A watch of eighteen hours, with wet, and cold, and constant anxiety, nearly wore them out; and when they came below at nine o’clock for breakfast, they almost dropped asleep on their chests, and some of them were so stiff that they could with difficulty sit down. Not a drop of anything had been given them during the whole time, (though the captain, as on the night that I was on deck, had his coffee every four hours,) except that the mate stole a potful of coffee for two men to drink behind the galley, while he kept a look-out for the captain. Every man had his station, and was not allowed to leave it; and nothing happened to break the monotony of the night, except once setting the main topsails to run clear of a large island to leeward, which they were drifting fast upon. Some of the boys got so sleepy and stupefied, that they actually fell asleep at their posts; and the young third mate, whose station was the exposed one of standing on the fore scuttle, was so stiff, when he was relieved, that he could not bend his knees to get down. By a constant look-out, and a quick shifting of the helm, as the islands and pieces came in sight, the ship went clear of everything but a few small pieces, though daylight showed the ocean covered for miles.



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July 6, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6th of 7th M 1836 / Still at [Providence](#) engaged with others by appointment from the Yearly Meeting in transferring the School fund from [Moses Brown](#) the old treasurer resigned to Wm Jenkins who was appointed in the 6 M to succeed him - We were engaged all this forenoon in receiving the fund from [Moses Brown](#) & receipting to him for the same & giving him a discharge from his long & arduous duties for the space of 50 Years - After dining at the house of our Venerable friend we went to Wm Jenkins Store & Paid the effects over to him amounting to \$94, 999 or thereabout & took his receipt for the same. - I went with Thos Howland to the School House & lodged there. -

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July 7, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day after attending to a little buisness of my own I attended the Week day Meeting in [Providence](#) which was held in Silence Dined at William Jenkins's, who at 4 OC carried me to the Steam Boat & I came home. - This is the first time the treasury of the School fund was ever transfered - [Moses Brown](#) having held it from its first commencement - My visit was a pleasant one & I left my friends there under a good degree of encouragement & good feelings. -

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July 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 7th M 1836 / Father was engaged in testimony forenoon & Afternoon - the Morning Meeting was attended as usual tho' I thought both were rather thinner than at some times - yet there were several present who were new commers & have not in times past been in the practice of attending our Meetings - But for my own part both Meetings were to me seasons of but little access to divine favour & rather dry & hard Seasons. -

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The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) made an initial run at the Cape.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, July 10th. Lat. 54° 10', long. 79° 07'. This was our position at noon. The sun was out bright; the ice was all left behind, and things had quite a cheering appearance. We brought our wet pea-jackets and trousers on deck, and hung them up in the rigging, that the breeze and the few hours of sun might dry them a little; and, by the permission of the cook, the galley was nearly filled with stockings and mittens, hung



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round to be dried. Boots, too, were brought up; and having got a little tar and slush from below, we gave them a thick coat. After dinner, all hands were turned-to, to get the anchors over the bows, bend on the chains, etc. fishtackle was got up, fish-davit rigged out, and after two or three hours of hard and cold work, both the anchors were ready for instant use, a couple of kedges got up, a hawser coiled away upon the fore-hatch, and the deep-sea-lead-line overhauled and got ready. Our spirits returned with having something to do; and when the tackle was manned to bowse the anchor home, notwithstanding the desolation of the scene, we struck up “Cheerily ho!” in full chorus. This pleased the mate, who rubbed his hands and cried out—“That’s right, my boys; never say die! That sounds like the old crew!” and the captain came up, on hearing the song, and said to the passenger, within hearing of the man at the wheel,—“That sounds like a lively crew. They’ll have their song so long as there’re enough left for a chorus!”

This preparation of the cable and anchors was for the passage of the straits; for, being very crooked, and with a variety of currents, it is necessary to come frequently to anchor. This was not, by any means, a pleasant prospect, for, of all the work that a sailor is called upon to do in cold weather, there is none so bad as working the ground-tackle. The heavy chain cables to be hauled and pulled about the decks with bare hands; wet hawsers, slip-ropes, and buoyropes to be hauled aboard, dripping in water, which is running up your sleeves, and freezing; clearing hawse under the bows; getting under weigh and coming-to, at all hours of the night and day, and a constant look-out for rocks and sands and turns of tides;— these are some of the disagreeables of such a navigation to a common sailor. Fair or foul, he wants to have nothing to do with the ground, tackle between port and port. One of our hands, too, had unluckily fallen upon a half of an old newspaper which contained an account of the passage, through the straits, of a Boston brig, called, I think, the *Peruvian*, in which she lost every cable and anchor she had, got aground twice, and arrived at Valparaiso in distress. This was set off against the account of the *A.J. Donelson*, and led us to look forward with less confidence to the passage, especially as no one on board had ever been through, and the captain had no very perfect charts. However, we were spared any further experience on the point; for the next day, when we must have been near the Cape of Pillars, which is the south-west point of the mouth of the straits, a gale set in from the eastward, with a heavy fog, so that we could not see half of the ship’s length ahead. This, of course, put an end to the project, for the present; for a thick fog and a gale blowing dead ahead are not the most favorable circumstances for the passage of difficult and dangerous straits. This weather, too, seemed likely to last for some time, and we could not think of beating about the mouth of the straits for a week or two, waiting for a favorable opportunity; so we braced up on the larboard tack, put the ship’s head due south, and struck her off for Cape Horn again.

Our watches below were no more varied than the watch on deck. All washing, sewing, and reading was given up; and we did nothing but eat, sleep, and stand our watch, leading what might be called a Cape Horn life. The fore-castle was too uncomfortable to sit up in; and whenever we were below, we were in our berths. To prevent the rain, and the sea-water which broke over the bows, from washing down, we were obliged to keep the scuttle closed, so that the fore-castle was nearly air-tight. In this little, wet, leaky hole, we were all quartered, in an atmosphere so bad that our lamp, which swung in the middle from the beams, sometimes actually burned blue, with a large circle of foul air about it. Still I was never in better health than after three weeks of this life. I gained a great deal of flesh, and we all ate like horses. At every watch, when we came below, before turning-in, the bread barge and beef kid were overhauled. Each man drank his quart of hot tea night and morning; and glad enough we were to get it, for no nectar and ambrosia were sweeter to the lazy immortals, than was a pot of hot tea, a hard biscuit, and a slice of cold salt beef, to us after a watch on deck. To be sure, we were mere animals and had this life lasted a year instead of a month we should have been little better than the ropes in the ship. Not a razor, nor a brush, nor a drop of water, except the rain and the spray, had come near us all the time; for we were on an allowance of fresh water; and who would strip and wash himself in salt water on deck, in the snow and ice, with the thermometer at zero?

After about eight days of constant easterly gales, the wind hauled occasionally a little to the southward, and blew hard, which, as we were well to the southward, allowed us to brace in a little and stand on, under all



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the sail we could carry. These turns lasted but a short while, and sooner or later it set again from the old quarter; yet each time we made something, and were gradually edging along to the eastward. One night, after one of these shifts of the wind, and when all hands had been up a great part of the time, our watch was left on deck, with the mainsail hanging in the buntlines, ready to be set if necessary. It came on to blow worse and worse, with hail and snow beating like so many furies upon the ship, it being as dark and thick as night could make it. The mainsail was blowing and slatting with a noise like thunder, when the captain came on deck, and ordered it to be furled. The mate was about to call all hands, when the captain stopped him, and said that the men would be beaten out if they were called up so often; that as our watch must stay on deck, it might as well be doing that as anything else. Accordingly, we went upon the yard; and never shall I forget that piece of work. Our watch had been so reduced by sickness, and by some having been left in California, that, with one man at the wheel, we had only the third mate and three beside myself to go aloft; so that at most, we could only attempt to furl one yard-arm at a time. We manned the weather yard-arm, and set to work to make a furl of it. Our lower masts being short, and our yards very square, the sail had a head of nearly fifty feet, and a short leach, made still shorter by the deep reef which was in it, which brought the clew away out on the quarters of the yard, and made a bunt nearly as square as the mizen royal-yard. Beside this difficulty, the yard over which we lay was cased with ice, the gaskets and rope of the foot and leach of the sail as stiff and hard as a piece of suctionhose, and the sail itself about as pliable as though it had been made of sheets of sheathing copper. It blew a perfect hurricane, with alternate blasts of snow, hail, and rain. We had to fist the sail with bare hands. No one could trust himself to mittens, for if he slipped, he was a gone man. All the boats were hoisted in on deck, and there was nothing to be lowered for him. We had need of every finger God had given us. Several times we got the sail upon the yard, but it blew away again before we could secure it. It required men to lie over the yard to pass each turn of the gaskets, and when they were passed, it was almost impossible to knot them so that they would hold. Frequently we were obliged to leave off altogether and take to beating our hands upon the sail, to keep them from freezing. After some time,—which seemed forever,—we got the weather side stowed after a fashion, and went over to leeward for another trial. This was still worse, for the body of the sail had been blown over to leeward, and as the yard was a-cock-bill by the lying over of the vessel, we had to light it all up to windward. When the yard-arms were furled, the bunt was all adrift again, which made more work for us. We got all secure at last, but we had been nearly an hour and a half upon the yard, and it seemed an age. It just struck five bells when we went up, and eight were struck soon after we came down. This may seem slow work, but considering the state of everything, and that we had only five men to a sail with just half as many square yards of canvas in it as the mainsail of the *Independence*, sixty-gun ship, which musters seven hundred men at her quarters, it is not wonderful that we were no quicker about it. We were glad enough to get on deck, and still more, to go below. The oldest sailor in the watch said, as he went down,—“I shall never forget that main yard;— it beats all my going a fishing. Fun is fun, but furling one yard-arm of a course, at a time, off Cape Horn, is no better than man-killing.”

Few words were spoken between the watches as they shifted, the wheel was relieved, the mate took his place on the quarter-deck, the look-outs in the bows; and each man had his narrow space to walk fore and aft in, or, rather, to swing himself forward and back in, from one belaying pin to another,— for the decks were too slippery with ice and water to allow of much walking. To make a walk, which is absolutely necessary to pass away the time, one of us hit upon the expedient of sanding the deck; and afterwards, whenever the rain was not so violent as to wash it off, the weatherside of the quarterdeck and a part of the waist and forecastle were sprinkled with the sand which we had on board for holystoning; and thus we made a good promenade, where we walked fore and aft, two and two, hour after hour, in our long, dull, and comfortless watches. The bells seemed to be an hour or two apart, instead of half an hour, and an age to elapse before the welcome sound of eight bells. The sole object was to make the time pass on. Any chance was sought for, which would break the monotony of the time; and even the two hours' trick at the wheel, which came round to each of us, in turn, once in every other watch, was looked upon as a relief. Even the never-failing resource of long



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yarns, which eke out many a watch, seemed to have failed us now; for we had been so long together that we had heard each other's stories told over and over again, till we had them by heart; each one knew the whole history of each of the others, and we were fairly and literally talked out. Singing and joking, we were in no humor for, and, in fact, any sound of mirth or laughter would have struck strangely upon our ears, and would not have been tolerated, any more than whistling, or a wind instrument. The last resort, that of speculating upon the future, seemed now to fail us, for our discouraging situation, and the danger we were really in, (as we expected every day to find ourselves drifted back among the ice) "clapped a stopper" upon all that. From saying— "when we get home"— we began insensibly to alter it to— "if we get home"— and at last the subject was dropped by a tacit consent.

In this state of things, a new light was struck out, and a new field opened, by a change in the watch. One of our watch was laid up for two or three days by a bad hand, (for in cold weather the least cut or bruise ripens into a sore,) and his place was supplied by the carpenter. This was a windfall, and there was quite a contest, who should have the carpenter to walk with him. As "Chips" was a man of some little education, and he and I had had a good deal of intercourse with each other, he fell in with me in my walk. He was a Fin, but spoke English very well, and gave me long accounts of his country;— the customs, the trade, the towns, what little he knew of the government, (I found he was no friend of Russia), his voyages, his first arrival in America, his marriage and courtship;— he had married a countrywoman of his, a dress-maker, whom he met with in Boston. I had very little to tell him of my quiet, sedentary life at home; and, in spite of our best efforts, which had protracted these yarns through five or six watches, we fairly talked one another out, and I turned him over to another man in the watch, and put myself upon my own resources.

I commenced a deliberate system of time-killing, which united some profit with a cheering up of the heavy hours. As soon as I came on deck, and took my place and regular walk, I began with repeating over to myself a string of matters which I had in my memory, in regular order. First, the multiplication table and the tables of weights and measures; then the states of the union, with their capitals; the counties of England, with their shire towns; the kings of England in their order; and a large part of the peerage, which I committed from an almanac that we had on board; and then the Kanaka numerals. This carried me through my facts, and, being repeated deliberately, with long intervals, often eked out the two first bells. Then came the ten commandments; the thirty-ninth chapter of Job, and a few other passages from Scripture. The next in the order, that I never varied from, came Cowper's Castaway, which was a great favorite with me; the solemn measure and gloomy character of which, as well as the incident that it was founded upon, made it well suited to a lonely watch at sea. Then his lines to Mary, his address to the jackdaw, and a short extract from Table Talk; (I abounded in Cowper, for I happened to have a volume of his poems in my chest;) "Ille et nefasto" from Horace, and Goethe's Erl King. After I had got through these, I allowed myself a more general range among everything that I could remember, both in prose and verse. In this way, with an occasional break by relieving the wheel, heaving the log, and going to the scuttle-butt for a drink of water, the longest watch was passed away; and I was so regular in my silent recitations, that if there was no interruption by ship's duty, I could tell very nearly the number of bells by my progress.

Besides the pleasure of seeing a ship and human beings in so desolate a place, it was important for us to speak a vessel, to learn whether there was ice to the eastward, and to ascertain the longitude; for we had no chronometer, and had been drifting about so long that we had nearly lost our reckoning, and opportunities for lunar observations are not frequent or sure in such a place as Cape Horn. For these various reasons, the excitement in our little community was running high, and conjectures were made, and everything thought of for which the captain would hail, when the man aloft sung out— "Another sail, large on the weather bow!" This was a little odd, but so much the better, and did not shake our faith in their being sails. At length the man in the top hailed, and said he believed it was land, after all. "Land in your eye!" said the mate, who was looking through a telescope; "they are ice islands, if I can see a hole through a ladder;" and a few moments showed the mate to be right and all our expectations fled; and instead of what we most wished to see, we had what we most dreaded, and what we hoped we had seen the last of. We soon, however, left these astern,



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having passed within about two miles of them; and at sundown the horizon was clear in all directions. Having a fine wind, we were soon up with and passed the latitude of the Cape, and having stood far enough to the southward to give it a wide berth, we began to stand to the eastward, with a good prospect of being round and steering to the northward on the other side, in a very few days.

But ill luck seemed to have lighted upon us. Not four hours had we been standing on in this course, before it fell dead calm; and in half an hour it clouded up; a few straggling blasts, with spits of snow and sleet, came from the eastward; and in an hour more, we lay hove-to under a close-reefed main topsail, drifting bodily off to leeward before the fiercest storm that we had yet felt, blowing dead ahead, from the eastward. It seemed as though the genius of the place had been roused at finding that we had nearly slipped through his fingers, and had come down upon us with tenfold fury. The sailors said that every blast, as it shook the shrouds, and whistled through the rigging, said to the old ship, “No, you don’t!”— “No, you don’t!”

For eight days we lay drifting about in this manner. Sometimes,— generally towards noons,— it fell calm; once or twice a round copper ball showed itself for a few moments in the place where the sun ought to have been; and a puff or two came from the westward, giving some hope that a fair wind had come at last. During the first two days, we made sail for these puffs, shaking the reefs out of the topsails and boarding the tacks of the courses; but finding that it only made work for us when the gale set in again, it was soon given up, and we lay-to under our close-reefs.

We had less snow and hail than when we were farther to the westward, but we had an abundance of what is worse to a sailor in cold weather— drenching rain. Snow is blinding, and very bad when coming upon a coast, but, for genuine discomfort, give me rain with freezing weather. A snow-storm is exciting, and it does not wet through the clothes (which is important to a sailor); but a constant rain there is no escaping from. It wets to the skin, and makes all protection vain. We had long ago run through all our dry clothes, and as sailors have no other way of drying them than by the sun, we had nothing to do but to put on those which were the least wet. At the end of each watch, when we came below, we took off our clothes and wrung them out; two taking hold of a pair of trowsers,— one at each end,— and jackets in the same way. Stockings, mittens, and all, were wrung out also and then hung up to drain and chafe dry against the bulk-heads. Then, feeling of all our clothes, we picked out those which were the least wet, and put them on, so as to be ready for a call, and turned-in, covered ourselves up with blankets, and slept until three knocks on the scuttle and the dismal sound of “All starboardlines ahoy! Eight bells, there below! Do you hear the news?” drawled out from on deck, and the sulky answer of “Aye, aye!” from below, sent us up again.

On deck, all was as dark as a pocket, and either a dead calm, with the rain pouring steadily down, or, more generally, a violent gale dead ahead, with rain pelting horizontally, and occasional variations of hail and sleet;— decks afloat with water swashing from side to side, and constantly wet feet; for boots could not be wrung out like drawers, and no composition could stand the constant soaking. In fact, wet and cold feet are inevitable in such weather, and are not the least of those little items which go to make up the grand total of the discomforts of a winter passage round the Cape.

In our first attempt to double the Cape, when we came up to the latitude of it, we were nearly seventeen hundred miles to the westward, but, in running for the straits of Magellan, we stood so far to the eastward, that we made our second attempt at a distance of not more than four or five hundred miles; and we had great hopes, by this means, to run clear of the ice; thinking that the easterly gales, which had prevailed for a long time, would have driven it to the westward. With the wind about two points free, the yards braced in a little, and two close-reefed topsails and a reefed foresail on the ship, we made great way toward the southward and, almost every watch, when we came on deck, the air seemed to grow colder, and the sea to run higher. Still, we saw no ice, and had great hopes of going clear of it altogether, when, one afternoon, about three o’clock, while we were taking a siesta during our watch below, “All hands!” was called in a loud and fearful voice. “Tumble up here, men!— tumble up!— don’t stop for your clothes— before we’re upon it!” We sprang out of our berths and hurried upon deck. The loud, sharp voice of the captain was heard giving orders, as though for life or death, and we ran aft to the braces, not waiting to look ahead, for not a moment was to be



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lost. The helm was hard up, the after yards shaking, and the ship in the act of wearing. Slowly, with stiff ropes and iced rigging, we swung the yards round, everything coming hard, and with a creaking and rending sound, like pulling up a plank which had been frozen into the ice. The ship wore round fairly, the yards were steadied, and we stood off on the other tack, leaving behind us, directly under our larboard quarter, a large ice island, peering out of the mist, and reaching high above our tops, while astern; and on either side of the island, large tracts of field-ice were dimly seen, heaving and rolling in the sea. We were now safe, and standing to the northward; but, in a few minutes more, had it not been for the sharp look-out of the watch, we should have been fairly upon the ice, and left our ship's old bones adrift in the Southern ocean. After standing to the northward a few hours, we wore ship, and the wind having hauled, we stood to the southward and eastward. All night long, a bright lookout was kept from every part of the deck; and whenever ice was seen on the one bow or the other, the helm was shifted and the yards braced, and by quick working of the ship she was kept clear. The accustomed cry of "Ice ahead!"—"Ice on the lee bow!"—"Another island!" in the same tones, and with the same orders following them, seemed to bring us directly back to our old position of the week before. During our watch on deck, which was from twelve to four, the wind came out ahead, with a pelting storm of hail and sleet, and we lay hove-to, under a close-reefed main topsail, the whole watch. During the next watch it fell calm, with a drenching rain, until daybreak, when the wind came out to the westward, and the weather cleared up, and showed us the whole ocean, in the course which we should have steered, had it not been for the head wind and calm, completely blocked up with ice. Here then our progress was stopped, and we wore ship, and once more stood to the northward and eastward; not for the straits of Magellan, but to make another attempt to double the Cape, still farther to the eastward; for the captain was determined to get round if perseverance could do it; and the third time, he said, never failed.

With a fair wind we soon ran clear of the field-ice, and by noon had only the stray islands floating far and near upon the ocean. The sun was out bright, the sea of a deep blue, fringed with the white foam of the waves which ran high before a strong southwester; our solitary ship tore on through the water, as though glad to be out of her confinement; and the ice islands lay scattered upon the ocean here and there, of various sizes and shapes, reflecting the bright rays of the sun, and drifting slowly northward before the gale. It was a contrast to much that we had lately seen, and a spectacle not only of beauty, but of life; for it required but little fancy to imagine these islands to be animate masses which had broken loose from the "thrilling regions of thick-ribbed ice," and were working their way, by wind and current, some alone, and some in fleets, to milder climes. No pencil has ever yet given anything like the true effect of an iceberg. In a picture, they are huge, uncouth masses, stuck in the sea, while their chief beauty and grandeur,—their slow, stately motion; the whirling of the snow about their summits, and the fearful groaning and cracking of their parts,—the picture cannot give. This is the large iceberg; while the small and distant islands, floating on the smooth sea, in the light of a clear day, look like little floating fairy isles of sapphire.

From a north-east course we gradually hauled to the eastward, and after sailing about two hundred miles, which brought us as near to the western coast of Terra del Fuego as was safe, and having lost sight of the ice altogether,—for the third time we put the ship's head to the southward, to try the passage of the Cape. The weather continued clear and cold, with a strong gale from the westward, and we were fast getting up with the latitude of the Cape, with a prospect of soon being round. One fine afternoon, a man who had gone into the fore-top to shift the rolling tackles, sung out, at the top of his voice, and with evident glees—"Sail ho!" Neither land nor sail had we seen since leaving San Diego; and any one who has traversed the length of a whole ocean alone, can imagine what an excitement such an announcement produced on board. "Sail ho!" shouted the cook, jumping out of his galley; "Sail ho!" shouted a man, throwing back the slide of the scuttle, to the watch below, who were soon out of their berths and on deck; and "Sail ho!" shouted the captain down the companion-way to the passenger in the cabin.

After about eight days of constant easterly gales, the wind hauled occasionally a little to the southward, and blew hard, which, as we were well to the southward, allowed us to brace in a little and stand on, under all



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the sail we could carry. These turns lasted but a short while, and sooner or later it set again from the old quarter; yet each time we made something, and were gradually edging along to the eastward. One night, after one of these shifts of the wind, and when all hands had been up a great part of the time, our watch was left on deck, with the mainsail hanging in the buntlines, ready to be set if necessary. It came on to blow worse and worse, with hail and snow beating like so many furies upon the ship, it being as dark and thick as night could make it. The mainsail was blowing and slatting with a noise like thunder, when the captain came on deck, and ordered it to be furled. The mate was about to call all hands, when the captain stopped him, and said that the men would be beaten out if they were called up so often; that as our watch must stay on deck, it might as well be doing that as anything else. Accordingly, we went upon the yard; and never shall I forget that piece of work. Our watch had been so reduced by sickness, and by some having been left in California, that, with one man at the wheel, we had only the third mate and three beside myself to go aloft; so that at most, we could only attempt to furl one yard-arm at a time. We manned the weather yard-arm, and set to work to make a furl of it. Our lower masts being short, and our yards very square, the sail had a head of nearly fifty feet, and a short leach, made still shorter by the deep reef which was in it, which brought the clew away out on the quarters of the yard, and made a bunt nearly as square as the mizen royal-yard. Beside this difficulty, the yard over which we lay was cased with ice, the gaskets and rope of the foot and leach of the sail as stiff and hard as a piece of suctionhose, and the sail itself about as pliable as though it had been made of sheets of sheathing copper. It blew a perfect hurricane, with alternate blasts of snow, hail, and rain. We had to fist the sail with bare hands. No one could trust himself to mittens, for if he slipped, he was a gone man. All the boats were hoisted in on deck, and there was nothing to be lowered for him. We had need of every finger God had given us. Several times we got the sail upon the yard, but it blew away again before we could secure it. It required men to lie over the yard to pass each turn of the gaskets, and when they were passed, it was almost impossible to knot them so that they would hold. Frequently we were obliged to leave off altogether and take to beating our hands upon the sail, to keep them from freezing. After some time,—which seemed forever,—we got the weather side stowed after a fashion, and went over to leeward for another trial. This was still worse, for the body of the sail had been blown over to leeward, and as the yard was a-cock-bill by the lying over of the vessel, we had to light it all up to windward. When the yard-arms were furled, the bunt was all adrift again, which made more work for us. We got all secure at last, but we had been nearly an hour and a half upon the yard, and it seemed an age. It just struck five bells when we went up, and eight were struck soon after we came down. This may seem slow work, but considering the state of everything, and that we had only five men to a sail with just half as many square yards of canvas in it as the mainsail of the *Independence*, sixty-gun ship, which musters seven hundred men at her quarters, it is not wonderful that we were no quicker about it. We were glad enough to get on deck, and still more, to go below. The oldest sailor in the watch said, as he went down,—“I shall never forget that main yard;—it beats all my going a fishing. Fun is fun, but furling one yard-arm of a course, at a time, off Cape Horn, is no better than man-killing.”

During the greater part of the next two days, the wind was pretty steady from the southward. We had evidently made great progress, and had good hope of being soon up with the Cape, if we were not there already. We could put but little confidence in our reckoning, as there had been no opportunities for an observation, and we had drifted too much to allow of our dead reckoning being anywhere near the mark. If it would clear off enough to give a chance for an observation, or if we could make land, we should know where we were; and upon these, and the chances of falling in with a sail from the eastward, we depended almost entirely.



July 14, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 14th of 7th M / We had a Small but comfortable Meeting
- Father Rodman bore a short lively, acceptable, & I thought*



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July 15, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 15th of 7th M / The appraisers have been this Afternoon engaged in taking an Inventory of the effects of Uncle Stantons estate - & I have been with them. -

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July 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 7th M / This evening Gilbert Congdon Charles Jenkins, a Son of Saml Bettle & a Young man by the name of Collins called to see us, the two latter from Philad. - I was out but returned just as they were going - I was glad to see them as I am any of our young friends who will call on us. -

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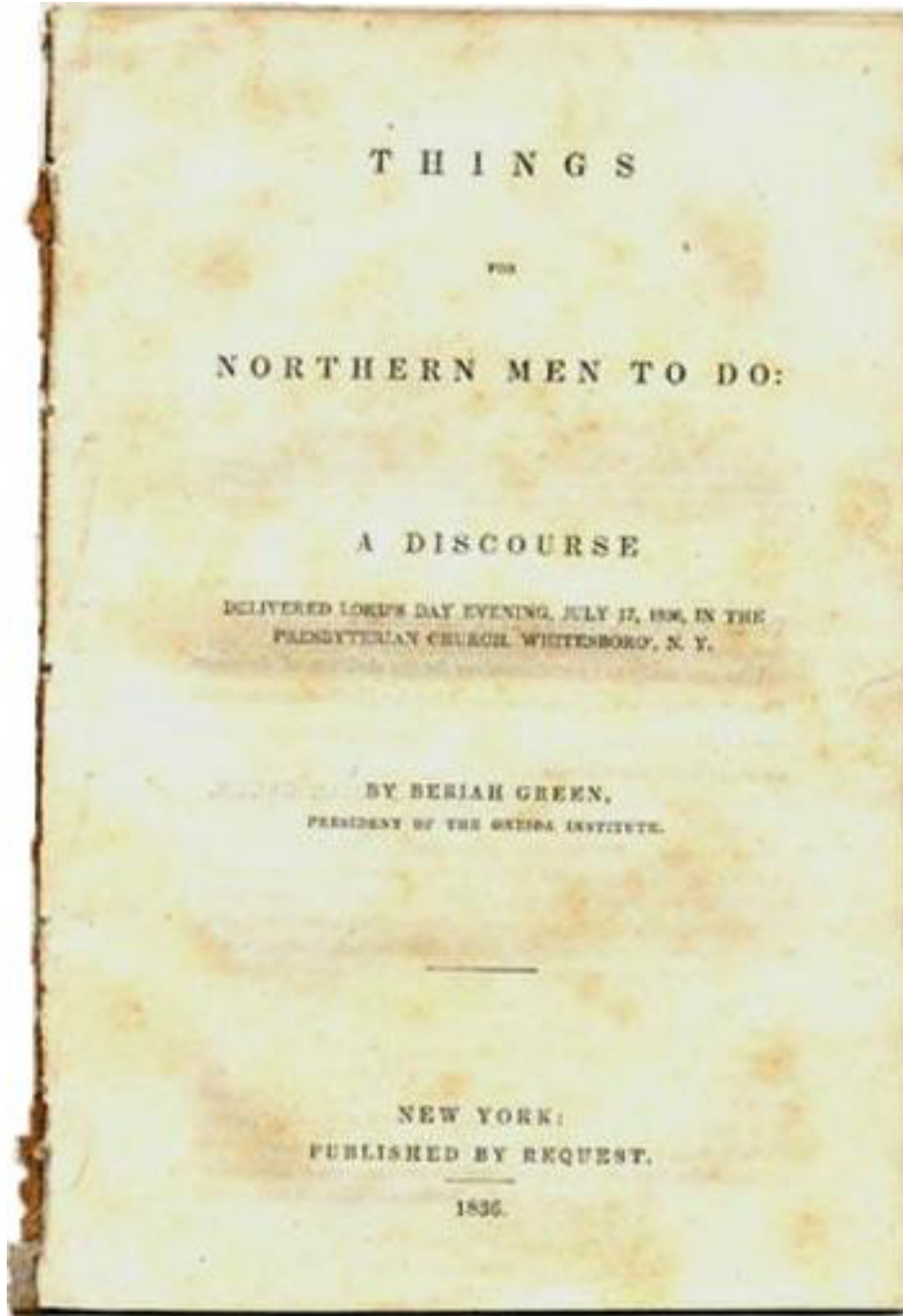
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July 17, Sunday evening: The Reverend [Beriah Green](#) delivered the sermon that would become his pamphlet THINGS FOR NORTHERN MEN TO DO; A DISCOURSE DELIVERED LORD'S DAY EVENING, JULY 17, 1836, IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHITESBORO', N.Y.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 17 of 7 M 1836 / Our morning Meeting was a painful season owing to a communication out of the right spirit & in no way adapted to the state of the Meeting. – In the Afternoon it was a more pleasant time. – A number of Strangers were at Meeting today chiefly Philadelphians who are here on a visit for their health & to enjoy our cool fresh air. –

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July 20, Wednesday: [Charles Darwin](#) climbed Green Hill on Ascension Island.

British settlement of South Australia began with the establishment of a colony on Kangaroo Island.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 7 M 1836 / With my dear Wife rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Select Meeting – The first was Silent & but little life so also was the Preparative & Select Meeting which followed – We dined at Susanna Hathaways & spent the Afternoon very pleasantly with them her two daughters were Scholars at the YMBSchool while we were there & intimate acquaintances of ours. – We took a pleasant Ride home thro' by Thos Potters & then turned into the Middle Road & came out into the West opposite S T Northams Farm – This Road we had not been for many years before & it was new & looked pleasant to us

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July 21, Thursday: The Champlain and Saint Lawrence Railroad opened between La Prairie on the St. Lawrence River and St-Jean on the Richelieu River (this was the 1st railway in Canada).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21st of 7th M / Our Meeting today was small tho' a number of the Strangers were present Tho' our meetings of late have been attended with some pain & ample Scope afforded for the exercise of patience – today it was not very comfortable. We had but little buisness in the Preparative Meeting which followed & it soon closed. –

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July 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3th day 26th of 7 M / Finding a direct opportunity by Jacob M Weaver to write to my fr Abel W Townsend of Falston, Bever County Penns. last eveng I commenced a letter & finished it this Morning, wherein I endeavoured to open my mind to him on the State of Society in a way that I hope may be of some use to him & his Wife who are rather remotely situated from the body of Friends in Ohio & not so much in the way of intercourse with them & consequently not as well informed of the State of things – It is indeed a time of trial to the honest hearted in Israel, & who



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will be found to stand we know not. I felt it to be my duty to write to these dear Friends & my desire is they may avoid the shoals, the quick sands & the rocks that lay in our way. -5th day 4th of 8th M 1836 / Yesterday my dear H & I rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Select Quarterly Meeting & after dining with Aunt Hannah Almy we came home. -

Today we went again to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting at large & was engaged in a well Authorised Gospel testimony under which I have no doubt many present were brought to feel the power of it in their own hearts. - Hannah Dennis & Saml Newett also had short but good communications - In the last Meeting we had but little buisness, tho' our friend Elizabeth Wing to pay a religious visit to the Qrty Meetings of Nine Partners & Cornwall in the State of NYork - After Meeting Sister Rebecca Rodman being with us & she desirous to get home as soon as she could to her family - we consequently rode home before dinner.

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August 7, Sunday: The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) encountered the English bark *Mary-Catherine*, out of Bahia bound for Calcutta.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, August 7th. Lat. 25° 59' S., long. 27° 0' W., Spoke the English bark *Mary-Catherine*, from Bahia, bound to Calcutta. This was the first sail we had fallen in with, and the first time we had seen a human form or heard the human voice, except of our own number, for nearly a hundred days. The very yo-ho-ing of the sailors at the ropes sounded sociably upon the ear. She was an old, damaged-looking craft, with a high poop and top-gallant forecastle, and sawed off square, stem and stern, like a true English "tea-wagon," and with a run like a sugar-box. She had studding-sails out alow and aloft, with a light but steady breeze, and her captain said he could not get more than four knots out of her and thought he should have a long passage. We were going six on an easy bowline.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7 of 8th M 1836 / Our Morning meeting was a good solid one held in Silence - divers strangers were present from Philad. & other places. - In the Afternoon again silent - but it was a good solid Meeting. -

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To Amos Bronson Alcott
August 7th 1836
Dear Sir:

The very day after my letter to you I received a communication from a friend; by which I learn that much more extensive than either you or I were aware of is the discussion of such subjects as it is known were discussed in connection with the birth of Christ censured even by friends of your system and of yourself, and that something of an impression was gratuitously taken tip that I left the School on that account -



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and impression for which I can in no ways account, except it was thought I ought to leave it. For I have been very wary what I said about it generally leading off from the subject when it was mentioned, but turning attention upon your purity of association being so much like that of children. For I always wanted the plan to succeed in this particular of it especially, so sure I am that it is impossible to keep children ignorant and that it is better to lead their imaginations than to leave them to be directed by idle curiosity. And yet I do not think I should ever have ventured so far myself. And a great many questions I thought were quite superfluous, and what was to be gained by them was not worth the risk of having them repeated and misunderstood abroad. A great deal is repeated, I find, and many persons, liking the school in every other respect, think it is decisive against putting female children to it especially.

I have told you this in the spirit of friendship, and hope you will not despise it. I am conscious of the effect of a few week's freedom from the excitement of being a part of the School, or taking down that exaggerated feeling which made every detail of it seem so very important to the great course of Spiritual Culture; and I never was under half the illusion in this respect that you were.

But with respect to the Record: whatever may be said of the wisdom of pursuing your plan as you have hitherto done in the schoolroom, where you always command the spirits of those around you (only subject to the risk of having your mere words repeated or misinterpreted) I feel more and more that these questionable parts ought not to go into the printed book, at least that they must be entirely disconnected with me.

In the first place, in all these conversations where I have spoken, I should like to have that part of the conversation omitted, so that it may be felt that I was entirely passive. And I would go a little farther: there is a remark of Josiah Quincy's about the formation of the body out of "the naughtiness of other people" which is very remarkable. Please to correct that in my record. But if you wish to retain it, you can add a note in the margin saying: "the Recorder omitted Josiah's answer in this place, which was &c &c." putting Josiah's answer in your note. There are many places where this might be done, and thus the whole responsibility rest upon you. I should like, too, to have the remarks I made on the Circumcision omitted. I do not wish to appear as an interlocutor in that conversation either.

Besides this, I must desire you to put a preface of your own before mine, and express in it, in so many words, that on you rests all the responsibility of introducing the subjects, and that your Recorder did not entirely sympathize or agree with you with respect to the course taken, adding (for I have not the slightest objection), that this disagreement or want of sympathy often prevented your views from being done full justice to, as she herself freely acknowledges. In this matter yourself also is concerned.

Why did prophets and apostles veil this subject in fables and



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emblems if there was not a reason for avoiding physiological inquiries &c? This is worth thinking of. However, you as a man can say anything; but I am a woman, and have feelings that I dare not distrust, however little I can understand them or give an account of them.

Yours, etc.

E.P. PEABODY



August 8, Monday: The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) encountered a large corvette-built English ship.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

The next day, about three P.M., passed a large corvette-built ship, close upon the wind, with royals and skysails set fore and aft, under English colors. She was standing south-by-east, probably bound round Cape Horn. She had men in her tops, and black mast-heads; heavily sparred, with sails cut to a t, and other marks of a man-of war. She sailed well, and presented a fine appearance; the proud, aristocratic-looking banner of St. George, the cross in a blood-red field, waving from the mizen. We probably were as fine a sight, with our studding-sails spread far out beyond the ship on either side, and rising in a pyramid to royal studding-sails and sky-sails, burying the hull in canvas, and looking like what the whale-men on the Banks under their stump top-gallant masts, call "a Cape Horner under a cloud of sail."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 8 M / I rose this morning dressed & prepared myself for Meeting - but some of my friends of the Historical order called me & I forgot Meeting till half an hour after the time. - A Sad Mortification to me. -

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August 14, Sunday: The [Ebenezer Emmons](#)/William G. Redfield party arrived at the Clear Pond home of sawmill innovator Israel Johnson.

Spanish Conservative leader General Quesada was murdered in Madrid. Jose Maria Calatrava replaced Francisco Xavier Isturiz y Montero as Prime Minister of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 8th M 1836 / Father Rodman had short acceptable testimonies in both Meetings & they were good seasons

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August 15, Monday: The climbing party of [Ebenezer Emmons](#)/William G. Redfield, led by Adirondack guides John Cheney and Harvey Holt, departed from Clear Pond and headed uphill.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 8th M / Being on an appointment from the Yearly



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Meeting regarding the Removal of it to some other place, & they agreeing to Meet at Lynn at the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting, I got into the Stage this Morning, & rode to Boston. - put up for the Night at the Marlborough Hotel - the Ride was a pleasant one, tho' I was considerably fatigued when I got there - Sleep well thro' the night -

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August 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Morning after breakfast I got into the Stage & rode to Salem - arrived sometime before dinner at Brother Jonathon Nichols found them all glad to see me & truly I was so, to see them - Spent the rest of the day there, excepting in the evening I called to see Ichabod Nichols & family

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August 17, Wednesday: Bad weather forced the climbing party of [Ebenezer Emmons](#)/William G. Redfield to abandon their project for the time being.

The HMS *Beagle* and [Charles Darwin](#) left South American waters for the final time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day - This Morning rode to Lynn with David Buffum in his carriage - attended Select Meeting & tho' the Answers to the Queries were pretty clear & favourable - I found it to be my duty to call the attention of Friends to the necessity of Watchfulness, it being a day of much trouble in our Society & the Watchmen ought to be on the Alert to arrest & detect whatever may be wrong, however refined it may be presented - Much Similar was expressed by Several others -
In the Afternoon (after dining at Isaac Bassetts) we attended the committee & had a long & rather laborious Sitting concluding to Meet again next Morning - I called to Brother D Rodmans & not finding Cassandra Nichols there with whom I was to return to Salem I went to James Breeds & took tea & returned to Salem having a pleasant ride thro' Danvers where Cassandra pointed out to me the Spot where her kins woman Cassandra Southwick lived who in ancient times was so cruelly whiped in Boston -*

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August 18, Thursday: The presence of a young slave named Med had been discovered in a home on Pinkney Street in [Boston](#). The girl was alleged to be the property of a New Orleans relative of the occupants. The attorney for the slavemaster actually burst into tears at the prospect that little Med might be set free by the judge and thus severed from her mama, a slave in New Orleans. The judge, however, Chief Justice [Lemuel Shaw](#), was less impressed by the crocodile's tears, and by the accusation "mistaken benevolence" which this crocodile managed to blurt out, than by documentary evidence available to the court that it was their intention to sell this child Med once they had her safely back home in the Deep South.

The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) the island of Fernando Naronha.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Thursday, August 18th. At three P.M., made the island of Fernando Naronha, lying in lat. 3° 55' S., long. 32° 35' W.; and ...

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Morning returned to Lynn to attend the Qrly Meeting - it was a large Meeting but not as large as I expected - Thos Anthony was much favoured in testimony after which James Emmons a person not a Member preached & I thought for a thing wholly wrong there was considerable good in his communication - & as this may be read by some who may not take my meaning where I may not be here to explain it may just say I believe it was wrong for him to impose his testimony on the Meeting yet most of his observations were pretty good & did not disturb the Meeting as much as I have known such offerings to do - Then Hannah Robinson appeared pretty well & then Thos Jones after which the Meeting closed - the part for buisness was pretty well conducted - I dined at Micajah C Pratt's after which I returned to the Meeting House to another Sitting of the committee - & then went back to Micajah's to tea, & to Isaac Bassetts to Lodge.-

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August 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Morning rose early & went to Nathan Breeds to breakfast after which I rode with Edw Wing to Boston - he went on homewards & I staid to take the Rail Road to [Providence](#) & got home by the Steam Boat before Night - While in Boston I went to look at Friends New meeting house in Milton place - This is the first time I was ever at Boston Lynn or Salem & I may acknowledge it has been an interesting journey to me. -

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On this day and the following one the *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) crossed the equator.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:



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... between twelve o'clock Friday night and one o'clock Saturday morning, crossed the equator, for the fourth time since leaving Boston, in long. 35° W.; having been twenty-seven days from Staten Land— a distance, by the courses we had made, of more than four thousand miles.

We were now to the northward of the line, and every day added to our latitude. The Magellan Clouds, the last sign of South latitude, were sunk in the horizon, and the north star, the Great Bear, and the familiar signs of northern latitudes, were rising in the heavens. Next to seeing land, there is no sight which makes one realize more that he is drawing near home, than to see the same heavens, under which he was born, shining at night over his head. The weather was extremely hot, with the usual tropical alternations of a scorching sun and squalls of rain; yet not a word was said in complaint of the heat, for we all remembered that only three or four weeks before we would have given nearly our all to have been where we now were. We had plenty of water, too, which we caught by spreading an awning, with shot thrown in to make hollows. These rain squalls came up in the manner usual between the tropics.— A clear sky; burning, vertical sun; work going lazily on, and men about decks with nothing but duck trowsers, checked shirts, and straw hats; the ship moving as lazily through the water; the man at the helm resting against the wheel, with his hat drawn over his eyes; the captain below, taking an afternoon nap; the passenger leaning over the taffrail, watching a dolphin following slowly in our wake; the sailmaker mending an old topsail on the lee side of the quarterdeck; the carpenter working at his bench, in the waist; the boys making sinnet; the spun-yarn winch whizzing round and round, and the men walking slowly fore and aft with their yarns.— A cloud rises to windward, looking a little black; the sky-sails are brailed down; the captain puts his head out of the companion-way, looks at the cloud, comes up, and begins to walk the deck.— The cloud spreads and comes on;— the tub of yarns, the sail, and other matters, are thrown below, and the sky-light and booby-hatch put on, and the slide drawn over the forecabin.— “Stand by the royal halyards;”— the man at the wheel keeps a good weather helm, so as not to be taken aback. The squall strikes her. If it is light, the royal yards are clewed down, and the ship keeps on her way; but if the squall takes strong hold, the royals are clewed up, fore and aft; light hands lay aloft and furl them; top-gallant yards clewed down, flying-jib hauled down, and the ship kept off before it,— the man at the helm laying out his strength to heave the wheel up to windward. At the same time a drenching rain, which soaks one through in an instant. Yet no one puts on a jacket or cap; for if it is only warm, a sailor does not mind a ducking; and the sun will soon be out again. As soon as the force of the squall has passed, though to a common eye the ship would seem to be in the midst of it— “Keep her up to her course, again!”— “Keep her up, sir,” (answer);— “Hoist away the top-gallant yards!”— “Run up the flying jib!”— “Lay aloft, you boys, and loose the royals!”— and all sail is on her again before she is fairly out of the squall; and she is going on in her course. The sun comes out once more, hotter than ever, dries up the decks and the sailors' clothes; the hatches are taken off; the sail got up and spread on the quarter-deck; spun-yarn winch set a whirling again; rigging coiled up; captain goes below; and every sign of an interruption is removed.

These scenes, with occasional dead calms, lasting for hours, and sometimes for days, are fair specimens of the Atlantic tropics. The nights were fine; and as we had all hands all day, the watch were allowed to sleep on deck at night, except the man at the wheel, and one look-out on the forecabin. This was not so much expressly allowed, as winked at. We could do it if we did not ask leave. If the look-out was caught napping, the whole watch was kept awake. We made the most of this permission, and stowed ourselves away upon the rigging, under the weather rail, on the spars, under the windlass, and in all the snug corners; and frequently slept out the watch, unless we had a wheel or a look-out. And we were glad enough to get this



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rest; for under the “all hands” system, out of every other thirty-six hours, we had only four below; and even an hour’s sleep was a gain not to be neglected. One would have thought so, to have seen our watch, some nights, sleeping through a heavy rain. And often have we come on deck, and finding a dead calm and a light, steady rain, and determined not to lose our sleep, have laid a coil of rigging down so as to keep us out of the water which was washing about decks, and stowed ourselves away upon it, covering a jacket over us, and slept as soundly as a Dutchman between two feather beds.

For a week or ten days after crossing the line, we had the usual variety of calms, squalls, head winds, and fair winds;— at one time braced sharp upon the wind, with a taught bowline, and in an hour after, slipping quietly along, with a light breeze over the taffrail, and studding-sails out on both sides;— until we fell in with the north-east trade-winds; which we did on the afternoon of ...



August 21, Sunday: In the Teatro Nuovo of [Naples](#), Betly, ossia La capanna svizzera, a dramma giocosa by Gaetano Donizetti to his own words after Scribe and Melesville, was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21 of 8 m 1836 / We had good solid Meetings & I thought
Father Rodman was favourd in testimony in both Meetings. —*

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August 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 25th of 8M / With my wife & Mary Williams Rode to
[Portsmouth](#) to attend our Monthly Meeting - Hannah Dennis & Mary
Hicks were favourd in testimony - I thought Marys testimony was
as near the right thing as any testimony I have heard in some
time
We dined at Shadrach Chases & came home to tea. —*

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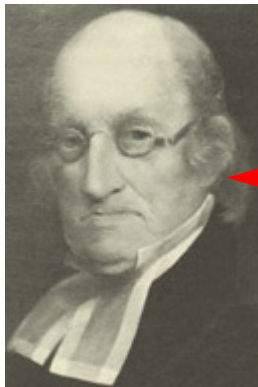


August 28, Sunday: The balloon of the intrepid master Boston goldbeater and aeronaut Louis Lauriat again graced the skies from beautiful Castle Garden, the battery at the toe of Manhattan Island. Meanwhile, out on the Atlantic Ocean, the *Alert* and its intrepid crew inclusive of the young [Harvard College](#) man [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#), decidedly on their way home, began to catch the cool, steady north-east trade winds.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, August 28th, in lat. 12° N. The trade-wind clouds had been in sight for a day or two previously, and we expected to take them every hour. The light southerly breeze, which had been blowing languidly during the first part of the day, died away toward noon, and in its place came puffs from the north-east, which caused us to take our studding-sails in and brace up; and in a couple of hours more, we were bowling gloriously along, dashing the spray far ahead and to leeward, with the cool, steady north-east trades, freshening up the sea, and giving us as much as we could carry our royals to. These winds blew strong and steady, keeping us generally upon a bowline, as our course was about north-northwest; and sometimes, as they veered a little to the eastward, giving us a chance at a main top-gallant studding-sail; and sending us well to the northward, until—

The [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown exchanged pulpits for the day with the [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) of Concord. His proof-text for the [Concord](#) morning service was Luke 34:52 and his topic was “Why Seek Ye the Living among the Dead?”



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 28th of 8th M 1836 / Our Meetings were pretty good seasons Father Rodman had short & accepable testimonies in each We had Several Strangers at Meeting with us among them were Jos Estes & Christer Davis from Fall River two young men who came on purpose to attend our Meeting – I invited them to Dinner with is & Christie being an old Scholar at the YMB School while we were there we were particularly glad to see him & pleased with a renewal of our acquaintance
When I began this No 15 of my Diary it was not my prospect to have written frequently in it – but it seems that within less than three years it is so large that another has become necessary – Altho I may not have been very diffinite in my allusions I can now say that some of the keenest trials of my life occurr in the latter part of No 14 & the forepart of this present No 15 of my Diary – There is also many seasons of Rejoicings occurr in the space of the Same time – Thanks giving & praise is therefore due from me to the Authhor of all good for the many blessings &*



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Mercies recd at his hand

[signed large] *Stephen Gould*

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*[two pages of nearly illegible genealogical
chart follows, not in his hand]*



September 1, Thursday: When the Paris police captured eleven members of a cell of the Societe des Familles, a radical republican group, they discovered that the group had a cache of ammunition and 13 daggers. Oh, this is starting to look not good.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1st of 9th M 1836 / Our friend Rowland Greene & Perez
Peck attended our Meeting Rowland had good & acceptable service
& we were glad of his company*

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September 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 2 of 9 M / I went to Connanicut to be at an appointed
Meeting with Rowalnd Greene who went over yesterday Afternoon
The Meeting was not as large as some I have attended there –
buit it was a time of favour Rowland was much favoured & it
seemed to me it was among the best Meetings I had ever attended
at that place – After dining at my cousin Joseph Greenes we
returned home he attended a Meeting for People of colour this
evening*

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September 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 3 of 9 M / Our friend Rowland Greene Paid several social
& religious visits about Town this Morning & in the Afternoon
he went to Coasters Harbour & attended a Meeting with the inmates
of the Assylum – he was engaged in a Most impressive testimony
& solemn supplication, both which were powerful & prevalent – &
the Meeting was held much to the edification & satisfaction of
many & I believe some good was done. –*

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September 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 9 M / Rowland was at our Meeting this forenoon &
was engaged in Testimony, much to satisfaction & comfort – In
the Afternoon he attended an appointed Meeting at [Portsmouth](#)
In the Afternoon Father bore a short but good testimony in our*



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Meeting. —

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The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) had reached the doldrums of the Horse latitudes and sailing was slow.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, Sept. 4th, when they left us, in lat. 22° N., long. 51° W., directly under the tropic of Cancer. For several days we lay “humbugging about” in the Horse latitudes, with all sorts of winds and weather, and occasionally, as we were in the latitude of the West Indies— a thunder storm. It was hurricane month, too, and we were just in the track of the tremendous hurricane of 1830, which swept the North Atlantic, destroying almost everything before it. The first night after the tradewinds left us, while we were in the latitude of the island of Cuba, we had a specimen of a true tropical thunder storm. A light breeze had been blowing directly from aft during the first part of the night which gradually died away, and before midnight it was dead calm, and a heavy black cloud had shrouded the whole sky. When our watch came on deck at twelve o’clock, it was as black as Erebus; the studding-sails were all taken in, and the royals furled; not a breath was stirring; the sails hung heavy and motionless from the yards; and the perfect stillness, and the darkness, which was almost palpable, were truly appalling. Not a word was spoken, but every one stood as though waiting for something to happen. In a few minutes the mate came forward, and in a low tone, which was almost a whisper, told us to haul down the jib. The fore and mizen top-gallant sails were taken in, in the same silent manner; and we lay motionless upon the water, with an uneasy expectation, which, from the long suspense, became actually painful. We could hear the captain walking the deck, but it was too dark to see anything more than one’s hand before the face. Soon the mate came forward again, and gave an order, in a low tone, to clew up the main top-gallant sail; and so infectious was the awe and silence, that the clewlines and buntlines were hauled up without any of the customary singing out at the ropes. An English lad and myself went up to furl it; and we had just got the bunt up, when the mate called out to us, something, we did not hear what,— but supposing it to be an order to bear-a-hand, we hurried, and made all fast, and came down, feeling our way among the rigging. When we got down we found all hands looking aloft, and there, directly over where we had been standing, upon the main top-gallant-mast-head, was a ball of light, which the sailors name a corposant (corpus sancti), and which the mate had called out to us to look at. They were all watching it carefully, for sailors have a notion that if the corposant rises in the rigging, it is a sign of fair weather, but if it comes lower down, there will be a storm. Unfortunately, as an omen, it came down, and showed itself on the top-gallant yard-arm. We were off the yard in good season, for it is held a fatal sign to have the pale light of the corposant thrown upon one’s face. As it was, the English lad did not feel comfortably at having had it so near him, and directly over his head. In a few minutes it disappeared, and showed itself again on the fore top-gallant yard; and after playing about for some time, disappeared again; when the man on the forecastle pointed to it upon the flying-jib-boom-end. But our attention was drawn from watching this, by the falling of some drops of rain and by a perceptible increase of the darkness, which seemed suddenly to add a new shade of blackness to the night. In a few minutes, low, grumbling thunder was heard, and some random flashes of lightning came from the south-west. Every sail was taken in but the topsails, still, no squall appeared to be coming. A few puffs lifted the topsails, but they fell again to the mast, and all was as stiff as ever. A moment more, and a terrific flash and peal broke simultaneously upon us, and a cloud appeared to open directly over our heads and let down the water in one body, like a falling ocean. We stood motionless, and almost stupefied; yet nothing had been struck. Peal after peal rattled over our heads, with a sound which seemed actually to stop the breath in the body, and the “speedy gleams” kept the whole ocean in a glare of light. The violent fall of rain lasted but a few minutes, and was succeeded by occasional drops and showers; but the lightning continued incessant for several hours, breaking the midnight darkness with irregular and blinding flashes. During all which time there was not a breath stirring,



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and we lay motionless, like a mark to be shot at, probably the only object on the surface of the ocean for miles and miles. We stood hour after hour, until our watch was out, and we were relieved, at four o'clock. During all this time, hardly a word was spoken; no bells were struck, and the wheel was silently relieved. The rain fell at intervals in heavy showers, and we stood drenched through and blinded by the flashes, which broke the Egyptian darkness with a brightness which seemed almost malignant; while the thunder rolled in peals, the concussion of which appeared to shake the very ocean. A ship is not often injured by lightning, for the electricity is separated by the great number of points she presents, and the quantity of iron which she has scattered in various parts.

The electric fluid ran over our anchors, top-sail sheets and ties; yet no harm was done to us. We went below at four o'clock, leaving things in the same state. It is not easy to sleep, when the very next flash may tear the ship in two, or set her on fire; or where the deathlike calm may be broken by the blast of a hurricane, taking the masts out of the ship. But a man is no sailor if he cannot sleep when he turns-in, and turn out when he's called. And when, at seven bells, the customary "All the larboard watch, ahoy!" brought us on deck, it was a fine, clear, sunny morning, the ship going leisurely along, with a good breeze and all sail set. From the latitude of the West Indies, until we got inside the Bermudas, where we took the westerly and south-westerly winds, which blow steadily off the coast of the United States early in the autumn, we had every variety of weather, and two or three moderate gales, or, as sailors call them, double-reef-topsail breezes, which came on in the usual manner, and of which one is a specimen of all.— A fine afternoon; all hands at work, some in the rigging, and others on deck; a stiff breeze, and ship close upon the wind, and skysails brailed down.— Latter part of the afternoon, breeze increases, ship lies over to it, and clouds look windy. Spray begins to fly over the forecastle, and wets the yarns the boys are knotting;— ball them up and put them below.— Mate knocks off work and clears up decks earlier than usual, and orders a man who has been employed aloft to send the royal halyards over to windward, as he comes down. Breast backstays hauled taught, and tackle got upon the martingale back-rope.— One of the boys furls the mizen royal.— Cook thinks there is going to be "nasty work," and has supper ready early.— Mate gives orders to get supper by the watch, instead of all hands, as usual.— While eating supper, hear the watch on deck taking in the royals.— Coming on deck, find it is blowing harder, and an ugly head sea is running.— Instead of having all hands on the forecastle in the dog watch, smoking, singing, and telling yarns, one watch goes below and turns-in, saying that it's going to be an ugly night, and two hours' sleep is not to be lost. Clouds look black and wild; wind rising, and ship working hard against a heavy sea, which breaks over the forecastle, and washes aft through the scuppers. Still, no more sail is taken in, for the captain is a driver, and, like all drivers, very partial to his top-gallant sails. A top-gallant sail, too, makes the difference between a breeze and a gale. When a top-gallant sail is on a ship, it is only a breeze, though I have seen ours set over a reefed topsail, when half the bowsprit was under water, and it was up to a man's knees in the scuppers. At eight bells, nothing is said about reefing the topsails, and the watch go below, with orders to "stand by for a call."

We turn-in, growling at the "old man" for not reefing the topsails when the watch was changed, but putting it off so as to call all hands, and break up a whole watch below. Turn-in "all standing," and keep ourselves awake, saying there is no use in going asleep to be waked up again.— Wind whistles on deck, and ship works hard, groaning and creaking, and pitching into a heavy head sea, which strikes against the bows, with a noise like knocking upon a rock.— The dim lamp in the forecastle swings to and fro, and things "fetch away" and go over to leeward.— "Doesn't that booby of a second mate ever mean to take in his top-gallant sails?— He'll have the sticks out of her soon," says old Bill, who was always growling, and, like most old sailors, did not like to see a ship abused.— By-and-by an order is given— "Aye, aye, sir!" from the forecastle;— rigging is heaved down on deck;— the noise of a sail is heard fluttering aloft, and the short, quick cry which sailors make when hauling upon clewlines.— "Here comes his fore-top-gallant sail in!"— We are wide awake, and know all that's going on as well as if we were on deck.— A well-known voice is heard from the mast-head singing out the officer of the watch to haul taught the weather brace.— "Hallo! There's S_____ aloft to furl the sail!"— Next thing, rigging is heaved down directly over our heads, and a long-drawn cry and a rattling



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of hanks announce that the flying-jib has come in.— The second mate holds on to the main top-gallant sail until a heavy sea is shipped, and washes over the forecastle as though the whole ocean had come aboard; when a noise further aft shows that that sail, too, is taking in. After this, the ship is more easy for a time; two bells are struck, and we try to get a little sleep. By-and-by,—bang, bang, bang, on the scuttle— “All ha-a-ands, a ho-o-y!”— We spring out of our berths, clap on a monkey-jacket and south-wester, and tumble up the ladder.— Mate up before us, and on the forecastle, singing out like a roaring bull; the captain singing out on the quarter-deck, and the second mate yelling, like a hyena, in the waist. The ship is lying over half upon her beam-ends; lee scuppers under water, and forecastle all in a smother of foam.— Rigging all let go, and washing about decks; topsail yards down upon the caps, and sails flapping and beating against the masts; and starboard watch hauling out the reef-tackles of the main topsail. Our watch haul out the fore, and lay aloft and put two reefs into it, and reef the foresail, and race with the starboard watch, to see which will mast-head its topsail first.

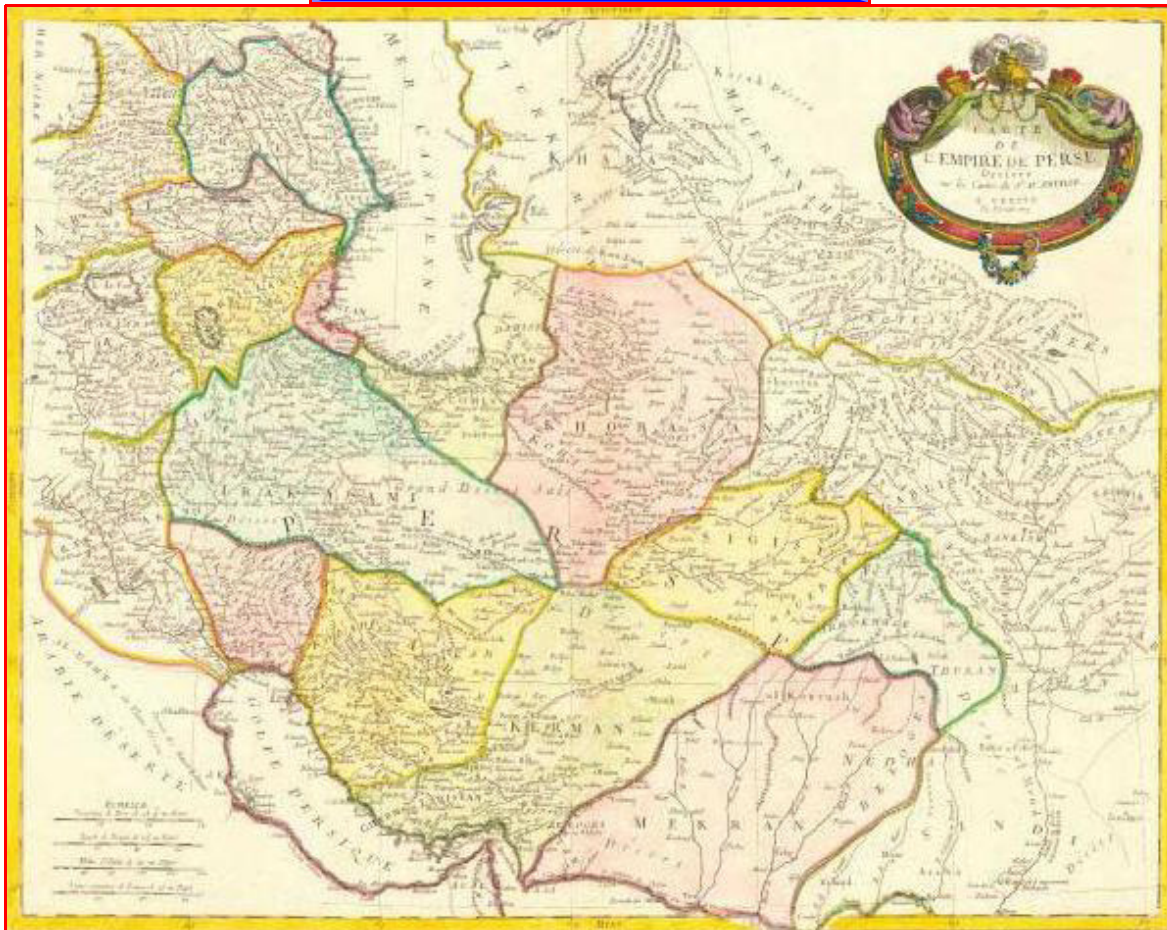
All hands tally-on to the main tack, and while some are furling the jib, and hoisting the staysail, we mizen-topmen double-reef the mizen topsail and hoist it up. All being made fast— “Go below, the watch!” and we turn-in to sleep out the rest of the time, which is perhaps an hour and a half. During all the middle, and for the first part of the morning watch, it blows as hard as ever, but toward daybreak it moderates considerably, and we shake a reef out of each topsail, and set the top-gallant sails over them and when the watch come up, at seven bells, for breakfast, shake the other reefs out, turn all hands to upon the halyards, get the watch-tackle upon the top-gallant sheets and halyards, set the flying-jib, and crack on to her again.

Our captain had been married only a few weeks before he left Boston; and, after an absence of over two years, it may be supposed he was not slow in carrying sail. The mate, too, was not to be beaten by anybody; and the second mate, though he was afraid to press sail, was afraid as death of the captain, and being between two fears, sometimes carried on longer than any of them. We snapped off three flying-jib booms in twenty-four hours, as fast as they could be fitted and rigged out; sprung the spritsail yard; and made nothing of studding-sail booms. Beside the natural desire to get home, we had another reason for urging the ship on. The scurvy had begun to show itself on board. One man had it so badly as to be disabled and off duty, and the English lad, Ben, was in a dreadful state, and was daily growing worse. His legs swelled and pained him so that he could not walk; his flesh lost its elasticity, so that if it was pressed in, it would not return to its shape; and his gums swelled until he could not open his mouth. His breath, too, became very offensive; he lost all strength and spirit; could eat nothing; grew worse every day; and, in fact, unless something was done for him, would be a dead man in a week, at the rate at which he was sinking. The medicines were all, or nearly all, gone; and if we had had a chest-full, they would have been of no use; for nothing but fresh provisions and terra firma has any effect upon the scurvy. This disease is not so common now as formerly; and is attributed generally to salt provisions, want of cleanliness, the free use of grease and fat (which is the reason of its prevalence among whalemens,) and, last of all, to laziness. It never could have been from the latter cause on board our ship; nor from the second, for we were a very cleanly crew, kept our forecastle in neat order, and were more particular about washing and changing clothes than many better-dressed people on shore. It was probably from having none but salt provisions, and possibly from our having run very rapidly into hot weather, after having been so long in the extremest cold.

Depending upon the westerly winds, which prevail off the coast in the autumn, the captain stood well to the westward, to run inside of the Bermudas, and in the hope of falling in with some vessel bound to the West Indies or the Southern States. The scurvy had spread no farther among the crew, but there was danger that it might; and these cases were bad ones.

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September 5, Monday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), Jean-Baptiste Bourguignon d'Anville (July 11, 1697-January 28, 1782)'s COMPLETE BODY OF ANCIENT GEOGRAPHY that had been printed in London by R. Laurie and J. Whittle in 1802.

ANCIENT GEOGRAPHY

[Sam Houston](#) was elected President of the Republic of [Texas](#), receiving 5,119 votes to 743 for Henry Smith and 587 for [Stephen F. Austin](#). Mirabeau B. Lamar was elected Vice-President.



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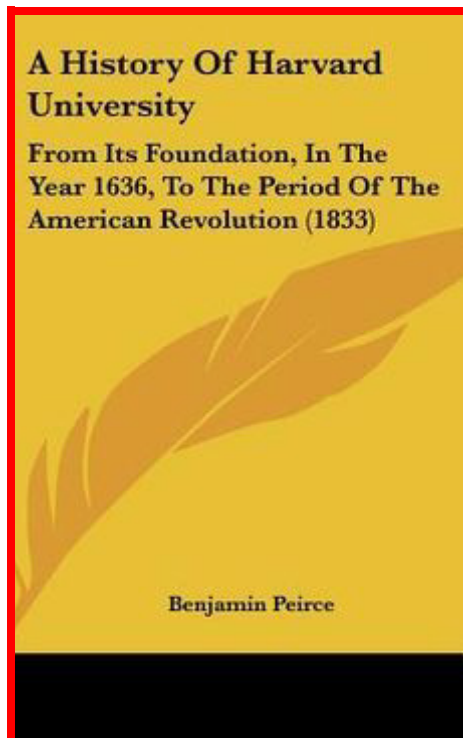
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[Thoreau](#) also checked out the 1st volume of Karl Wilhelm Friedrich von Schlegel (1772-1829)'s LECTURES ON THE HISTORY OF LITERATURE: ANCIENT AND MODERN. FROM THE GERMAN OF FREDERICK SCHLEGEL (1818).



[Thoreau](#) also checked out for a 2d time a local topical volume he had already had a chance to peruse in the previous year, Harvard College librarian [Benjamin Peirce](#)'s A HISTORY OF [HARVARD UNIVERSITY](#) FROM ITS FOUNDATION IN THE YEAR 1636 TO THE PERIOD OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, as issued posthumously by John Pickering with a sketch of the life and work of this librarian (Boston, 1833).





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September 6: Having lived a long and productive life despite the most severe and debilitating attacks of vertigo, [Friend Moses Brown](#) died just before his 98th birthday.

This would go into Quaker records as: “*Moses Brown was born in Providence the 12th day of the Ninth month 1738 old Stile now recond the 23 day of the 9th m^o 1738. Moses Brown died the 6th day of 9th m^o 1836.*”

He bequeathed \$15,000 and two acres of land to the [Yearly Meeting School](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#), in addition to his library. We now have, at the Rhode Island Historical Society, eight boxes of books said to have been in the joint library of Obadiah and Moses Brown. Here is the list of the books that are now in those eight boxes:

OBADIAH AND MOSES BROWN'S LIBRARY

TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER		DATE	NOTES
An Account of the Gospel Labours and Christian Experiences of <i>John Churchman</i>	John Churchman?	Philadelphia: Benj. & Tho. Kite		1818	
A Journey Through Albania	J.C. Hobhouse	Philadelphia: M. Carey and Son		1817	Volumes I and II
The Domestic Encyclopedia	AFM Willich, MD	Philadelphia: Wllm Young, Birch and Abraham Small		1804	(loose boards) Volume V of V (only)
Elements of Chemistry	James Woodhouse, MD	Philadelphia: Benj. & Thos. Kite		1807	Volumes I and II
Italy by Lady Morgan	Lady Morgan	New York: J. Seymour		1821	Volumes I and II
Junius	?	?: T. Bentley		1797	Volumes I and II (rebound)
The Substance of some letters by an Englishman written during the reign of Emperor Napoleon	?	Philadelphia: M. Thomas		1816	
Universal Biography	J. Lempriere, DD	New York: 86 Broadway, New York, F. Sargent		1810	Volume II
Varieties of Literature		London:	J. Debrett	MDC-CXCV (1795)	Volumes I and II
Voyages and Travels	Pinkerton	Philadelphia:	Kimber and Conrad	1810	Six Volumes



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TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER		DATE	NOTES
Brown's Answer to Nocutt, An Examination of Wllm Notcutt's Reply to H.B.'s vindication etc.	H.B.	London:	J. Sowle	1735	
A Collection of the Works of Thomas Chalkley	Thomas Chalkley	London:	Luke Hinde	1766	
An Answer to the Speech of Declaration by the Great Turk	?	London:	A. Sowle	1688	
The Modern Practice of Physic	Robert Thomas, MD	New York:	Collins and Co.	1811	
Brief Narrative of Life and Death of Gilbert Latey	?	London:	J. Sowle	170 (?)	
A Collection of the Christian Writings, Labours ... of Roger Haydock	Roger Haydock	London:	T. Sowle	1700	
Lawson's Works	Lawson?	London:	T. Sowle	1703	
Truth Exalted, Writings of John Burnyeat	John Burnyeat	London:	Thomas Northcott	1691	
The New Testament		Boston:	F. Ingraham and J. Putnam	1827	
The Book of Martyrs (abridged)		New York:	Sam'l Wood	1810	
The Design of Christianity, epistles and manuscripts of John Crook	John Crook?	London:	T. Sowle	1701	
Guthries Grammar	Guthrie?	?:	?	1782	
Life and Posthumous Works of Richard Claridge, collected by Jo. Besse	Richard Claridge?	London:	J. Sowle	1726	two copies
Edmundson's Journal	Edmundson?	London:	sold and printed by Mary Hinde	1774	
Journals and Travels of Samuel Bownas and John Richardson	?	London, reprinted in Philadelphia:	Wllm Dunlap	1759	
Kerseys Treatise	?	Concord:	Dan'l Coolege	1818	three copies



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Keith's Works	Keith?	?:	?	1678	
Ellwood's Sacred History	Ellwood?	London:	James Phillips	1783	Volumes I and II
An Account of the Gospel Labours etc. of John Churchman	?	Philadelphia:	Jos. Cruickshank	1729	
Hints on Scriptural Instruction	?	Philadelphia:	T. Kite	1831	
Thorp's Letters	Thorpe?	Liverpool:	Printed by James & Johnathon Smith	1820	
The Way to Bromley on the Sabbath		London/Germantown:	?	1759	
Popery Exposed	Henry Mollineux	London:	T. Sowle	1718	
Life and Labours of Samuel Neale	?	Philadelphia:	James Parke	1806	
Law's Address	Law?	New Bedford:	Benj. Lindsey, printer	1818	
Memoirs	William Lewis	Philadelphia:	B & T Kite	1821	
Catalogue of books printed and sold by James Phillips	?	London:	James Phillips?	?	Pamphlet
Memoirs, Isaac Penington	Isaac Penington, and Joseph Gurney Bevan	London:	Wllm B. Sewell	1807	includes review by Joseph Gurney Bevan
The Friend	?	Philadelphia:	J. Richardson	1829	
Holy Bible		Philadelphia:	Bible Association of America	1831	Volumes I, II, and III?
Life of William Reckitt	?	Philadelphia:	Joseph Cruickshank	1783	
Life of Ambrose Riggs	?	London:	T. Sowle	1710	
The Centaur not fabulous		London:	A. Millar	1755	
The Book of Disciplines	?	Providence:	John Carter	1785	



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Bevans Defence of Friends	?	London:	Phillips and Far-don	1805	
Memoirs and Life of Sarah Stephenson	Sarah Stephen-son?	Philadelphia:	Kimber, Conrad	1805	
History of the New York African Free Schools	?	New York:	Mahlon Day	1830	
Memoirs of Isaac Penington	William Gro-ver	Philadelphia:	Thomas Kite	1831	Friends Family Library, Volume I
Prynne on Plays	?	?:	?	1776	
Means of Preserving Health ...	Shadrach Ricketson, Physician in New York	New York:	Collins and Per-kins and Sons	1806	
An Apology for the True Christian Divinity...	Robert Barclay	London:	J. Phillips	1780	
An Essay on Slavery	Granville Sharp	Burlington:	Isaac Collins	1773	
A Confutation of the Charge of Deism wherein the Christian and Orthodox Sentiments of William Penn are ... demonstrated	Joseph Besse	London:	J. Sowle	1734	
An Introduction into the making of Latin	John Clarke	London:	Strahan, Living-ton, et al	1780	
The Anthology of Religion	Jos. Butler, Bishop of Dur-ham	?:	?	printed 1754	
Collection of some papers of William Crouch		London:	T. Sowle	1712	
John Churchman, Gospel Labours	John Church-man?	Philadelphia:	Skerret	1818	
Lux Evangelica ... A reply to George Keith's Cen-sure	Richard Clar-idge	London:	T. Sowle	1701	
Gospel Labours, etc.	Stephen Crisp	Philadelphia:	Benj. and Thos. Kite	1822	
Elwood's Life	?	London:	Luke Hinde	1765	



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Cotton's Reply to Williams, 1647-1652	?	?:	?	?	
The Life of David, a sacred poem	Thomas Elwood	London:	Luke Hinde	1763	
The Foundation of Tythes Shaken	Thomas Ellwood	London:	T. Sowle	1720	
Dictionary of the Bible		London:	Beecroft and Strahan et al	1759	Volumes I?, II?, III?
A letter to a Friend	Joseph John Gurney	Philadelphia:	Benj. and Thos. Kite	1824	
Statutes of Connecticut		Hartford:	Elisha Babcock	1786	
A Faithful Testimony ...		London:	Andrew Sowle	1689	
Works of William Dell	William Dell?	London:	John Kendall	1773	
Treatise concerning the Fear of God	John Field	London:	T. Sowle	1713	
Treatise concerning Baptism	?	London:	T. Sowle	1695	
Life of Joseph Coale	?	London:	T. Sowle	1706	
An Account of ... Richard Davies	?	London, Philadelphia:	Jos. Cruckshank	1770	
Principles and Precepts	Samuel Fuller	Newport:	S. Southwick	1769	
Necessity of a life of purity...	Samuel Fothergill	Philadelphia:	Cruckshank	1780	Pamphlet included
Of Religious Declention	Andrew Fuller?	Manchester?:	?	1829	
Reflections	George Dillwyn	Burlington, New Jersey:	David Allison	1815	
Sermons by Dewsberry, Barclay etc.		Philadelphia:	Benj. and Thos. Kite	1825	
Home's Principles: The Principles of Agriculture and Vegetation	Francis Home	London:	A. Millar	1762	
Degge's Law of Tythes	?	London:	Richard and Edw. Aytkins	1695	



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The Trials of the Spirit	William Dell	London:	Mary Hinde	1770	
Treatise on Baptism and the Lord's Supper		London:	T. Sowle	1695	
Brief Memorials of Davidworth, being sketches of his character; Life and Death of Hannah Logan Smith by her daughter Rebecca		Philadelphia:	Sherman?	1847	
Friends' Tracts, Volume I: Memoirs and Essays		Philadelphia:	Kite, published by the Tract Association of Friends	n.d.	
Testimony concerning Sufferings and Death of James Parnel	Ellis Hookes	London:	?	1695	three volumes in one
Miscellaneous Repository	Elisha Bates	Mount Pleasant, Ohio:	?	1829	Volume 2 and 3
Compendium of the Impending Crisis in the South	Hinton R. Helper	New York:	Burdick	1860	Clearly, this has crept into the boxes while in storage
No Cross, No Crown	William Penn	Philadelphia:	Kinber, Conrad and Company?	1807	
The Correspondence between committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends and Isaac Crowdson		London:	Hamilton	1836	
A History of the People Called Quakers, in four volumes	John Gough	Dublin:	?	1789	
AN INTRODUCTION TO PHYSIOLOGICAL AND SYSTEMATICAL BOTANY, with notes by Jacob Bigelow	James Edward Smith	Boston:	Bradford and Ready?	1814	
ESSAYS	Joseph John Gurney	Philadelphia:	Kite	1829	
IMMEDIATE REVELATION	George Keith	?:	?	1676	2d Edition
EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF JONATHAN HUTCHINSON, LATE OF GEDNEY, WITH A BRIEF NOTICE OF HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER		London:	Phillips	1835	
SOME BRIEF MEMOIRS OF THE LIFE OF DAVID HALL		London:	Hinde	1758	



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LETTERS OF WILLIAM GROVER		London:	Harvey and Danton	1828	
Catalog of the Books Belonging to the Library of the three Monthly Meetings ...		Philadelphia:		1813	
A CLASSIC TOUR THROUGH ITALY	Reverend John Chetwode Eustace	Philadelphia:	M. Curry	1816	
A VIEW OF THE PROPHECY BY THE REVEREND GEORGE STANLEY FABER		Boston:	William Andrews	1809	
THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND		Providence:	Miller and Dutchers	1822	
THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND		Providence:	Carter and Wilkinson	1798	MB stamp
SOME ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE AND GOSPEL LABOURS OF WILLIAM RICKETT ... ALSO, MEMOIRS OF THE LIFE ... OF JAMES GOUGH		Philadelphia:	Joseph Crukshank	1783	Mary Brown signature, MB stamp
LECTURES ON SCHOOL-KEEPING, with advertisements for school books sold by A. Shearman.	Samuel R. Hall	Boston	Richardson, Lord and Holbrook	1829	MB stamp
OBSERVATIONS ON THE RELIGIOUS PECULIARITIES OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS	Joseph John Gurney	Philadelphia	S. Potter and Co.	1825	
OBSERVATIONS ON THE RELIGIOUS PECULIARITIES OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS	Joseph John Gurney	London		1824	2d Edition
AN INQUIRY INTO THE ACCORDANCY OF WAR WITH CHRISTIANITY	Jonathan Dymond	Philadelphia	I. Ashmead and Co.	1834	
ELEGANT EXTRACTS		Dublin	P. Byrne	1793	Second Edition
A COLLECTION OF MEMORIALS CONCERNING ... DECEASED ... QUAKERS		Philadelphia	Joseph Crukshank	1787	
A COLLECTION OF THE EPISTLES OF THE YEARLY MEETING IN LONDON TO QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND MONTHLY MEETINGS ... 1675-1820		New York	Samuel Wood and sons	1821	
EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS BY MARGARET JACKSON		Philadelphia	B. and T. Kite	1825	



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AN EPITOME OF THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD	John Hoyland	Philadelphia	B. and T. Kite	1816	Two Volumes
AN ... ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY	William Law	New Bedford	B. Lindsey	1816	
EXTRACTS FROM THE WRITINGS OF FRANCIS FENELON , ARCHBISHOP OF CAMBRAY		Philadelphia	Kimber, Conrod and Co.	1804	edited by John Kendall
EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES AND ADVICES OF THE YEARLY MEETING IN LONDON		London	James Phillips	1783	
THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER, CONDUCTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1804		New York	T.B. Wait and Sond	1814	Volume 3
A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT	Reverend G.S. Faber	New York	Eastburn, Kirk and Co.	1814	
ON THE DIFFICULTIES OF INFIDELITY	George Stanley Faber	New York	D. Cooledge	1829	
SERMONS PREACHED BY SEVERAL OF THE PEOPLE KNOWN AS QUAKERS		London	Mary Heade	1775	
WORKS	Isaac Penington	London	James Phillips	1775	
<i>MAGNALIA CHRISTI AMERICANA</i>	Cotton Mather	Hartford	Silas Andrews		two volumes
Collected Writings by various authors		London	?	1690?	
A NARRATIVE OF EVENTS THAT HAVE LATELY TAKEN PLACE IN IRELAND	?	London	?	1804	
HISTORY OF THE LATE WAR	John Entick			1766	Volumes 1-5
A DEFENSE OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF THE FRIENDS	Elias Hicks	Philadelphia	?	1825	
LETTERS BY ISAAC PENINGTON	Isaac Penington	London	Holdsworth and Ball	1829	
THE GREAT CASE OF TITHES	Anthony Pearson	London	?	1730	



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A BRIEF VIEW OF THE DOCTRINES OF FRIENDS	John Bevans	Philadelphia	Kimber and Con-rod	1810	
MISCELLANIES, MORAL AND INSTRUCTIVE ... FOR SCHOOLS AND ... YOUNG PERSONS	?	Philadelphia	Henry Sweitzer	1802	
AN ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF MARY ROWLAND-SON ...	Oliver Sanson	London	J. Sowle	1710	
A BRIEF JOURNAL	Thomas Wil-son	London	James Phillips	1784	two copies
THE DOCTRINE OF THE PASSIONS EXPLAINED AND IMPROVED	Isaac Watts	London	J. Phillips?	1770	
STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS MANIFEST IN THE LIFE	Elizabeth Stirredge	Philadelphia	B. and T. Kite	1810	
A SCRIPTURE CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN	Ambrose Rigge	London	?	1772	
HINTS, CHIEFLY SCRIPTURAL ... RESPECTING REGENERATION	Richard Phil-lips	Philadelphia	B. and T. Kite	1810	
ESSAYS ON PEACE AND WAR	Philanthropus	Exeter, New Hampshire	J. Burnham	1827	
AN ABSTRACT OF ... THE SPIRITUAL GUIDE	Michael de Molinos	London	?	1774	
SION'S TRAVELLERS COMFORTED	Charles Mar-shal	London	T. Soule	1704	
TWO DISCOURSES AND A PRAYER		Bristol	S. Farley	1768	5th edition
THE GREAT AUDIT, OR GOOD STEWARD	Matthew Hale	London	John Kendell	1775	
A JOURNAL OF THE LIFE	John Gratton	London	James Phillips	1779	
A BRIEF COLLECTION OF REMARKABLE PASSAGES ...	Margaret Fox	London	J. Somes	1710	

At his home in Newport, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 9 M 1836 / This forenoon I went down town with a view of attending to some buisness but being disappointed I walked further on till I came to the street which leads to the place where Harrisons Mill used to stand Walked thro' it, & across the fields till I came to the Ocean & so round to the



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Beech & while there stood & had many serious recollections on my ramble to that place when a child & in younger life - from the Beech I walked across the fields to Thos B Goulds Mill where I sat a while & then returned home.

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September 7, Wednesday: The Emperor Ferdinand of Austria became King Ferdinand V of Bohemia.

Prime Minister of France Marie Joseph Louis Adolphe Thiers proposed that the French invade Spain in support of the liberal Queen Maria Cristina, and resigned. He was succeeded as Prime Minister by Louis Matthieu, Comte Mole.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7th of 9th M / We had heard for a Week or two past that Our friend [Moses Brown](#) was sick & thought to be failing - When the first Steam Boat came down I went to the Long Wharf to inquire but seeing no person I knew, returned home where I found two letters one from Dr Tobey & one from Gilbert Congdon announcing his Decease He Died yesterday the 6th of 9th M 1836 about five Minutes after 12 OClock Noon

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September 8, Thursday: Some 1,100 to 1,300 alums attended [Harvard College](#)'s Bicentennial, and heard a professional choir offer the very original of "Fair Harvard." Although the very oldest living alumnus, 96-year-old Judge Paine Wingate (Class of 1759, of New Hampshire) was, unfortunately, unable to be present, 86-year-old Samuel Emery (Class of 1774, of Philadelphia) was able to march in the parade. Word arrived that President Josiah Quincy, Sr. had, while researching for a "History of Harvard University" in the College Archives, located in filed-and-forgotten records of an Overseers meeting on January 6, 1644 the first rough sketch for the shield with the Latin motto "VE RI TAS" ("Verity" or "Truth") and three open books, which was to become the College's arms. This is how it looks today, as a refrigerator magnet:



During this Bicentennial, a white banner atop a large tent in the Yard for the 1st time publicly displayed this design, which in 1843 would become the basis of the seal officially adopted by the Harvard Corporation, and then in 1847 would be dropped in favor of another seal, and then in 1885 would be readopted.





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Some of the alums had an interestingly historic discussion:

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In September 1836,  on the day of the second centennial anniversary of [Harvard College](#), [Mr. Emerson](#), [George Ripley](#), and myself [[Frederic Henry Hedge](#)], with one other [who was this fourth person: would it have been an unnamed woman, an unnamed wife, specifically [Sophia Ripley](#)??], chanced to confer together on the state of current opinion in theology and philosophy, which we agreed in thinking was very unsatisfactory. Could anything be done in the way of protest and introduction of deeper and broader views? What we strongly felt was dissatisfaction with the reigning sensuous philosophy, dating from [John Locke](#), on which our Christian theology was based. The writings of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#), recently edited by Marsh [Henry Nelson Coleridge had only at this point initiated publication of THE LITERARY REMAINS OF SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE], and some of [Thomas Carlyle](#)'s earlier essays, especially the "Characteristics" and "SIGNS OF THE TIMES," had created a ferment in the minds of some of the young clergy of that day. There was a promise in the air of a new era of intellectual life. We four concluded to call a few like-minded seekers together in the following week.  Some dozen of us met in Boston, in the house, I believe, of Mr. Ripley. Among them I recall the name of [Orestes Augustus Brownson](#) (not yet turned Romanist), Cyrus Augustus Bartol, [Theodore Parker](#), and Charles Stearns Wheeler and Robert Bartlett, tutors in Harvard College. There was some discussion, but no conclusion reached, on the question whether it were best to start a new journal as the organ of our views, or to work through those already existing. The next meeting, in the same month, was held by invitation of Emerson, at his house in Concord. A large number assembled; besides some of those who met at Boston, I remember Mr. Alcott, [[Bronson Alcott](#)] John Sullivan Dwight, Ephraim Peabody, Dr. [Convers Francis](#), Mrs. Sarah Alden Bradford Ripley, Miss [Elizabeth Palmer Peabody](#), [Margaret Fuller](#), Caleb Stetson, James Freeman Clarke. These were the earliest of a series of meetings held from time to time, as occasion prompted, for seven or eight years. Jones Very was one of those who occasionally attended; [H.D. Thoreau](#) another. There was no club, properly speaking; no organization, no presiding officer, no vote ever taken. How the name "[Transcendental](#)," given to these gatherings and the set of persons who took part in them, originated, I cannot say. It certainly was never assumed by the persons so called. I suppose I was the only one who had any first-hand acquaintance with German transcendental philosophy, at the start. [THE DIAL](#) was the product of the movement, and in some sort its organ.

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At the wrap-up of the day, guest speaker Josiah Quincy, Jr. (Class of 1821) made a motion “that this assembly of the Alumni be adjourned to meet at this place on the 8th of September, 1936” — and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 9 M / Our meeting was small but very quietly solid
– I missed father Rodman at my right hand being confined at home
with a lame back –
Thro’ the day my mind has been much at [Providence](#) where I have
concluded to go tomorrow (if the Steam Boat get in in season)
to attend the funeral of my ancient & much beloved friend [Moses
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September 9, Friday: Abraham Lincoln received his [Illinois](#) law license.

[Waldo Emerson](#)'s [NATURE](#) was self-published in [Boston](#), 1,000 copies that cost him a little over \$100.⁰⁰, or 10¢ the copy. The first advertisements for this small volume appeared.



This 1st edition contained not the pseudoevolutionionistic epigraph on the worm aspiring to be man with which we are now so familiar, but in its place a quote from [Plotinus](#):

Nature is but an image or imitation of wisdom, the last thing of the soul; Nature being a thing which doth only do, but not know.

[Jones Very](#), having completed his undergraduate education at [Harvard College](#), preparing for his entry into the [Harvard Divinity School](#) (where he was planning to make quite a splash on account of his principled repudiation of all deliberation and “taking thought” in favor of what he was terming “conversing with Heaven,” in a state of artlessness and immediacy and spontaneity), would purchase this little volume on nature and naturalness and heavily mark it up. Courtesy of Parkman D. Howe of Needham, we know how he marked it up. We can note that almost half his markings, including all but two of his marginal comments, were confined to the chapter on “Idealism.” We can also know that he responded quite idiosyncratically to Emerson’s trope on infancy, “Infancy is the perpetual Messiah, which come into the arms of fallen men, and pleads with them to return to paradise,” in a manner which prefigured his later mental collapse.



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The most comprehensive explanation, however is to be found in his personal copy of a small blue book with covers decorated by tree-like vines. Mr. Tutor Very purchased it in September 1836, only a few days after it was published. The timing of its acquisition at once suggests that he was already familiar with the latest modes of nonconformity, and perhaps was even anticipating the book's publication. At the end of August, in his Commencement Address, had he not expressed his confidence in the power of "new principles of action" to resist the "mechanical spirit" of the times, which he felt was suppressing the more heroic and precious forms of individuality? Now the opportunity arose for him to study the detailed grounds of another man's affirmations and dissents, a man somewhat older than he, and more knowing in the ways of spiritual heroism, about which the Divinity School evidently could teach him nothing. He may have first learned of Ralph Waldo Emerson during the winter of 1835-1836, when the latter delivered a series of ten lectures on English literature, from [Geoffrey Chaucer](#) to [William Shakespeare](#), to Byron and Coleridge, at Boston's Masonic Temple. Or, as was perhaps more likely, when Very visited Boston that winter to listen to sermons (as he must have done, following his **change of heart** and recent choice of a ministerial career), he may have heard Emerson in one of his church appearances, since he preached usually twice a week during the run of his lecture course. Or, between January and May 1836, after walking the seventeen miles of turnpike linking Cambridge with his home, he may have attended one of the approximately fifteen lectures on biography and English literature Emerson delivered at the Salem Lyceum in two series. (In view of the attitudes Very was cultivating at the time, the [Martin Luther](#), [John Milton](#), and [George Fox](#) lectures might well have tempted him.) But whatever the way he discovered Emerson -and there were sufficient opportunities for him to have at least heard about him as early as 1835- it is certain he read [NATURE](#) eagerly in 1836, with pencil in hand, scoring margins, underlining sentences, and making written comments.

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Most striking about Very's markings and marginalia is that they indicate he was not at all surprised by Emerson's aerial prose poem; instead, he apparently found what he expected – and this neither confounded nor offended him, as it did most readers. Several times he questioned what he read, but never did he challenge Emerson: his mood seemed respectful throughout. It was as if his reading confirmed suspicions that the author was a thoughtful man whose reflections repaid close scrutiny. (Though a minor aspect of Very's use of NATURE it is indicative of his attitude toward it that he treated it incidentally as a source book for the compatible ideas of others, of Coleridge for example, and of William Shakespeare, Michaelangelo, George Herbert, and even of the unnamed "orphanic poet.") He read NATURE then as a literal rather than figurative testament about the nature of God, and about the relationship between God and man. He read it as if it were a conduct-book filled with supernal imperatives. While certainly not a usual approach to the book, it still was a valid one, given the disposition of the reader in September 1836. He was looking for certain information, and believed it might be found here rather than in the Divinity School. Very was particularly curious about the effects of nature upon Emerson, about his emotional and artistic responses to the natural world. Moreover, Very seemed interested in external nature as the basis for communion with God, and this accorded well with the viewpoint Emerson developed. (The professors would have shouted Very down had he suggested such an idea in the classroom.) He was concerned too with the relationship between personal morals and the morality of art, and specifically of literary art. But he seemed not so interested as Emerson in attempting to explore the philosophical middle ground between idealism and materialism. Several of the statements recalled to him verses from the Book of Revelation, and several others reminded him of the corrosive powers of sin. Emerson's book therefore generally served to stimulate his own distinctive thoughts in an original way, one which at times was inconsistent with Emerson's intentions; that is, from the marginalia in his copy, Very's NATURE seems not quite the book that Emerson wrote. But this does not mean that his comments and markings conformed to any viewpoint even remotely acceptable to the provincial orthodoxy maintained by Andrews Norton and



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Since many scholars have assumed that this manifesto [NATURE](#) must have influenced [Henry David Thoreau](#) in one way or another, and since such an assumption has always seemed to me to be presumptuous, I will insert here the short synopsis Catherine Albanese used to introduce the work in her THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE AMERICAN [TRANSCENDENTALISTS](#):



When Emerson published his slim volume [NATURE](#) in 1836, he had produced a manifesto for the emerging transcendental movement. Seen in juxtaposition to his farewell sermon at the Second Church, [NATURE](#) offers Emerson's spiritual alternative to the inherited forms of the church. Throughout the work he stands in the [Platonic](#) lineage and, especially, that lineage as read through a revived metaphysical tradition in the West. Hence, in [NATURE](#) the world of the "not-me" that Emerson celebrates is seen ultimately as a reflection of the one Mind or Spirit present in the human soul and in the realm of the Ideas. Refracted through the Neoplatonic teaching of the One (the Soul) and the Many (Nature), Emerson articulates a Swedenborgian doctrine of correspondence, expresses enthusiasm for magic and miracle, and speaks prophetically of human powers that seem, indeed, god-like. The while he employs the Kantian-Coleridgean distinction between the Reason and the Understanding (as he understands it) to contrast true and deceptive visions of the world. He sees in a hieroglyphic of symbols the means for the Reason to discern the secret message of Spirit encoded in matter. The metaphysical tradition that Emerson embraces in [NATURE](#) would enjoy a considerable following in the nineteenth century. Even as Emerson owed a debt to Emmanuel Swedenborg and the Swedenborgian Church of the New Jerusalem, others –like the followers of Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910) in Christian Science and followers of forms of mind cure in New Thought– would owe a debt to Emerson. In the twentieth century the "positive thinking" of Norman Vincent Peale (b. 1898) and others also had its roots in Emerson's teaching. Beyond that, in [NATURE](#) Emerson gives voice to a characteristic American millennialism, a sense that a new age with new powers and energies has dawned or is about to dawn. Despite his idealism, he exalts a landscape that will form the earthly paradise for a later wilderness preservation movement. He speaks with a largeness of vision and a confidence in human capacity that, in a host of different ways, finds expression in the culture of the era. Situated in a new space, Emerson and other Americans concluded that they were also living in a new time and that, as Gods, they should stretch their spirits to the demands of the age.



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(This, it seems to me, is a *reductio ad absurdum*, for no-one but a fool would attempt to send Henry Thoreau sailing away in the same tub with a threesome such as Emmanuel Swedenborg, Mary Baker Eddy, and Norman Vincent Peale.)

At the Krontal spa north of Frankfurt, Felix Mendelssohn proposed to Cecile Jeanrenaud. She accepted.

In Dresden, [Frédéric François Chopin](#) may have proposed to Maria Wodzinska, sister of his boyhood friends, and he may have been offered some grounds for hope (on the other hand it is possible that nothing like this actually happened).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9th of 9th M 1836 / Rose early this Morning & got in readiness for the boat which arrived at the Long Wharf at 6 OC & I was there in season to get on board - we arrived in season for me to get to the House of my late dear friend [Moses Brown](#) nearly an hour & an half before the time appointed for his funeral to Meet at the House which was 10 OClock, & 11 O C at the Meeting House - I had a good opportunity for reflection & feel that it was the last time I should ever see his remains in his own house & in the parlour where I have spent so many & so pleasant & interesting hours with him - His corpse was singularly natural, he lay in his coffin with the same solid reverent & retired countenance as I have often seen upon him, when sitting in religious opportunities & his Mind gathering up to say something - very Many came into the room to view his remains for the last time, & after a few moments quiet Rowland Greene called the attention of the Audience to the solemnity of the occasion & the very great loss we had sustained in the removal of this our Ancient Father in the Church who had walked so long & so pleasantly affectionately & usefully among us. - The funeral then proceeded to the Meeting House - The Governor of the State [John Brown Francis] - ex- Gov Fenner Some of the Senators & Representatives of the Assembly, the Secretary of our State - Judges of our State Courts & the Judge of the United States Court - The President of Brown University & the Officers of it - President of the R I Historical Society & many of the Officers of it, together with many people of the first Standing in [Providence](#) were present - but none of these were as intersting to me as to see the teachers & Schollars of the YMB School walk in, in a solid manner, & go into the galery - as I saw them come in the Muscles of my face were affected, my eyes filled with tears & my whole frame so affected that it was with great difficulty that I could refrain from loud weeping - when it rushed on my mind that they had been the objects of his peculiar care & regard for many years, & that this was the last office to be performed - my mind has seldom been so much affected. -

Rowland Greene was first engaged in testimony to the valuable life of the deceased & the accordancy of it with the christian principles which he professed - Then Thos Anthony to the same effect - then Mary B Allen in supplication - then John Wilbur -



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then Anna A Jenkins in Supplication - the Meeting closed & we proceeded to the place of internment which was in the burying ground which he gave to friends

The pause at the grave after the remains was laid over it was unusually long, not far from 15 minutes in which Rowland Greene was engaged in supplication, the the remains was lowered down & covered up to be Seen of Men no more. -

I went the the School House & dined & after dinner rode into Town & attended to a little buisness I had there & returned to the School House & Lodged.

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 September 10, Saturday: The Reverend [Leonard Withington](#)'s account of huckleberrying appeared, in a briefer form, in the [Concord](#), Massachusetts [Yeoman's Gazette](#).



Jose Manuel Inacio da Cunha Faro Meneses Portugal da Gama Carneiro e Sousa, conde de Luminares replaced Antonio Jose de Sousa, Manuel e Meneses Severim de Noronha, duque de Terceira, marques e conde de Vila-Flor as prime minister of Portugal.

[Frédéric François Chopin](#) departed from Marienbad (Marianske Lazne) where he had visited Maria Wodzinska and her mother, his destination being Leipzig. He may or may not have proposed to Maria, but in any event, he would never see her again.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 9 M 1836 / After breakfasting at the School House I walked down to the late residence of my late dear friend [Moses Brown](#) spent a little time with those that remained & in particular with dear Avis Harris who has been his faithful House Keeper & Nurse for many years, & for her faithfulness & Kindness to him as well as many acts of kindness towards me in my visits at the House, is entitled to my love & good esteem. --



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While here, I had an opportunity of discharging my duty towards a friend who I thought needed the care & caution of an Elder & was favoured to do it to my own satisfaction; & I hope the help of the individual

I then went into town & finished my business Dined with Dr Tobey & at 4 OC PM got on board the Steam Boat & returned home very glad & thankful that I had had an opportunity to attend the funeral of my friend of whom much more may be written – Some incidents of his last sickness may be inserted but which I have not yet collected with sufficient precision to commit to writing in the manner I could wish – I understand his expressions regarding the final change were not numerous – they were not necessary – his whole life was a practical comment on the principles which he professed. –

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September 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 9th M 1836 / Silent & solid Meetings tho' rather fewer in Number than common
Father Rodman has been confined with a lame back for some days.*

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The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) encountered the brig *Solon*, of Plymouth, from the Connecticut River, and last from New York, bound to the Spanish Main with a cargo of fresh provisions, and managed to trade for some of those fresh provisions.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Sunday, Sept. 11th. Lat. 30° 04' N., long. 63° 23' W.; the Bermudas bearing north-northwest, distant one hundred and fifty miles. The next morning, about ten o'clock, "Sail ho!" was cried on deck; and all hands turned up to see the stranger. As she drew nearer, she proved to be an ordinary-looking hermaphrodite brig, standing south-southeast; and probably bound out, from the Northern States, to the West Indies; and was just the thing we wished to see. She hove-to for us, seeing that we wished to speak her; and we ran down to her; boom-ended our studding-sails; backed our main topsail, and hailed her– "Brig, ahoy!"– "Hallo!"– "Where are you from, pray?"– "From New York, bound to Curacoa."– "Have you any fresh provisions to spare?"– "Aye, aye! plenty of them!" We lowered away the quarter-boat, instantly; and the captain and four hands sprang in, and were soon dancing over the water, and alongside the brig. In about half an hour, they returned with half a boat-load of potatoes and onions, and each vessel filled away, and kept on her course. She proved to be the brig *Solon*, of Plymouth, from the Connecticut river, and last from New York, bound to the Spanish Main, with a cargo of fresh provisions, mules, tin bake-pans, and other notions. The onions were genuine and fresh; and the mate of the brig told the men in the boat, as he passed the bunches over the side, that the girls had strung them on purpose for us the day he sailed. We had supposed, on board, that a new president had been chosen, the last winter, and, just as we filled away, the captain hailed and asked who was president of the United States. They answered, Andrew Jackson; but thinking that the old General could not have been elected for a third time, we hailed again, and they answered– Jack Downing; and left us to correct the mistake at our leisure.

It was just dinner-time when we filled away; and the steward, taking a few bunches of onions for the cabin, gave the rest to us, with a bottle of vinegar. We carried them forward, stowed them away in the forecabin,



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refusing to have them cooked, and ate them raw, with our beef and bread. And a glorious treat they were. The freshness and crispness of the raw onion, with the earthy taste, give it a great relish to one who has been a long time on salt provisions. We were perfectly ravenous after them. It was like a scent of blood to a hound. We ate them at every meal, by the dozen; and filled our pockets with them, to eat in our watch on deck; and the bunches, rising in the form of a cone, from the largest at the bottom, to the smallest, no larger than a strawberry, at the top, soon disappeared. The chief use, however, of the fresh provisions, was for the men with the scurvy. One of them was able to eat, and he soon brought himself to, by gnawing upon raw potatoes; but the other, by this time, was hardly able to open his mouth; and the cook took the potatoes raw, pounded them in a mortar, and gave him the juice to drink. This he swallowed, by the tea-spoonful at a time, and rinsed it about his gums and throat. The strong earthy taste and smell of this extract of the raw potato at first produced a shuddering through his whole frame, and after drinking it, an acute pain, which ran through all parts of his body; but knowing, by this, that it was taking strong hold, he persevered, drinking a spoonful every hour or so, and holding it a long time in his mouth; until, by the effect of this drink, and of his own restored hope, (for he had nearly given up, in despair) he became so well as to be able to move about, and open his mouth enough to eat the raw potatoes and onions pounded into a soft pulp. This course soon restored his appetite and strength; and in ten days after we spoke the *Solon*, so rapid was his recovery, that, from lying helpless and almost hopeless in his berth, he was at the mast-head, furling a royal. With a fine south-west wind, we passed inside of the Bermudas; and notwithstanding the old couplet, which was quoted again and again by those who thought we should have one more touch of a storm before our voyage was up, —

“If the Bermudas let you pass,
You must beware of Hatteras-”

we were to the northward of Hatteras, with good weather, and beginning to count, not the days, but the hours, to the time when we should be at anchor in Boston harbor. Our ship was in fine order, all hands having been hard at work upon her from daylight to dark, every day but Sunday, from the time we got into warm weather on this side the Cape. It is a common notion with landsmen that a ship is in her finest condition when she leaves port to enter upon her voyage; and that she comes home, after a long absence,

“With over-weathered ribs and ragged sails;
Lean, rent and beggared by the strumpet wind.”

But so far from that, unless a ship meets with some accident, or comes upon the coast in the dead of winter, when work cannot be done upon the rigging, she is in her finest order at the end of the voyage. When she sails from port, her rigging is generally slack; the masts need staying; the decks and sides are black and dirty from taking in cargo; riggers' seizings and overhand knots in place of nice seamanlike work; and everything, to a sailor's eye, adrift. But on the passage home, the fine weather between the tropics is spent in putting the ship into the neatest order. No merchant vessel looks better than an Indiaman, or a Cape Horner, after a long voyage; and many captains and mates will stake their reputation for seamanship upon the appearance of their ship when she hauls into the dock. All our standing rigging, fore and aft, was set up and tarred; the masts stayed; the lower and top-mast rigging rattled down, (or up, as the fashion now is;) and so careful were our officers to keep the rattlins taught and straight, that we were obliged to go aloft upon the ropes and shearpoles with which the rigging was swifted in; and these were used as jury rattlins until we got close upon the coast. After this, the ship was scraped, inside and out, decks, masts, booms and all; a stage being rigged outside, upon which we scraped her down to the water-line; pounding the rust off the chains, bolts and fastenings. Then, taking two days of calm under the line, we painted her on the outside, giving her open ports in her streak, and finishing off the nice work upon the stern, where sat Neptune in his



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car, holding his trident, drawn by sea-horses; and re-touched the gilding and coloring of the cornucopia which ornamented her billet-head. The inside was then painted, from the skysail truck to the waterways—the yards black; mast-heads and tops, white; monkey-rail, black, white, and yellow; bulwarks, green; plank-shear, white; waterways, lead color, etc., etc. The anchors and ring-bolts, and other iron work, were blackened with coal-tar; and the steward kept at work, polishing the brass of the wheel, bell, capstan, etc. The cabin, too, was scraped, varnished, and painted; and the forecastle scraped and scrubbed; there being no need of paint and varnish for Jack's quarters. The decks were then scraped and varnished, and everything useless thrown overboard; among which the empty tar barrels were set on fire and thrown overboard, on a dark night, and left blazing astern, lighting up the ocean for miles. Add to all this labor, the neat work upon the rigging;— the knots, flemish-eyes, splices, seizings, coverings, pointings, and graffings, which show a ship in crack order. The last preparation, and which looked still more like coming into port, was getting the anchors over the bows, bending the cables, rowing the hawsers up from between decks, and overhauling the deep-sea-lead-line.



September 13, Tuesday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

I went to the College Jubilee on the 8th instant.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 9M / I had thought till this Morning that I should have been at [Providence](#) with the committee, an adjournment of which meet today - but on looking the subject over it seemed to me it was rather best to stay at home. - I sometimes think my services at the School is nearly over - but then again in taking another view of the subject I hardly know how to relax my care for an Institution I have loved so well

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September 15, Thursday: The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) reached the Gulf Stream.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Thursday, September 15th. This morning the temperature and peculiar appearance of the water, the quantities of gulf-weed floating about, and a bank of clouds lying directly before us, showed that we were on the border of the Gulf Stream. This remarkable current, running north-east, nearly across the ocean, is almost constantly shrouded in clouds, and is the region of storms and heavy seas. Vessels often run from a clear sky and light wind, with all sail, at once into a heavy sea and cloudy sky, with doublereefed topsails. A sailor told me that on a passage from Gibraltar to Boston, his vessel neared the Gulf Stream with a light breeze, clear sky, and studding-sails out, aloft and aloft; while, before it, was along line of heavy, black clouds, lying like a bank upon the water, and a vessel coming out of it, under double-reefed topsails, and with royal yards sent down. As they drew near, they began to take in sail after sail, until they were reduced to the same condition; and, after twelve or fourteen hours of rolling and pitching in a heavy sea, before a smart gale, they ran out of the bank on the other side, and were in fine weather again, and under their royals and skysails. As we drew into it, the sky became cloudy, the sea high, and everything had the appearance of the going off, or the coming on, of a storm. It was blowing no more than a stiff breeze; yet the wind, being north-east, which is directly against the course of the current, made an ugly, chopping sea, which heaved and pitched the vessel about, so that we were obliged to send down the royal yards, and to take in our light sails. At noon, the thermometer, which had been repeatedly lowered into the water, showed the temperature to be seventy; which was considerably above that of the air,—as is always the case in the centre of the Stream. A lad who had been at work at the royal mast-head, came down upon the deck, and took a turn round the long-boat; and looking very pale, said he was so sick that he could stay aloft no longer, but was ashamed to acknowledge it to the officer. He went up again, but soon gave out and came down, and leaned over the rail, “as sick as a lady passenger.” He had been to sea several years, and had, he said, never been sick before. He was made so by the irregular, pitching motion of the vessel, increased by the height to which he had been above the hull, which is like the fulcrum of the lever. An old sailor, who was at work on the top-gallant yard, said he felt disagreeably all the time, and was glad, when his job was done, to get down into the top, or upon the deck. Another hand was sent to the royal masthead, who staid nearly an hour, but gave up. The work must be done, and the mate sent me. I did very well for some time, but began at length to feel very unpleasantly, though I had never been sick since the first two days from Boston, and had been in all sorts of weather and situations. Still, I kept my place, and did not come down, until I had got through my work, which was more than two hours. The ship certainly never acted so badly before. She was pitched and jerked about in all manner of ways; the sails seeming to have no steadying power over her. The tapering points of the masts made various curves and angles against the sky overhead, and sometimes, in one sweep of an instant, described an arc of more than forty-five degrees, bringing up with a sudden jerk which made it necessary to hold on with both hands, and then sweeping off, in another long, irregular curve. I was not positively sick, and came down with a look of indifference, yet was not unwilling to get upon the comparative terra firma of the deck. A few hours more carried us through, and when we saw the sun go down, upon our larboard beam, in the direction of the continent of North America, we had left the bank of dark, stormy clouds astern, in the twilight.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15 of 9 M / Our meeting was small but solid - Father was at Meeting & bore a short testimony -
Recd a letter from our Dear John dated the 4th inst giving an acct of the decease of Phebe D Leach a friend of their Moy
[Monthly] Meeting - and also that Saml Rhodes had recently*



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*visited them & attended their Meeting & also PDLs funeral
I had just before receiving Johns letter had closed & sealed one
to him giving an acct of the Decease & funeral of our fr Moses
Brown
I also finished a letter & closed a parcell to Thos Thompson &
sent it to NYork by David Sherman to be forwarded to Liverpool*

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September 16, Friday: Treaty of peace between the United States and Morocco.

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The *Alert* and Richard Henry Dana, Jr. sailed under strong winds directly for Boston Harbor and home, with everyone in the best of spirits.

AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

Friday, Sept. 16th. Lat. 38° N., long. 69° 00' W. A fine south-west wind; every hour carrying us nearer in toward land. All hands on deck at the dog watch, and nothing talked about, but our getting in; where we should make the land; whether we should arrive before Sunday; going to church; how Boston would look; friends; wages paid;— and the like. Every one was in the best of spirits; and, the voyage being nearly at an end, the strictness of discipline was relaxed; for it was not necessary to order in a cross tone, what every one was ready to do with a will. The little differences and quarrels which a long voyage breeds on board a ship, were forgotten, and every one was friendly; and two men, who had been on the eve of a battle half the voyage, were laying out a plan together for a cruise on shore. When the mate came forward, he talked to the men, and said we should be on George's Bank before to-morrow noon; and joked with the boys, promising to go and see them, and to take them down to Marblehead in a coach.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*6th day 16th of 9 M / Wrote to Abel Townsend & of Fallston Penns.
giving him an acct of Moses Browns decease & funeral*

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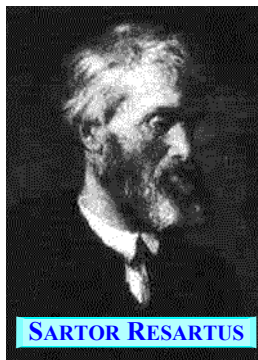


September 17, Saturday: Birth in New-York of Lawrence Kip, first child of Maria Elizabeth Lawrence Kip and [Deacon William Ingraham Kip](#).

[Waldo Emerson](#) wrote to [Thomas Carlyle](#) that “the five hundred copies of the [SARTOR](#) are all sold, and read with great delight by many persons.”



“Regular book publication of SARTOR did not take place until 1836, when Emerson arranged for publication in Boston and wrote an enthusiastic preface.”



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 9 M 1836 / Recd a letter & parcell from my friend Thos Thompson 8 M 6 1836 – The state of Society in England is such as to call for Mourning & lamentation – The ways of Zion Mourn & the Curtains of Middean tremble –

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September 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 9 M / In both Meetings father has a few words to offer, but to me both Meetings were rather low times. – Henry Gould absent at Connanicut. –

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The *Alert* and [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#) sailed along some 15 miles off [Block Island](#), but could catch no glimpse of the land.



AND NOW, FOR SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, A REPORT FROM OUR SAILOR:

At noon of Sunday, 18th, Block Island bore, by calculation, N.W. 1-4 W. fifteen miles; but the fog was so thick all day that we could see nothing.

Having got through the ship's duty, and washed and shaved, we went below, and had a fine time overhauling our chests, laying aside the clothes we meant to go ashore in and throwing overboard all that were worn out and good for nothing. Away went the woollen caps in which we had carried hides upon our heads, for sixteen months, on the coast of California; the duck frocks, for tarring down rigging; worn-out and darned mittens and patched woollen trowsers which had stood the tug of Cape Horn. We hove them overboard with a good will; for there is nothing like being quit of the very last appendages and remnants of our evil fortune. We got our chests all ready for going ashore, ate the last "duff" we expected to have on board the ship *Alert*; and talked as confidently about matters on shore as though our anchor were on the bottom.

"Who'll go to church with me a week from to-day?"

"I will," says Jack; who said aye to everything.

"Go away, salt water!" says Tom. "As soon as I get both legs ashore, I'm going to shoe my heels, and button my ears behind me, and start off into the bush, a straight course, and not stop till I'm out of the sight of salt water!"

"Oh! belay that! Spin that yarn where nobody knows your filling! If you get once moored, stem and stern, in old B_____'s grog-shop, with a coal fire ahead and the bar under your lee, you won't see daylight for three weeks!"

"No!" says Tom, "I'm going to knock off grog, and go and board at the Home, and see if they won't ship me for a deacon!"

"And I," says Bill, "am going to buy a quadrant and ship for navigator of a Hingham packet!"

These and the like jokes served to pass the time while we were lying waiting for a breeze to clear up the fog and send us on our way.

Toward night a moderate breeze sprang up; the fog however continuing as thick as before; and we kept on to the eastward. About the middle of the first watch, a man on the fore-castle sang out, in a tone which showed that there was not a moment to be lost,— "Hard up the helm!" and a great ship loomed up out of the fog, coming directly down upon us. She luffed at the same moment, and we just passed one another; our spanker boom grazing over her quarter. The officer of the deck had only time to hail, and she answered, as she went into the fog again, something about Bristol— Probably, a whaleman from Bristol, Rhode Island, bound out. The fog continued through the night, with a very light breeze, before which we ran to the eastward, literally feeling our way along. The lead was heaved every two hours, and the gradual change from black mud to sand, showed that we were approaching Nantucket South Shoals.



September 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 22nd of 9 M / Our Meeting was a comfortable sitting Uncle Benjamin Freeborn was in town & at Meeting & called to see us in the Morning. Benjamin Luther a blind man & his wife were at Meeting & he was so unwell as to go out – & after Meeting a friend led him home – They are pretty dutiful attenders of our Meeting – Seldom one occurs but they are present. –

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September 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 23 of 9 M / Seventeen days ago my dear & valued Friend [Moses Brown](#) Died – had he have lived till this day he would have been 98 years old, but he has gone to reap the reward of a life well spent & has beyond any doubt with me joined the society of Saints & Angels & of just men made perfect in the realms of endless felicity – May I, may all, so live, as to leave to survivors as well grounded a life that it is as well with us in the After State
My friend Daniel B Smith of Phildelphia called & set an hour with us this Afternoon, his company was interesting, he appears to be a friend of the true Stamp much engaged for the good of Society. –*

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September 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 9 M 1836 / My wife recd a letter from Abrhm Sherman Jr inclosing the womens London Epistles for the present Year – in which he gave her some account of his recent joiurney & attendance of the Quarterly Meetings of Falmouth & Vassalborough, together with a pleasant account of Friends in that country. –

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September 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 9 M / Our Meetings were pretty good ones tho' rather to short, especially in the Morning, but I could not keep it longer – Father being anxious to separate on acct of his health. – he had a little to say in each. –

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September 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 9 M / Monthly Meeting in Town – it was a very Stormy day & but few attended – life was low tho' in the first Hannah Dennis had pretty good service but little buisness in the



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last Meeting. –

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October 1, Saturday: [David Henry Thoreau](#)'s [Harvard College](#) essay on assignment "INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF THE GREEK CLASSIC POETS by Henry Nelson Coleridge, Part I."

Lowell Mason signed a new contract with the [Boston](#) Handel and Haydn Society. Mason would receive all profits from the church music collection after \$2,000 for two years. For the following two years he was to receive a third of the profits, the society the other two-thirds.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 10 M 1836 / Of late I have had many reflections in reference to the final change which awaits us all, & is hastening on apace.- I feel that tho the largest part of my glass is run, & can truly say that my desires are, that my last days may be tranquil & that nothing may occur to mar or stain my life in declining years, but that I may evince that my profession of religion is not fatuous, but founded on the Eternal Truth as it is in Jesus Christ, & as it was believed in & practiced by original [Quakers](#) who I have no doubt saw things as they really are & not as thro' a glass darkly - as a System of Religion I do firmly believe in the principles of Barclay & the experience related in many of their Journals accord with my experience, the perusal of which has many times strengthened & confirmed my soul in the belief of them. –

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➡ October 2, Sunday: The survey ship HMS *Beagle* returned to its home port in England after a 4½-year voyage around the earth of zoological, [botanical](#), and geological discovery that included the Cape Verde islands, both coasts of South America, island groups such as the Galápagos, and the coastal waters of Australia.⁴²²



For many years [Charles Darwin](#) (who was not the ship's naturalist but supercargo, a companion for the ship's captain FitzRoy, sent along for the explicit purpose of keeping this captain sane despite his long enforced isolation from human contact as the man in command) would have nightmares about the cruel abuse of black [slaves](#) which he had witnessed along the east coast of the South American continent.

Salmon Brown was born in Hudson, Ohio to John Brown and Mary Ann Day Brown.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 10th M 1836 / Our Morning Meeting was silent & the weather being rainy was small, but to me a good solid meeting. — In the Afternoon it was larger than usual & a pretty good meeting but to me not equal to the Morning — which confirmed me that numbers does no always make weight not even with preaching added to it. —

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422. What would eventually become of HMS *Beagle*? It would be used as a training ship in Japan until 1889, and would then be broken up. For a time, part of its rib cage would be used as a stand for stones piled up near the temple of Suitengu, near the Okai shipyards.



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October 4, Tuesday: [Lewis Cass](#) was appointed as the US ambassador to France.

The Quakers who were being “misled” by Friend [Elias Hicks](#) were out of favor with the [Quakers](#) of [Rhode Island](#), to the extent that when they presented their certificates of public ministry, these certificates were being refused and they were not being allowed use of the local meetinghouse facilities. Our local Quakers then –like local Quakers now– were allowing freedom of belief and freedom of speech only to those visitors who were favored to know **exactly the same Truth that was known locally.**



3rd day 4th of 10th M / This Morning as I was standing in the Door of the printing office I saw a couple of Friends walk down as if they had just landed from the Steam Boat - after casting in my mind for a Moment as to what Manner of Men they were I says to myself they are Hixites - & seeing Daniel Smith on the other side of the Street crossed over & asked him if he knew who those men were who had just passed - he said he did & that the one with the white hat was George Truman an Hixite [[Hicksite](#)] Preacher - About 11 OC in the Morning Robt Lee called at our house & introduced them as Friends who had brought letters of introduction to him from a friend of his in NYork - After sitting down awhile George opened his buisness by informing me that he & his companion [-] Longstreth was here on a religious account & were desirous of having a public Meeting with Friends & others, to which I was silent for a time, & after a short pause he said he had a certificate from The Meeting he came from - I told him I should like to look at the document, on which he handed it to me - I read both the Minute from the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & the endorsement by the Quarterly Meeting - I replied this looks like a regular proceeding, but neither this Monthly nor Quarterly Meeting, are in unity with the Meetings in N England & we cannot recognize thee as one of us - it is a pittty that one who carries so much of the exterior of a Quaker cannot be acknowlegded by the body, & I told him it was Streightening to my mind to fall in with such & feel obliged to let them know that we could not further their views, that he knew there was a difference between us - to this he said he supposed those they fell in with were streightened but he did not feel streightened towards us - I told him I apprehended he felt different from what he would if we acknowledged him, & could take him by the hand & further his views - then he said under these circumstances we could not have the use of the meeting House - I told him, no, he could not, - we could not do any thing about it - I had considerable other conversation with him when he rose to go but Daniel Smith coming in at the Moment, he sat a little longer till I had dispatched the buisness Daniel came in upon, pretty soon after Daniel went out - they rose again to go when I parted with them & I told them both, I wished them well, to which the companion replied It is our Wish to do so. -

George Truman above Mentioned had a Meeting at 1/2 past 7 OC this eveng at the Court House - I am inform'd there were about 60 in attendance & that he preached Quaker doctrine - this I had not doubt he intended to do, for he knew the doctrine of Elias



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Hicks would not go down with the people

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 October 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


6th day 7 of 10 M 1836 / Recd a letter from my old friend John Heald of Ohio with whom I have recd many letters in former times with much satisfaction & Interest – for a number of years he has been in feeble health & very tremulous in his nerves that his writing Showed a very weak hand – the last letter I recd from him was while I was at [Providence](#) in which he took leave & I never expected to have had another effort of his Pen, but he has written again & it seems much like one arrived from the dead.

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 October 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 10th M / Our Morning Meeting was pretty well attended & so was the Afternoon In each Father Rodman bore short testimonies


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 October 13, Thursday: The balloon of the intrepid master Boston goldbeater and aeronaut Louis Lauriat again graced the skies from beautiful Castle Garden, the battery at the toe of Manhattan Island.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 10 M / Small & I may say poor Meetings, life was low, tho' some favour experienced – It is always a favour to set in the quiet. –

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 October 16, Sunday: Franz Liszt, Marie d'Agoult, and their daughter Blandine returned to Paris from Geneva, taking up residence in the Hotel de France.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 10th M / I hardly know what to record of our Meeting today – It however was much as they usually are –

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October 27, Thursday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the 1st, 5th, and 6th volumes of the 6-volume edition by the Reverend Henry John Todd (1763-1845), THE POETICAL WORKS OF [JOHN MILTON](#): WITH NOTES OF VARIOUS AUTHORS. TO WHICH ARE ADDED ILLUSTRATIONS, AND SOME ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE AND WRITINGS OF MILTON, BY THE REV. HENRY J. TODD (probably the 3d edition, London: Rivington, Cuthell, Nunn, et. al., 1826), and also an unidentified volume labeled NOTES ON MILTON and numbered "B.11.5."



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27th of 10 M / Since the last date I have been much engaged in some buisness which required attention -- Today with my dear wife rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting - it was not a very lively time to me thio' II felt it right to attend to the buisness before us We came directly home after Meeting without stoping to Dine.-

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October 31, Monday: Elizabeth Wells Cummings Cheney was born to John Milton Cheney and Louisa Hosmer Cheney.

[Waldo Emerson](#) gave birth to a son:

Last night at 11 o'clock, a son was born to me.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 31 of 10 M / Attended the funeral of Mary Hazard the divorced wife of Dr Enoch Hazard & daughter of old Nicholas Easton - she was buried near the parental homestead near Seschuest Beach -

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November 1, Tuesday: To resist a forced removal, Seminoles in Florida under Osceola began armed struggle.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 11th M 1st, 1836 / Set out this PM for Qrty Meeting the day clear & pleasant
Arrived at Fall River a little after Dark & lodged at Clarke Shoves -*

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November 2, Wednesday: The Imperial censors approved of Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka's "A Life for the Tsar."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day - after walking round Fall River in the Mornng we crossed the ferry to Sommerset & attended the Select meeting Dined at Daniel Braytons & lodged at our old quarters at Nathan Chases. -

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November 3, Thursday: From the log of the lightkeeper on Matinicus Rock: "Rainstorm N.E. waves washed into well and salted the water."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day was exceedingly stormy high Wind & hard rain so that we could go but a short distance without getting wet & but very few could cross Heids ferry from Fall River - the Meeting however was pretty large & would have been very full but for the Storm - It was a solid good Meeting - Divers good testimonies were bourne but Thos Anthony had the weight of the service
The Storm abating after Meeting we rode to [Providence](#) & lodged at our old Quarters the residence of our late Ancient & dear friend [M Brown](#) & was kindly received by Avis Harris who is his last wifes Granddaughter & to whom he has given liberally of his estate*

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November 4, Friday: Jose Bernardino de Portugal e Castro, marques de Valenca, conde de Vimioso replaced Jose Manuel Inacio da Cunha Faro Meneses Portugal da Gama Carneiro e Sousa, conde de Luminares as prime minister of Portugal.

[Giacomo Meyerbeer](#)'s opera "[Robert le Diable](#)" was produced in Calcutta, in French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day attended the School committee at the School House -A Meeting of the Trustees of O Brown Bt [Benevolent] Fund & in the evening met in the School Room with many there to organize a Tract Society which had been gotten up by our young friends & it seemed like a duty for old friends to join with them in a work which with proper Management may prove so beneficial - in its present state it looks encouraging. We lodged at the School House

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November 5, Saturday: Bernardo de Sa Nogueira de Figueiredo, visconde e barao de Sa da Bandeira replaced Jose Bernardino de Portugal e Castro, marques de Valenca, conde de Vimioso as Prime Minister of Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Attended the Meeting for Sufferings in the forenoon & in the Afternoon rode Home after dining at Jonathon Congdons We reached home sometime after dark. -

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November 6, Sunday: [Francis Ellingwood Abbot](#) was born in Boston, son of the teacher Joseph Hale Abbot (1802-1873) and Fanny Ellingwood Larcom Abbot (1807-1883). His early education would be obtained at home from his mother, and at Boston Latin School under Head Master Epes Sargent Dixwell.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th of 11th M 1836 / Attended Meetings at home In both Father Rodman had offerings, but to me they were far from seasons of life & spiritual enjoyment. -

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November 10, Thursday: Louis Napoleon was banished to America.

[David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the 3rd volume of THE WORKS OF THE LATE [WILLIAM COWPER](#), ESQ. OF THE INNER TEMPLE. [EDITED BY JOHN JOHNSON. WITH PORTRAITS.] (a 10-volume series published at London by Baldwin, Cradock, & Joy in 1817).⁴²³



WILLIAM COWPER, III



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 11 M / This morning when I first rose & all thro' the Morning & in our Meeting I was favoured with remarkable sweetness & clearness of mind & a confirmation was afforded that I was yet in some good degree under the right influence at least that in some recent religious efforts I had not been out of place – Father was engaged in testimony & altho' the current of his communication was very close upon religious professors I did not feel as if it belonged to me, in this instance having so remarkably felt the sweetness of peace to attend my Mind this Morning – yet it may sense as a caution to a faithful discharge of duty. –

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November 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13th of 11th M / Meetings both silent & very quiet & to me rather heavy – Cousin Henry & Abby Gould set the evening with us – Father Rodman confined with a lame back. –

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423. Eventually Thoreau would have his own copy of [Cowper's](#) THE TASK.

COWPER'S "THE TASK"



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An illustration from "The Task"

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November 19, Saturday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) supplemented his borrowings from the [Harvard Library](#) by checking out, from the library of the "[Institute of 1770.](#)" George W. Haven's translation of [Heinrich Heine](#)'s LETTERS AUXILIARY TO THE HISTORY OF MODERN POLITE LITERATURE IN GERMANY (Boston: J. Munroe, 1836).

**MODERN POLITE GERMAN ...**

At the Teatro San Carlo of [Naples](#), Gaetano Donizetti's dramma lirico L'assedio di Calais to words of Cammarano after DuBelloy was performed for the initial time. The work, produced for the nameday of the Neapolitan queen mother, was well received.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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7th day 19th of 11 M / More than a week ago I heard transiently that Elisha Bates had been Baptized in Water – today it is confirmed - Dr Tobey having sent me a copy of a letter from him to some person in England wherein he acknowledges the fact & undertakes an explanation of his conduct - but had he have been a thorough Quaker & stable minded man he would never have resorted to the beggarly elements, which was never designed for any thing but a Sign & to fulfill the Law for all righteousness – all which we hold & I do most assuredly believe was fulfilled in the coming of Christ & who by his appearance in the flesh put an end to all Shadows & introduced the Gospel in a more spiritual manner than it was before known, & it is also my unshaken faith that Jesus Christ is still known in spirit & that we, of this day know nothing more of him that will be of saving virtue – We read of him in The Scriptures, & it is a great favour, that record is preserved to us, but we may read them, & read them again, & know nothing of him that will save us, & it is by & thro' him, by the operation of his spirit in our hearts that we are saved with an everlasting Salvation.

Our young friend Gilbert Congdon from Providence called & set the evening with us – he gave us much information of our friends in Providence, & his visit to us was pleasant & interesting – he seems to be a young man well engaged & I hope will be of use in Society - & greatly do I desire there were a great many More such than there is. –

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November 20, Sunday: One of the ways in which the [Underground Railroad](#) has been feel-good exaggerated is that only the seemly stuff, such as successful trips toward the north and freedom, has as yet been taken into consideration. In fact, however, the Underground Railroad ran in both directions, there having most definitely been in addition a [reverse underground railroad](#), and we do not yet have data to corroborate that in any given month of any given antebellum year there were more black slave passengers who were shaking themselves free of their chains and were headed north into a new life of freedom than free black passengers who had been handcuffed and gagged and were headed south into a new life of [slavery](#):



A NORTHERN FREEMAN ENSLAVED BY NORTHERN HANDS.

Nov. 20, 1836, (Sunday,) Peter John Lee, a free colored man of Westchester Co., N. Y., was kidnapped by Tobias Boudinot, E. K. Waddy, John Lyon, and Daniel D. Nash, of N. Y., city, and hurried away from his wife and children into slavery. One went up to shake hands with him, while the others were ready to use the gag and chain. See *Emancipator*, March 16, and May 4, 1837. This is

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 11 M 1836 / Father was at Meeting in the Morning & preached – Silent in the Afternoon pretty solid good Meetings.–

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November 24, Thursday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) supplemented his borrowings from the [Harvard Library](#) by checking out, from the library of the “[Institute of 1770](#)”, SHAKSPEARE’S ROMANCES COLLECTED AND ARRANGED BY SHAKSPEARE II (two volumes, London, 1825 — there is a copy of this rare pseudonymous work in the British Museum), as well as Volume 93 of the [North American Review](#) — the volume which contains:

- a survey of Greek folk lyrics entitled “Romaic Popular Poetry”
- a survey of works on education by the Reverend Joseph Emerson of Malden (a great-grandfather of Waldo Emerson who had prayed every night that no descendant of his might ever be rich), Dr. [Timothy Dwight](#), and Warren Burton entitled “Principle of Emulation,” including an account of German universities
- an article “Lives of Pinckney, Ellery, and Mather”
- a review of Volume VI of the Reverend [Jared Sparks](#)’s LIBRARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY (LIFE OF WILLIAM PINKNEY, by Henry Wheaton; LIFE OF WILLIAM ELLERY, by Edward T. Channing; LIFE OF COTTON MATHER, by William B.O. Peabody.)

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- a critical notice of the Reverend John Snelling Popkin’s THREE LECTURES ON LIBERAL EDUCATION (which was a book, published during this year, which [Harvard College](#) students would be needing to deal with in taking that professor’s course in “Greek Literature” and the “good taste of the ancients”)

Richard Wagner got married with Christine Wilhelmine (Minna) Planer, an actress, in Tragheim near Konigsberg (Kaliningrad).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 24th of 11th M / Our first Meeting was a very remarkably favourd one. Father was favourd to exceed almost any thing I ever heard from him then Hannah Dennis, & then Mary Hicks in a well Authorised & truly Gospel testimony - We had considerable buisness in the last & prety well resulted - Benjn. Mott & Jonathon & Hannah Dennis dined with us When I returned home I found two parcells & a letter from my friend Thos Thompson of Liverpool.- Cousin Henry Gould & Thos Nichols called & sat most of the evening with us. - When we returned from Meeting we were shocked with the information that our dear little neighbour Sam Bailey about an hour before had by some means at the Coal grate got shockingly burned & the case was very doubtful as to his living - his stomach, Arm, face & Neck was sad to behold so that he could talk but not sensing his pains - his feet was cold & she rubbed them he asked who it was that rubbed him, some of the by standers told him it was Miss Gould & asked him if he did not know her, he said I cant see her, something is in my eye” he is a little boy not quite three years old grandson for our neighbour Faisneay & came in to see us nearly every day & was a sweet little interesting fellow He died about twelve hours after it happened. -

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November 27, Sunday: Elias Harlow Russell was born in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, son of Elias Russell and Comfort Rundlett Russell.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 11 M 1836 / It was a favourd time in both Meetings today – In the Morning father appeared in testimony & supplication & in the Afternoon in testimony – Between Meetings was the funeral of dear little Saml Bailey which we attended - he came in to see us almost every day & was truly an endearing little object - but it is a Mercy he is taken & I desire none of us may grieve for him, for if he had lived he must have been a poor object with probably but one eye & most likely the uise of one hand – frequently last summer he would come in & ask for a book to see the pictures & after he had looked at them & amused himself for a while would lay down on the Settee, ask to be covered over with my silk pocket handkerchief & go to sleep & lay for an hour or two - so that we shall miss him exceedingly. – In the evening Thos Gould & Thos Nichols set a while with us

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November 29, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

11th M 29th 1836 (3rd day) / This Morning I got into the Stage & rode to [New Bedford](#) & arrived there before dinner time & dined at Francis Tabers - spent the Afternoon in making a few calls - Lodged at Joseph Tillinghasts –

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November 30, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 30th of 11 M 1836 Attended the Select Qry Meeting - Previous to entering on the buisness Mary Battey & Hannah Dennis preached & I considered Marys testimony of no common cast She is a friend who can neither read nor write but the Power attends her – The buisness was weightily conducted. - Spent the Afternoon in calling on Some of my friends & in the evening in company with my cousin Thos B Gould had an opportunity with two Sons of Benjn. Pearce of [Portsmouth](#) by appointment from the Monthly Meeting, who seem to have departed from Society by attending with other persuations, we laboured ardently & affectionately with them & tho' they seemed to be tenderd particularly one of them, yet it did not appear that their minds were disposed to retract the course they had taken -we had the satisfaction of labouring faithfully with them & apprehended we did no hurt & probably left them in a State which will not easily




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be forgotten by them – I again Dined with F Taber, & took tea & lodged with Jos Tillinghast.

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 December 1, Thursday: [Anna Ricketson](#) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 12th M 1836 Our Quarterly Meeting at large was well attended & a considerable number of young people were present –

Mary Battey was again much favoured in testimony & Hannah Dennis in a short testimony the rest of the time was occupied by Lindley M Hoag – he is a young man & needs to be very careful of his Stepping along – there was also a prayer by a young woman not recommended by the Select Meeting – Dined at Joseph Tillinghast & occupied the rest of the time in calling on some of the old Schollars with whom I was acquainted when at the School

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 December 4, Sunday: The manifesto for the Democratic Society in Poland was published. It called for an independent, democratic republic.

Daniel Read died in New Haven, Connecticut at the age of 79.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4th of 12M / Our Meetings both forenoon & Afternoon were remarkably solid & rather solemn opportunities – Father Rodman was engaged in short testimonies in each. –

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 December 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11th of 12 M / Our Meetings today were solid & I thought lively seasons – the Weather was pleasant & they were larger than usual

It would seem as if we were not left but that we are still owned by the head of the Church, Christ Jesus, who Still deigns to be with is in our assemblies – tho' very often poverty & a sense of lowness prevails –

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 December 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th of 12 M / In taking a little survey of the present state of our Society & of my past life, as I was sitting after breakfast this Morning It seemed to me that in consequence of some sad & appalling departures from the principles of Quakerism



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*particularly E B, that great hurt might arise & many fair
luminaries be Swept away - yet I have some faith the true Seed
will remain & come up with greenness & shoot fourth with vigor
in many places to the honor of God & the Glory of his Name
I have been afresh thankful that my mind has been preserved from
following after every new light & fire that has been kindled up,
but that I have been favoured to wait & see what it was to what
it directed*

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December 15, Thursday: In a benefit for the actor Frederic Lemaitre at the Theatre des Varietes, Harriet Smithson played Ophelia in the mad scene from Hamlet. It was her final performance before a paying audience.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15th of 12th M 1836 / Our Meeting was nearly silent & a
pretty solid good time. -*

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December 17, Saturday: An advertisement appeared, that was signed by the Reverend Joseph W. Cross as the secretary of the Middlesex County Anti-Slavery Society. (Does anyone have information about him?)

MIDDLESEX CO. ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

THE Middlesex County Anti-Slavery Society will hold its annual Meeting, the 4th Tuesday of January (24th) in the Rev. Dr. Ripley's Meeting-house in Concord. The Society will meet for business at Wesson's Hotel at 11 o'clock A.M. Public services in the meeting-house at 2 and at 6 o'clock, P.M. Abolitionists generally, and friends of the cause in the County are particularly and respectfully invited to attend. Local Societies will please send large delegations.

J.W. CROSS, Sec'y.
Dec. 17, 1836.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 17th of 12th M / This evening had two good letters one
from John & one from Saml B Tobey - I was comforted in them both*

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December 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 18th of 12th M / Our Morning meeting was a pretty good
one & tho' Fathers services were not clear thro' what I would*



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have wished they might have been, Yet it did not Seem to me much if any burt was done, & I rather thought some good may be the result. –

In the Afternoon, Father was engaged to pray for the conversion of infidels & the more plentiful effusion of the Holy Spirit than we have experienced for many Years past. – I thought it was a Solid meeting. –

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December 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 12 M / This morning in straping my Razor to Shave it accidentally slipped & took off the tip of my little finger, it bleed so much & was so painful that I did not go to Meeting. –

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[Bronson Alcott](#) self-published, through James Munroe and Company of Boston, the 1st volume of CONVERSATIONS WITH CHILDREN ON THE GOSPEL (264 pages). This, and the 2nd volume (Boston MA:

CONVERSATIONS, VOL. I



Russell, Shattuck and Company, February 1837, 198 pages), would cost the author \$741.⁰⁰ he did not have,

CONVERSATIONS, VOL. II

and buy him an incredible amount of trouble. These conversations had been transcribed by [Elizabeth Palmer Peabody](#). However, the original title page, which in accordance with the convention of the time did not list the name of the author, was preceded by a page that read

CONVERSATIONS WITH CHILDREN ON THE GOSPELS
CONDUCTED AND EDITED BY A. BRONSON ALCOTT

rather than “transcribed by Elizabeth Peabody,” and evidently resulted from the desire of others who had been involved in the generation of this material that they not be implicated in the folly of its dissemination. Elizabeth Peabody and the new teacher at the school, [Margaret Fuller](#), could see what was coming — the self-convicted supersalesman and self-convinced enthusiast could not. Abba Alcott the faithful wife could not help but sympathize with her husband rather than with the helper who wanted no share of the repercussions: in the family record, she altered the name of her third child from Elizabeth Peabody Alcott to Elizabeth Sewall Alcott.



MR. ALCOTT. Do you think these conversations are of any use to you?

CHARLES. Yes; they teach us a great deal.

MR. ALCOTT. What do they teach you?

GEORGE K. To know ourselves.

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MR. ALCOTT. Now, does your spirit differ in any sense from God's spirit? Each may answer.

CHARLES. (10-12 years old). God made our spirits.

MR. ALCOTT. They differ from His then in being derived?

GEORGE K. (7-10). They are not so good.

WILLIAM B. (10-12). They have not so much power.

AUGUSTINE (7-10). I don't think our spirit does differ much.

CHARLES. God is spirit, we are spirit and body.

JOSIAH (5 years old). He differs from us, as a king's body differs from ours. A king's body is arrayed with more goodness than ours.

EDWARD B. (10-12) God's spirit is a million times larger than ours, and comes out of him as the drops of the ocean.

MR. ALCOTT. Jesus said he was the son - the child of God.

Are we also God's sons?

WILLIAM B. Oh! before I was born - I think I was a part of God himself.

MANY OTHERS. So do I.

MR. ALCOTT Who thinks his own spirit is the child of God?

(All held up hands).

Now, is God your Father in the same sense that he is the Father of Jesus? (Most held up hands).

MR. ALCOTT. Does Father and Son mean God and Jesus?

CHARLES. No; it means God and any man.

MR. ALCOTT. Do you think that were you to use all that is in your spirit, you might also be prophets?

SEVERAL. If we had faith enough.

WILLIAM B. If we had love enough.

CHARLES. A prophet first has a little love, and that gives the impulse to more, and so on,

until he becomes so full of love, he knows everything.

MR. ALCOTT. Why did the angel say to Mary,

"The Lord is with thee"?

GEORGE K. I don't know. The Lord is always with us.

ARNOLD (?). The Lord is with us when we are good.

AUGUSTINE. The Lord is with us when we are bad, or we could not live.

ELLEN (10-12). [mentions Judgment Day]

MR. ALCOTT. What do you mean by Judgment Day?

ELLEN. The last day, the day when the world is to be destroyed.

CHARLES. The day of Judgment is not any more at the end of the world than now.

It is the Judgment of conscience at every moment.

MR. ALCOTT Where did Jesus get his knowledge?

MARTHA (7-10) He went into his own soul.

AUGUSTINE. Heaven is in our spirits - in God.

It is in no particular place. It is not material.

It is wherever people are good.

CHARLES. Heaven is everywhere - Eternity. It stops where there is anything bad.

It means peace and love. High and white are emblems of it.

ANDREW (7-10). Heaven is like a cloud, and God and Jesus and the



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angels sit on it.

MR. ALCOTT Where is it?

ANDREW Everywhere. Every person that is good,
God looks at and takes care of.

FREDERIC (10-12). Wherever there is good.

SAMUEL R. (10-12) But in no place.

FRANKLIN (10-12). Heaven is the spirit's truth and goodness.
It is in everybody; but mostly in the good.

MR. ALCOTT. Can you say to yourself, I can remove this mountain?

[Now comes an astonishing rhapsody by the five-year-old Josiah Quincy.]

JOSIAH (bursts out). Yes, Mr. Alcott! I do not mean that with my body can lift up a mountain - with my hand; but I can feel; and I know that my conscience is greater than the mountain, for it can feel and do; and the mountain cannot. There is the mountain, there! It was made, and that is all. But my conscience can grow. It is the same kind of spirit as made the mountain be, in the first place. I do not know what it may be and do. The body is a mountain, and the spirit says, be moved, it is moved into another place. Mr. Alcott, we think too much about clay. We should think of spirit. I think we should love spirit, not clay. I should think a mother now would love her baby's spirit; and suppose it should die, that is only the spirit bursting away out of the body. It is alive; it is perfectly happy; I really do not know why people mourn when their friends die. I should think it would be a matter of rejoicing. For instance, now, if we should go into the street and find a box, an old dusty box, and should put into it some very fine pearls, and bye and bye the box should grow old and break, why, we should not even think about the box; but if the pearls were safe, we should think of them and nothing else. So it is with the soul and body. I cannot see why people mourn for bodies.

MR. ALCOTT. Yes, Josiah; that is all true, and we are glad to hear it. Shall someone else now speak beside you? [But Josiah's eloquence is like a mighty river; its momentum is such that he can barely restrain himself, and he is quiet only on condition.]

JOSIAH. Oh, Mr. Alcott! then I will stay in at recess and talk.



December 25, Sunday: The throne of Austria was placed in regency of a Ministers of State Conference because of the mental illness of Emperor Ferdinand I.

At a dinner to honor Mikhail Ivanovich Glinka, Alyeksandr Pushkin improvised a stanza on the honoree. Glinka later set it and others performed this evening to music.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 12th M 1836 / This is the last first day in the year & what is called Christmas Day. - It appears to me to celebrate the Birth of our Blessed Saviour as some are doing, in rich feasting, gaudily dressing up their Meeting houses to please the eye &c is not a consistent course - The Religion which



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Jesus Christ came to introduce, was plain simple & to the heart -he was born in a Manger & the whole course which he persued while walking with us in the flesh, was in simplicity & deep humility & so far as it fails to produce this effect in the hearts of its followers in this day when he walks with us in spirit & is known & felt by the true believer, so far it fails to be of that saving benefit which it was intended to bestow in mankind -in thus celebrating this day we seek the living among the Dead Christ is not there but risin in Glory with the Father & all who seek him from external & perverted sources will seek in vain - by his Spirit he still visits the mind, & in those who receive him in the way of his coming, he will reveal himself with an Saving & everlasting Salvation

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December 29, Thursday: Johann Baptist Schenk died in Vienna at the age of 83.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 29th of 12 M / Rode in the Stage to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Out Moy [Monthly] Meeting Thos Nichols & Job Sherman were with me -The first meeting was silent & the buisness in the last was mostly refered. -
After Meeting Thos. Nichols & I walked homeward, & Henry & Thos Gould took Thos into their carriage & D Buffum Brot me as far as John Mitchells & I walked the rest of the Distance to Town & feel comfortable this evening*

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December 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 30 of 12 M 1836 / I am this day 55 Years Old - The day has passed with no remarkable incident - it has not been observed or even mentioned in the family, but it has frequently passed my mind with a degree of seriousness
I feel thankful for past favours & mercies, of which I have enjoyed & been blessed with many & now when I feel myself on the down Hill of time & perhaps not far from the bottom, am still favourd with health so as to be free from most of the Achs & pains incident to declining Years & withall at present in a comfortable way of living & should no accident occur have a prospect of a sufficiency to carry me on for Some years to come, even if my sources of income should considerably fail. - under these considerations, my heart is often fraught with gratitude to HIM, the giver of all blessings both spiritual & temporal & may I render unto HIM the humble tribute of thanksgiving & praise, with increased devotion in his Cause*

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December 31, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*7th day 31 of 12 M 1836 / In closing the year I can but afresh
commemorate the goodness of God for all his Blessings bestowed
on me –*

*This has been a Year remarkable in my life – a number of very
interesting Friends & acquaintances have been removed by death
& no one more beloved than my dear friend Moses Brown whose
memory I shall continue to love & revere having enjoyed a long
& intimate personal acquaintance with him as well as an
interesting correspondence*

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY




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1837

 January 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal about a sad state of religion division and falling away among the English [Quakers](#):

1st day 1st of 1st M 1837 / Good silent Meetings to begin the Year with — Times rolls on & new things we see. — My mind has been solemnized under the consideration of passing events - Today I have recd letters from England which mention Sad defection which exists there among Members of our society Some who have stood & shone as Stars of the first Magnitude have fallen & become enemies to the Truth as preached by G Fox & others of his day⁴²⁴

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 January 5, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5th of 1st M / A solid Meeting - Father was there & had a few words to offer. - Since the above date I have recd another Letter from my kind & very attentive correspondent Thos Thompson of Liverpool, by which it appears troubles continue in Society, & that Elisha Bates once beloved & respected as a useful writer & very considerable Minister has become an Apostate to Quaker faith & Doctrine, having while in England been Baptized or Sprinkled with Water & written Several Wicked pamphlets & the one which he calls "An appeal to the Society" I consider the Most foul, as in that he has held up the leadings & teaching of Christ within & G Fox & our Early friends to derision & ridicule. [see p. 198, vol XI, 7th day 19th of 11 M 1836]

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 January 8, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 1st M 1837 / Father was at Meeting & engaged in testimony forenoon & Afternoon & it seemed to me his communication in the Afternoon was unusually lively & pertinent - Meetings were solid & I thought favourd -

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424. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1836-1838: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 9 Folder 16: September 1, 1836-September 20, 1838; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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January 12, Thursday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) again checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), a volume he had checked out in 1833, [Ross Cox](#)'s ADVENTURES ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER, INCLUDING THE NARRATIVE OF A RESIDENCE OF SIX YEARS ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, AMONG VARIOUS TRIBES OF INDIANS HITHERTO UNKNOWN: TOGETHER WITH A JOURNEY ACROSS THE AMERICAN CONTINENT (New-York: J. & J. Harper, 1832).

TRAVELS OF ROSS COX

"There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away"
— Emily Dickinson





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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 12 of 1st M / Silent meeting, solid & good Recd a parcell
from my kind friend Thomas Thompson of Liverpool.-*

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January 15, Sunday: [David Henry Thoreau](#)'s [Harvard College](#) essay on assignment "All Men Are Mad."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 15th of 1 M / Good Solid silent Meetings
This evening Israel Buffinton & Thomas Gifford of Fall River
with Thos B. Gould & Thomas P Nichols called & set with Walter
Nichols also called a little while which made a very pleasant &
interesting circle of young Men, with their company we were
grateful & comforted. -*

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January 18, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 18th of 1 M / My wife & I rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend
the Select Meeting. Elizabeth Wing & Hannah Dennis were engaged
in testimony -
In our Select Meeting E Wing bore a very acceptable testimony -
It was a season of favour - but after all to me individually it
was rather a hard time. - We dined at cousin Shadrach Chases &
rode home - The day was cold but the riding was as good & the
day as pleasant (excepting the cold) as it could be in summer
time-
This Morning Mary Easton daughter of James Easton decd. was
found dead in her bed She had long been deranged & wasting away.-*

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January 19: [Austin Steward](#) began his journey back with his family from the black settlement of Wilberforce in Canada to Rochester, New York.

Having closed my business in Wilberforce, I prepared to leave on the expiration of my term of office as township clerk, which was now near at hand. Notwithstanding, I ever felt a sensation of relief and pleasure, when I thought of returning to my old home and friends in the States, yet as often as I look abroad over the settlement and remember all my glowing hopes, - all my delightful anticipations of a prosperous future for those poor, struggling colonists; when I recollected with what zeal and honest purpose, with what sincerity and sacrifice I had prosecuted my labor among them, - a dark shadow of disappointment would flit across my mind, however welcome it might be. That I had firm and tried friends in the colony, I had never the least reason to doubt, not to suppose their number



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less after a five years residence with them; but our expectations had not been realized. Our hope of settling a township, to be represented in Parliament by one of our own people, was now forever blasted. I remembered too, that many of the colonists had been unjustly incited against my course; but in the retrospect my heart did not condemn me. Errors many, no doubt I had committed; but I was grateful, when reviewing the whole ground, for a conscience void of offence toward God and man; and I finally took my leave of all, craving the choicest blessings of Heaven to rest upon that infant colony and its interests.

On the nineteenth day of January, 1837, I left Wilberforce, passing through Brantford, Hamilton, Queenston, Lewiston, and from thence to Rochester. During my journey, I could not avoid feeling sad and despondent, as my mind incessantly returned to the review of my mission, upon which I could look with no other decision than that of an entire failure. I had spent my time, wasted my substance for naught, and was now returning to my dependant family, - that, with myself, had been stripped of nearly every means of comfort and support.

What would my Rochester friends think of my conduct? Notwithstanding all my despondency and evil foreboding at that time, I am now well satisfied that my labor was not all in vain, but that some good did result from it.

As I drew near the city, a gloom like thick darkness overshadowed me: I thought of the unfavorable transactions which had occurred between the directors of the colony and my friends in Rochester, and fell to wondering how they would receive me.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 1 M 1837 [error] / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & Father had a few words to deliver at the close - In that which followed (Preparative) Geo. Carr of Connanicut appeared & requested to be received into membership - which was referd to a committee for consideration & examination. -

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January 20: [David Henry Thoreau](#)'s [Harvard College](#) essay on assignment "Point out particulars in the speeches of Moloch & the rest [in PARADISE LOST, II] which appear to you characteristic."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20th of 1 M 1837 / Attended the funeral of Mary Easton who was a Member of Society & died at her brother in laws E P Faisneau - She was a poor helpless woman subject for many years of her life to Fits & had but little sense. her release I hope is comfortable to herself as it must be to her friends - She was 69 Years old lacking about a Month & was the last of James Eastons family that stands as a member, who lives in [Newport](#). -



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*At the funeral Father had a few words to deliver very satisfactory & I thought seasonable & savory
This evening I attended to a Lecture delivered by [-] Walker on the first peopling of this country – he considered the Indians were from the Tartar race & not Jews.
We met at his house & only a few were invited of his acquaintance & friends - he evinced much research & learning in his discourse, but after all most of his positions rested very much on speculation & every thing must rest regarding time so long past & where there is no direct written record. –*

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January 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 1st M 1837 / This day Stormy & Meetings small & silent but pretty good seasons

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January 26, Thursday: Michigan became the 26th state.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 1 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting in Town was attended by as many as 12 or 13 who were not Members & several who I never saw at our Meeting before - There was but little preaching, but it was a time of some favour. –

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January 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 1st M / This morning I went in the Steam Boat to [Providence](#) & arrived there about 1 / 2 past 11 OC too late to attend meeting & went immediately to the School House where I attended Meeting in the Afternoon - The Meeting seemed natural & I thought was favoured with a good degree of solemnity – I found many old scholars that I knew were glad to see me & I them Staid the night –

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January 30, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day went into Town & spent the day in attending to some buisness & visiting some of my old acquaintance Dined at Dr Tobey's & returned to the School House to lodge –

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[David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), Volume 5 of the New Series of [The Gentleman's Magazine](#), dealing with that magazine's 1836 content.⁴²⁵

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- [iii]-iv. S.: "Preface." the Reverend John Mitford [Originator: "Sylvanus Urban"]
- pages 2. S.: Note re Robert Montgomery Martin's History of the British Colonies. Thomas Fisher
- pages 2. L.: Remarks re the Abbé de la Rue. Thomas Wright [Originator: "Gaulois"]
- pages 2. L.: Genealogical note on Sacheverell family. Charles Edward Long [Originator: "L."]
- pages 3-10. Review: Thomas Frognall Dibdin's Reminiscences of a Literary Life. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 10-13. Article: "Diary of a Lover of Literature [by Thomas Green; abridged by Mitford (cont.).]" the Reverend John Mitford
- pages 14-15. Article: "Royal Porcelain Works, Worcester." Martin Barr [Originator: "B."]
- pages 15-16. Article: "St. Olave's Grammar School, Southwark." George Richard Corner [Originator: "G.R.C."]
- pages 16. Article: "Quaestiones Venusinae.—No. VII [conc.]" the Reverend James Tate [Originator: "The Author of Horatius Restitutus"]
- pages 17-27. Article: "Records of the Exchequer." John Bruce
- pages 32. L.: "Our Lord's Miracles on the Maimed." Dr. Samuel Merriman the Younger [Originator: "Ilaranthropos" {in Greek}]
- pages 33-36. Article: "St. Stephen's Chapel, Westminster." John Gough Nichols [Originator: "J.G.N."]
- pages 36-43. Article: "Scandinavia and the British Isles." Nicholas Carlisle
- pages 49-51. Review: James Davidson's The History of Axminster Church. John Gough Nichols
- pages 51-52. Review: William Caveller's Select Specimens of Gothic Architecture. Edward John Carlos
- pages 52-53. Review: Samuel Tymms's The Family Topographer, vol. 5. Edward John Carlos
- pages 53-55. Review: Spiritual Despotism. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 55-57. Review: A. James Augustus St. John's [Egypt](#) and Mohammed Ali. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 57-58. Review: Harry Chester's The Lay of the Lady Ellen. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 58-59. Review: England and Russia; A Statement of Facts. By a Resident at Constantinople; Edward Stirling's Some Considerations on the Political State of the intermediate Country between Persia and [India](#). Thomas Fisher
- pages 59-60. Review: Annual Reports of the American Anti-Slavery Society; Anti-Slavery Record; Société Française pour l'Abolition de l'Esclavage. Thomas Fisher
- pages 60. Review: The British and Foreign Temperance Advocate, vol. 2; The British and Foreign Temperance Herald, vol. 4. Thomas Fisher
- pages 60-64. Review: John Holland's Cruciana. Illustrations of the most striking aspects under which the Cross of Christ, and symbols derived from it, have been contemplated by Piety, Superstition, Imagination, and Taste. John Gough Nichols
- pages 64-67. Review: First Annual Report of the Poor Law Commissioners for England and Wales. Thomas Fisher [Originator: "T.F."]
- pages 68. Review: E. Churton's Oriental Annual for 1836. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 68. Review: Mrs. Alaric Watts's The New Year's Gift and Juvenile Souvenir. The Reverend John Mitford

425. We really have no idea why Thoreau checked this out, but I will note in passing that the volume does contain information pertaining to the town of Saffron Walden in England.



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- pages 69. Review: Jennings's Landscape Annual for 1836 (text by Thomas Roscoe and drawings by David Roberts). The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 69. Review: Smith and Elder's Friendship's Offering and Winter's Wreath for 1836. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 69. Review: William Darton's The New Year's Token for 1836. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 69-70. Review: P. Fisher [[William Andrew Chatto](#)]'s The Angler's Souvenir. The Reverend John Mitford

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- pages 70. Review: Frederick Shoberl's The Forget Me Not. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 70-71. Review: The Christian Keepsake, and Missionary Annual (ed. William Ellis). The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 71. Review: The Cabinet of Modern Art, and Literary Souvenir (ed. Alaric Alexander Watts). The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 71. Review: Fisher's Drawing-room Scrap-Book, 1836. With Poetical Illustrations by L.E.L. [Letitia Elizabeth Landon]. John Gough Nichols
- pages 71-72. Review: Flowers of Loveliness. John Gough Nichols
- pages 72. Review: Tilt's Comic Almanac for 1836. John Gough Nichols
- pages 72. Review: William Beattie's Scotland. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 72. Review: C.R. Bond's Truth's Triumph, a poem on the Reformation. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 72. Review: John Graham's A Vision of fair Spirits. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 77-78. S.: "Catalogue of the 11th Part of Mr. [Richard] Heber's Library (Manuscripts)." the Reverend John Mitford
- pages 80-82. S.: "Society of Antiquaries." John Gough Nichols
- pages 87-88. Obituary: Henry Charles Somerset, 6th Duke of Beaufort. John Gough Nichols
- pages 88-90. Obituary: Lord Robert Manners. John Gough Nichols
- pages 90-91. Obituary: Sir Thomas Elmsley Croft. Sir Nicholas Harris Nicolas
- pages 93-94. Obituary: The Reverend Luke Booker. The Reverend — Booker, son of the Reverend Luke Booker
- pages 94-98. Obituary: James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd. W.B. Morgan
- pages 99. Obituary: Charles Perkins Gwilt. Joseph Gwilt
- pages 100. Obituary: Letitia Matilda Hawkins. — Hawkins, brother of deceased
- pages 106. S.: Remarks on the inscription "IHS." John Gough Nichols
- pages 106. L.: Query re parish registers. John Southerden Burn [Originator: "J.S.B."]
- pages 106. S.: Note on the unicorn emblem. Henry Gwyn
- pages 107-118. Article: Thomas Frognall Dibdin's Reminiscences of a Literary Life (cont.). The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 121-125. Review: "State of the Church Missionaries in the East [India](#) [Josiah Pratt's Sermon preached in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace... at the Consecration of the Right the Reverend Daniel Corrie, LL.D. Lord Bishop of Madras; Alexander Duff's The Church of Scotland's [India](#) Mission]." Thomas Fisher [Originator: "T.F."]
- pages 129-132. Review: William Thomas Brande's Characters of Philosophers. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 132-135. L.: "On the Migration of Birds." the Reverend John Mitford [Originator: "J.M."]
- pages 135-137. L.: "Londiniana, No. III [Roman Antiquities in Eastcheap and Newgate-street]." Alfred John Kempe [Originator: "A.J.K."]



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- pages 137-144. Article: "Grammar School of St. Olave's Southwark [cont.]." George Richard Corner [Originator: "G.R.C."]
- pages 146-147. L.: "Mr. [Charles] Richardson's Dictionary." the Reverend Joseph Hunter [Originator: "A Correspondent"]
- pages 147-154. Article: "Account of Theobalds Palace, Herts." John Gough Nichols [Originator: "J.G.N."]
- pages 154-157. V.: "The Ipswich Ball, described in a Letter from Miss Julia Mandeville, at Ipswich, to her Mother the Hon. Mrs. Mandeville, at Roehampton." the Reverend John Mitford [Originator: "J. Mandeville"]
- pages 157-160. Review: Joseph Beaumont's Original Poems in English and Latin. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 161-164. Review: Matthew Gregory Lewis's Journal of a West India Proprietor. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 164-165. Review: William Carus Wilson's Helps to the Building of Churches and Parsonage-houses. Edward John Carlos
- pages 165-167. Review: Joseph Mendham's The Life and Pontificate of St. Pius V. The Reverend Joseph Mendham (reviewing his own work)
- pages 167-168. Review: William Rae Wilson's Records of a Route through France and [Italy](#). The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 168-169. Review: The Prometheus of Aeschylus, and the Electra of Sophocles (trans. George Croker Fox). The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 169-171. Review: William Dansey's Horae Decanicae Rurales. John Bruce
- pages 172-173. Review: The Architectural Magazine (ed. John Claudius Loudon), vol. 2, nos. 18-22. Edward John Carlos
- pages 173-174. Review: Samuel Thomas Bloomfield's The Greek Testament (2nd ed.). Thomas Hartwell Horne
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- pages 180-181. Review: William Lisle Bowles's Scenes and Shadows of Days departed. The Reverend John Mitford
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- pages 182. Review: Child's History of Women. The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 182. Review: J. G. Seymer's The Romance of Ancient [Egypt](#). The Reverend John Mitford
- pages 182-183. Review: Chart of Britannia Romana. Alfred John Kempe
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- pages 183. Review: Anne Rodwell's The Juvenile Pianist. Mary Anne Iliffe Nichols
- pages 183. Review: The Sentiment of Flowers. Mary Anne Iliffe Nichols
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- pages 184-185. Review: The Clerical Guide, and Ecclesiastical Directory. John Gough Nichols
- pages 185. Review: Harmony of the Gospels. John Gough Nichols
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- pages 187. S.: "St. George's Church, Shrewsbury." Henry Pidgeon
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- pages 187-188. Review: Thomas Roscoe's Wanderings through North Wales, pts. 5-10. John Gough Nichols
- pages 188. Review: Clarkson Stanfield's Coast Scenery, pts. 3-6. John Gough Nichols
- pages 188. Review: William Finden's Byron Beauties. Mary Anne Iliffe Nichols
- pages 193-194. S.: "Society of Antiquaries." John Gough Nichols
- pages 200. Obituary: Mary Amelia, Marchioness of Salisbury. John Gough Nichols
- pages 200-201. Obituary: William Humble Ward, 10th Lord Ward. John Gough Nichols
- pages 201. Obituary: George Charles Venables Vernon, 4th Lord Vernon. John Gough Nichols
- pages 201. Obituary: Lieut.-Gen. Thomas Mahon, 2nd Lord Hartland. John Gough Nichols
- pages 201-202. Obituary: John Crewe, 2nd Lord Crewe. John Gough Nichols
- pages 202. Obituary: Charles Robert Lindsay. Thomas Fisher
- pages 202. Obituary: Major-Gen. George Prole (partially using text of a printed obituary). Thomas Fisher
- pages 202-203. Obituary: Colonel Sweney Toone. Thomas Fisher
- pages 203. Obituary: Col. Thomas Duer Broughten (partially using text of Athenaeum obituary). Thomas Fisher
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- pages 218. S.: Editorial response to query by "C.H." re the Anglo-Saxon oath. John Bruce
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- pages 219-228. Review: Nathaniel Parker Willis's Pencillings by the Way. The Reverend John Mitford
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
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 January 31, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day Attended the sub-committee & spent the day at the School House & lodged there

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 February 1, Wednesday: The Reverend Barzillai Frost was ordained as a teacher and as a colleague for the [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) in the [Concord](#) church. The prayer of consecration was offered by the [Reverend Convers Francis](#) of Watertown.



According to the recollections of young [John Shepard Keyes](#), the Reverend Frost would be at least at first uninspiring:

[He] had been a mathematics tutor at Cambridge and ought never to have been anything else. He was a very old, dried up, cast iron conservative cold critter, that suited the old fashioned notions of some of his parishioners, and never interested any of the live young people. I began to recite to him while he lived at Dr Ripleys, and the dull gloomy Old Manse only increased his dulness and dyspesia It was almost too much for my spirits and if it had lasted much longer might have made a minister or worse of even me – But in June Mr Frost married a very rosy bright agreeable lady a Miss Stone of Framingham and they took east side of the double brick house on Main St. and began housekeeping Col Whiting had built this house a year or two before bringing the bricks in canal boats from Lowell up the river to the bottom of the lot, a feat of navigation that greatly interested us boys—also that same season 1836 the monument at the battleground had been teamed from Carlise by Mr Wilkins and set up, where it could be seen from the windows of the Parsons study when I recited to him. But he had got settled and waked up by his new wife and home and lessons were more interesting and better after this vacation and I made some progress towards being fitted during that summer.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 2nd M Attended the Select Qrly Meeting –It was a



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*time of some searching but on the whole a pretty good Meeting – we had the company of our friends John Meader & wife Moses Beedie & Daniel Clapp & Susan Howland, who with the exception of Moses Beedie are out with minutes from their Meetings
Dined at Wm Jenkins's – lodged at Jonathon Congdons*

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February 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 2nd 2nd M 1837 / Our Qry Meeting was large & the weather pleasant – Elizabeth Meader was first in Supplication followed by Susan Howland in testimony – then Mary B Allen, & then John Meader – It was a good Meeting tho' not a very full & open time as to preaching. – The last Meeting was well conducted –
[Greenwich](#) Moy [Monthly] Meeting had appointed Daniel Anthony to the Station of an Elder which was freely united with by the Qry Meeting. –Dined at Jonathon Congdons & lodged there again – the walking being so slippery & wet that I could not walk out to the Mansion of my late friend [Moses Brown](#) where I wished to pass a night again before the family was broken up & other occupants live there, which I understand is likely to be the case, the coming Spring –*

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February 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day Attended the School Committee which was large & the Affairs of the School resulted with a good deal of harmony – In the evening attended an adjourned Meeting of the Tract Association held in the Meeting room
Lodged at the Institution. –*

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February 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day – after going to Town & called on some of my friends & spending the forenoon in finishing my buisness – I came home in the Steam Boat & got here by 3 Clock
I was glad I was at [Providence](#) & felt it to be a season of some encouragement. –*

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February 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 5th of 2nd M 1837 / The walking bad & our Meetings rather small & silent, but good solid seasons to me & I trust to others Several of our young friends called in the evening & sat with us

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February 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 2nd M 1838 / This Morning about 5 Minutes past 2 OClock our Aged & venerable Mother Abigail Rodman quietly departed this life, Aged 85 Years 3 Months & about 16 days – My wife sat with her thro' the night when she went in the evening she was asleep in which state she continued till 1 OC when she awoke, knew Hannah & told her she was not aware of her being there, but was glad she was – she had a little spell of distress from which she was released & fell into a sleeping state in which she continued breathing shorter & shorter till she died at the time abovementioned –I attended our Meeting today & the rest of the time been much occupied in arranging for the funeral, which is concluded to be on 7th day next, at 2 OClock at the House

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February 9, Thursday: [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out, from [Harvard Library](#), the 7th and final volume of Charles Symmons's THE PROSE WORKS OF JOHN MILTON (London: T. Bensley for J. Johnson et al., 1806).



Representative John Quincy Adams attempted to defend his conduct on the floor of the US House of Representatives, in offering to that august assembly petitions to bring to an end the endemic practices of human enslavement which afflicted this land of the free and home of the brave.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 2nd M 1837 / Meeting silent & rather small Snow fell last night which prevented the women from turning out as usual

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February 12, Sunday: The US House of Representatives denied the right of petition of slaves.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 2nd M / Attended the funeral of Joseph Martin a respectable man of this Town & Collector of Taxes - Aged 48 years- In our forenoon Meeting father Rodman was engaged in testimony more lengthy than usual & to satisfaction, tho' I do not know but his feelings was a little too much excited from the circumstances of the Death of his friend Joseph Martin who he has several times visited during his illness & adverted to his Death in his testimony this Morning The Meeting was silent in the Afternoon solid & quiet tho' I thought not quite so lively as at sometimes. -

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February 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 2nd M / Preparative Meeting - The first was a burdensome Meeting to me from a communication with which I had no unity - In the last Meeting Thos B Gould the Clerk was absent & Thos P. Nichols was for the first time called on to serve & did well - It is encouraging to find there are some helps coming up in society. - Joseph Tillinghast called before Meeting & set some time & gave me some account of the decease of his Brother William whose funeral he has been to [Providence](#) to attend, he died on 7th day last the 11th instant In the 40 Year of his Age When I was last in [Providence](#) attending the Qry Meeting he sent for Joseph Anthony & me to visit him which we did in the eveng of 5th day - We found him cool & collected lookgin for the final change & did not seem alarmed at the prospect - we imparted to him such council & advice as Seemed to present which was very kindly recd - he expressing much love for us & mentioned the satisfaction he had recd in attending Friends Meeting - tho' he was not a constant but an occasional attender. The visit to me was a remarkable & Memorable one. -

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February 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 2nd M 1837 / Meetings nearly silent & to me seasons of poverty - yet a little favour was experienced. -

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March 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3m M 2nd 1837 / Being 5th day I attended Meeting which was silent. - Father in going to Meeting fell & hurt himself & was obliged to return home & is quite poorly this PM

At Dinner we had the company of Canute Halvorson & Samuel Chase of Fall River - Canute embarked this Afternoon in the Steam Boat for NYork on his way to Liverpool & from thence to Christina in Norway to bring the rest of his family remaining in Norway to this Country where he has settled at Fall River - Canutes History is an interesting one. -

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March 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 3rd M 1837 / Our Meeting silent & a sense of lowness in my feelings -
I have not much to journalize weakness is Mine & my health been poor the last week My head much out of order so that I have taken physic & been bled - & yet not much better. -*

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March 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th of 3rd M 1837 / This is the day Canute Halvorson expected to embark from NYork for Liverpool - I sent by him a letter to my friend Thos Thompson also a walking Stick with an Ivory head made after the form of what is called a Nantucket certificate, this I engaged to send him by the first opportunity, more than a Year or two ago & Canute is the first person I have met with bound directly to Liverpool & he being willing to take it along, I was glad to avail myself of the chance to convey it to him

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March 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 10th 3rd M / This Morning Died Benjamin Luther a blind man, who with his wife were for the last two or three years dilligent attenders of Our Meeting - he was taken ill some days ago with a kind of cold & fever & lived but a short time - This evening I called to see his widow they lived in the same House with old Captain Ezeikel Luther who with his wife have long been diligent attenders of our Meetings - On going in I found Ezekeel Luther very sick & low & glad of my call. -

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March 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 3rd M 1837 / Our Meetings were silent but solid & even solemn opportunities - but I was unwell in body & unable to enter into the feeling, as I did most earnestly desire.

In both Meetings I was tried but in the Afternoon especially with sleep - I laboured had to overcome it & was favoured not to go to sleep - I prayed to be favoured to resist it & did resist it, but the trial continued till it was time to close the Meeting - After Meeting attended the funeral of Benjamin Luther

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March 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5h day 16 of 3 M / Our Meeting was Small & silent but a season of some favour for which I desire to be thankful - Divers of our friends who usually meet with us were not in their seats with us at Meeting, some from one cause & some from another. it however appears on inquiry that several were indisposed - it is a time of much indisposition from colds &c & some have died suddenly among them was George Dennis of [Portsmouth](#) who last week on 4th day was at Meeting & died on 6th day night following from the apparant effects of a heavy cold -

This Morning a Man on board the Revenue Cutter was found dead in his bed. -

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March 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 3 M / Hannah Dennis attended our Meeting, in the forenoon she was acceptably engaged in testimony - Silent in the Afternoon - she came home from Meeting with us & took tea & set the evening. -

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April 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 4 M 1837 / Our Meetings were silent but very solid. The Morning was quite large & well attended - the Afternoon was small

This Morning Recd a parcell & letter from my very kind & interesting correspondent Thos Thompson of Liverpool. -

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April 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 4th M 1837 / Father was at meeting & had a little to communicate. it was nevertheless to me a dull hard Meeting.

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April 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 4th M / Father was at meeting in the forenoon & had some thing to communicate to pretty good satisfaction – Silent Meeting in the Afternoon & tho' it was a very solid quiet Meeting & a degree of reverance was apparantly on the countenances of Most present, yet to me & in my spirit there was great leanness & poverty. –

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April 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 4th M / Meeting nearly silent – towards the close Father Rodman had a few words to offer but to me all was under a sense of weakness & me. –

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April 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 4 M / When the Steam Boat came from [Providence](#) this Afternoon I met my friend Pliny Earle on the Wharf bound to England & France to complete his Medical studies – I felt much interest in Pliny leaving us he is a young man I much esteem having been several years associated with him while we were Sojourners at [Providence](#) YMB School & besides he was an intimate friend of our Johns – I furnished him with a letter of introduction to Thomas Thompson of Liverpool & also wrote an Epistle of advice to him exhorting him to circumspection & care during his Absence in Europe –

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April 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 4th M 1837 / Our Meetings were smaller than usual owing somewhat to the weather which was not pleasant & it Rained in the Afternoon Father attended in the Morning & had a few words to offer – Nicholas Greene a man not a Member, but one who loves Truth & Friends was there. – Today I expect dear Pliny Earle has sailed for England – I feel



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interested for him & desire a good & speedy passage for him & if he has a quick run, he may reach England in time to attend London Yearly Meeting, which I understand from him was his desire to Do.

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April 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 4 M / Father had a short testimony in the first Meeting – In the Preparative Meeting we had a rather closer time of examination than common in answering the queries – as we answer the whole but once in a year it seems necessary to be more critical than on other occasions. –

In the Select Meeting which followed, we also had a free examination & rather more communication than usual – I thought it was rather a time of favour particularly as regarded my own States. -- Aunt Hannah Almy dined with us. –

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April 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23rd of 4 M / Our Meetings were both Silent & quite Solid opportunities – In the evening Cousin Thos B Gould called to see & sit with us a little while. –

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April 26, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 4th M 1837 / Today Wm Jenkins a young man from Berwick, son of Joshua Jenkins a friend I am well acquainted with – called to see us Dined & took tea – he went to Henry Goulds to lodge – He appears to be under religious exercise, & the object of his journey from home we could not seem to develope. –

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May 2, Tuesday: From George Templeton Strong's New-York diary:



Workmen thrown out of employ by the hundred daily. Business at a stand; the coal mines in Pennsylvania stopped and no fuel in prospect for next winter – delightful prospects, these.

Henry Martyn Robert, who would author “Robert’s Rules of Order,” was born.

William B. Ogden, brother-in-law of New York investor Charles Butler, was elected Mayor of [Chicago](#). Isaac N. Arnold became the clerk, and Hiram Pearsons the treasurer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 5th M 1837 / In the Afternoon took the Boat to Wickford & from thence by Chaise went to [Greenwich](#) & arrived at my friend Thos Howland in about three hours & a half & lodged there

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May 3, Wednesday: From George Templeton Strong's New-York diary:



Went up to the office at six. Fresh failures, Talbot Olyphant & Co., among them. So they go – smash, crash. Where in the name of wonder is there to be an end of it? Near two hundred and fifty failures thus far!... Locofoco meeting in the Park this morning – and such a meeting! It looked like a convention of loafers from all quarters of the world.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day Attended Our Select Quartlery Meeting in [Greenwich](#) which I thought was a good solid Meeting, but not as lively as some I have experienced – In the Afternoon attended the Meeting for Sufferings (dining at Susan Prouds) – after the buisness of which I returned to Thos Howland & lodged. –

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May 4, Thursday: From George Templeton Strong's New-York diary:



Terrible news in Wall Street. [John] Fleming, late president of the Mechanics Bank, found dead in his bed this morning. Some say prussic acid; others (and the coroner's jury) say "mental excitement" and apoplexy. Anyhow there's a run on the bank - street crowded - more feeling of alarm and despondency in Wall Street than has appeared yet....

In Hungary, [Lajos Kossuth](#), no longer protected by diplomatic immunity, was arrested on account of his "subversive" journalism.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day In the first meeting Our friends Joseph Davis & John Meader were favoured in testimony & it was a good Meeting -the Buisness in the last Satisfactorily conducted I dined at Updikes tavern & went on board the New Steam Boat Kingston & went to [Providence](#) & lodged at Jonathon Congdons & there lodged.-

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May 5, Friday: In [Providence](#) Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day Attended the School Committee, the Meeting of OB Trustees & also a committee of the Meeting for Sufferings in the evening to prepare an address on Slavery to be circulated among our Members & people at large lodged at the School House -

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[David Henry Thoreau](#)'s essay on his [Harvard College](#) assignment "Paley in his NATURAL THEOLOGY, Chap. 23 — speaks of minds utterly averse to 'the flatness of being content with common reasons' — and considers the highest minds 'most liable to this repugnancy.' See the passage, and explain the moral or intellectual defect."

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Turgot has said, "He that has never doubted the existence of matter, may be assured he has no aptitude for metaphysical inquiries." It would seem as if doubt and uncertainty grew with the growth of the intellect, and strengthened with its strength. The giant intellect, it is true, is for a season borne along with the tide, the opinions and prejudices of the mass are silently acquiesced in, the senses are, for awhile, the supreme arbiters from whose decisions there is no appeal - mystery is yet afar off, it is but a cloud in the distance, whose shadow, as it flits across the landscape, gives a pleasing variety to the scene. But as the perfect day approaches, its morning light discovers the dark and straggling clouds, which at first skirted the horizon, assembling as at a signal, and, as they



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expand and multiply, rolling slowly onward to the zenith, till at last the whole heavens, if we except a faint glimmering in the east, are overshadowed. The earth was once firm beneath the feet, but it now affords but a frail support, – its solid surface is as yielding and elastic as air. The grass grew and the water ran, and who is so blind as to question their reality? A feeling of loneliness comes over the soul, for these things are of the past.

This is the season of probation, but the time approaches, and is now at hand, when the glorious bow shall "rise on the lurid rear of the tempest, the sun laugh jocundly abroad, and

*Every bathed leaf and blossom fair
Pour out its soul to the delicious air."*

The embryo philosopher seeks the sunny side of the hill, or the grateful coolness of the grove – he instinctively bares his bosom to the zephyr, that he may with the least inconvenience discuss the reality of outward existences. No proposition is so self-evident as to escape his suspicion, nor yet so obscure as to withstand his scrutiny. He acknowledges but two distinct existences, Nature and Spirit; all things else which his obstinate and self-willed senses present to him, are plainly, though unaccountably, absurd. He laughs through his tears at the very mention of a mathematical demonstration. There is a flatness about what is common that at once excites his ridicule or disgust. He goes abroad into the world, and hears men assert and deny in positive terms, and he is astounded – he is shocked – he perceives no meaning in their words or their actions. He recognizes no axioms, he smiles at reason and common sense, and sees truth only in the dreams and superstitions of mankind. And yet he but carries out principles which men practically admit every day of their lives. Most, nay all, acknowledge a few mysteries; some things, they admit, are hard to understand; but these are comparatively few, and could they but refer them back one link in the chain of causes and effects, the difficulty would at once be removed.

Our philosopher has a reasonable respect for the opinions of men, but this respect has not power to blind his judgment; taking as he does an original view of things, he innocently confounds the manifest with the mysterious.

That such is the common reason, was properly enough, in the first place, no recommendation with him, and is now a positive objection. What is more common than error? Some seeming truths he has clung to as the strongholds of certainty, till a closer investigation induced mistrust. His confidence in the infallibility of reason is shaken, – his very existence becomes problematical. He has been sadly deceived, and experience has taught him to doubt, to question even the most palpable truths. He feels that he is not secure till he has gone back to their primitive elements, and taken a fresh and unprejudiced view



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of things. He builds for himself, in fact, a new world. The opinions of the few, the persecuted, the dreamers of this world, he has a peculiar respect for – he is prepossessed in their favor. Man does not wantonly rend the meanest tie that binds him to his fellow; he would not stand aloof, even in his prejudices, did not the stern demands of truth, backed by conviction, require it. He is ready enough to float with the tide, and when he does stem the current of popular opinion, sincerity, at least, must nerve his arm. He has not only the burden of proof, but that of reproof, to support. We may call him a fanatic – an enthusiast – but these are titles of honor, they signify the devotion and entire surrendering of himself to his cause. Where there is sincerity there is truth also. So far as my experience goes, man **never** seriously maintained an objectionable principle, doctrine, or theory. Error **never** had a sincere defender; her disciples were **never** enthusiasts. This is strong language, I confess, but I do not rashly make use of it. We are told that "to err is human," but I would rather call it **inhuman**, if I may use the word in this sense. I speak not of those errors that have to do with facts and occurrences, but rather errors of judgment. Words, too, I would regard as mere signs of ideas.

That passage in the Vicar of Wakefield which Johnson pronounced fine, but which Goldsmith was wise enough to strike out, previous to publication, must be taken in a very limited sense. "When I was a young man," he writes, "I was perpetually starting new propositions; but I soon gave this over; **for I found that generally what was new was false.**"

At best, we can but say of a common reason, that men do not dispute it. True, they defend it when attacked, for if **they** did not, Reason never would. This is well explained by Gray, when he undertakes to account for the popularity of Shaftesbury. "Men are very prone," says he, "to believe what they do not understand; – they will believe anything at all, provided they are under no obligation to believe it; – they love to take a new road even when that road leads nowhere."



May 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Attended to some buisness I had in the Town of [Providence](#) & towards night returned home in the Steam Boat [Rhode Island](#). –

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May 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 7th of 5th M 1837 / This Morning Father was engaged in Supplication & testimony – I thought his testimony was rather



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remarkable In the Afternoon he was concerned in a short'd
testimony

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May 9, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3d day 9th of 5th M 1837 / The times as to the outward
particularly as regards Money concerns is Awfully gloomy - the
countenances of buisness men are in Cypress, not knowing what
may befall them. -

In NYork & Boston [Providence](#) & all places of buisness it seems
as if all confidence is lost Many who have been accounted great
& powerful in Wealth, are breaking to pieces for great & enormous
amounts of Money - Those who are in trade fear they shall break
& those who have any things in their hands fear they shall loose
it & confidence in Banks is much shaken that well may it be said
"Confusion dwells in every face & fear in every heart" - People
have been so anxious for the World that they have over traded &
having been fictiously successful have been lead into great
extravagance in living, & thus gone on till things have arrived
to the State they are in. & where it will end, or what it will
end in, is exceedingly uncertain. There is only one resource for
the mind & that is to labour for patience to bear what we have
to bear, in humble reliance on Him who rules in the Kingdoms &
hearts of men, & will support those who in sincerity & humility
place their trust in him - I am not under pressure for Money
myself at present, but I do deeply sympathise with those who
are. - No person in Newport has yet failed in payment & I know
of none who are [Newport](#) too, but it will be a near Miracle if
we escape without some occurrence of the kind. -

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May 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 5M 1837 / Our Meeting today was small, but very
solid & quiet - Father had a short but very solid offering. -
I was thankful to feel & in measure be made sensible that there
is a place of quite & safety to the mind amid all the trial &
tumult & terror which we hear by the Steam Boat this Morning is
now prevailing in the City of New York on account of Money
matters The accounts are that So great is the agitation which
now prevails on account of the Banks stoping species payments
that a **patrole** is called out who keep guards with Arms Night &
day. - This is an Awful state of things & the result greatly to
be feared

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May 13, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13th of 5th M 1837 / Yesterday the Banks in this Town Stopped Specie payments - it does not seem to have excited as much, the public mind, as might have been expected, & things now seem as quiet as usual, but the state of things must produce great inconvenience & loss - I do not suffer my mind to dwell much upon it, & retire as much as possible to that which is alone, a place of safety -

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May 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 5th M / Silent Meetings all day - In the Morning it was pretty full & in the Afternoon thin as usual -both solid seasons

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May 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 5 M / This Morning about 8 OClock my wifes Uncle JOHN LAWTON departed this life of a cancer on his lip of which he had long suffered - he was a few days over 87 Years of age. -

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May 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18th of 5 M / The remains of Uncle John Lawton was this day inter'd in the upper burying ground in Friend Medow field - The funeral went to the Meeting house - Our friend John Wilbur being here on a religious visit was engaged in testimony solid & weighty & Hannah Dennis in supplication. -

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May 19, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 5th M 1837 / Our friend John Wilbur appointed a Meeting this Morning over on the East side of the Island at a place called the Swamp & another in the Afternoon in the West Road at the School House near Stephen T Northrup [?] farm - By Some that attended I learn both were satisfactory & highly favoured seasons those who attended were chiefly [Baptists](#) & the Doctrines of the Gospel was opened freely & livingly before them



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— some who had recently Baptized in Water were deeply affected & wept all were serious & their hearts evidently reached by the Truth they had heard Declared —
Being under other engagements & a little unwell I did not attend.
—

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May 20, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 6th M / Our friend John Wilbur appointed a Meeting this Afternoon at the Union Meeting House in [Portsmouth](#) which with Sister Mary Rodman I attended there were a considerable gathering of people, & the Gospel of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ was freely preached to them — I trust that Truth lost no ground, but that some were brought to see & feel it in a manner which they had not seen or felt it before, so as to understand what it was which operated upon them — The Longer I live & the more I experience, the More my mind is confirmed that the Lord will prepare an offering for himself, & that it is not the outward blood of Goats or of Bulls or the Ashes of an heffer that is to do the work for us, but the blood of Jesus Christ (which is his life) Sprinkled on our hearts, & faithfulness to what is thereby manifested as our Duty. —

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May 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th M 25th (5th day) 1837 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting was small in consequence of Rain — Isaac Wilbur from Little Compton was there & preached, & at a second rising a friend requested him to be silent which I fear did more hurt than his preaching did, tho' I was fully impressed with the belief that his offering was in the mixture & his fruit unripe, but still in the state he was in, the rebuke was an hazardous one. Oh how true Wisdom & good Skill is wanting even among Elders —
We had but little buisness in the last Meeting, but the buisness was pretty well conducted, & the Meeting was short — No friend came home to dine with us. —

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May 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 5 M / Father Rodman had offerings in both Meetings -- Our Morning Meeting was a season of some favour, indeed my mind was solemnized & life rose in a comfortable degree, affording an evidence of the continuance love yet



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extended.

Visited cousin Henry Gould who for some days has been very ill of a Spasmodic affection in his Back kindneys [kidneys] & Neck attended with alarming symptoms, but he seems better today & we are in hopes he well get through, & be restored to usefulness.—

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May 30, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30th of 5th M 1837 / This Morning My Nephew David J Gould was Married to Eliza Little daughter of Edw Little of Marshfield Mass. — They came immediately off & arrived in the Steam Boat from [Providence](#) the Afternoon about 6 OClock — May peace & prosperity await them thro life. —

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June 1, Thursday: Having already checked out the 1st volume of [Henri Benjamin Constant de Rebecque](#)'s *DE LA RELIGION CONSIDÉRÉE DANS SA SOURCE, SES FORMES ET SES DÉVELOPPEMENTS*, [David Henry Thoreau](#) checked out the 2d and 3rd volumes.



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Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st of 6 M 1837 / Our Meeting was small but solid & comfortable — Father had a few words to offer acceptably. —



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June 3, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3rd of 6 M / My feelings have often in the course of this day been tendered in a remembrance of my many favours, long vouchsafed & still continued – I hope our approaching Yearly Meeting which commences a week from this day - may prove a season of favour - We know not who may live to see it – but those who do I hope may be watered to gather & refreshed & strengthened for the conflicts which await them the rest of their journey through life. – My feelings have been long alive to the proved & afflicting state of our society, but a hope is underneath that it will be sustained -- Things in England weare a more encouraging Aspect than they have done, & tho' many have falled, lamentably fallen, from the right foundation, there is encouragement to Trust that many will remain who will stand as Pillars not to be shaken or removed by the Storms that may & does assail them. -- I have not had particular accounts from Ohio but learn that Elisha Bates has either left the Society or been disowned from it, & that the Number who adhere to him are very few to what was expected might have been carried off my him. –

Oh Sorrowful! O Lamentable defection! I once loved him dearly & now greatly desire his restoration.

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June 4, Sunday: [Abiel Holmes](#) died.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 6th M 4th 1837 / A number of Friends landed in the Steam Boat from NYork this Morning, expecting to attend our Yearly Meeting – Some of them went on to [New Bedford](#) – Matthew Barker & wife & daughter staid in Town & Joseph Tripp & wife & Jesse Eddy went to [Portsmouth](#).

In the forenoon Meeting Father Rodman appeared in supplication & in Testimony – he also said a little in the Afternoon – Cousin Henry Gould got out to Meeting in the Morning, the first time since his illness, I was glad to have him with us. –

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June 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day M 6 1837 / Today I was appointed by the Town – Town Treasurer for the third time which makes an addition to my income, & renders me very easy in my income, & renders me very easy in my outward circumstances – Truly God is good & kind & has followed me all my life long in various acts of mercy, which



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*often excites gratitude, accompanied with the language "What shall I render for all thy Favours."
My mind has been favoured with the renewal of life & favour, for which I am also thankful. – It is comfortable to feel an evidence, that first love remains. – That we are not, & have not been so absorbed with the things of the World & lived in rebellion as to cause the Lords face to be Veiled, or his Mercy & goodness with drawn. –*

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June 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 6 M 1837 / This Morning our friend Wm Kennard & his companion Thos Hall from Ohio arrived in the Steam Boat from NYork & came to our house to breakfast & took Quarters for Yearly Meeting. –

Wm Kennard was very lively & acceptable at our meeting today The Huldah Hoag arrived from [Providence](#) & came to our house to lodge.

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June 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 6 M / Friends have begun to come to Yearly Meeting & to our family, Thos Howland has been added

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June 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 6 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) & Huldah Hoag with us attended the Select Yearly Meeting which was rather a low time some obstruction evidently existed, to a free flow of the Ministry but divers short acceptable testimonies were bourn by Wm Evans, Rowland Greene & several others & a Prayer by Susan R Mott in the forepart & Octava Hubbs at the close of the Meeting. – Things ended comfortably, & we dined at Susanna Hathaways – I attended the Meeting for Sufferings in the Afternoon – When we got home we found Isaac & Anna M Thorn had arrived who did not get along in season to attend Meetings today

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June 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day [Sunday] 11th of 6 M 1837 / Our Yearly Meeting today



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was very large - the Morning Meeting was evidently owned by the divine presence to a degree seldom known among us - Anne M Thorn was first engaged - her testimony had a remarkably settling tendency over the Multitude - her husband Isaac Thorn followed in a remarkably Baptizing testimony which was Powerfully prevalent over the great assembly so that no disturbance or hardly a Motion seen. When he sat down Anna appeared in a Baptizing supplication after which the Meeting again settled & after a few minutes closed in a Solemn & impressive Manner - In the Afternoon the Meeting was more crowded & rather less settled but I have never known a more solemn Afternoon Meeting at Y Meeting time - but the current of the Ministry was not quite as free as in the Morning Meeting - Anna M Thorn was first then Anna A Jenkins in supplication, then Rebecca Hubbs in testimony then Susan R Smith in Supplication & William Evans in a solid weighty testimony, after which the Meeting closed in a more solid manner than common, as when there is such a Multitude the people get uneasy & are apt to leave before we can come to a solid close but this was not the case today.

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June 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day [Monday] 12th of 6th M 1837 / Meeting opened under a solemn Covering - Thos Jones broke silence in a few appropriate & lively remarks - then Father Rodman advised us to Mind our Calling in a few well adapted remarks - The Isaac Thorn in a Short testimony & after a Supplication by Lindley M Hoag the Meeting proceeded to buisness - The usual rotine of reading the Public friends & companions certificates, reading the Epistles appointing the usual commititees &c was gone thro' in the close solid remarks were made relative to the deportment of friends during the Yearly Meeting by John D Lang, followed on the same subject by Isaac Thorn & Wm Kennard. - In the Afternoon the Meeting was again, collected under favourable feelings The Report of the YMB School was read & acted upon, & finally submitted to the care of a committee. -Isaac Thorn was favourd several times in testimony - The subject of the admission of those who are not Members at the School was fully discussed, but no way opened to exclude such wholly, & I hope will not

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June 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 6 M The Meeting assembled at 9 OC Am & the buisness again persued under divine favour - The subject of Slavery was a little opened by the reading of an address prepared by the



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Meeting for Sufferings to the Members of Society & people at large & was fully united with under an evidence that the Motive [Motion?] was correct - The State of the Society as appeared by the answers to the queries was enter'd into & gone through with - In the Afternoon the State of the School was considered, the report of the General Committee having been considered by a committee was approved with one small exception & was adopted by the Meeting --at the close of our friend Wm Evans introduced the subject of lectures being delivered in our Meeting houses, it appearing that they had been used for the purpose, a committee was appointed to consider the subject & report their sense & judgement of what was best to be done in such cases - The committee appointed last year to consider of the removal of the Yearly Meeting reported that they were of opinion the time had not come to report definitely on the subject & requested it might be refered another year which has put that matter at rest for a season as it is not probable the committee will meet again before next Yearly Meeting

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June 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 14th 6 M 1837 / No Meeting at large & the Select Met this Morning & went thro' the unfinished buisness & closed its sittings - divine favour being eminently experienced in this as well as all the preceeding Meetings both at large & Select - In the Afternoon the Meeting at large was again convened under a solemn covering
In the course of it there was a disposition Manifested to get up some excitement on what is called the Anti Slavery question, but such was the Power & Authority of Truth that All loose spirits was held down in a Manner very remarkable & confirming to Most that the Ancient Authority of Truth was yet in dominion & crowned the Assemblies of the people who gather in the Name of the Lord - The Meeting was again adjourned to hold the Public Meeting at the usual time tomorrow forenoon. -*

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June 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15th of 6th M / The Public Meeting this Morning was large the Service fell I think wholly to the Women & our friend Anna M Thorn had the weight of it. Rebecca Hubbs & Lydia Halleck had a part, all acceptable, & the meeting concluded after Prayer by R Hubbs -
At 4 OC PM the Meeting again convened by adjournment & proceeded to buisness - some excitement again appeared on the Slavery question but the Same Power & Authority again rose & spread over*



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the Meeting & all went well & the Meeting again adjourned to 9 OC tomorrow Morning as it was evident the buisness could not be finished at this sitting. -

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June 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day - The Meeting Met this Morning & by Noon the essays to the epistles were all finished & after a favourd testimony by Isaac Thorn & Prayer by Wm Kennard - we closed under a solemn covering & sense of divine favour.-

There is much to render this Yearly Meeting very Memorable as a Season of divine favour & remarkable preservation - There has been much afloat that is wrong, tho' perhaps not with wrong intentions or desires - but the Spirit of Truth has gone over & governed all this, & kept the Ark steady, altho' the road was rough over which it had to pass. - I question whether the Removal of the Yearly Meeting is very soon acted on again - The all absorbing question of Anti Slavery is at rest at present but much trouble may be expected from it at some time or other -

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June 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 6th M 1837 / Our friends have in the course of the day generally gone Joseph & Huldah Hoag is still here & have spent most of the Day & will lodge with us, & attend Meeting tomorrow

Jonathon Nichols & wife are also with us & have Dined & spent most of the day - Yearly Meeting begun well & continued to wind up Well & under good feelings. -

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June 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 6 M / Joseph & Huldah Hoag were at meeting this forenoon & had acceptable service - they have appointed a Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon at 4 OClock & left on their way thither after the close of the Meeting here.--

In the Afternoon Father Rodman was engaged in testimmony. - Jonathon Slocum lodged with us, it was pleasant to have an interview with him, as we had satisfactory acquaintance with him while we resided at the School, he being a teacher there for several Years & previously a Schollar - he is now going to N Carolina to open the New Yearly Meeting Boarding School to be commenced there in the 8th M next - I have no doubt he will be



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an ornament among them, & if he keeps his place in the Truth will do much good among the Youth who may attend at that place. –

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June 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 6th M 1837 / This forenoon I received a short letter from our son Jn S Gould announcing the Birth of his first Child a daughter on 5th day last the 15th inst at half past 10 OC Am This was very interesting information. May the Lord bless the parents & their Child.

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June 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21st of 6 M / Yesterday (3rd day) we had another letter from John announcing that his wife & child were comfortable & doing well & that they proposed to name their child Sarah. – In sitting silently alone this Morning my mind was solemnized & a sense of thanksgiving arose for the many favours & blessings vouchsafed unto me – May there be suitable returns to the great Giver

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June 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 6th M / Our friend Wm Evans was at a meeting on Connanicut this forenoon, & came over with his Companion J S Snowden & set a while with us & called to see father Rodman They took the Boat at 6 OC for NYork on their way home

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June 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 6th M 1837 / Today we have had another letter from John, which is the third since the birth of his child, announcing the well doing of both the Mother & child – We are glad to hear it & also of his attention in informing us – I hope we shall all remember & bear constantly in mind that our treasure is in earthen vessels. – I feel desirous that he may be made duly sensible of this & not place too much dependence on any earthly or mortal things – he has been greatly blessed thro' life & may he increase in devotion to the Holy cause of Truth

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June 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 6 M / With my wife Rode to [Portsmouth](#) & attended our Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the first Meeting Mary Hicks was engaged in a sound lively & well adapted testimony, & my spirit rejoiced in this evidence of the continuance of Divine favour We dined & made a pleasant visit to my cousin Shadrack Chases & then rode home

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July 1, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 7 M 1837 / Today we recd another letter from John announcing the welfare of himself Wife & their little daughter Sarah Ashby who we wish may grow & prosper. -

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July 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 2nd of 7th M 1837 / Both Meetings Silent & to me both seasons of dullness, tho' I apprehend favour was experienced by some
Father Rodman was unwell & not at Meeting. -*

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July 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 7th M / Our friend Joanna Meader & her companion Ann Pope appointed a Meeting in Town this Afternoon at 5 OClock - they are from China in Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting We had but short notice to give out the Meeting, but there were a clever tho small number collected & it was a favourd time Joanna in Supplication first then A Pope in testimony - then Joanna in testimony all was lively & acceptable & the Meeting closed under a precious solemn covering - the effect was a renewed evidence that it is not to the great or the Swift, but those who dwell in the little & keep to the right openings may be as acceptable & do as much good as those who are more extensively gifted

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July 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 7 M / Our Meeting was rather small & Silent but



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 July 8, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 7 M / Many Strangers have arrived in Town & this may quicken some kinds of buisness a little but the times are very depressing to those who have little or no Money –

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 July 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 7th M 1837 / Our Morning Meeting was well attended Father Rodman was engaged in testimony & supplication & I thought it was a good Meeting – In the Afternoon Abigail R Hoag from Vermont was at Meeting & was acceptable in testimony -She is daughter of Thomas Robinson of Vermont & formerly of this Town & now the wife of Nathan Hoag - I remember her many years ago, when an inmate in the family of her Grandfather & Mother Thos & Sarah Robinson of this Town & under the particular care of her Aunt Abigail Robinson – I was comforted to find some of the associates of my youth have come up in the way of Truth & supporting those testimonies dear to the Ancients who were our Predecessors in Society

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 July 13, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 7 M / Our Meeting was small & Silent but to me it was more than a common good solid feeling meeting - I desire to be thankful for the favour & ascribe it, not to any merits of my own, but to the Mercy & Goodness of Him who dealeth Mercifully to the workmanship of his hands

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 July 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 7 M / Our Morning meeting was a very good lively & fresh Meeting to me – Father Rodman had a short testimony - We were silent in the Afternoon & to me it was a very good Meeting – Towards night took a pleasant reflective walk round the Hill

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July 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 7 M / The Winter part of our Meeting house is New shingling, & tho' we sat in considerable noise of the Hammer &c to me it was a good quiet Meeting - father had a short testimony -
In the Preparative Meeting we had the usual buisness of Answering the queries -*

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July 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21st of 7th M 1837 / To day I met with a young woman daughter of old Charles Comstock who when quite young was dilligent in the attendance of Friends Meetings but has since been baptized in Water, & married a Man by the Name of Gifford. She appeared to be in great distress of Mind, under an apprehension she had been so wicked as to resist & quench the spirit of God in her Soul until there was no hope for her that she had followed her own vain immagination, when she had ought to have been Still & been taught by the inward teachings of Christ in her heart She said the first religious sensations she ever remembered to have felt was in a Silent Meeting among friends when quite a child -& wanted to know if I thought there was any mercy for her - I assured her that I fully believed there was & that if she would resist the Devil he would flee from her, & that thro' Jesus Christ she would be favoured to experience a quiet settlement in the Truth
My mind was much opened to speak comfortably to her from a full conviction that things were not really with her, as she immagined them, but that by an effort in her own mind Assisted with divine help she might yet be freed from the thraldom in which her mind was now unhappily involved
But I fear the consequences will be very bad unless she can gain a place of quiet & know an establishment in the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ. -*

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July 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 23rd of 7th M 1837 / It was rainy & our Morning Meeting was smaller than usual, but a very solid good Meeting to me. - In the Afternoon Father was there & had a little to offer this was also a good Meeting to me. -
John Farnum came home with us from Meeting, took tea & set part of the evening - John is one of our old acquaintances in*



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Providence he now lives in Philad, & is here on a visit for his health. –

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July 24, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 7 M / Recd a letter from Abm. Sherman Jr in reply to some buisness I wrote him on – in which he mentioned that Joseph John Gurney & Elizabeth Fry his sister expected to embark from England about the 8th of this M on a religious visit to this Country. –

This forenoon recd another call from Elizabeth Gifford late Comstock – She seemed to be much more comfortable in her mind & her countenance more settled – I hope & pray she may be Sustained thro' Holy help & enabled to Run the race set before her in consistency & in the Truth. I felt much for her on 6th & 7th days when I saw the agitated State of mind she was in

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July 26, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 7 M / It has been a day of favour to me for which evidence of divine Regard I trust my spirit is humble & thankful – This afternoon Recd a very acceptable letter from Eric Stratton a friend of Salem Columbiana County Ohio. –

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July 27, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*5th day 7thM 27th 1837 / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town was a pretty good time, nothing out of the common course in the way of buisness – A living testimony by Mary Hicks – The other appearances might have been right, but did not savor to me like Marys
John Farnum dined with us. –*

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July 29, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*7th day 29th of 7 M / Rode with John Farnum to Tiverton, Dined at Edw Wings & spent the Afternoon till 4 OClock, very pleasantly, then rode home to Tea
This was a pleasant excursion, one I have long wished to take but was sorry to find Edward had gone to New Bedford – Wm*



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Shotwell & his wife were there which made an agreeable addition to the rest of the family. -

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July 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 7 M / Our Meetings pretty well attended & some good degree of Solemnity & favour extended

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August 2, Wednesday: [Waldo Emerson](#) wrote in his journal:

An enchanting night of south wind and clouds; mercury at 73°; all the trees are wind-harps; blessed be light and darkness; ebb and flow, cold and heat; these restless of pulsations of nature which by and by will throb no more.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 8th M 1837 / Rode with my wife to [Portsmouth](#) & attended the Select Quarterly Meeting which was a solid good season. Dined at Susan Hathaways & on our way home, called & set a while with Aunt Hannah Almy Wm & Anna Jenkins being there

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August 3, Thursday: The balloon of the intrepid master goldbeater and aeronaut Louis Lauriat again graced the skies above his home town of Boston.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 [sic] of 8 M / Went again to [Portsmouth](#) & attended the Quarterly Meeting at large - Dear Old Joseph Hoag was favoured & gave renew'd evidence of Gospel Authority - And A A Jenkins in supplication - The last Meeting was favoured to get along with the buisness comfortably. After which we went on towards [Providence](#) & while at [Bristol](#) ferry there came up a very heavy gust of Thunder & lightening & much Rain which detained us so long that we lodged at Jeremiah Giffords, Edw Wing & wife & Joseph Anthony & wife - Thos & Anne Howland & Rowland Greene & his daughter Freelove also

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August 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 8th M 1837 / We all rose early, got breakfast & was across [Bristol](#) ferry by half past 6 OClock & arrived at the



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*School House in Providence in very good season to attend the Meeting of the School Committee & spent the day at the School House in the buisness of the Institution & lodged there – Attended the Meeting for Sufferings held at the Meeting house in Providence – After dining at the School House we rode home in the Afternoon
This has been a pleasant excursion, & I may acknowledge, to me, it has been a season of enlargement & some improvement – on retrospection I do not feel much if any thing that I did nor said which gives me any uneasiness & rather more activety than common fell to my lot both in the School committee & Meeting for Sufferings–*

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August 6, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 6 of 8 M / Our Meetings were favoured but it was thro' sufferings – A Stranger was there in the Morning & Spoke who was evidently not a Member – he was spoken to or rather spoken at by a friend who had better have left the concern for others to manage – In the afternoon we had bothersome preaching from another source. –

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August 10, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 8 M / Our Meeting was rather smaller than usual, but I thought was a solid good opportunity – Towards the close Father prayed & after spoke a few words. – John Farnum, Marmaduke Cope & his wife & Sister sat the evening with us. – it was a pleasant interview – they are Philadelphians.

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August 11, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 11th of 8th M 1837 / Today Augusta Deshon an old Scholar at the YMB School & a relation of mine by the Wanton connection from New London called to see us & spent the day – She is an innocent girl & very sweet spirited – We were very glad to have her company– We had Eliza & Mary Gould with us at tea. –

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August 13, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:



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1st day 13th of 8 M / Our Meeting pretty well attended in the Morning & to me a lively good meeting tho' there was some preaching which streightened me -

In the Afternoon it was a heavy time as to the body, having caught a cold & felt quite unwell - again streightened with the preaching, but see no way to labour, every attempt to labour makes the case worse, hence we are subject to occasional suffering.

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August 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 8th M / I expected to have been on my way to Lynn & Salem to attend the Qry Meeting to be held there & if I feel pretty well tomorrow Morning & I can get ready in time to go in the Steam Boat to [Providence](#), I dont know but I may try to get there tomorrow - Yesterday was a very poor Day with me - My head much out of order am better but it did not seem best to set out this Morning. -

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August 16, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was having second thoughts about the advisability of [Quakers](#), all of whom were white and, therefore, all of whom were free, involving themselves in the ongoing antislavery struggle. It should be enough, for them to keep themselves personally pure within the Quaker Close, not themselves owning any slaves, not themselves purchasing any of the products of [slavery](#) such as cane sugar or cotton cloth, and therefore entirely separated from the wicked practices of the non-Quaker world. Clearly, over the years since the death of his friend of color [Paul Cuffe](#), he had come to consider that it was not any of their business to remedy all the ills of the outside world:

4th day 16th of 8 M / I am still at home, having given up the prospect of Lynn & Salem. - Tho' I felt tolerably in the Morning it looked doubtful whether I should have got to Lynn in season for the Select Meeting & on looking at it felt as if the journey had better be omitted at present - In the course of the forenoon I wrote a letter to Sister Elizabeth [Rodman] Nichols which has very much relieved my mind of the concern to be at Lynn & Salem. After giving her the reason of my not coming I wrote the following "I hope we shall not all run wild with Abolitionism, it is a worthy cause to be zealous in but not intemperate. I am afraid some will not only injure the cause they wish to promote but themselves also, by forcing measures which to move much in at present, would be of no more avail than to cast pearls before Swine, & I am clear it would be giving that which is holy to be sacrificed, trampled on & devoured by the dogish natures, there is a way for every right thing to be rightly moved in, & if way does not open for this, patient waiting is the best resort - David Buffum once told us in our Yearly Meeting at a time when a very difficult case was before it, & it looked as if it was necessary something should be done, yet there was a streight



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[difference of opinion] in the Meeting as to what ought to be done -
He rose & said it was not only necessary to see that something needed to be done, but before we moved we ought to see, what to do, & how to do it" -- It is my opinion that Slavery is a most crying sin & evil in our land, & that if it does not go out in mercy it will in Judgement, & I hope the experiment of Mercy will be fully tried by poor erring & frail mortals, & the Judgement left to Him who judgeth right, & will execute in his own due & appointed time, in such way & manner as he pleases. - I am clear that the excitement raised on Slavery, & is still increasing, is not wholly the Lords work.- it might have had a right beginning, but now it has run into passion, which has carried, & is carrying many far beyond that prudence & sound discession which marked the course of such men in former days as Woolman, Brown, Buffum, & may I not add the honorable names of the Rotch & Arnold, of the days when the Abolition of the Slave trade was effected. - I do not wish to say much more about it, but to express something of this kind to my dear friends Sophrona Page & Avis Keene was very much the drift I felt towards Lynn & Salem & if thou think proper I am willing thou should make them acquainted with my concern. - I am seriously affraid that more hurt will arise from the present excitement regarding Slavery to the Members of this Yearly Meeting, than has ever been done by all the Hixism [the protests and outrages of the [Hicksite](#) followers of [Friend Elias Hicks](#)] & Beaconism that has been encountered else where. - I much desire that those who are looked up to as the Way Marks in our Society, may give a certain sound & right direction to those who follow after them.





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August 17, Thursday: [John Downes](#) took his daughter Frances, Edmund Quincy Sewall, Jr., Ellen Devereux Sewall and her friend Sarah Cole, and their aunt (Miss Prudence Ward?) to the beach at Scituate. In his journal Edmund reported that:

Mr D[ownes] lost his [hand glass] but did not go back [to the beach] to look for it. He sent to father a bottle of sea water with animals in it on some pieces of rock weed....

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17th of 8 M / Our Meeting today was rather small & tho' it was attended with one trying circumstance It was nevertheless a good solid Meeting & my own mind favoured with the Arisings of life.

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August 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20th of 8th M 1837 / Our Meetings were comfortable Father had short offerings in each. - When we can get thro' a Meeting & feel that no hurt is done it is cause of thanksgiving. -

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August 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 8 M / This Afternoon I unexpectedly met with the Widow of Wm Shotwell who recently died at Edw Wings in [Tiverton](#). I was glad to fall in with her & spend a few moments in sympathy with her & her children tho' it was on the Head of the Long Wharf while they were waiting for the Steam Boat to come from [Providence](#) to take them in -

Wm Shotwell & his wife came from NYork some weeks ago on a visit to his brother in Law Edw Wing & wife in [Tiverton](#) & after spending some time Pleasantly, he was taken sick of Cholera Morbus, which was corrected by Medicine after which he was soon taken in a fit & died & was buried on 5th day last the 17th in Friends burying ground at Fall River.

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August 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

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 August 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:


1st day 27 of 8 M / Both Meetings were solid good comfortable ones - father Rodman had short offerings in each. —

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 August 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 8th M 1837 / Took a Carryall & rode to [Portsmouth](#) with my wife & Mary Williams to attend the Monthly Meeting — Mary Hicks & Hannah Hale preached — To me both Meetings were hard uncomfortable seasons — We dined at Shadrach Chases & it being Rainy came home early.

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 September 1, Friday: [Boston](#)'s volunteer fire brigades having proved in the recent riots pertaining to the Irish to be a source of rowdiness as well as a source of political cronyism, Mayor Samuel Eliot decided it was high time that his city transited a full-time professional fire department.

The "Hedge Club" met again, this time at the home of [Waldo Emerson](#) in [Concord](#). 17 transcendental souls attended (counting female transcendental souls).

In a dense fog at 7AM, [John Shepard Keyes](#) had clambered atop Deacon Brown's accommodation stage in [Concord](#), with black leather trunk and carpet bag — he was on his way to become a [Harvard Man](#)!



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Real homesick I was till the fog lifted as we drove over the Lexington hills and changed horses there, and drove on to Cambridge by the foot of the locks, now 'Arlington Heights' and Menotomy, or West Cambridge now Arlington by Porters just beginning as a cattle market, down North Avenue then a solitary country road, till the college buildings came in sight, grey with age, but the yard gay with students and the life of the opening term. Stopping at the posts in the old wooden fence behind Holworthy the grumbling Deacon helped me in with my trunk to my room N^o. 9 lower floor middle entry of Holworthy Hall, then a much despised, now a much coveted apartment. Here I began my college course, with a bed and washstand in my sleeping room, a small bureau and table two chairs and a locker a pail, lamp, and washbowl, and naught else, save a pine bookcase and standing desk so cheap and cumbrous that some Concord boy of former generations had left them as transmittendences to Concord students of whom I was then the only representative. These were duly welcomed and inscribed and I in turn transmitted them to my successors but they have long since departed, split up I guess for kindlings, or sold for a pittance by the more luxurious denizens of later years. At any rate when my son, who inquired for them in his college life, no trace or memory of them could be found. Here and thus I settled myself for what was to come—My chum, a tall lank red haired uncouth fellow from Scituate, Ephraim Otis by name, soon made his appearance, even more meagrely fitted out than I and as much greener as he was older and as different as Concord from Scituate. How soon after I thoroughly hated and despised him I wont undertake to say. I believe it was before supper that night if it wasnt before dinner. What his miserly curmudgeon of a father, and my polished and courtly but anxious parent were thinking of when they yoked up such an unlike pair, I never understood. Mine I suppose went on the Concord rule of getting an old sedate and studious chum for the wild fellows that were sent from that county seat. My class only numbered forty five on entering and had as its numbers showed come in at the lowest ebb of the tide in the college life of the nineteenth century. Josiah Quincy was the President, and almost in his dotage, the Professors Channing Ware Beck Sales were nearly or quite in the same state, and the younger ones Fellow Pierce Longfellow Webster, Bowen and Lovering had none of their subsequent fame or reputation The scholarship and instruction were poorer, and inferior than ever before or since, so that it was at this beginning of its second century at the turning point of slack water. We had that to find out and to me certainly no student it didnt occur till I came in after years to look back on it and discover the fact. Of course I was then much more interested in the football game with the sophs and the anticipated hazing night than in lessons or text books. The first I had practised much on the common at home and could run well, and kick a fair bit and though I helped considerably we I believe were beaten in all or nearly all of our three games with the sophomores though when the juniors came to our aid and the



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seniors to theirs, we beat them, thanks to Baker's prowess and Ganson's knocks and Austins speed and Kings height all of them junior heroes to us that night. The hazing was mild and merciful to me who bought my peace with a bowl of punch from Willards, but my chum who refused to share the expense, was worse treated. It was rather horseplay without malice & not at all up to the raw head and bloody bones of which I have heard both before and since. Of my class whom I soon came to know every member as we recited together in nearly all our studies, there were but few who made much impression early. Sedgwick facile primus, a rosy cheeked handsome nephew of Miss Sedgwick the authoress, soon showed to the front in both lessons and class meetings, Higginson the youngest member, from Cambridge where his family lived on intimate terms with all the professors, was soon prominent while the Boston, New York, and other city boys for a time carried off the honors by their better dress and greater fitness for display I think I took kindly to college life at any rate before the [Christmas](#) vacation I had got to know every one in college by sight and name had built a bonfire or two in the yard simply because it was prohibited had joined Mr. Simmons Sunday class, and learned the way to the race track and stables beyond Porters, had on the night of November election in a big snow storm, had my first spree in H'y 18. Tuckerman's room, of boiled sweet potatoes &c with something to wash it down, and though coming very near to it had not lost my matriculation— As to studies I did as little as I could but had ransacked the library for books I had heard of but never read, and as then we had free access to the alcoves had learned where to find the treasures. I had some privates, but hadn't got to a public admonition and thoroughly hated professors and tutors, & mildly even proctors, while for my elbow neighbours and the Worcester boys I had formed quite a friendship, and I might add the Portsmouth also. I remember nothing else in especial save a Sunday at home once a month, on one or two of which I walked up to save the stage fare, for money was short in the panic of 37, and on other Saturdays exploring Boston very thoroughly taking supper at the Parkers and walking up the lonely road from East Cambridge with my classmate Hall of that locality.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st of 9th M 1837 / Attended this PM the funeral of Henry Goddards wife, he being a descendent from friends & once a member of Society She was buried in Friends Ground in the Medow field. — This Afternoon David Buffum read me a letter he had received from Philad. announcing the Arrival in this Country of Joseph John Gurney from England on a religious visit to friends in this country. — he Arrived in Philadelphia on 6th day the 25th of 7th M 1837 after a long passage of about seven Weeks. — After staying some days in Philadelphia he set out for Ohio Yearly Meeting




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accompanied by John Paul. -

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 September 3: When freed from the ice in July, [George Back](#) had turned homeward. On this day his ship arrived in a sinking condition at Lough Swilly in Ireland.

THE FROZEN NORTH

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 9th M / Both our meetings were good Solid seasons to me -Father had offerings in both -
Recd a letter this morning from Nathan Kite of Philad. giving some acct of J J Gurneys arrival &c*

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 September 5, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5th of 9th M / This Morning rose early & got on Board the Steam Boat & went to [Providence](#) & attended the sub [School](#) committee - Mary Ann Barker left the School & went in the Boat this PM with her Brother Josiah & Sister Martha to Louisiana - The School was left in the charge Emeline Aldrich & Mary Osborn untill the next Meeting of the Genl Committee - returned home in the Afternoon

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 September 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8th of 9th M 1837 / Our Meeting was small & tho' very quiet was not a season of that life & spirit which I desired - Father had short offerings. -

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 September 9, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9th of 9 M / This Afternoon Our much esteemed & very kind young friend Avis Harris came down from [Providence](#) in the Steam Boat to See us we were very glad to have an opportunity to repay some of her kind attention to us at the house of her late venerable grandfather [Moses Brown](#) where I in particularly as well as our son John have been kindly treated by her. -

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 September 10, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 10 of 9 M / Our Meetings were seasons of not much life to me, but heavy & depressed – they were about as well attended for numbers as they usually are tho' a number who usually attend were absent. –

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September 16, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16th of 9 M / After spending the week with us very agreeably on our part Our friend Avis Harris left us by the NYork Steam Boat this Morng & returned to her home in [Providence](#) - her company was very agreeable & I was glad to have an opportunity to repay some of her former attention to me –

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September 17, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 9 M / Our Meeting this morning was a good solid time. But Oh how low & depressed I felt on viewing the state o& condition of our Society. – The Meeting this Afternoon was also very solid & quiet. –

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September 19, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 19th of 9th M 1837 / On 1st day [Sunday] the 10th of this Month Father Rodman was at Meeting in the forenoon & after sitting it about half through & delivering a short testimony he complained of being unwell & left the Meeting - Since which he has been mostly confined to the house & seems to be failing with a hard cough & great weakness of body. – but may however gain strength again - if however he does not mend soon it now looks as if he is fast runing down – I visited him this Afternoon when he told me he did not know that this sickness was unto death, the event was hid from him, & he felt resigned to whatever might be his lot, & did not wish his time protracted in life

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September 20, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20th of 9th M 1837 / Went this Morning by Steam Boat to [Providence](#) to attend with the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Schools & Institution generally - We spent the day in inspecting the literary acquirements of the Scholars which we found to be good & satisfactory & also attended the Meeting of the Institution in which Thos Anthony & Moses Beedie were



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engaged in testimony –

Lodged at the Institution & on 5th day persued the investigation of the Schools - Lodged again at the Institution & on 6th day finished our buisness & in a very solemn Sitting in both Schools took leave of the Scholars & teachers which I think will prove a very Satisfactory & encouraging season to them all as it really was to the committee – After attending a committee on Indian affairs & a Meeting of the Trustees of O Brown Fund held at the School House - I parted with very pleasant feelings from my friends & went into Town, where finding that I could not accomplish the buisness which I wished to there Took the Steam Boat at 4 OClock & came home. –

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September 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24th of 9th M 1837 / Our Morning Meeting was well attended very solid Silent & quiet & [to] me a Sweet & precious Meeting
Silent again in the Afternoon & not quite as lively as in the Morning but a good solid Meeting. –*

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September 27, Wednesday: Felix Mendelssohn arrived in Frankfurt from London where he joined his wife to return to Leipzig.

Charles Dickens dedicated his 1st novel, THE POSTHUMOUS PAPERS OF THE PICKWICK CLUB IN LONDON.

Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon left Kirtland, Ohio to travel to Missouri to scout out safe areas for Mormon settlement, leaving Oliver Granger with power of attorney to manage business affairs during their absence.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27th of 9th M 1837 / We had a remarkably & Awful Sudden death in Town last evening of Doctor William Turner he was attending the wife of Joseph Weaver who it was anticipated would need him before morning he went there about 9 OClock & expressed a wish to lay down, as his services was not then needed in the Sick room, but before he had laid many Minutes, he was called & went into the room & took his seat by the bed side, soon it was preceived his head dropped foward & almost in an instant he proved to be Dead - it was a most affecting scene he had been well thro' the day for anything that was known or observed, & attended the funeral of Doctor Mann in the Afternoon

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September 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 28th of 9 M 1837 / Monthly Meeting held in Town - The first meeting was a precious good one, solemn & quiet in which Our friend Mary Hicks was engaged in a short but weighty testimony - We had but little or no buisness before us in the last meeting - Uncle Peter Lawton from Nine Partners & Stephen Chase of Portsmouth dined with us. -

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September 29, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6 day 29 of 9 M / Attend the funeral of Doctor Turner - he was said to be 65 Years of Age & was buried in the common burying ground

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October 1, Sunday: Waldo Emerson to his journal:

Lidian grieves aloud about the wretched negro in the horrors of the middle passage; and they are bad enough. But to such as she, these crucifixions do not come. They come to the obtuse & barbarous to whom they are not horrid but only a little worse than the old sufferings. They exchange a cannibal war for a stinking hold. They have gratifications which would be none to Lidian.



Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 10th M 1837 / Our Morning Meeting was a good solid silent one -
In the Afternoon after Meeting had been gathered about a quarter of an hour a friend came looking very plain whom I did not recognize at all & made his way for the high seat & took his seat on the first rising after he had sat some time he rose & preached a very good lively & Spiritual sermon & soon after kneeled in solemn supplication much to our satisfaction & comfort - It proved to be our friend William Gifford from Falmouth on Cape Cod, who was bound in a vessel to NYork but the Wind being a head put into Newport & arrived here so as to be at Meeting rather late but very Satisfactory to all.- he drank tea with Job Sherman & after coming in & sitting with us a while, I gave him some books, & waited on him to the Wharf where he took a boat & went on board his vessel which lay in the harbour

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➡ October 8, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

The young Southerner comes here a spoiled child with graceful manners, excellent self command, very good to be spoiled more, but good for nothing else, a mere parader. He has conversed so much with rifles, horses, & dogs that he is become himself a rifle, a horse, & a dog and in civil educated company where anything human is going forward he is dumb & unhappy; like an Indian in a church. Treat them with great deference as we often do, and they accept it all as their due without misgiving. Give them an inch & they take a mile. They are mere bladders of conceit.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 10th M / Went to Meeting this Morning Which was a very solid reverend sitting, but finding myself under the necessity to come out before it was quite time to conclude, I did so & found on coming out I was in much pain from a Stricture on the Bladder & did not return - I was so much unwell that I did not attend the Afternoon Meeting -

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➡ October 10, Tuesday: [Charles Fourier](#) died in Paris. Well, he would be gone but he would not be forgotten — especially by faithful ideologues such as [Horace Greeley](#).

➡ October 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

19th of 10 M 1837 / Our Preparative & Select Meeting was attended with some trying exercises, but got thro' as well as we could expect. -

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➡ October 20, Friday: A funeral was held in memory of [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) in Weimar in the presence of the Grand Ducal court. His mortal remains were laid to rest near those of the ruling family, [Goethe](#), and Schiller.

➡ October 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

22nd of 10th M / Father Rodman was at Meeting forenoon & Afternoon & is the first time he has attended in about six weeks - He appeared in Both Meetings satisfactorily, & we were glad to



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*have him with us again - his health is much better than it was,
tho' his body is very feeble.-*

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October 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 10 M / With my Wife & Mary Williams Rode to
[Portsmouth](#) & attended Moy [Monthly] Meeting - In the First
Meeting Ruth Davis Mary Hicks & Hannah Hall preached & Ruth Davis
prayed*

*In the last Meeting it was an exercising & to me distressing
Season in that there seemed to be a disposition in some to lay
waste our excellent discipline in a manner that I could not unite
with -*

We dined at Susanna Hathaways & then rode home -

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October 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29th of 10 M / Our Morning Meeting was silent & solid -
In the Afternoon we had unexpectedly the Company of Abijah
Johnson & his companion Moses Greene from Ware N Hampshire who
we had not heard were out on religious service - Abijah had a
short but good little testimony, & his service was acceptable -
They took tea at Henry Goulds, & after tea I went up to Henrys
& set a whie with them - having for some Years been acquainted
with Abijah*

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October 31 Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 31st of 10th M 1837 / Notwithstanding the Wind blew a
gale, so that it was with difficulty the horse could Carry the
Chaise - My wife & I rode to Fall River where we arrived in good
season to tea & put up at Clarke Shoves. In the evening I called
on Canute Halvorson & his family recently arrived from Norway -
we also called on Edmund Chase & family a little while &
returning to Clarke Shoves set the evening in company & council
with Divers friends on the Subject of Canute Halvorson & family
who appear to be Member of Society & the remnants of an extinct
Monthly Meeting established there and the Notice of Friends in
England by Wm Allen [with whom [Paul Cuffe](#) stayed in 1811]
& Stephen Grellett when on a religious visit in that country it
appears that Canute brought divers testimonials of his being a
friend & Member, but how he is to be united to society here is
a question not readily to be decided, as there is no Moy*



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[Monthly] Meeting give him a certificate - he being the last Member of the one to which he belonged at Christina in Norway & has brought the whole records of the Monthly Meeting with him in the Language of the country, which his son Halvor read & translated to us. - He has also the Certificate of his Marriage which reads much as ours & was witnessed by many individuals as ours is - & there is a Man from Norway lately come over & is now in Fall River who was present at the Marriage & signed the Certificate - He has various testimonies from individuals, & one from our Ancient friend Wm Rickman mentioning him to be in profession with Friends & also one from the Government of the City from Whence he came signifying that he was a "Quaker" & of reputable life & conversation - his case is an interesting one & advice was given to Friends to wait & hear from Friends in London to see if there is no regular channell by which they can be joined to friends in this country - & if there is not it is my opinion they ought to be received by request -

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November 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 11 M 1837 / The day was very pleasant - we went over to Somersett to attend the Select Qry Meeting which was a time of some favour & also much exercise but I was favoured to relieve my own mind & feel peace there in - Dined at the Widow Eunice Braytons & went to Nathan Chases & lodged -

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November 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2nd of 11th M 1837 / Our Qry Meeting at Somersett was well attended & the Public Meeting favoured - Joseph Davis & Ruth Davis were favoured in testimony & Abijah Johnson in testimony & supplication -

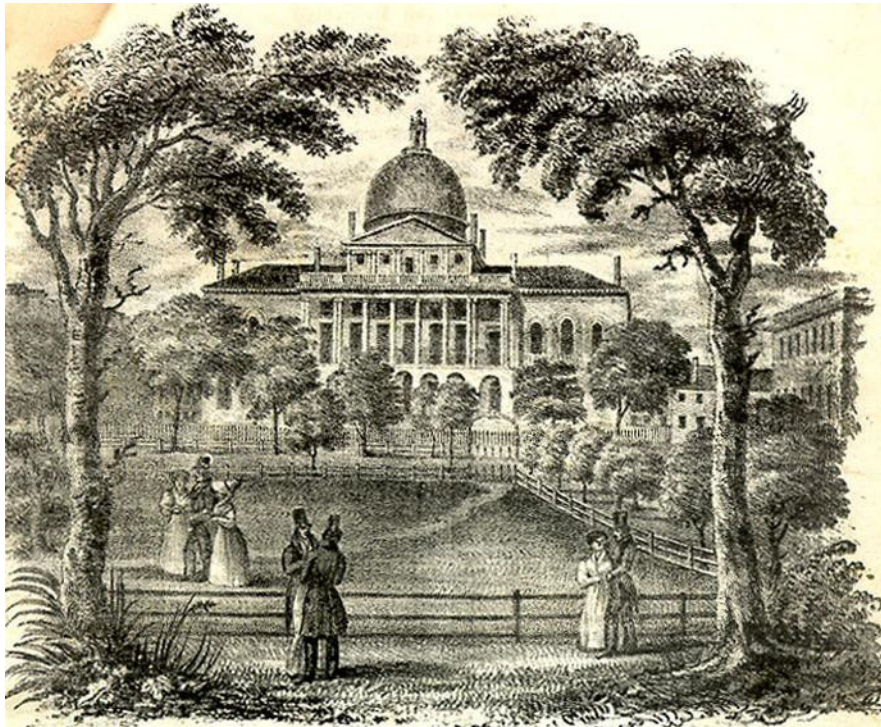
In the last meeting John Wilbur recd an endorsement on the Certificate of his Moy [Monthly] Meeting to travel in the Ministry in Connecticut & the Southern Qry Meetings in NYork Yearly Meeting, which was the only buisness out of the usual course - After meeting we took our carriage & without dinner rode to [Providence](#) & lodged at the School House. -

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[Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

Immense curiosity in Boston to see the delegation of the Sacs & the Ioways. I saw the Sacs & Foxes at the Statehouse on Monday – about 30 in number. Edward Everett addressed them & they replied. One chief said "They had no land to put their words upon, but they were nevertheless true." One chief wore the skin of a buffaloe's [sic] head with the horns attached, on his head, others birds with outspread wings. Immense breadth of shoulder & very muscular persons. Our Picts were so savage in their headdress & nakedness that it seemed as if the bears & catamounts had sent a deputation. They danced a war-dance on the Common, in the center of the greatest crowd ever seen on that area. The Governor cautioned us of the gravity of the tribe & that we should beware of any expression of the ridiculous; and the people all seemed to treat their guests gingerly as the keepers of lions & jaguars do those creatures whose taming is not quite yet trustworthy. Certainly it is right & natural that the Indian should come & see the civil White man, but this was hardly genuine but a show so we were not parties but spectators.... At Faneuil Hall they built a partition between the two tribes because the tribes are at war.





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[Emerson](#) wrote to [Walter Savage Landor](#):

Dear Sir,
You will hardly remember my name, & I will remind you that in the Spring of the year 1833, I was indebted to your hospitality & courtesy at Florence, as I had already been & shall always be to your wisdom. It was my design as soon as I returned home, to send you one or two books, which, I then thought, might give you a good hope of New England. But I found the opportunities of direct communication between Florence & Boston so rare & uncertain, that I feared my packet might come to you charged with some expense; and I have waited until one of the books is out of print, & with regard to the other, I have changed my mind. You are now in England, as I learn by your recent paragraphs in the papers. My friend, Mr Summer, offers to take charge of letters to Paris & London, & I venture to send you a pamphlet & a little book of my own. [Presumably this would have been Nature and the Phi Beta Kappa address.] They can have little value to you except as an acknowledgement of the delight & instruction I have found in the Imaginary Conversations.
With great respect,
Your humble servant,
R. Waldo Emerson.

When [Landor](#) would receive the above he would respond that he considered himself “highly honored,” and indicate that it would gratify him very much to “see you” at Bath — he noted that he would be able to offer [Emerson](#) a bed, and indicated that customarily he dined at the old-fashioned hour of four.



November 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 3rd of 11 M Attended the sittings of the School committee
— after which we went to our friend Doctor Tobey's & lodged —
7th day 4th of 11th M Attended the Meeting for Sufferings & a
Meeting of the Trustees of O Browns Fund — After Dining at Dr
Tobey's we rode home & reached it between 7 & 8 O'clock in the
evening. —*

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November 5, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 5th of 11th M 1837 / The day being Stormy Our Meetings
were Small but solid & good In the Morning Eliza Chase had a
short offering. — I took tea with my cousin Henry Gould & family —*

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November 9, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5th day 9th of 11th M / Our Meeting small - Father & Eliza Chase both had small offerings. -

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November 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 11 M / The Morning was Rainy & our Meeting small & silent - In the Afternoon It was pleasant & larger than usual for the Afternoon Meeting - Father had a short testimony & I thought bothe Meetings were solid & pretty good. -

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November 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 11 M / Our Meeting was a pretty solid good time - small we are, & our course as a society attended with discouragement, yet not without hope that Zion may yet Arise. when I think of the goodly number who once assembled twice a Week in our Meeting house who are now removed from time & I hope in a far better State of existance & also many dear friends with whom I used daily to meet in the Streets & at my own home & join in Social & religious concerns, I now indeed feel striped & alone - Oh how many of my dear associates are removed & how few remain that are like them - I feel it sensibly. -

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November 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 19th of 11th M 1837 / Both our Meetings were silent but to me seasons of some solid weight
This evening soon after sunset my cousin Hannah Gould of Middletown daughter of the late John Gould having been to her neighbour Joseph Rogers dec returned home & after undressing herself for the evening, was taken in a fit & died in half an hour - She was a respectable single woman & a Member of Society & was also a very dilligent attender of Meetings - - She was Aged 69 Years & about 22 day [Monday]s - being born 29 of 10 M 1768*

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November 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 20th 11 M / Attended the funeral of John Earle who died at George Enges house - on the 6th day the 17th of this Month he



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was buried in friends Burying ground by the side of his Mother Dorcas Earle & had he have lived till the 15th of 1st M Next he would have been 68 Years Old -

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November 22, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22nd of 11 M / Attended the funeral of my cousin Hannah Gould at Middletown - My Brother Isaac & I went together - She was the last occupant of her father & Grandfathers house who was a member of Society which till now has always been owned & occupied by Friends She was buried in the family burying ground on the farm. -

Her death was awfully sudden, but she was a woman of an Innocent life & very dilligent attender of Meetings, & I have no doubt had experience in religion & thro' Redeeming love it may be presumed is in a State of happiness -

While sitting at the funeral, a good degree of solemnity was felt to cover the assembly - My mind was lead to reflect on the uncertainty of time & the many changes we are subject to in passing thro' it - I remembered & adverted to the first time I ever set my foot in that house, which according to my recollection is about 51 Years ago when I was between 4 & 5 years old with my Aunt Martha Gould who carried me there to see her Aged Uncle & Aunt Thos. & Sarah Gould - I well remember the looks of Uncle Thomas & Aunt Sarah, he died in the course of that Year, between 80 & 90 years old & it was the first & last time I ever saw him which was sitting his Chair in the kitchen a sleep, & Aunt Sarah took hold of his sleeve & waked him up I remember his pleasant smile when he found who we were that called to see him Aunt Sarah lived about 10 or 12 Years after & died over one hundred years of Age

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November 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 11th M 1837 / Attended Meeting, Father was there & preached a little acceptably - Our Preparative Meeting was short, no buisness out of the common course occurring.

Halvor Halvorsen a young man from Norway was at Meeting, he came home with us & dined

His Father & family live in Fall River, & are respectable friends members of an extinct Moy [Monthly] Meeting at Christina in Norway.

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November 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 26 of 11 M / Silent In the forenoon In the Afternoon
Father had a short testimony & both solid Meetings*

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November 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 30th of 11 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held in Town -
In the first Wm Gifford (from Falmouth Cape Cod being here in
his vessel wind bound for NYork) attended & was very acceptable
in testimony. Father Rodman Hannah Dennis & Hannah Hall Preached
a little. -
In the last Meeting we had some Trial, but the right thing
prevailed & some of us rejoiced in it. -
After Meeting the wind being favoured Wm Gifford went immediately
on board his vessel & set sail - his company was very comfortable
to some of us -*

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December 3, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 3rd of 12 M 1837 / Our Morning Meeting was well attended
and a very solid weighty Meeting - Father was engaged in
testimony
In the Afternoon Father was again at Meeting & had a short
testimony to offer
Ann Rodman came home with me to tea & set the evening - My wife
being unwell was not at Meeting today -*

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December 4, Monday: Opening of the 2d (long) session of the 25th US Congress.

On this night in Upper Canada, Mackenzie attempted an armed coup. Wakened, Lieutenant Governor [Sir Francis Bond Head](#) began to behave in an alarmingly erratic and indecisive manner.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 4th of 12 M / Took the Stage for [Providence](#) & at [Bristol](#)
ferry got on board the Steam Boat King Philip & went the
remaining distance by water arrived about two OC PM & went to
Doctor Tobey's & lodged - next day 3rd day attended the Sub School
Committee - & the Meeting for Sufferings in the Afternoon -
lodged at the School House & on 4th day by appointment from the
Meeting for Sufferings attended to the examination of the*



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contents of the Yearly Meetings chest of Books & papers containing the records & papers which were collected & Kept by our late friend Moses Brown for about 50 Years - Lodged at Bales Harris's his daughter Avis being a particular & much esteemed, friend & acquaintance of mine, she having from her Childhood been brought up in the family of Moses Brown & whenever I went to his house was kindly received & entertained by both himself & Avis. -

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December 7, Thursday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day returned to Service of examining the Yearly Meeting chest which is now at the Store of Almy & Brown in the City - I attended their Week day Meeting & dined with Jonathon Freeborn & in the Afternoon proceeded in the examination & lodged at Doctor Tobeys - On 6th day forenoon We finished the examination & made report to the Meeting for Sufferings, after dining at Dr Tobeys - went to the Steam Boat in hopes to have returned that evening but she being out of order was disappointed & returned to Wm Jenkins - & spent the evening & lodged & staid there till 3 O'clock on 7th day when I took the Steam Boat & returned home. -At Wm Jenkins I found our friend Thomas Howland who had returned from NYork in a very feeble state of health - The time spent with him was very agreeable & indeed I can truly say my visit was very agreeable throughout I had an opportunity of assimilating with friends whom I love & was very kindly received & entertained by them

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December 10, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 10th of 12 M / The day was Stormy & Meeting rather Small, but larger than could have been expected both in the Morning & Afternoon - both were Solid & I thought those assembled knew how to enjoy a Silent Meeting, tho' many present were not in membership with us. -

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December 17, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 17th of 12th M 1837 / The weather again Stormy & our Meetings small & silent but solid & Quiet -

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December 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24th of 12th M / Another stormy 1st day - It snowed last night & being some Rain today, made the walking had, so that but few were at meeting, especially the Women, but it was pretty Solid seasons, tho' my mind was weak & poor most of the time - both were Silent -

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December 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 28th of 12 M / Went in the Stage to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Moy [Monthly] Meeting -- I considered we were favoured because things went right - Hannah Dennis & Elizabeth Wing preached in the first Meeting, but I have not much to say of the effects - indeed I fear they were both out of their places - I took the Stage home which came along from [Bristol](#) ferry soon after the Meeting broke. -

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December 30, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 12 M 1837 / This day finishes my 56th Year. It has been remarkably clear Warm & pleasant weather & I took a Walk down Spring Street quite to Coggeshalls Beach & so round to Rocky Farm by Lilley Pond up Thames Street home - My reflections were of a serious but pleasant cast & on the way I stopped & took a look into the Coggeshall burying ground where lays John Coggeshall who was Father to my Great Great Grandmother Wait Gould -

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December 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 31 of 12 M 1837 / We have had good Meetings today, solid quiet & well attended
In the Morning Father Rodman was engaged in testimony & in the Afternoon Our friends John D Lang from Berwick Maine attended & was engaged in a very pertinent & well Authorized testimony - On the whole we have had a good day & I am thankful for the favour, here ends the Year & the end crowns all. -*

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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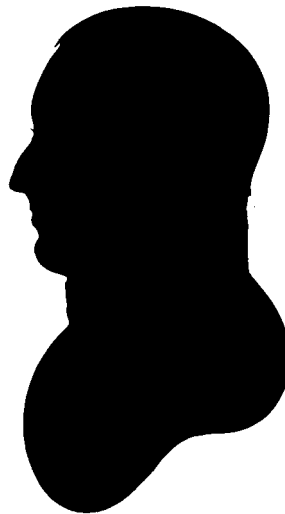
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January 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 1st M 1838 / I have been favoured today with quiet & feelings of spiritual life & favour, & surely my outward blessings ought to be numbered, for I have received them —⁴²⁶



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January 4, Thursday: Charles Stratton (AKA General Tom Thumb and as Tiny Tim — the dwarf who would be made famous by P.T. Barnum) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 4th of 1st M 1838 / Our meeting was small but the Silence was favoured - A young man from Little Compton was there & preached - I thought he was concerned to do good, but unskilled in his administration - Father also had a short offering -

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January 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7th of 1 M / Our meetings were well attended In Both Father Rodman had short testimonies & I thought was favoured - particularly, in the Afternoon
Wrote a letter this eveng to John Heald in Ans to his recd 30 ult*

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426. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1836-1838: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 9 Folder 16: September 1, 1836-September 20, 1838; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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January 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 8 of 1 M / This Afternoon attended the funeral of Abigail Barker who died on 7th day last the 6th inst she was Aged 72 11 Months & 9 days - daughter of Matthew Barker. - She was buried in the upper burying ground.

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January 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th 1st M 1838 / Father Rodman spoke a little twice in our Meeting today, & tho the Number assembled was small it seemed to me that there were minds present solemnized & under a degree of proffitable reflection. -

If my health & other circumstances permit I think to set off on 2nd or 3rd day next for Salem to attend the Quarterly Meeting to be held there 4th & 5th days of next week & also to meet with the Yearly Meetings committee to confer on the State of Society.

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This Afternoon I recd a printed copy of the Minutes & doings of the Yearly Meeting held in the 9th Month in Ohio. -

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January 14, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14th of 1st M / In the forenoon Father Rodman had a short testimony & in the Afternoon our Meeting was silent - but both were quiet solid meetings.

Brayton Slade dined with us - he is from Fall River & is about to settle in this Town

I have for sometime thought of attending the approaching Quarterly Meeting at Salem & to Meet with the Yearly Meetings committee who expect to be there, & within a few days have concluded to go & nothing occuring to prevent I propose to set out in the Stage tomorrow morning - My own health however has of late been so precarious that I feel affraid to be from home in the Winter, & Mother Rodmans is so very weak & feeble that I feel this evening under no small discouragement.

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January 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15th of 1st M 1838 / Having for sometime felt my mind engaged to attend the approaching Quarterly Meeting at Salem &



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being on the Yearly Meetings committee appointed to Visit Meetings as Truth may open the way & several of the committee expecting to be there I set out this Morning by Stage thro' Fall River to Tanton from whence I went on the Rail Road to Boston & put up at the Marlborough House lodged & breakfasted next Morning – After Breakfast took the Stage for Salem - having on Board Benj. U Crowninshield a man of Note in the World who was very pleasant & conversant with all & me in particular - We arrived after a pleasant Journey at a place called Buffums corner in Salem & from thence I walked up to Jonathon Nichols & got to his house some time before dinner & found them glad to see me & very loving & kind - In the Afternoon Brother Jonathon took me up to Enoch Pages in Danvers where We spent most of the Afternoon returning to tea

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January 17, Wednesday: [Reuben Crandall](#) died in Jamaica — of [consumption](#) or [tuberculosis](#) which he had contracted during his lengthy incarceration in the Washington DC lockup on charges of having attempted to persuade the citizens of our nation's capital to give up on human enslavement.

On this same day, at the Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Salem, Massachusetts, Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) was struggling with the spiritual error of those [Quakers](#) who, like the [Hicksites](#) of 1827, were allowing themselves to become over-preoccupied with the ongoing antislavery crusade to the detriment of their religion. None of your hyperventilation, please — we are white people here, and this “being [enslaved](#)” situation isn’t a problem that we need concern ourselves with. He approved a motion by the Yearly Meeting barring the abolition societies from use of Friends meetinghouses for their inciting gatherings in precisely the same mode in which the abolition societies had been barred in Washington DC from distributing their inciting pamphlets.

4th day / attended Select meeting which was a time of favour the[n?] attended with a sense of weight & some distress things not being all right among them – Dined at Abijah Chases & met in the Afternoon with the Yearly Meeting committee & endeavoured to feel after the mind of Truth & I believe we were favoured with a right sense & right movements, which resulted in private & tender council to a few who appeared to be much involved the spirit of Anti Slavery, or are at least by their heated zeal injuring a good & right cause by intemperate movements, & in some instances injuring themselves, & society in persuing wrong, or at least unseasonable Measures - We thought some good was done & that we went at present as far as Wisdom dictated - Returned to Brother J R & lodged.

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January 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day / Attended the Meeting at large which like the Meeting yesterday was under a sense of distress, but the Truth broke through in a powerful testimony by John Meader & supplication from his Wife Elizabeth Meader – In the last Meeting Jonathon



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Nichols was approved as an Elder, which was all the buisness excepting from the Monthly Meeting the Queries - But the subject of Slavery was in my apprehension injudiciously introduced which brought fourth some intemperate zeal & one mans communication reminded me of the Spirit which I saw among the Hixites [[Hicksite](#) followers of [Friend Elias Hicks](#)] in NYork in 1827 when David Buffum & I attended the Y [Yearly] meeting there - but things were pretty well got over & left for the present - Dined at Jona. Nichols spent the evening & lodged - calling in the evening to visit Jonathons Mother a sweet spirit old friend in the [XX]nd Year of her Age -

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It strikes me that the attitude exemplified above by Friend Gould is precisely the attitude toward human enslavement that [Henry David Thoreau](#) criticized, and the attitude exemplified by Friend Elias and his “Hixites” is precisely the attitude that Henry embraced, by way of the influence on him of Friend [Lucretia Mott](#). Here is how Henry would take a flying dig at this not-so-Friendly aberration, in his lecture “A Plea for Captain John Brown”:

What sort of violence is that which is encouraged, not by soldiers but by peaceable citizens, not so much by laymen as by ministers of the gospel, not so much by the fighting sects as by the Quakers, and not so much by the Quaker men as by the Quaker women?



January 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 21st of 1st M 1838 / Both Meeting well attended & Silent - it did not seem to me to be held for naught as there was some good degree of serious solemnity over the gathering - But Oh the weight & responsibility which rests on those who have the charge of such meetings resting upon them -
Cousin Thomas B Gould called & sat a while with us in the evening*
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Man is the artificer of his own happiness. Let him beware how he complains of the disposition of circumstances for it is his own disposition he blames. If this is sour or that rough, or the other steep — let him think if it be not his work. If his look curdles all hearts, let him not complain of a sour reception — if he hobble in his gait, let him not grumble at the roughness of the way — if he is weak in the knees — let him not call the hill steep. This was the pith of the inscription on the wall of the Swedish inn— “You will find at Trolhate



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excellent bread, meat, and wine, provided you bring them with you!"

The country round Trollhätte is beautiful. The village contains only a few houses, and the only inn in the place has no more than two or three rooms for strangers. We got a tolerable dinner, and were much amused by looking over a book kept at the inn, where all strangers write down their names, and make any additional remarks they think proper. We found remarks in various languages, Swedish, German, French, and English. The English remarks were usually sarcastic, and often improperly so. I shall quote one which struck me on account of its originality. It was as follows: "You will find at Trollhätte excellent wine, meat, bread, and indeed every thing, *provided you bring it along with you.*"

THOMAS THOMSON'S SWEDEN

DR. THOMAS THOMSON

This would seem to have been an inaccurate rendering of Dr. Thomas Thomson's text — however, Thoreau was not copying from that text and presumably had not seen it. Our guy had been perusing, instead, the essay "On Self-Controul" in the 3d edition of [Richard "Conversation" Sharp](#)'s LETTERS AND ESSAYS IN PROSE AND VERSE (London: Edward Moxon, Dover Street, 1834):

Madame De Lambert said to her son "Mon ammi, ne vous permettez que les sottises qui vous feront un grand plaisir" and the advice is often needed. It is surprising how much trouble is sometimes taken by the weak and wicked to defeat their own purposes in wrong-doing. He that seeks too impetuously his own sensual gratification, forgetting that moderation is the indispensable condition of enjoyment, often blunts or altogether destroys the appetite itself, or finds it to be the source of pain instead of pleasure. An inordinate lover of money gets pilloried in the gazette as a bankrupt. An ambitious man, thirsting for power, becomes a mere slave to constituents or to ministers, and a vain man, sighing for applause, and even willing to be envied, makes himself so ridiculous as to be laughed at, instead of being admired.

These are vices that blunder in their calculations, but there are others, that spring from a malicious disposition, whose victims are disinterested, in a bad sense, and actually take a sort of insane pleasure from hurting themselves as well as others. They break their neighbours' windows, but 'tis with their own guineas. Cardan in one of his letters, or in his own life, confesses that it was not unusual with him to drop burning wax on his arm, seeking for excitement even in bodily pain. There is perhaps a superficial resemblance in this strange propensity to the delight that we take in tragedy, and to our



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sympathy with the afflictions of others; but they are wholly different, both in their origin, and in their nature. In our taste for aesthetic fictions there is no belief that the incidents are real, and our compassion is a kind fellow-feeling that leads to friendly services, and derives its satisfaction from the sufferings of those whom we console or relieve. It is the good emotion and not the bad event that gratifies. The outward circumstance only calls forth the inborn sensibility. At an inn in Sweden there was the following inscription, in English, on the wall "You will find, at Trollhatte, excellent bread, meat and wine, provided you bring them with you" and this will almost serve for a description of human life, so much depends upon the temper that events are met with, and on the prudence that foresees and provides against them. What pleasure can he expect who must always travel with a fretful, discontented, suspicious companion, with whom his dissatisfaction must be perpetual, inasmuch as he cannot be ignorant that the evils infesting him are well-deserved? And the case is much worse should he have the sad advantage of being at once silly and self-satisfied, criminal and tranquil: for this implies the extinction of all that could assuage the suffering, or remove the disease. Fortunately this deadly quiet must be rare, for all men regret the good qualities that they have lost, and the very worst of us like good humour and generosity – in others.

RICHARD SHARP'S ESSAYS



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WALK: As we went on our way late in the afternoon, we refreshed ourselves by bathing our feet in every rill that crossed the road, and anon, as we were able to walk in the shadows of the hills, recovered our morning elasticity. Passing through Sterling, we reached the banks of the Stillwater, in the western part of the town, at evening, where is a small village collected. We fancied that there was already a certain western look about this place, a smell of pines and roar of water, recently confined by dams, belying its name, which were exceedingly grateful. When the first inroad has been made, a few acres leveled, and a few houses erected, the forest looks wilder than ever. Left to herself, nature is always more or less civilized, and delights in a certain refinement; but where the axe has encroached upon the edge of the forest, the dead and unsightly limbs of the pine, which she had concealed with green banks of verdure, are exposed to sight. This village had, as yet, no post-office, nor any settled name. In the small villages which we entered, the villagers gazed after us, with a complacent, almost compassionate look, as if we were just making our *début* in the world at a late hour. "Nevertheless," did they seem to say, "come and study us, and learn men and manners." So is each one's world but a clearing in the forest, so much open and inclosed ground. The landlord had not yet returned from the field with his men, and the cows had yet to be milked. But we remembered the inscription on the wall of the Swedish inn, "You will find at Trolhate excellent bread, meat, and wine, provided you bring them with you," and were contented. But I must confess it did somewhat disturb our pleasure, in this withdrawn spot, to have our own village newspaper handed us by our host, as if the greatest charm the country offered to the traveler was the facility of communication with the town. Let it recline on its Own everlasting hills, and not be looking out from their summits for some petty Boston or New York in the horizon.



January 24, Wednesday: The American Anti-Slavery Society put out the 6th issue of its "omnibus" entitled The Anti-Slavery Examiner, incautiously presenting a "Narrative of James Williams, an American Slave" that had been narrated to Friend [John Greenleaf Whittier](#) by a black man (this was also appearing in book form as NARRATIVE OF JAMES WILLIAMS, AN AMERICAN SLAVE; WHO WAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS A DRIVER ON A COTTON PLANTATION IN ALABAMA). The authenticity of what Friend John had produced would immediately be challenged and suddenly this Williams dude, native informant — would be nowhere to be found. —The book would need to be withdrawn from the bookstores. It would come to appear that "Williams" had been a free black American who had culled stories from neighbors, and invented others, for a little ready cash. (The antislavery press of the period is full of warnings against such bogus fugitives, a fact of life which may help us understand how, when Thoreau would make reference to helping "escaping slaves," he would need to include the telling modifier "real.").



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 25th of 1st M 1838 / In our first Meeting Father Rodman was engaged in a few words which I thought well adapted – In the last Meeting the buisness that came before us got along with some rubbing but things did as well as I expected – We had several friends to dine with us. Mother Rodman remains weak & low, & it does not seem as if she can remain long –

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January 28, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 1st M 1838 / Our Meetings were both silent -but I thought both were solemn & very quiet seasons. – Recd a kind letter from my friend John Farnum now in Philad. accompnaying a Book oriation[?] which was very acceptable – In the evening we had a short call from our young friends Thomas Nichols, Thos Gould & Thos B Buffum & have in the course of the Day & remainder of the eveng written an Answer to a letter recd some days ago from Ephriam M Huntington respecting a periodical he proposes publishing – my views are that the time has not yet come for him to proceed in it –

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February 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day Attended the Qry Meeting at large the weight of the Service was on Moses H Beede & it seemed to me Truth was over all tho' under oppression – Buinsess was well conducted in the last Meeting, tho' we had a trying case in the appeal of a female from Swanzey Moy [Monthly] Meeting – took tea & spent the evening at Dr Tobeys in intersting conversation

6th day Attended the School committee & the Trustees of O Browns Fund – In the Afternoon the committee Visited the Schools & had good opportunites in both Male & female departments. – In the evening met with the Yearly Meetings committee at Wm Jenkins in which some distressing disclosures were made respecting the State of Society at Lynn, & after labouring after the council of best Wisdom it seemed most advisable to wait a few weeks before the committee visited them to see if some adjustment could not be had amongst themselves –

This Morning again took the Stage & came home, having a cold ride, but do not find I have taken Much cold by the exposure


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 February 4, Sunday: In this day's issue of *Revue et Gazette Musicale*, [Heinrich Heine](#) termed [Frédéric François Chopin](#) "a poet of sound."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 4th of 2nd M 1838 / Attended Meetings, in the forenoon
Father Rodman was there & had satisfactory offerings – Silent
in the Afternoon*

*Mother Rodman seems very low this evening – & it looks as if the
time of her probation is nearly closed – She seems nearly worn
out, tho' she may last some time longer –*

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 February 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8th of 2nd M 1838 / This Morning about 5 Minutes past
2 OClock our Aged & venerable Mother Abigail Rodman quietly
departed this life, Aged 85 Years 3 Months & about 16 days –
My wife sat with her thro' the night when she went in the evening
she was asleep in which state she continued till 1 OC when she
awoke, knew Hannah & told her she was not aware of her being
there, but was glad she was – she had a little spell of distress
from which she was released & fell into a sleeping state in which
she continued breathing shorter & shorter till she died at the
time abovementioned – I attended our Meeting today & the rest of
the time been much occupied in arranging for the funeral, which
is concluded to be on 7th day next, at 2 OClock at the House*

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February 9, Friday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

In Boston, Wednesday Night, I read at the Masonic Temple the tenth & last lecture of my Course on Human Culture....

The Pecuniary advantage of the Course has been considerable.

Season tickets sold 319 for \$620

Single tickets sold 373 for 186

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\$568.net profit

The attendance on this course adding to the above list 85 tickets distributed by me to friends, will be about 439 persons on the average of an evening – & as it was much larger at the close than at the beginning I think 500 persons at the closing lectures.

A very gratifying interest on the part of the audience was evinced in the views offered – which were drawn chiefly out of the materials already collected in this Journal. The ten lectures were read on ten pleasant winter evenings on consecutive Wednesdays. Thanks to the Teacher of me & of all, the Upholder, the Health giver; thanks & lowliest wondering acknowledgment.

[Henry Thoreau](#) wrote to [David Greene Haskins](#) from Concord.⁴²⁷

Concord. Feb. 9th 1838.

Dear Classmate,

I wrote to Mr Hawkins on Monday last, but not knowing the gentleman's terms, was unable to say whether I would accept or not. But since I have heard from friend Hayward that you have given up all thoughts of going south, and are moreover empowered to procure a substitute, I have thought it would be better to ascertain those terms from you, so that I might close with that gentleman at once.

427. A relative of Ruth Haskins Emerson, and therefore of Waldo Emerson.



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I do not quite understand Hayward's letter, that part at least relating to a larger school in the "building."

Will you take the trouble to write me immediately, as definitely as possible on this point, so that one more letter to Mr Hawkins may suffice?

Please inform me what are the expenses of the journey, and also what prospect there is of obtaining scholars.

Should you meet H—, please thank him for me for his kind letters, and friendly exertions in my behalf, not forgetting to appropriate a share to yourself.

That you are located, in all respects, to your mind, is the wish of your friend and classmate

Thoreau.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 2 M / Attended the funeral of Benjamin Cornell Aged about 87 Years - he died on the 6th inst & was buried in Friends burying ground by his particiular request tho' his family have been buried in the Common burying ground - he was not a Member of Society but for many years a very dilligent attender of our Meetings both on 1st days & in the Middle of the Week - he was a descendent from Govr. Walter Clarke by his daughter Deliverance who Married a Cornell - It appeared to me I have seldom known a man the aspects of whose nature was more humbled. - from being cours in his nature, he became tender & sweet in his mind & attended Friends Meetings as long as he was able to go out, which was only about two weeks before he died-

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February 10: [Henry Thoreau](#) wrote from Concord responding to a question from [John Thoreau, Jr.](#) as to how “flints” are made:

Dost expect to elicit a spark from so dull a steel as myself, by that flinty subject of thine? Truly, one of your copper percussion caps would have fitted this nail-head better.

Unfortunately, the "Americana" has hardly two words on the subject. The process is very simple. The stone is struck with a mallet so as to produce pieces sharp at one end, and blunt at the other. These are laid upon a steel line (probably a chisel's edge), and again struck with the mallet, and flints of the required size are broken off. A skilled workman may make a thousand a day.

So much for the "Americana." Dr. Jacob Bigelow in his "Technology" says, "Gunflints are formed by a skillful workman, who breaks them out with a hammer, a roller, and small chisel, with small repeated strokes."

Thoreau would here be referring to Professor [Jacob Bigelow](#), the Rumsford Chair in Application of Sciences to the useful arts at [Harvard College](#), and to his ELEMENTS OF TECHNOLOGY, published in 1829.

ELEMENTS OF TECHNOLOGY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10th of 2nd M 1838 / Mother Rodmans funeral was largely attended by friends & others - the sitting at the House was a solid season & Father had a short lively & feeling testimony to bear she was interred by the side of her son Caleb C Rodman who died about 29 Years ago in the upper burying ground in friends Medow field. -

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February 11, Sunday: The Reverend [Waldo Emerson](#) preached his sermon number XLIII in Concord, and in the afternoon took a walk with [Henry Thoreau](#). When he came to his journal, he recounted this and also told about a meeting of Sunday-school teachers at which he had been present on the previous evening with [Thoreau](#) and with [Edmund Hosmer](#):

At the "teacher's meeting" last night ... as any I have ever met. He told me as we walked this afternoon a good story about a boy who went to school with him, Wentworth, who resisted the school mistress' command that the children should bow to Dr Heywood & other gentlemen as they went by, and when Dr Heywood stood waiting & cleared his throat with a Hem! Wentworth said, "You need not Hem, Doctor; I shan't bow."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11th of 2nd M / Our Morning Meeting was well attended & a good solemn Meeting Father attended & had a good solid & pertinent testimony
In the Afternoon we were silent. -*

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February 15, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 15th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was small owing to the smart snow storm, falling when gathering - It was a low time both in the first & last Meeting - No buisness presented in the Preparative Meeting but the appointment of representatives
My mind was more than commonly affected just after dinner that dear Catherine D Bowen wife of George Bowen had departed this life about half an hour before - she was near the age of our John. They were playmates together, & a lovely interesting woman - very near & dear to us all. -*

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March 12, Monday: [Waldo Emerson](#) presented "War" to the American Peace Society in the Odeon Hall of [Boston](#). Here is the lecture, as it was later reprocessed for printing in *ÆSTHETIC PAPERS*:

It has been a favorite study of modern philosophy, to indicate the steps of human progress, to watch the rising of a thought in one man's mind, the communication of it to a few, to a small minority, its expansion and general reception, until it publishes itself to the world by destroying the existing laws and institutions, and the generation of new. Looked at in this general and historical way, many things wear a very different face from that they show near by, and one at a time, - and, particularly, war. War, which, to sane men at the present day, begins to look like an epidemic insanity, breaking out here and



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there like the cholera or influenza, infecting men's brains instead of their bowels, – when seen in the remote past, in the infancy of society, appears a part of the connection of events, and, in its place, necessary.

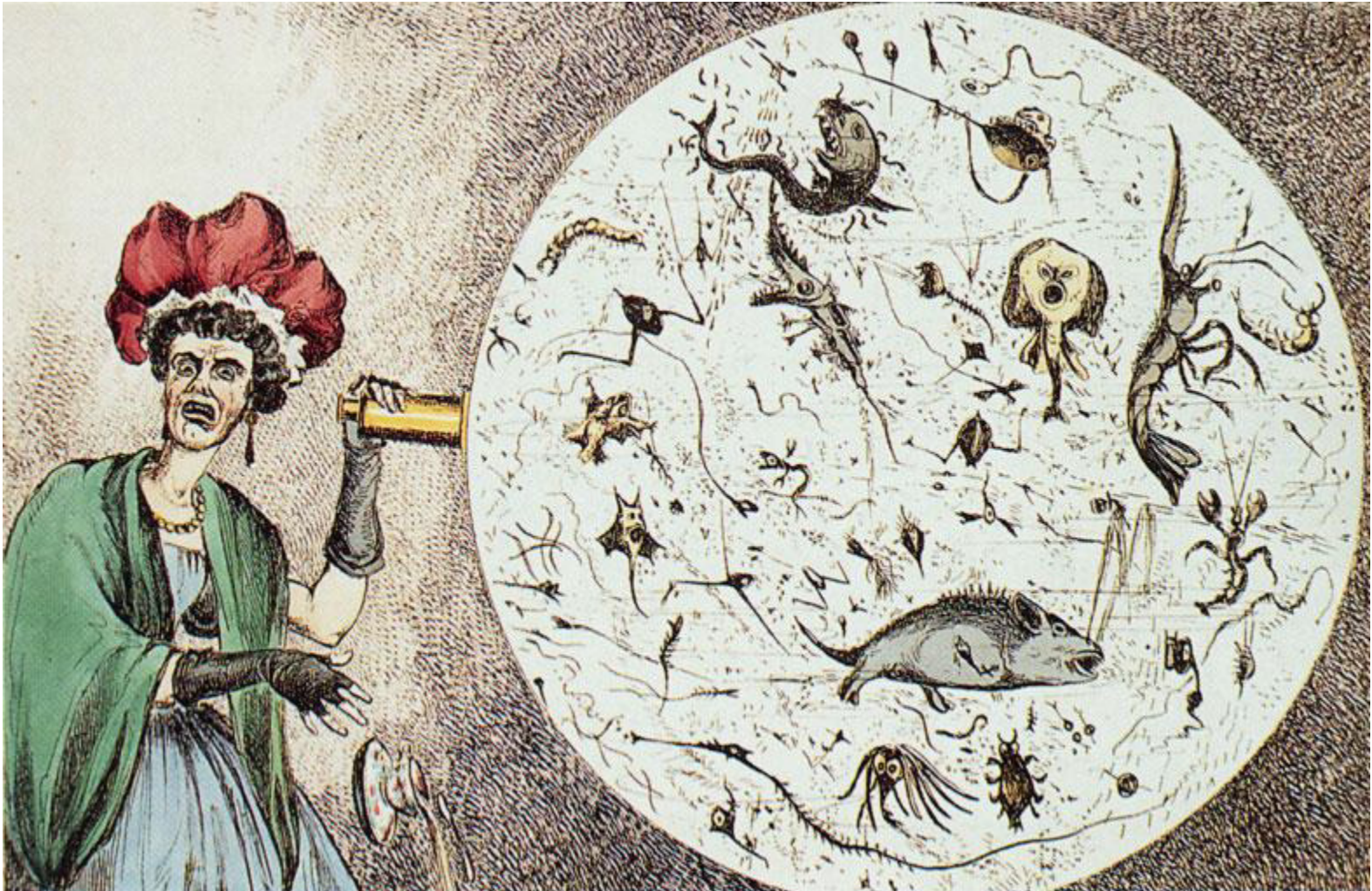
As far as history has preserved to us the slow unfoldings of any savage tribe, it is not easy to see how war could be avoided by such wild, passionate, needy, ungoverned, strong-bodied creatures. For in the infancy of society, when a thin population and providence make the supply of food and of shelter insufficient and very precarious, and when hunger, thirst, ague, and frozen limbs universally take precedence of the wants of the mind and the heart, the necessities of the strong will certainly be satisfied at the cost of the weak, at whatever peril of future revenge. It is plain, too, that, in the first dawns of the religious sentiment, *that* blends itself with their passions, and is oil to the fire. Not only every tribe has war-gods, religious festivals in victory, but *religious wars*.

The student of history acquiesces the more readily in this copious bloodshed of the early annals, bloodshed in God's name too, when he learns that it is a temporary and preparatory state, and does actively forward the culture of man. War educates the senses, calls into action the will, perfects the physical constitution, brings men into such swift and close collision in critical moments that man measures man. On its own scale, on the virtues it loves, it endures no counterfeit, but shakes the whole society, until every atom falls into the place its specific gravity assigns it. It presently finds the value of good sense and of foresight, and Ulysses takes rank next to Achilles. The leaders, picked men of a courage and vigor tried and augmented in fifty battles, are emulous to distinguish themselves above each other by new merits, as clemency, hospitality, splendor of living. The people imitate the chiefs. The strong tribe, in which war has become an art, attack and conquer their neighbours, and teach them their arts and virtues. New territory, augmented numbers, and extended interests call out new virtues and abilities, and the tribe makes long strides. And, finally, when much progress has been made, all its secrets of wisdom and art are disseminated by its invasions. Plutarch, in his essay "On the Fortune of Alexander," considers the invasion and conquest of the East by Alexander as one of the most bright and pleasing pages in history; and it must be owned, he gives sound reason for his opinion. It had the effect of uniting into one great interest the divided commonwealths of Greece, and infusing a new and more enlarged public spirit into the councils of their statesmen. It carried the arts and language and philosophy of the Greeks into the sluggish and barbarous nations of Persia, Assyria, and India. It introduced the arts of husbandry among tribes of hunters and shepherds. It weaned the Scythians and Persians from some cruel and licentious practices, to a more civil way of life. It introduced the sacredness of marriage among them. It built seventy cities, and sowed the Greek customs and humane laws over Asia, and united

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hostile nations under one code. It brought different families of the human race together,—to blows at first, but afterwards to truce, to trade, and to intermarriage. It would be very easy to show analogous benefits that have resulted from military movements of later ages.

Considerations of this kind lead us to a true view of the nature and office of war. We see, it is the subject of all history; that it has been the principal employment of the most conspicuous men; that it is at this moment the delight of half the world, of almost all young and ignorant persons; that it is exhibited to us continually in the dumb show of brute nature, where war between tribes, and between individuals of the same tribe, perpetually rages. The microscope reveals miniature butchery in atomies and infinitely small biters, that swim and fight in an illuminated drop of water; and the little globe is but a too faithful miniature of the large.



What does all this war, beginning from the lowest races and



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reaching up to man, signify? Is it not manifest that it covers a great and beneficent principle, which nature had deeply at heart? What is that principle?—It is self-help. Nature implants with life the instinct of self-help, perpetual struggle to be, to resist opposition, to attain to freedom, to attain to a mastery, and the security of a permanent, self-defended being; and to each creature these objects are made so dear, that it risks its life continually in the struggle for these ends. But whilst this principle, necessarily, is inwrought into the fabric of every creature, yet it is but one instinct; and though a primary one, or we may say the very first, yet the appearance of the other instincts immediately modifies and controls this; turns its energies into harmless, useful, and high courses, showing thereby what was its ultimate design; and, finally, takes out its fangs. The instinct of self-help is very early unfolded in the coarse and merely brute form of war, only in the childhood and imbecility of the other instincts, and remains in that form, only until their development. It is the ignorant and childish part of mankind that is the fighting part. Idle and vacant minds want excitement, as all boys kill cats. Bull-baiting, cockpits, and the boxer's ring, are the enjoyment of the part of society whose animal nature alone has been developed. In some parts of this country, where the intellectual and moral faculties have as yet scarcely any culture, the absorbing topic of all conversation is whipping; who fought, and which whipped? Of man, boy, or beast, the only trait that much interests the speakers is the pugnacity. And why? Because the speaker has as yet no other image of manly activity and virtue, none of endurance, none of perseverance, none of charity, none of the attainment of truth. Put him into a circle of cultivated men, where the conversation broaches the great questions that besiege the human reason, and he would be dumb and unhappy, as an Indian in church.

To men of a sedate and mature spirit, in whom is any knowledge or mental activity, the detail of battle becomes insupportably tedious and revolting. It is like the talk of one of those monomaniacs, whom we sometimes meet in society, — who converse on horses; and Fontenelle expressed a volume of meaning, when he said, "I hate war, for it spoils conversation."

Nothing is plainer than that the sympathy with war is a juvenile and temporary state. Not only the moral sentiment, but trade, learning, and whatever makes intercourse, conspire to put it down. Trade, as all men know, is the antagonist of war. Wherever there is no property, the people will put on the knapsack for bread; but trade is instantly endangered and destroyed. And, moreover, trade brings men to look each other in the face, and gives the parties the knowledge that these enemies over sea or over the mountain are such men as we; who laugh and grieve, who love and fear, as we do. And learning and art, and especially religion, weave ties that make war look like fratricide, as it is. And as all history is the picture of war, as we have said, so it is no less true that it is the record of the mitigation



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and decline of war. Early in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, the Italian cities had grown so populous and strong, that they forced the rural nobility to dismantle their castles, which were dens of cruelty, and come and reside in the towns. The Popes, to their eternal honor, declared religious jubilees, during which all hostilities were suspended throughout Christendom, and man had a breathing space. The increase of civility has abolished the use of poison and of torture, once supposed as necessary as navies now. And, finally, the art of war—what with gunpowder and tactics—has made, as all men know, battles less frequent and less murderous.

By all these means, war has been steadily on the decline; and we read with astonishment of the beastly fighting of the old times. Only in Elizabeth's time, out of the European waters, piracy was all but universal. The proverb was, — "No peace beyond the line;" and the seamen shipped on the buccaneer's bargain, "No prey, no pay." In 1588, the celebrated Cavendish, who was thought in his times a good Christian man, wrote thus to Lord Hunsdon, on his return from a voyage round the world: — "Sept. 1588. It hath pleased Almighty God to suffer me to circumpass the whole globe of the world, entering in at the Strait of Magellan, and returning by the Cape of Buena Esperanca; in which voyage, I have either discovered or brought certain intelligence of all the rich places of the world, which were ever discovered by any Christian. I navigated along the coast of Chili, Peru, and New Spain, where I made great spoils. I burnt and sunk nineteen sail of ships, small and great. All the villages and towns that ever I landed at, I burned and spoiled. And had I not been discovered upon the coast, I had taken great quantity of treasure. The matter of most profit to me was a great ship of the king's, which I took at California," &c. and the good Cavendish piously begins this statement, — "It hath pleased Almighty God."

Indeed, our American annals have preserved the vestiges of barbarous warfare down to more recent times. I read in Williams's History of Maine, that "Assacombuit, the Sagamore of the Anagunticook tribe, was remarkable for his turpitude and ferocity above all other known Indians; that, in 1705, Vaudreuil sent him to France, where he was introduced to the king, When he appeared at court, he lifted up his hand, and said, 'This hand has slain a hundred and fifty of your majesty's enemies within the territories of New England.' This so pleased the king, that he knighted him, and ordered a pension of eight livres a day to be paid him during life." This valuable person, on his return to America, took to killing his own neighbors and kindred with such appetite, that his tribe combined against him, and would have killed him, had he not fled his country for ever.

The scandal which we feel in such facts certainly shows, that we have got on a little. All history is the decline of war, though the slow decline. All that society has yet gained is mitigation: the doctrine of the right of war still remains.

For ages (for ideas work in ages, and animate vast societies of



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men) the human race has gone on under the tyranny—shall I so call it?—of this first brutish form of their effort to be men; that is, for ages they have shared so much of the nature of the lower animals, the tiger and the shark, and the savages of the water-drop. They have nearly exhausted all the good and all the evil of this form: they have held as fast to this degradation, as their worst enemy could desire; but all things have an end, and so has this. The eternal germination of the better has unfolded new powers, new instincts, which were really concealed under this rough and base rind. The sublime question has startled one and another happy soul in different quarters of the globe. Cannot love be, as well as hate? Would not love answer the same end, or even a better? Cannot peace be, as well as war? This thought is no man's invention, neither St. Pierre's nor Rousseau's, but the rising of the general tide in the human soul,—and rising highest, and first made visible, in the most simple and pure souls, who have therefore announced it to us beforehand; but presently we all see it. It has now become so distinct as to be a social thought: societies can be formed on it. It is expounded, illustrated, defined, with different degrees of clearness; and its actualization, or the measures it should inspire, predicted according to the light of each seer. The idea itself is the epoch; the fact that it has become so distinct to any small number of persons as to become a subject of prayer and hope, of concert and discussion,—*that* is the commanding fact. This having come, much more will follow. Revolutions go not backward. The star once risen, though only one man in the hemisphere has yet seen its upper limb in the horizon, will mount and mount, until it becomes visible to other men, to multitudes, and climbs the zenith of all eyes. And so, it is not a great matter how long men refuse to believe the advent of peace: war is on its last legs; and a universal peace is as sure as is the prevalence of civilization over barbarism, of liberal governments over feudal forms. The question for us is only, *How soon?*

That the project of peace should appear visionary to great numbers of sensible men; should appear laughable, even, to numbers; should appear to the grave and good-natured to be embarrassed with extreme practical difficulties, — is very natural. "This is a poor, tedious society of yours," they say: "we do not see what good can come of it. Peace! why, we are all at peace now. But if a foreign nation should wantonly insult or plunder our commerce, or, worse yet, should land on our shores to rob and kill, you would not have us sit, and be robbed and killed? You mistake the times; you overestimate the virtue of men. You forget, that the quiet which now sleeps in cities and in farms, which lets the wagon go unguarded and the farm-house unbolted, rests on the perfect understanding of all men; that the musket, the halter, and the jail stand behind there, perfectly ready to punish any disturber of it. All admit, that this would be the best policy, if the world were all a church, if all men were the best men, if all would agree to accept this



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rule. But it is absurd for one nation to attempt it alone.”
In the first place, we answer, that we never make much account of objections which merely respect the actual state of the world at this moment, but which admit the general expediency and permanent excellence of the project. What is the best must be the true; and what is true -that is, what is at bottom fit and agreeable to the constitution of man- must at last prevail over all obstruction and all opposition. There is no good now enjoyed by society, that was not once as problematical and visionary as this. It is the tendency of the true interest of man to become his desire and steadfast aim.

But, farther, it is a lesson, which all history teaches wise men, to put trust in ideas, and not in circumstances. We have all grown up in the sight of frigates and navy yards, of armed forts and islands, of arsenals and militia. The reference to any foreign register will inform us of the number of thousand or million men that are now under arms in the vast colonial system of the British empire, of Russia, Austria, and France; and one is scared to find at what a cost the peace of the globe is kept. This vast apparatus of artillery, of fleets, of stone bastions and trenches and embankments; this incessant patrolling of sentinels; this waving of national flags; this reveillée and evening gun; this martial music, and endless playing of marches, and singing of military and naval songs, seem to us to constitute an imposing actual, which will not yield, in centuries, to the feeble, deprecatory voices of a handful of friends of peace.

Thus always we are daunted by the appearances; not seeing that their whole value lies at bottom in the state of mind. It is really a thought that built this portentous war-establishment, and a thought shall also melt it away. Every nation and every man instantly surround themselves with a material apparatus which exactly corresponds to their moral state, or their state of thought. Observe how every truth and every error, each a thought of some man's mind, clothes itself with societies, houses, cities, language, ceremonies, newspapers. Observe how every truth and every error, each a *thought* of some man's mind, clothes itself with societies, houses, cities, language, ceremonies, newspapers. Observe the ideas of the present day,- orthodoxy, skepticism, missions, popular education, temperance, anti-masonry, anti-slavery; see how each of these abstractions has embodied itself in an imposing apparatus in the community; and how timber, brick, lime, and stone have flown into convenient shape, obedient to the master-idea reigning in the minds of many persons.

You shall hear, some day, of a wild fancy, which some man has in his brain, of the mischief of secret oaths. Come again, one or two years afterwards, and you shall see it has built great houses of solid wood and brick and mortar. You shall see an hundred presses printing a million sheets; you shall see men and horses and wheels made to walk, run, and roll for it: this great body of matter thus executing that one man's wild thought. This happens daily, yearly about us, with half thoughts, often with



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flimsy lies, pieces of policy and speculation. With good nursing, they will last three or four years, before they will come to nothing. But when a truth appears,—as, for instance, a perception in the wit of one Columbus, that there is land in the Western Sea; though he alone of all men has that thought, and they all jeer,—it will build ships; it will build fleets; it will carry over half Spain and half England; it will plant a colony, a state, nations, and half a globe full of men.

We surround ourselves always, according to our freedom and ability, with true images of ourselves in things, whether it be ships or books, or cannons or churches. The standing army, the arsenal, the camp, and the gibbet do not appertain to man. They only serve as an index to show where man is now; what a bad, ungoverned temper he has; what an ugly neighbor he is; how his affections halt; how low his hope lies. He who loves the bristle of bayonets, only sees in their glitter what beforehand he feels in his heart. It is avarice and hatred; it is that quivering lip, that cold, hating eye, which builded magazines and powder-houses.

It follows, of course, that the least change in the man will change his circumstances; the least enlargement of his ideas, the least mitigation of his feelings, in respect to other men; if, for example, he could be inspired with a tender kindness to the souls of men, and should come to feel that every man was another self, with whom he might come to join, as left hand works with right. Every degree of the ascendancy of this feeling would cause the most striking changes of external things: the tents would be struck; the men-of-war would rot ashore; the arms rust; the cannon would become street-posts; the pikes, a fisher's harpoon; the marching regiment would be a caravan of emigrants, peaceful pioneers at the fountains of the Wabash and the Missouri. And so it must and will be: bayonet and sword must first retreat a little from their present ostentatious prominence; then quite hide themselves, as the sheriff's halter does now, inviting the attendance only of relations and friends; and then, lastly, will be transferred to the museums of the curious, as poisoning and torturing tools are at this day.

War and peace thus resolve themselves into a mercury of the state of cultivation. At a certain stage of his progress, the man fights, if he be of a sound body and mind. At a certain higher stage, he makes no offensive demonstration, but is alert to repel injury, and of an unconquerable heart. At a still higher stage, he comes into the region of holiness; passion has passed away from him; his warlike nature is all converted into an active medicinal principle; he sacrifices himself, and accepts with alacrity wearisome tasks of denial and charity; but, being attacked, he bears it, and turns the other cheek, as one engaged, throughout his being, no longer to the service of an individual, but to the common soul of all men.

Since the peace question has been before the public mind, those who affirm its right and expediency have naturally been met with objections more or less weighty. There are cases frequently put



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by the curious,—moral problems, like those problems in arithmetic, which in long winter evenings the rustics try the hardness of their heads in ciphering out. And chiefly it is said, — Either accept this principle for better, for worse, carry it out to the end, and meet its absurd consequences; or else, if you pretend to set an arbitrary limit, a "Thus far, no farther," then give up the principle, and take that limit which the common sense of all mankind has set, and which distinguishes offensive war as criminal, defensive war as just. Otherwise, if you go for no way, then be consistent, and give up self-defence in the highway, in your own house. Will you push it thus far? Will you stick to your principle of non-resistance, when your strong-box is broken open, when your wife and babes are insulted and slaughtered in your sight? If you say yes, you only invite the robber and assassin; and a few bloody-minded desperadoes would soon butcher the good.

In reply to this charge of absurdity on the extreme peace doctrine, as shown in the supposed consequences, I wish to say, that such deductions consider only one half of the fact. They look only at the passive side of the friend of peace, only at his passivity; they quite omit to consider his activity. But no man, it may be presumed, ever embraced the cause of peace and philanthropy, for the sole end and satisfaction of being plundered and slain. A man does not come the length of the spirit of martyrdom, without some active purpose, some equal motive, some flaming love. If you have a nation of men who have risen to that height of moral cultivation that they will not declare war or carry arms, for they have not so much madness left in their brains, you have a nation of lovers, of benefactors, of true, great, and able, men. Let me know more of that nation; I shall not find them defenceless, with idle hands springing at their sides. I shall find them men of love, honor, and truth; men of an immense industry; men whose influence is felt to the end of the earth; men whose very look and voice carry the sentence of honor and shame; and all forces yield to their energy and persuasion. Whenever we see the doctrine of peace embraced by a nation, we may be assured it will not be one that invites injury; but one, on the contrary, which has a friend in the bottom of the heart of every man, even of the violent and the base; one against which no weapon can prosper; one which is looked upon as the asylum of the human race, and has the tears and the blessings of mankind.

In the second place, as far as it respects individual action in difficult and extreme cases, I will say, such cases seldom or never occur to the good and just man; nor are we careful to say, or even to know, what in such crises is to be done. A wise man will never impawn his future being and action, and decide beforehand what he shall do in a given extreme event. Nature and God will instruct him in that hour.

The question naturally arises, How is this new aspiration of the human mind to be made visible and real? How is it to pass out of thoughts into things?



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Not, certainly, in the first place, *in the way of routine and mere forms*, – the universal specific of modern politics; not by organizing a society, and going through a course of resolutions and public manifestoes, and being thus formally accredited to the public, and to the civility of the newspapers. We have played this game to tediousness. In some of our cities, they choose noted duellists as presidents and officers of antiduelling societies. Men who love that bloated vanity called public opinion, think all is well if they have once got their bantling through a sufficient course of speeches and cheerings, of one, two, or three public meetings, as if *they* could do any thing: they vote and vote, cry hurrah on both sides, no man responsible, no man caring a pin. The next season, an Indian war, or an aggression on our commerce by Malays; or the party this man votes with, have an appropriation to carry through Congress: instantly he wags his head the other way, and cries, Havoc and war!

This is not to be carried by public opinion, but by private opinion, by private conviction, by private, dear, and earnest love. For the only hope of this cause is in the increased insight, and it is to be accomplished by the spontaneous teaching, of the cultivated soul, in its secret experience and meditation, – that it is now time that it should pass out of the state of beast into the state of man; it is to hear the voice of God, which bids the devils, that have rended and torn him, come out of him, and let him now be clothed and walk forth in his right mind.

Nor, in the next place, is the peace principle to be carried into effect by fear. It can never be defended, it can never be executed, by cowards. Every thing great must be done in the spirit of greatness. The manhood that has been in wax must be transferred to the cause of peace, before war can lose its charm, and peace be venerable to men.

The attractiveness of war shows one thing through all the throats of artillery, the thunders of so many sieges, the sack of towns, the jousts of chivalry, the shock of hosts, – this namely, the conviction of man universally, that a man should be himself responsible, with goods, health, and life, for his behaviour; that he should not ask of the State, protection; should ask nothing of the State; should be himself a kingdom and a state; fearing no man; quite willing to use the opportunities and advantages that good government throw in his way, but nothing daunted, and not really the poorer if government, law, and order went by the board; because in himself reside infinite resources; because he is sure of himself, and never needs to ask another what in any crisis it behoves him to do.

What makes to us the attractiveness of the Greek heroes? of the Roman? What makes the attractiveness of that romantic style of living, which is the material of ten thousand plays and romances, from Shakspeare to Scott; the feudal baron, the French, the English nobility, the Warwicks, Plantagenets? It is their absolute self-dependence. I do not wonder at the dislike some of the friends of peace have expressed at Shakspeare. The



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veriest churl and Jacobin cannot resist the influence of the style and manners of these haughty lords. We are affected, as boys and barbarians are, by the appearance of a few rich and wilful gentlemen, who take their honor into their own keeping, defy the world, so confident are they of their courage and strength, and whose appearance is the arrival of so much life and virtue. In dangerous times, they are presently tried, and therefore their name is a flourish of trumpets. They, at least, affect us as a reality. They are not shams, but the substance of which that age and world is made. They are true heroes for their time. They make what is in their minds the greatest sacrifice. They will, for an injurious word, peril all their state and wealth, and go to the field. Take away that principle of responsibility, and they become pirates and ruffians.

This self-subsistency is the charm of war; for this self-subsistency is essential to our idea of man. But another age comes, a truer religion and ethics open, and a man puts himself under the dominion of principles. I see him to be the servant of truth, of love, and of freedom, and immovable in the waves of the crowd. The man of principle, that is, the man who, without any flourish of trumpets, titles of lordship, or train of guards, without any notice of his action abroad, expecting none, takes in solitude the right step uniformly, on his private choice, and disdaining consequences, – does not yield, in my imagination, to any man. He is willing to be hanged at his own gate, rather than consent to any compromise of his freedom, or the suppression of his conviction. I regard no longer those names that so tingled in my ear. This is a baron of a better nobility and a stouter stomach.

The cause of peace is not the cause of cowardice. If peace is sought to be defended or preserved for the safety of the luxurious and the timid, it is a sham, and the peace will be base. War is better, and the peace will be broken. If peace is to be maintained, it must be by brave men, who have come up to the same height as the hero, namely, the will to carry their life in their hand, and stake it at any instant for their principle, but who have gone one step beyond the hero, and will not seek another man's life; – men who have, by their intellectual insight, or else by their moral elevation, attained such a perception of their own intrinsic worth, that they do not think property or their own body a sufficient good to be saved by such dereliction of principle as treating a man like a sheep. If the universal cry for reform of so many inveterate abuses, with which society rings, – if the desire of a large class of young men for a faith and hope, intellectual and religious, such as they have not yet found, be an omen to be trusted; if the disposition to rely more in study, and in action on the unexplored riches of the human constitution, – if the search of the sublime laws of morals and the sources of hope and trust in man, and not in books, – in the present, and not in the past, – proceed; if the rising generation can be provoked to think it unworthy to nestle into every abomination of the past, and shall



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feel the generous darings of austerity and virtue; then war has a short day, and human blood will cease to flow. It is of little consequence in what manner, through what organs, this purpose of mercy and holiness is effected. The proposition of the Congress of Nations is undoubtedly that at which the present fabric of our society and the present course of events do point. But the mind, once prepared for the reign of principles, will easily find modes of expressing its will. There is the highest fitness in the place and time in which this enterprise is begun. Not in an obscure corner, not in a feudal Europe, not in an antiquated appanage where no onward step can be taken without rebellion, is this seed of benevolence laid in the furrow, with tears of hope; but in this broad America of God and man, where the forest is only now falling, or yet to fall, and the green earth opened to the inundation of emigrant men from all quarters of oppression and guilt; here, where not a family, not a few men, but mankind, shall say what shall be; here, we ask, Shall it be War, or shall it be Peace?

On the floor of the US Senate, Senator [Daniel Webster](#) of Massachusetts delivered a speech on “The Credit System and the Labor of the United States.”⁴²⁸

Now, Mr. President, what I understand by the credit system is, that which thus connects labor and capital, by giving to labor the use of capital. In other words, intelligence, good character, and good morals bestow on those who have not capital a power, a trust, a confidence, which enables them to obtain it, and to employ it usefully for themselves and others. These active men of business build their hopes of success on their attentiveness, their economy, and their integrity. A wider theatre for useful activity is under their feet, and around them, than was ever open to the young and enterprising generations of men, on any other spot enlightened by the sun. Before them is the ocean. Every thing in that direction invites them to efforts of enterprise and industry in the pursuits of commerce and the fisheries. Around them, on all hands, are thriving and prosperous manufactures, an improving agriculture, and the daily presentation of new objects of internal improvement; while behind them is almost half a continent of the richest land, at the cheapest prices, under healthful climates, and washed by the most magnificent rivers that on any part of the globe pay their homage to the sea. In the midst of all these glowing and glorious prospects, they are neither restrained by ignorance, nor smitten down by the penury of personal circumstances. They are not compelled to contemplate, in hopelessness and despair, all the advantages thus bestowed on their condition by Providence. Capital they may have little or none, but CREDIT supplies its place; not as the refuge of the prodigal and the reckless; not as gratifying present wants with the certainty of future absolute ruin; but as the genius of

428. Edwin P. Whipple's THE GREAT SPEECHES AND ORATIONS OF DANIEL WEBSTER WITH AN ESSAY ON DANIEL WEBSTER AS A MASTER OF ENGLISH STYLE (Boston: Little, Brown, 1879).



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honorable trust and confidence; as the blessing voluntarily offered to good character and to good conduct as the beneficent agent, which assists honesty and enterprise in obtaining comfort and independence.

Mr. President, take away this credit, and what remains? I do not ask what remains to the few, but to the many? Take away this system of credit, and then tell me what is left for labor and industry, but mere manual toil and daily drudgery? If we adopt a system that withdraws capital from active employment, do we not diminish the rate of wages? If we curtail the general business of society, does not every laboring man find his condition grow daily worse? In the politics of the day, Sir, we hear much said about divorcing the government from the banks; but when we abolish credit, we shall divorce labor from capital; and depend upon it, Sir, when we divorce labor from capital, capital is hoarded, and labor starves.

The declaration so often quoted, that "all who trade on borrowed capital ought to break," is the most aristocratic sentiment ever uttered in this country. It is a sentiment which, if carried out by political arrangement, would condemn the great majority of mankind to the perpetual condition of mere day-laborers. It tends to take away from them all that solace and hope which arise from possessing something which they can call their own. A man loves his own; it is fit and natural that he should do so; and he will love his country and its institutions, if he have some stake in that country, although it be but a very small part of the general mass of property. If it be but a cottage, an acre, a garden, its possession raises him, gives him self-respect, and strengthens his attachment to his native land. It is our happy condition, by the blessing of Providence, that almost every man of sound health, industrious habits, and good morals, can ordinarily attain, at least, to this degree of comfort and respectability; and it is a result devoutly to be wished, both for its individual and its general consequences.

But even to this degree of acquisition that credit of which I have already said so much is highly important, since its general effect is to raise the price of wages, and render industry productive. There is no condition so low, if it be attended with industry and economy, that it is not benefited by credit, as any one will find, if he will examine and follow out its operations. Sir, if there be any aristocrats in Massachusetts, the people are all aristocrats; because I do not believe there is on earth, in a highly civilized society, a greater equality in the condition of men than exists there. If there be a man in the State who maintains what is called an equipage, has servants in livery, or drives four horses in his coach, I am not acquainted with him. On the other hand, there are few who are not able to carry their wives and daughters to church in some decent conveyance. It is no matter of regret or sorrow to us that few are very rich; but it is our pride and glory that few are very poor. It is our still higher pride, and our just boast, as I think, that all her citizens possess means of intelligence and



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education, and that, of all her productions, she reckons among the very chiefest those which spring from the culture of the mind and the heart.

Mr. President, one of the most striking characteristics of this age in the extraordinary progress which it has witnessed in popular knowledge. A new and powerful impulse has been acting in the social system of late, producing this effect in a most remarkable degree. In morals, in politics, in art, in literature, there is a vast accession to the number of readers and to the number of proficient. The present state of popular knowledge is not the result of a slow and uniform progress, proceeding through a lapse of years, with the same regular degree of motion. It is evidently the result of some new causes, brought into powerful action, and producing their consequences rapidly and strikingly. What, Sir, are these causes?

This is not an occasion, Sir, for discussing such a question at length; allow me to say, however, that the improved state of popular knowledge is but the necessary result of the improved condition of the great mass of the people. Knowledge is not one of our merely physical wants. Life may be sustained without it. But, in order to live, men must be fed and clothed and sheltered; and in a state of things in which one's whole labor can do no more than procure clothes, food, and shelter, he can have no time nor means for mental improvement. Knowledge, therefore, is not attained, and cannot be attained, till there is some degree of respite from daily manual toil and never-ending drudgery. Whenever a less degree of labor will produce the absolute necessities of life, then there come leisure and means both to teach and to learn.

If this great and wonderful extension of popular knowledge be the result of an improved condition, it may, in the next place, well be asked, What are the causes which have thus suddenly produced that great improvement? How is it that the means of food, clothing, and shelter are now so much more cheaply and abundantly procured than formerly? Sir, the main cause I take to be the progress of scientific art, or a new extension of the application of science to art. This it is which has so much distinguished the last half-century in Europe and in America, and its effects are everywhere visible, and especially among us. Man has found new allies and auxiliaries in the powers of nature and in the inventions of mechanism.

The general doctrine of political economy is, that wealth consists in whatever is useful or convenient to man, and that labor is the producing cause of all this wealth. This is very true. But, then, what is labor? In the sense of political writers, and in common language, it means human industry; in a philosophical view, it may receive a much more comprehensive meaning. It is not, in that view, human toil only, the mere action of the arms and muscles; but it is any active agency which, working upon the materials with which the world is supplied, brings forth products useful or convenient to man. The materials of wealth are in the earth, in the seas, and in their natural



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and unaided productions. Labor obtains these materials, works upon them, and fashions them to human use. Now it has been the object of scientific art, or of the application of science to art, to increase this active agency, to augment its power, by creating millions of laborers in the form of machines all but automatic, all to be diligently employed and kept at work by the force of natural powers. To this end these natural powers, principally those of steam and falling water, are subsidized and taken into human employment. Spinning-machines, power-looms, and all the mechanical devices, acting, among other operatives, in the factories and workshops, are but so many laborers. They are usually denominated labor-**saving** machines, but it would be more just to call them labor-**doing** machines. They are made to be active agents; to have motion, and to produce effect; and though without intelligence, they are guided by laws of science, which are exact and perfect, and they produce results, therefore, in general, more accurate than the human hand is capable of producing. When we look upon one of these, we behold a mute fellow-laborer, of immense power, of mathematical exactness, and of ever-during and unwearied effort. And while he is thus a most skilful and productive laborer, he is a non-consumer, at least beyond the wants of his mechanical being. He is not clamorous for food, raiment, or shelter, and makes no demands for the expenses of education. The eating and drinking, the reading and writing, and the clothes-wearing world, are benefited by the labors of these co-operatives, in the same way as if Providence had provided for their service millions of beings, like ourselves in external appearance, able to labor and to toil, and yet requiring little or nothing for their own consumption or subsistence; or rather, as if Providence had created a race of giants, each of whom, demanding no more for his support and consumption than a common laborer, should yet be able to perform the work of a hundred.

Now, Sir, turn back to the Massachusetts tables of production, and you will see that it is these automatic allies and co-operators, and these powers of nature, thus employed and placed under human direction, which have come, with such prodigious effect, to man's aid, in the great business of procuring the means of living, of comfort, and of wealth, and which have so swollen the products of her skilful industry. Look at these tables once more, Sir, and you will see the effects of labor, united with and acting upon capital. Look yet again, and you will see that credit, mutual trust, prompt and punctual dealings, and commercial confidence, are all mixed up as indispensable elements in the general system.

I will ask you to look yet once more, Sir, and you will perceive that general competence, great equality in human condition, a degree of popular knowledge and intelligence nowhere surpassed, if anywhere equalled, the prevalence of good moral sentiment, and extraordinary general prosperity, are the result of the whole. Sir, I have done with Massachusetts. I do not praise the old "Bay State" of the Revolution; I only present her as she is.



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Mr. President, such is the state of things actually existing in the country, and of which I have now given you a sample. And yet there are persons who constantly clamor against this state of things. They call it aristocracy. They excite the poor to make war upon the rich, while in truth they know not who are either rich or poor. They complain of oppression, speculation, and the pernicious influence of accumulated wealth. They cry out loudly against all banks and corporations, and all the means by which small capitals become united, in order to produce important and beneficial results. They carry on a mad hostility against all established institutions. They would choke up the fountains of industry, and dry all its streams.

In a country of unbounded liberty, they clamor against oppression. In a country of perfect equality, they would move heaven and earth against privilege and monopoly. In a country where property is more equally divided than anywhere else, they rend the air with the shouting of agrarian doctrines. In a country where the wages of labor are high beyond all parallel, and where lands are cheap, and the means of living low, they would teach the laborer that he is but an oppressed slave. Sir, what can such men want? What do they mean? They can want nothing, Sir, but to enjoy the fruits of other men's labor. They can mean nothing but disturbance and disorder, the diffusion of corrupt principles, and the destruction of the moral sentiments and moral habits of society. A licentiousness of feeling and of action is sometimes produced by prosperity itself. Men cannot always resist the temptation to which they are exposed by the very abundance of the bounties of Providence, and the very happiness of their own condition; as the steed, full of the pasture, will sometimes throw himself against its enclosures, break away from its confinement, and, feeling now free from needless restraint, betake himself to the moors and barrens, where want, erelong, brings him to his senses, and starvation and death close his career.

Senator [Webster](#) also made remarks on the political course of Senator Calhoun:

Having had occasion, Mr. President, to speak of nullification and the nullifiers, I beg leave to say that I have not done so for any purpose of reproach. Certainly, Sir, I see no possible connection, myself, between their principles or opinions, and the support of this measure [The Sub-Treasury]. They, however, must speak for themselves. They may have intrusted the bearing of their standard, for aught I know, to the hands of the honorable member from South Carolina; and I perceived last session what I perceive now, that in his opinion there is a connection between these projects of government and the doctrines of nullification. I can only say, Sir, that it will be marvellous to me, if that banner, though it be said to be tattered and torn, shall yet be lowered in obeisance, and laid at the footstool of executive power. To the sustaining of that power, the passage of this bill is of the utmost importance. The



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administration will regard its success as being to them, what Cromwell said the battle of Worcester was to him, "a crowning mercy." Whether gentlemen, who have distinguished themselves so much by their extreme jealousy of this government, shall now find it consistent with their principles to give their aid in effecting this consummation, remains to be seen.

The next exposition of the honorable gentleman's sentiments and opinions is in his letter of the 3d of November.

This letter, Sir, is a curiosity. As a paper describing political operations, and exhibiting political opinions, it is without a parallel. Its phrase is altogether military. It reads like a despatch, or a bulletin from head-quarters. It is full of attacks, assaults, and repulses. It recounts movements and counter-movements; speaks of occupying one position, falling back upon another, and advancing to a third; it has positions to cover enemies, and positions to hold allies in check. Meantime, the celerity of all these operations reminds one of the rapidity of the military actions of the king of Prussia, in the Seven Years' war. Yesterday, he was in the South, giving battle to the Austrian; to-day he is in Saxony, or Silesia. Instantly he is found to have traversed the Electorate, and is facing the Russian and the Swede on his northern frontier. If you look for his place on the map, before you find it he has quitted it. He is always marching, flying, falling back, wheeling, attacking, defending, surprising; fighting everywhere, and fighting all the time. In one particular, however, the campaigns described in this letter are conducted in a different manner from those of the great Frederick. I think we nowhere read, in the narrative of Frederick's achievements, of his taking a position to cover an enemy, or a position to hold an ally in check. These refinements in the science of tactics and of war are of more recent discovery.

Mr. President, public men must certainly be allowed to change their opinions, and their associations, whenever they see fit. No one doubts this. Men may have grown wiser; they may have attained to better and more correct views of great public subjects. It would be unfortunate, if there were any code which should oblige men, in public or private life, to adhere to opinions once entertained, in spite of experience and better knowledge, and against their own convictions of their erroneous character. Nevertheless, Sir, it must be acknowledged, that what appears to be a sudden, as well as a great change, naturally produces a shock. I confess that, for one, I was shocked when the honorable gentleman, at the last session, espoused this bill of the administration. And when I first read this letter of November, and, in the short space of a column and a half, ran through such a succession of political movements, all terminating in placing the honorable member in the ranks of our opponents, and entitling him to take his seat, as he has done, among them, if not at their head, I confess I felt still greater surprise. All this seemed a good deal too abrupt. Sudden movements of the affections, whether personal or political, are



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a little out of nature.

Several years ago, Sir, some of the wits of England wrote a mock play, intended to ridicule the unnatural and false feeling, the **sentimentality** of a certain German school of literature. In this play, two strangers are brought together at an inn. While they are warming themselves at the fire, and before their acquaintance is yet five minutes old, one springs up and exclaims to the other, "A sudden thought strikes me! Let us swear an eternal friendship!" This affectionate offer was instantly accepted, and the friendship duly sworn, unchangeable and eternal! Now, Sir, how long this eternal friendship lasted, or in what manner it ended, those who wish to know may learn by referring to the play.

But it seems to me, Sir, that the honorable member has carried his political sentimentality a good deal higher than the flight of the German school: for he appears to have fallen suddenly in love, not with strangers, but with opponents. Here we all had been, Sir, contending against the progress of executive power, and more particularly, and most strenuously, against the projects and experiments of the administration upon the currency. The honorable member stood among us, not only as an associate, but as a leader. We thought we were making some headway. The people appeared to be coming to our support and our assistance. The country had been roused, every successive election weakening the strength of the adversary, and increasing our own. We were in this career of success carried strongly forward by the current of public opinion, and only needed to hear the cheering voice of the honorable member,

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!"

and we should have prostrated for ever this anti-constitutional, anti-commercial, anti-republican, and anti-American policy of the administration. But instead of these encouraging and animating accents, behold! in the very crisis of our affairs, on the very eve of victory, the honorable member cries out to the enemy,—not to us, his allies, but to the enemy: "Hollo! A sudden thought strikes me! I abandon my allies! Now I think of it, they have always been my oppressors! I abandon them, and now let **you and me** swear an eternal friendship!" Such a proposition, from such a quarter, Sir, was not likely to be long withstood. The other party was a little coy, but, upon the whole, nothing loath. After proper hesitation, and a little decorous blushing, it owned the soft impeachment, admitted an equally sudden sympathetic impulse on its own side; and, since few words are wanted where hearts are already known, the honorable gentleman takes his place among his new friends amidst greetings and caresses, and is already enjoying the sweets of an eternal friendship.

In this letter, Mr. President, the writer says, in substance, that he saw, at the commencement of the last session, that affairs had reached the point when he and his friends, according to the course they should take, would reap the full harvest of



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their long and arduous struggle against the encroachments and abuses of the general government, or lose the fruits of all their labors. At that time, he says, State interposition (viz. Nullification) had overthrown the protective tariff and the American system, and put a stop to Congressional usurpation; that he had previously been united with the National Republicans; but that, in joining such allies, he was not insensible to the embarrassment of his position; that with them victory itself was dangerous, and that therefore he had been waiting for events; that now (that is to say, in September last) the joint attacks of the allies had brought down executive power; that the administration had become divested of power and influence, and that it was now clear that the combined attacks of the allied forces would utterly overthrow and demolish it. All this he saw. But he saw, too, as he says, that in that case the victory would inure, not to him or his cause, but to his allies and their cause. I do not mean to say that he spoke of personal victories, or alluded to personal objects, at all. He spoke of his cause.

He proceeds to say, then, that never was there before, and never, probably, will there be again, so fair an opportunity for himself and his friends to carry out **their own principles and policy**, and to reap the fruits of their long and arduous struggle. These principles and this policy, Sir, be it remembered, he represents, all along, as identified with the principles and policy of nullification. And he makes use of this glorious opportunity by refusing to join his late allies in any further attack on those in power, and rallying anew the old State-rights party to hold in check their old opponents, the National Republican party. This, he says, would enable him to prevent the complete ascendancy of his allies, and to compel the Southern division of the administration party to occupy the ground of which he proposes to take possession, to wit, the ground of the old State-rights party. They will have, he says, no other alternative.

Mr. President, stripped of its military language, what is the amount of all this, but that, finding the administration weak, and likely to be overthrown, if the opposition continued with undiminished force, he went over to it, he joined it; intending to act, himself, upon nullification principles, and to compel the Southern members of the administration to meet him on those principles?—in other words, to make a nullification administration, and to take such part in it as should belong to him and his friends. He confesses, Sir, that in thus abandoning his allies, and taking a position to cover those in power, he perceived a shock would be created which would require some degree of resolution and firmness. In this he was right. A shock, Sir, has been created; yet there he is.

This administration, Sir, is represented as succeeding to the last, by an inheritance of principle. It professes to tread in the footsteps of its illustrious predecessor. It adopts, generally, the sentiments, principles, and opinions of General



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Jackson, **proclamation and all**; and yet, though he be the very prince of nullifiers, and but lately regarded as the chiefest of sinners, it receives the honorable gentleman with the utmost complacency. To all appearance, the delight is mutual; they find him an able leader, he finds them complying followers. But, Sir, in all this movement he understands himself. He means to go ahead, and to take them along. He is in the engine-car; he controls the locomotive. His hand regulates the steam, to increase or retard the speed at his discretion. And as to the occupants of the passenger-cars, Sir, they are as happy a set of gentlemen as one might desire to see of a summer's day. They feel that they are in progress; they hope they shall not be run off the track; and when they reach the end of their journey, they desire to be thankful!

The arduous struggle is now all over. Its richest fruits are all reaped; nullification embraces the sub-treasuries, and oppression and usurpation will be heard of no more.

On the broad surface of the country, Sir, there is a spot called "the Hermitage." In that residence is an occupant very well known, and not a little remarkable both in person and character. Suppose, Sir, the occupant of the Hermitage were now to open that door, enter the Senate, walk forward, and look over the chamber to the seats on the other side. Be not frightened, gentlemen; it is but fancy's sketch. Suppose he should thus come in among us, Sir, and see into whose hands has fallen the chief support of that administration, which was, in so great a degree, appointed by himself, and which he fondly relied on to maintain the principles of his own. If gentlemen were now to see his steady military step, his erect posture, his compressed lips, his firmly-knitted brow, and his eye full of fire, I cannot help thinking, Sir, they would all feel somewhat queer. There would be, I imagine, not a little awkward moving and shifting in their seats. They would expect soon to hear the roar of the lion, even if they did not feel his paw.

Sir, the spirit of union is particularly liable to temptation and seduction in moments of peace and prosperity. In war, this spirit is strengthened by a sense of common danger, and by a thousand recollections of ancient efforts and ancient glory in a common cause. But in the calms of a long peace, and in the absence of all apparent causes of alarm, things near gain an ascendancy over things remote. Local interests and feelings overshadow national sentiments. Our attention, our regard, and our attachment are every moment solicited to what touches us closest, and we feel less and less the attraction of a distant orb. Such tendencies we are bound by true patriotism and by our love of union to resist. This is our duty; and the moment, in my judgment, has arrived when that duty should be performed. We hear, every day, sentiments and arguments which would become a meeting of envoys, employed by separate governments, more than they become the common legislature of a united country. Constant appeals are made to local interests, to geographical distinctions, and to the policy and the pride of particular



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States. It would sometimes appear as if it were a settled purpose to convince the people that our Union is nothing but a jumble of different and discordant interests, which must, ere long, be all resolved into their original state of separate existence; as if, therefore, it was of no great value while it should last, and was not likely to last long. The process of disintegration begins by urging as a fact the existence of different interests. Sir, is not the end to which all this leads us obvious? Who does not see that, if convictions of this kind take possession of the public mind, our Union can hereafter be nothing, while it remains, but a connection without harmony; a bond without affection; a theatre for the angry contests of local feelings, local objects, and local jealousies? Even while it continues to exist in name, it may by these means become nothing but the mere form of a united government. My children, and the children of those who sit around me, may meet, perhaps, in this chamber, in the next generation; but if tendencies now but too obvious be not checked, they will meet as strangers and aliens. They will feel no sense of common interest or common country; they will cherish no common object of patriotic love. If the same Saxon language shall fall from their lips, it may be the chief proof that they belong to the same nation. Its vital principle exhausted and gone, its power of doing good terminated, the Union itself, become productive only of strife and contention, must ultimately fall, dishonored and unlamented.

The honorable member from Carolina himself habitually indulges in charges of usurpation and oppression against the government of his country. He daily denounces its important measures, in the language in which our Revolutionary fathers spoke of the oppressions of the mother country. Not merely against executive usurpation, either real or supposed, does he utter these sentiments, but against laws of Congress, laws passed by large majorities, laws sanctioned for a course of years by the people. These laws he proclaims, every hour, to be but a series of acts of oppression. He speaks of them as if it were an admitted fact, that such is their true character. This is the language he utters, these are the sentiments he expresses, to the rising generation around him. Are they sentiments and language which are likely to inspire our children with the love of union, to enlarge their patriotism, or to teach them, and to make them feel, that their destiny has made them common citizens of one great and glorious republic? A principal object in his late political movements, the gentleman himself tells us, was to **unite the entire South**; and against whom, or against what, does he wish to unite the entire South? Is not this the very essence of local feeling and local regard? Is it not the acknowledgment of a wish and object to create political strength by uniting political opinions geographically? While the gentleman thus wishes to unite the entire South, I pray to know, Sir, if he expects me to turn toward the polar star, and, acting on the same principle, to utter a cry of Rally! to the whole North? Heaven forbid! To the day of my death, neither he nor others



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shall hear such a cry from me.

Finally, the honorable member declares that he shall now march off, under the banner of State rights! March off from whom? March off from what? We have been contending for great principles. We have been struggling to maintain the liberty and to restore the prosperity of the country; we have made these struggles here, in the national councils, with the old flag, the true American flag, the Eagle, and the Stars and Stripes, waving over the chamber in which we sit. He now tells us, however, that he marches off under the State-rights banner!

Let him go. I remain. I am where I ever have been, and ever mean to be. Here, standing on the platform of the general Constitution, a platform broad enough and firm enough to uphold every interest of the whole country, I shall still be found. Intrusted with some part in the administration of that Constitution, I intend to act in its spirit, and in the spirit of those who framed it. Yes, Sir, I would act as if our fathers, who formed it for us and who bequeathed it to us, were looking on me; as if I could see their venerable forms bending down to behold us from the abodes above. I would act, too, as if the eye of posterity was gazing on me.

Standing thus, as in the full gaze of our ancestors and our posterity, having received this inheritance from the former, to be transmitted to the latter, and feeling that, if I am born for any good, in my day and generation, it is for the good of the whole country, no local policy or local feeling, no temporary impulse, shall induce me to yield my foothold on the Constitution of the Union. I move off under no banner not known to the whole American people, and to their Constitution and laws. No, Sir; these walls, these columns,

“shall fly

From their firm base as soon as I.”

I came into public life, Sir, in the service of the United States. On that broad altar, my earliest, and all my public vows, have been made. I propose to serve no other master. So far as depends on any agency of mine, they shall continue united States; united in interest and in affection; united in every thing in regard to which the Constitution has decreed their union; united in war, for the common defence, the common renown, and the common glory; and united, compacted, knit firmly together in peace, for the common prosperity and happiness of ourselves and our children.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3 M 12 1838 / It is now about 25 days that I have been confined mostly to the house & much of the time to my bed with a fever attended with a stopage of Water & an affection of the Piles which has been very serious upon me with much weakness & pain – It has been much the most severe illness I ever had & of far the longest continuance – I find by being weighed today that I have



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lost about 20 lbs of flesh, my usual weight being a little rising 200 & I find by being weighed today that I now weigh about 191 Pounds - this change may be favourable as my flesh has allways been greater & my habit fuller than was even safe.

During my confinement I have taken a full survey of myself my affairs &c

While I have to acknowledge that Merit does not belong to me - I was thankful to find my mind so tranquil & settled in contemplating the event of Death - I was fully confirmed that in Religion I had followed no cunningly devised fable, but that Quakerism as professed by our Ancient friends was the Truth as it stands in Jesus Christ our Lord & those who follow his leadings & teachings by his Holy spirit will find something as an Anchor sure & steadfast to depend upon -

My outward affairs being generally snug I found nothing but what might be easily settled & perhaps enough left to make my dear wife comfortable - I have been up to Father Rodmans today the first time since my confinement - tho I have been twice out a little way before

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March 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd M 18th (1st day) 1838 / I was well enough today to have attended Meetings but it was a Severe Snow & rain Storm all day which prevented me - I wanted to meet with my brethren again, but the state of the weather rendered it imprudent -I have had a long & tedious confinement but have been favoured with a good degree of Patience & resignation - I am yet far from being entirely well, but so much better as not to be under severe suffering, for which I am desirous to feel thankful & believe I am favoured to to feel.

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March 19, Monday: Senator Morris submitted a number of thorny issues in regard to the [slave-trade](#) to the US Senate.

"Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the present laws of the United States, on the subject of the slave trade, will prohibit that trade being carried on between citizens of the United States and citizens of the Republic of [Texas](#), either by land or by sea; and whether it would be lawful in vessels owned by citizens of that Republic, and not lawful in vessels owned by citizens of this, or lawful in both, and by citizens of both countries; and also whether a slave carried from the United States into a foreign country, and brought back, on returning into the United States, is considered a free person, or is liable to be sent back, if demanded, as a slave, into that country from which he or she last came; and also whether any additional legislation by Congress is necessary on any of these subjects."



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19th of 3rd M 1838 / We recd a kind & very acceptable letter from our daughter Mary A Gould by which we learn the family are well tho' there are a number Sick around them. -

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March 22, Thursday: Senator Calhoun of South Carolina spoke in the US Senate in response to the speech that Senator [Daniel Webster](#) of Massachusetts had delivered on March 12th. When he had concluded, Webster rose and responded as follows:⁴²⁹

Mr. President,—I came rather late to the Senate this morning, and, happening to meet a friend on the Avenue, I was admonished to hasten my steps, as "the war was to be carried into Africa," and I was expected to be annihilated. I lost no time in following the advice, Sir, since it would be awkward for one to be annihilated without knowing any thing about it.

Well, Sir, the war has been carried into Africa. The honorable member has made an expedition into regions as remote from the subject of this debate as the orb of Jupiter from that of our earth. He has spoken of the tariff, of slavery, and of the late war. Of all this I do not complain. On the contrary, if it be his pleasure to allude to all or any of these topics, for any purpose whatever, I am ready at all times to hear him.

Sir, this carrying the war into Africa, which has become so common a phrase among us, is, indeed, imitating a great example; but it is an example which is not always followed with success. In the first place, every man, though he be a man of talent and genius, is not a Scipio; and in the next place, as I recollect this part of Roman and Carthaginian history,—the gentleman may be more accurate, but, as I recollect it, when Scipio resolved upon carrying the war into Africa, Hannibal was not at home. Now, Sir, I am very little like Hannibal, but I am at home; and when Scipio Africanus South-Caroliniensis brings the war into my territories, I shall not leave their defence to Asdrubal, nor Syphax, nor anybody else. I meet him on the shore, at his landing, and propose but one contest.

"Concurritur; horae
Momento cita mors venit, aut victoria laeta."

Mr. President, I had made up my mind that, if the honorable gentleman should confine himself to a reply in the ordinary way, I would not say another syllable. But he has not done so. He has gone off into topics quite remote from all connection with revenue, commerce, finance, or sub-treasuries, and invites to a discussion which, however uninteresting to the public at the present moment, is too personal to be declined by me.

He says, Sir, that I undertook to compare my political character and conduct with his. Far from it. I attempted no such thing. I

429. Edwin P. Whipple's THE GREAT SPEECHES AND ORATIONS OF DANIEL WEBSTER WITH AN ESSAY ON DANIEL WEBSTER AS A MASTER OF ENGLISH STYLE (Boston: Little, Brown, 1879).



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compared the gentleman's political opinions at different times with one another, and expressed decided opposition to those which he now holds. And I did, certainly, advert to the general tone and drift of the gentleman's sentiments and expressions for some years past, in their bearing on the Union, with such remarks as I thought they deserved; but I instituted no comparison between him and myself. He may institute one if he pleases, and when he pleases. Seeking nothing of this kind, I avoid nothing. Let it be remembered, that the gentleman began the debate, by attempting to exhibit a contrast between the present opinions and conduct of my friends and myself, and our recent opinions and conduct. Here is the first charge of inconsistency; let the public judge whether he has made it good. He says, Sir, that on several questions I have taken different sides, at different times; let him show it. If he shows any change of opinion, I shall be called on to give a reason, and to account for it. I leave it to the country to say whether, as yet, he has shown any such thing.

But, Sir, before attempting that, he has something else to say. He had prepared, it seems, to draw comparisons himself. He had intended to say something, if time had allowed, upon our respective opinions and conduct in regard to the war. If time had allowed! Sir, time does allow, time must allow. A general remark of that kind ought not to be, cannot be, left to produce its effect, when that effect is obviously intended to be unfavorable. Why did the gentleman allude to my votes or my opinions respecting the war at all, unless he had something to say? Does he wish to leave an undefined impression that something was done, or something said, by me, not now capable of defence or justification? something not reconcilable with true patriotism? He means that, or nothing. And now, Sir, let him bring the matter forth; let him take the responsibility of the accusation; let him state his facts. I am here to answer; I am here, this day, to answer. Now is the time, and now the hour. I think we read, Sir, that one of the good spirits would not bring against the Arch-enemy of mankind a railing accusation; and what is railing but general reproach, an imputation without fact, time, or circumstance? Sir, I call for particulars. The gentleman knows my whole conduct well; indeed, the journals show it all, from the moment I came into Congress till the peace. If I have done, then, Sir, any thing unpatriotic, any thing which, as far as love to country goes, will not bear comparison with his or any man's conduct, let it now be stated. Give me the fact, the time, the manner. He speaks of the war; that which we call the late war, though it is now twenty-five years since it terminated. He would leave an impression that I opposed it. How? I was not in Congress when war was declared, nor in public life anywhere. I was pursuing my profession, keeping company with judges and jurors, and plaintiffs and defendants. If I had been in Congress, and had enjoyed the benefit of hearing the honorable gentleman's speeches, for aught I can say, I might have concurred with him. But I was not in public life. I never



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had been, for a single hour; and was in no situation, therefore, to oppose or to support the declaration of war. I am speaking to the fact, Sir; and if the gentleman has any fact, let us know it. Well, Sir, I came into Congress during the war. I found it waged, and raging. And what did I do here to oppose it? Look to the journals. Let the honorable gentleman tax his memory. Bring up any thing, if there be any thing to bring up, not showing error of opinion, but showing want of loyalty or fidelity to the country. I did not agree to all that was proposed, nor did the honorable member. I did not approve of every measure, nor did he. The war had been preceded by the restrictive system and the embargo. As a private individual, I certainly did not think well of these measures. It appeared to me that the embargo annoyed ourselves as much as our enemies, while it destroyed the business and cramped the spirits of the people. In this opinion I may have been right or wrong, but the gentleman was himself of the same opinion. He told us the other day, as a proof of his independence of party on great questions, that he differed with his friends on the subject of the embargo. He was decidedly and unalterably opposed to it. It furnishes in his judgment, therefore, no imputation either on my patriotism, or on the soundness of my political opinions, that I was opposed to it also. I mean opposed in opinion; for I was not in Congress, and had nothing to do with the act creating the embargo. And as to opposition to measures for carrying on the war, after I came into Congress, I again say, let the gentleman specify; let him lay his finger on any thing calling for an answer, and he shall have an answer.

Mr. President, you were yourself in the House during a considerable part of this time. The honorable gentleman may make a witness of you. He may make a witness of anybody else. He may be his own witness. Give us but some fact, some charge, something capable in itself either of being proved or disproved. Prove any thing, state any thing, not consistent with honorable and patriotic conduct, and I am ready to answer it. Sir, I am glad this subject has been alluded to in a manner which justifies me in taking public notice of it; because I am well aware that, for ten years past, infinite pains has been taken to find something, in the range of these topics, which might create prejudice against me in the country. The journals have all been pored over, and the reports ransacked, and scraps of paragraphs and half-sentences have been collected, fraudulently put together, and then made to flare out as if there had been some discovery. But all this failed. The next resort was to supposed correspondence. My letters were sought for, to learn if, in the confidence of private friendship, I had ever said any thing which an enemy could make use of. With this view, the vicinity of my former residence has been searched, as with a lighted candle. New Hampshire has been explored, from the mouth of the Merrimack to the White Hills. In one instance a gentleman had left the State, gone five hundred miles off, and died. His papers were examined; a letter was found, and I have understood it was brought to



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Washington; a conclave was held to consider it, and the result was, that, if there was nothing else against Mr. Webster, the matter had better be let alone. Sir, I hope to make everybody of that opinion who brings against me a charge of want of patriotism. Errors of opinion can be found, doubtless, on many subjects; but as conduct flows from the feelings which animate the heart, I know that no act of my life has had its origin in the want of ardent love of country.

Sir, when I came to Congress, I found the honorable gentleman a leading member of the House of Representatives. Well, Sir, in what did we differ? One of the first measures of magnitude, after I came here, was Mr. Dallas's [The Secretary of the Treasury] proposition for a bank. It was a war measure. It was urged as being absolutely necessary to enable government to carry on the war. Government wanted revenue; such a bank, it was hoped, would furnish it; and on that account it was most warmly pressed and urged on Congress. You remember all this, Mr. President. You remember how much some persons supposed the success of the war and the salvation of the country depended on carrying that measure. Yet the honorable member from South Carolina opposed this bill. He now takes to himself a good deal of merit, none too much, but still a good deal of merit, for having defeated it. Well, Sir, I agreed with him. It was a mere paper bank; a machine for fabricating irredeemable paper. It was a new form for paper money; and instead of benefiting the country, I thought it would plunge it deeper and deeper in difficulty. I made a speech on the subject; it has often been quoted. There it is; let whoever pleases read and examine it. I am not proud of it for any ability it exhibits; on the other hand, I am not ashamed of it for the spirit which it manifests. But, Sir, I say again that the gentleman himself took the lead against this measure, this darling measure of the administration. I followed him; if I was seduced into error, or into unjustifiable opposition, there sits my seducer.

What, Sir, were other leading sentiments or leading measures of that day? On what other subjects did men differ? The gentleman has adverted to one, and that a most important one; I mean the navy. He says, and says truly, that at the commencement of the war the navy was unpopular. It was unpopular with his friends, who then controlled the politics of the country. But he says he differed with his friends; in this respect he resisted party influence and party connection, and was the friend and advocate of the navy. Sir, I commend him for it. He showed his wisdom. That gallant little navy soon fought itself into favor, and showed that no man who had placed reliance on it had been disappointed.

Well, Sir, in all this I was exactly of the opinion of the honorable gentleman.

Sir, I do not know when my opinion of the importance of a naval force to the United States had its origin. I can give no date to my present sentiments on this subject, because I never entertained different sentiments. I remember, Sir, that



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immediately after coming into my profession, at a period when the navy was most unpopular, when it was called by all sorts of hard names and designated by many coarse epithets, on one of those occasions on which young men address their neighbors, I ventured to put forth a boy's hand in defence of the navy. I insisted on its importance, its adaptation to our circumstances and to our national character, and its indispensable necessity, if we intended to maintain and extend our commerce. These opinions and sentiments I brought into Congress; and the first time in which I presumed to speak on the topics of the day, I attempted to urge on the House a greater attention to the naval service. There were divers modes of prosecuting the war. On these modes, or on the degree of attention and expense which should be bestowed on each, different men held different opinions. I confess I looked with most hope to the results of naval warfare, and therefore I invoked government to invigorate and strengthen that arm of the national defence. I invoked it to seek its enemy upon the seas, to go where every auspicious indication pointed, and where the whole heart and soul of the country would go with it.

Sir, we were at war with the greatest maritime power on earth. England had gained an ascendancy on the seas over all the combined powers of Europe. She had been at war twenty years. She had tried her fortunes on the Continent, but generally with no success. At one time the whole Continent had been closed against her. A long line of armed exterior, an unbroken hostile array, frowned upon her from the Gulf of Archangel, round the promontory of Spain and Portugal, to the extreme point of Italy. There was not a port which an English ship could enter. Everywhere on the land the genius of her great enemy had triumphed. He had defeated armies, crushed coalitions, and overturned thrones; but, like the fabled giant, he was unconquerable only while he touched the land. On the ocean he was powerless. That field of fame was his adversary's, and her meteor flag was streaming in triumph over its whole extent. To her maritime ascendancy England owed every thing, and we were now at war with her. One of the most charming of her poets had said of her,—

"Her march is o'er the mountain waves,
Her home is on the deep."

Now, Sir, since we were at war with her, I was for intercepting this march; I was for calling upon her, and paying our respects to her, at home; I was for giving her to know that we, too, had a right of way over the seas, and that our marine officers and our sailors were not entire strangers on the bosom of the deep. I was for doing something more with our navy than keeping it on our own shores, for the protection of our coasts and harbors; I was for giving play to its gallant and burning spirit; for allowing it to go forth upon the seas, and to encounter, on an open and an equal field, whatever the proudest or the bravest of the enemy could bring against it. I knew the character of its officers and the spirit of its seamen; and I knew that, in their



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hands, though the flag of the country might go down to the bottom, yet, while defended by them, that it could never be dishonored or disgraced.

Since she was our enemy, and a most powerful enemy, I was for touching her, if we could, in the very apple of her eye; for reaching the highest feather in her cap; for clutching at the very brightest jewel in her crown. There seemed to me to be a peculiar propriety in all this, as the war was undertaken for the redress of maritime injuries alone. It was a war declared for free trade and sailors' rights. The ocean, therefore, was the proper theatre for deciding this controversy with our enemy, and on that theatre it was my ardent wish that our own power should be concentrated to the utmost.

So much, Sir, for the war, and for my conduct and opinions as connected with it. And, as I do not mean to recur to this subject often, nor ever, unless indispensably necessary, I repeat the demand for any charge, any accusation, any allegation whatever, that throws me behind the honorable gentleman, or behind any other man, in honor, in fidelity, in devoted love to that country in which I was born, which has honored me, and which I serve. I, who seldom deal in defiance, now, here, in my place, boldly defy the honorable member to put his insinuation in the form of a charge, and to support that charge by any proof whatever.

The gentleman has adverted to the subject of slavery. On this subject, he says, I have not proved myself a friend to the South. Why, Sir, the only proof is, that I did not vote for his resolutions.

Sir, this is a very grave matter; it is a subject very exciting and inflammable. I take, of course, all the responsibility belonging to my opinions; but I desire these opinions to be understood, and fairly stated. If I am to be regarded as an enemy to the South, because I could not support the gentleman's resolutions, be it so. I cannot purchase favor from any quarter, by the sacrifice of clear and conscientious convictions. The principal resolution declared that Congress had plighted its faith not to interfere either with slavery or the slave trade in the District of Columbia.

Now, Sir, this is quite a new idea. I never heard it advanced until this session. I have heard gentlemen contend that no such power was in the Constitution; but the notion, that, though the Constitution contained the power, yet Congress had plighted its faith not to exercise such a power, is an entire novelty, so far as I know. I must say, Sir, it appeared to me little else than an attempt to put a prohibition into the Constitution, because there was none there already. For this supposed plighting of the public faith, or the faith of Congress, I saw no ground, either in the history of the government, or in any one fact, or in any argument. I therefore could not vote for the proposition.

Sir, it is now several years since I took care to make my opinion known, that this government has, constitutionally, nothing to do with slavery, as it exists in the States. That opinion is entirely unchanged. I stand steadily by the resolution of the



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House of Representatives, adopted, after much consideration, at the commencement of the government, which was, that Congress has no authority to interfere in the emancipation of slaves, or in the treatment of them, within any of the States; it remaining with the several States alone to provide any regulations therein, which humanity and true policy may require. This, in my opinion, is the Constitution and the law. I feel bound by it. I have quoted the resolution often. It expresses the judgment of men of all parts of the country, deliberately and coolly formed; and it expresses my judgment, and I shall adhere to it. But this has nothing to do with the other constitutional question; that is to say, the mere constitutional question whether Congress has the power to regulate slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia.

On such a question, Sir, when I am asked what the Constitution is, or whether any power granted by it has been compromised away, or, indeed, could be compromised away, I must express my honest opinion, and always shall express it, if I say any thing, notwithstanding it may not meet concurrence either in the South, or the North, or the East, or the West. I cannot express by my vote what I do not believe. The gentleman has chosen to bring that subject into this debate, with which it has no concern; but he may make the most of it, if he thinks he can produce unfavorable impressions against me at the South from my negative to his fifth resolution. As to the rest of them, they were commonplaces, generally, or abstractions; in regard to which, one may well feel himself not called on to vote at all.

And now, Sir, in regard to the tariff. That is a long chapter, but I am quite ready to go over it with the honorable member. He charges me with inconsistency. That may depend on deciding what inconsistency is, in respect to such subjects, and how it is to be proved. I will state the facts, for I have them in my mind somewhat more fully than the honorable member has himself presented them. Let us begin at the beginning. In 1816 I voted against the tariff law which then passed. In 1824 I again voted against the tariff law which was then proposed, and which passed. A majority of New England votes, in 1824, were against the tariff system. The bill received but one vote from Massachusetts; but it passed. The policy was established. New England acquiesced in it; conformed her business and pursuits to it; embarked her capital, and employed her labor, in manufactures; and I certainly admit that, from that time, I have felt bound to support interests thus called into being, and into importance, by the settled policy of the government. I have stated this often here, and often elsewhere. The ground is defensible, and I maintain it.

As to the resolutions adopted in Boston in 1820, and which resolutions he has caused to be read, and which he says he presumes I prepared, I have no recollection of having drawn the resolutions, and do not believe I did. But I was at the meeting, and addressed the meeting, and what I said on that occasion was produced here, and read in the Senate, years ago.



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The resolutions, Sir, were opposed to the commencing of a high tariff policy. I was opposed to it, and spoke against it; the city of Boston was opposed to it; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was opposed to it. Remember, Sir, that this was in 1820. This opposition continued till 1824. The votes all show this. But in 1824 the question was decided; the government entered upon the policy; it invited men to embark their property and their means of living in it. Individuals thus encouraged have done this to a great extent; and therefore I say, so long as the manufactures shall need reasonable and just protection from government, I shall be disposed to give it to them. What is there, Sir, in all this, for the gentleman to complain of? Would he have us always oppose the policy adopted by the country on a great question? Would he have minorities never submit to the will of majorities?

I remember to have said, Sir, at the meeting in Faneuil Hall, that protection appeared to be regarded as incidental to revenue, and that the incident could not be carried fairly above the principal; in other words, that duties ought not to be laid for the mere object of protection. I believe that proposition to be substantially correct. I believe that, if the power of protection be inferred only from the revenue power, the protection could only be incidental.

But I have said in this place before, and I repeat it now, that Mr. Madison's publication after that period, and his declaration that the Convention did intend to grant the power of protection under the commercial clause, placed the subject in a new and a clear light. I will add, Sir, that a paper drawn up apparently with the sanction of Dr. Franklin, and read to a circle of friends at his house, on the eve of the assembling of the Convention, respecting the powers which the proposed new government ought to possess, shows plainly that, in regulating commerce, it was expected that Congress would adopt a course which should protect the manufactures of the North. He certainly went into the Convention himself under that conviction.

Well, Sir, and now what does the gentleman make out against me in relation to the tariff? What laurels does he gather in this part of Africa? I opposed the **policy** of the tariff, until it had become the settled and established policy of the country. I have never questioned the constitutional power of Congress to grant protection, except so far as the remark made in Faneuil Hall goes, which remark respects only the length to which protection might properly be carried, so far as the power is derived from the authority to lay duties on imports. But the policy being established, and a great part of the country having placed vast interests at stake in it, I have not disturbed it; on the contrary, I have insisted that it ought not to be disturbed. If there be inconsistency in all this, the gentleman is at liberty to blazon it forth; let him see what he can make of it.

Here, Sir, I cease to speak of myself; and respectfully ask pardon of the Senate for having so long detained it upon any thing so unimportant as what relates merely to my own public



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conduct and opinions.

Sir, the honorable member is pleased to suppose that our spleen is excited, because he has interfered to snatch from us a victory over the administration. If he means by this any personal disappointment, I shall not think it worth while to make a remark upon it. If he means a disappointment at his quitting us while we were endeavoring to arrest the present policy of the administration, why then I admit, Sir, that I, for one, felt that disappointment deeply. It is the policy of the administration, its principles, and its measures, which I oppose. It is not persons, but things; not men, but measures. I do wish most fervently to put an end to this anti-commercial policy; and if the overthrow of the policy shall be followed by the political defeat of its authors, why, Sir, it is a result which I shall endeavor to meet with equanimity.

Sir, as to the honorable member's wresting the victory from us, or as to his ability to sustain the administration in this policy, there may be some doubt about that. I trust the citadel will yet be stormed, and carried, by the force of public opinion, and that no Hector will be able to defend its walls.

But now, Sir, I must advert to a declaration of the honorable member, which, I confess, did surprise me. The honorable member says, that, personally, he and myself have been on friendly terms, but that we always differed on great constitutional questions. Sir, this is astounding. And yet I was partly prepared for it; for I sat here the other day, and held my breath, while the honorable gentleman declared, and repeated, that he had always belonged to the State-rights party. And he means, by what he has declared to-day, that he has always given to the Constitution a construction more limited, better guarded, less favorable to the extension of the powers of this government, than that which I have given to it. He has always interpreted it according to the strict doctrines of the school of State rights! Sir, if the honorable member ever belonged, until very lately, to the State-rights party, the connection was very much like a secret marriage. And never was secret better kept. Not only were the espousals not acknowledged, but all suspicion was avoided. There was no known familiarity, or even kindness, between them. On the contrary, they acted like parties who were not at all fond of each other's company.

Sir, is there a man in my hearing, among all the gentlemen now surrounding us, many of whom, of both houses, have been here many years, and know the gentleman and myself perfectly,—is there one who ever heard, supposed, or dreamed that the honorable member belonged to the State-rights party before the year 1825? Can any such connection be proved upon him, can he prove it upon himself, before that time?

Sir, I will show you, before I resume my seat, that it was not until after the gentleman took his seat in the chair which you now occupy, that any public manifestation, or intimation, was ever given by him of his having embraced the peculiar doctrines of the State-rights party. The truth is, Sir, the honorable



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gentleman had acted a very important and useful part during the war. But the war terminated. Toward the end of the session of 1814-15, we received the news of peace. This closed the Thirteenth Congress. In the fall of 1815, the Fourteenth Congress assembled. It was full of ability, and the honorable gentleman stood high among its distinguished members. He remained in the House, Sir, through the whole of that Congress; and now, Sir, it is easy to show that, during those two years, the honorable gentleman took a decided lead in all those great measures which he has since so often denounced as unconstitutional and oppressive, the bank, the tariff, and internal improvements. The war being terminated, the gentleman's mind turned itself toward internal administration and improvement. He surveyed the whole country, contemplated its resources, saw what it was capable of becoming, and held a political faith not so narrow and contracted as to restrain him from useful and efficient action. He was, therefore, at once a full length ahead of all others in measures which were national, and which required a broad and liberal construction of the Constitution. This is historic truth. Of his agency in the bank, and other measures connected with the currency, I have already spoken, and I do not understand him to deny any thing I have said, in that particular. Indeed, I have said nothing capable of denial.

Now allow me a few words upon the tariff. The tariff of 1816 was distinctly a South Carolina measure. Look at the votes, and you will see it. It was a tariff for the benefit of South Carolina interests, and carried through Congress by South Carolina votes and South Carolina influence. Even the **minimum**, Sir, the so-much-reproached, the abominable **minimum**, that subject of angry indignation and wrathful rhetoric, is of Southern origin, and has a South Carolina parentage.

Sir, the contest on that occasion was chiefly between the cotton-growers at home, and the importers of cotton fabrics from India. These India fabrics were made from the cotton of that country. The people of this country were using cotton fabrics not made of American cotton, and, so far, they were diminishing the demand for such cotton. The importation of India cottons was then very large, and this bill was designed to put an end to it, and, with the help of the **minimum**, it did put an end to it. The cotton manufactures of the North were then in their infancy. They had some friends in Congress, but, if I recollect, the majority of Massachusetts members and of New England members were against this cotton tariff of 1816. I remember well, that the main debate was between the importers of India cottons, in the North, and the cotton-growers of the South. The gentleman cannot deny the truth of this, or any part of it. Boston opposed this tariff, and Salem opposed it, warmly and vigorously. But the honorable member supported it, and the law passed. And now be it always remembered, Sir, that that act passed on the professed ground of protection; that it had in it the **minimum** principle, and that the honorable member, and other leading



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gentlemen from his own State, supported it, voted for it, and carried it through Congress.

And now, Sir, we come to the doctrine of internal improvement, that other usurpation, that other oppression, which has come so near to justifying violent disruption of the government, and scattering the fragments of the Union to the four winds. Have the gentleman's State-rights opinions always kept him aloof from such unhallowed infringements of the Constitution? He says he always differed with me on constitutional questions. How was it in this most important particular? Has he here stood on the ramparts, brandishing his glittering sword against assailants, and holding out a banner of defiance? Sir, it is an indisputable truth, that he is himself the man, the *ipse* that first brought forward in Congress a scheme of general internal improvement, at the expense and under the authority of this government. He, Sir, is the very man, the *ipsissimus ipse*, who considerately, and on a settled system, began these unconstitutional measures, if they be unconstitutional. And now for the proof.

The act incorporating the Bank of the United States was passed in April, 1816. For the privileges of the charter, the proprietors of the bank were to pay to government a **bonus**, as it was called, of one million five hundred thousand dollars, in certain instalments. Government also took seven millions in the stock of the bank. Early in the next session of Congress, that is, in December, 1816, the honorable member moved, in the House of Representatives, that a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of setting apart this **bonus**, and also the dividends on the stock belonging to the United States, as a permanent fund for internal improvement. The committee was appointed, and the honorable member was made its chairman. He thus originated the plan, and took the lead in its execution. Shortly afterwards, he reported a bill carrying out the objects for which the committee had been appointed. This bill provided that the dividends on the seven millions of bank stock belonging to government, and also the whole of the **bonus**, should be permanently pledged as a fund for constructing roads and canals; and that this fund should be subject to such specific appropriations as Congress might subsequently make.

This was the bill; and this was the first project ever brought forward in Congress for a system of internal improvements. The bill goes the whole doctrine at a single jump. The Cumberland Road, it is true, was already in progress; and for that the gentleman had also voted. But there were, and are now, peculiarities about that particular expenditure which sometimes satisfy scrupulous consciences; but this bill of the gentleman's, without equivocation or saving clause, without if, or and, or but, occupied the whole ground at once, and announced internal improvement as one of the objects of this government, on a grand and systematic plan. The bill, Sir, seemed indeed too strong. It was thought by persons not esteemed extremely jealous of State rights to evince too little regard to the will of the States. Several gentlemen opposed the measure in that shape, on



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that account; and among them Colonel Pickering, then one of the Representatives from Massachusetts. Even Timothy Pickering could not quite sanction, or concur in, the honorable gentleman's doctrines to their full extent, although he favored the measure in its general character. He therefore prepared an amendment, as a substitute; and his substitute provided for two very important things not embraced in the original bill:—

First, that the proportion of the fund to be expended in each State, respectively, should be in proportion to the number of its inhabitants.

Second, that the money should be applied in constructing such roads, canals, and so forth, in the several States, as Congress might direct, **with the assent of the State.**

This, Sir, was Timothy Pickering's amendment to the gentleman's bill. And now, Sir, how did the honorable gentleman, who has always belonged to the State-rights party,—how did he treat this amendment, or this substitute? Which way do you think his State-rights doctrine led him? Why, Sir, I will tell you. He immediately rose, and moved to strike out the words "**with the assent of the State**"! Here is the journal under my hand, Sir; and here is the gentleman's motion. And certainly, Sir, it will be admitted that this motion was not of a nature to intimate that he was wedded to State rights. But the words were not struck out. The motion did not prevail. Mr. Pickering's substitute was adopted, and the bill passed the House in that form.

In committee of the whole on this bill, Sir, the honorable member made a very able speech both on the policy of internal improvements and the power of Congress over the subject. These points were fully argued by him. He spoke of the importance of the system, the vast good it would produce, and its favorable effect on the union of the States. "Let us, then," said he, "bind the republic together with a perfect system of roads and canals. Let us conquer space. It is thus the most distant parts of the republic will be brought within a few days' travel of the centre; it is thus that a citizen of the West will read the news of Boston still moist from the press."

But on the power of Congress to make internal improvements, ay, Sir, on the power of Congress, hear him! What were then his rules of construction and interpretation? How did he at that time read and understand the Constitution? Why, Sir, he said that "he was no advocate for refined arguments on the Constitution. The instrument was not intended as a thesis for the logician to exercise his ingenuity on. It ought to be construed with plain good-sense." This is all very just, I think, Sir; and he said much more in the same strain. He quoted many instances of laws passed, as he contended, on similar principles, and then added, that "he introduced these instances to prove the uniform sense of Congress and of the country (for they had not been objected to) as to our powers; and surely," said he, "they furnish better evidence of the true interpretation of the Constitution than the most refined and subtle arguments."

Here you see, Mr. President, how little original I am. You have



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heard me again and again contending in my place here for the stability of that which has been long settled; you have heard me, till I dare say you have been tired, insisting that the sense of Congress, so often expressed, and the sense of the country, so fully shown and so firmly established, ought to be regarded as having decided finally certain constitutional questions. You see now, Sir, what authority I have for this mode of argument. But while the scholar is learning, the teacher renounces. Will he apply his old doctrine now—I sincerely wish he would—to the question of the bank, to the question of the receiving of bank-notes by government, to the power of Congress over the paper currency? Will he admit that these questions ought to be regarded as decided by the settled sense of Congress and of the country? O, no! Far otherwise. From these rules of judgment, and from the influence of all considerations of this practical nature, the honorable member now takes these questions with him into the upper heights of metaphysics, into the regions of those refinements and subtile arguments which he rejected with so much decision in 1817, as appears by this speech. He quits his old ground of common-sense, experience, and the general understanding of the country, for a flight among theories and ethereal abstractions.

And now, Sir, let me ask, when did the honorable member relinquish these early opinions and principles of his? When did he make known his adhesion to the doctrines of the State-rights party? We have been speaking of transactions in 1816 and 1817. What the gentleman's opinions then were, we have seen. When did he announce himself a State-rights man? I have already said, Sir, that nobody knew of his claiming that character until after the commencement of 1825; and I have said so, because I have before me an address of his to his neighbors at Abbeville, in May of that year, in which he recounts, very properly, the principal incidents in his career as a member of Congress, and as head of a department; and in which he says that, as a member of Congress, he had given his zealous efforts in favor of a restoration of specie currency, of a due protection of those manufactures which had taken root during the war, and, finally, of a system for connecting the various parts of the country by a judicious system of internal improvement. He adds, that it afterwards became his duty, as a member of the administration, to aid in sustaining against the boldest assaults those very measures which, as a member of Congress, he had contributed to establish.

And now, Sir, since the honorable gentleman says he has differed with me on constitutional questions, will he be pleased to say what constitutional opinion I have ever avowed for which I have not his express authority? Is it on the bank power? the tariff power? the power of internal improvement? I have shown his votes, his speeches, and his conduct, on all these subjects, up to the time when General Jackson became a candidate for the Presidency. From that time, Sir, I know we have differed; but if there was any difference before that time, I call upon him



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to point it out, to declare what was the occasion, what the question, and what the difference. And if before that period, Sir, by any speech, any vote, any public proceeding, or by any mode of announcement whatever, he gave the world to know that he belonged to the State-rights party, I hope he will now be kind enough to produce it, or to refer to it, or to tell us where we may look for it.

Sir, I will pursue this topic no farther. I would not have pursued it so far, I would not have entered upon it at all, had it not been for the astonishment I felt, mingled, I confess, with something of warmer feeling, when the honorable gentleman declared that he had always differed with me on constitutional questions. Sir, the honorable member read a quotation or two from a speech of mine in 1816, on the currency or bank question. With what intent, or to what end? What inconsistency does he show? Speaking of the **legal** currency of the country, that is, the coin, I then said it was in a good state. Was not that true? I was speaking of the legal currency; of that which the law made a tender. And how is that inconsistent with any thing said by me now, or ever said by me? I declared then, he says, that the framers of this government were hard-money men. Certainly they were. But are not the friends of a convertible paper hard-money men, in every practical and sensible meaning of the term? Did I, in that speech, or any other, insist on excluding all convertible paper from the uses of society? Most assuredly I did not. I never quite so far lost my wits, I think. There is but a single sentence in that speech which I should qualify if I were to deliver it again, and that the honorable member has not noticed. It is a paragraph respecting the power of Congress over the circulation of State banks, which might perhaps need explanation or correction. Understanding it as applicable to the case then before Congress, all the rest is perfectly accordant with my present opinions. It is well known that I never doubted the power of Congress to create a bank; that I was always in favor of a bank, constituted on proper principles; that I voted for the bank bill of 1815; and that I opposed that of 1816 only on account of one or two of its provisions, which I and others hoped to be able to strike out. I am a hard-money man, and always have been, and always shall be. But I know the great use of such bank paper as is convertible into hard money on demand; which may be called specie paper, and which is equivalent to specie in value, and much more convenient and useful for common purposes. On the other hand, I abhor all irredeemable paper; all old-fashioned paper money; all deceptive promises; every thing, indeed, in the shape of paper issued for circulation, whether by government or individuals, which cannot be turned into gold and silver at the will of the holder.

But, Sir, I have insisted that government is bound to protect and regulate the means of commerce, to see that there is a sound currency for the use of the people. The honorable gentleman asks, What then is the limit? Must Congress also furnish all means of commerce? Must it furnish weights and scales and



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steelyards? Most undoubtedly, Sir, it must regulate weights and measures, and it does so. But the answer to the general question is very obvious. Government must furnish all that which none but government can furnish. Government must do that for individuals which individuals cannot do for themselves. That is the very end of government. Why else have we a government? Can individuals make a currency? Can individuals regulate money? The distinction is as broad and plain as the Pennsylvania Avenue. No man can mistake it, or well blunder out of it. The gentleman asks if government must furnish for the people ships, and boats, and wagons. Certainly not. The gentleman here only recites the President's message of September. These things, and all such things, the people can furnish for themselves; but they cannot make a currency; they cannot, individually, decide what shall be the money of the country. That, everybody knows, is one of the prerogatives, and one of the duties, of government; and a duty which I think we are most unwisely and improperly neglecting. We may as well leave the people to make war and to make peace, each man for himself, as to leave to individuals the regulation of commerce and currency.

Mr. President, there are other remarks of the gentleman of which I might take notice. But should I do so, I could only repeat what I have already said, either now or heretofore. I shall, therefore, not now allude to them. My principal purpose in what I have said has been to defend myself; that was my first object; and next, as the honorable member has attempted to take to himself the character of a strict constructionist, and a State-rights man, and on that basis to show a difference, not favorable to me, between his constitutional opinions and my own, heretofore, it has been my intention to show that the power to create a bank, the power to regulate the currency by other and direct means, the power to enact a protective tariff, and the power of internal improvement, in its broadest sense, are all powers which the honorable gentleman himself has supported, has acted on, and in the exercise of which, indeed, he has taken a distinguished lead in the counsels of Congress.

If this has been done, my purpose is answered. I do not wish to prolong the discussion, nor to spin it out into a colloquy. If the honorable member has any thing new to bring forward; if he has any charge to make, any proof, or any specification; if he has any thing to advance against my opinions or my conduct, my honor or patriotism, I am still at home. I am here. If not, then, so far as I am concerned, this discussion will here terminate. I will say a few words, before I resume my seat, on the motion now pending. That motion is to strike out the specie-paying part of the bill. I have a suspicion, Sir, that the motion will prevail. If it should, it will leave a great vacuum; and how shall that vacuum be filled?

The part proposed to be struck out is that which requires all debts to government to be paid in specie. It makes a good provision for government, and for public men, through all classes. The Secretary of the Treasury, in his letter at the



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last session, was still more watchful of the interests of the holders of office. He assured us, that, bad as the times were, and notwithstanding the floods of bad paper which deluged the country, members of Congress should get gold and silver. In my opinion, Sir, this is beginning the use of good money in payments at the wrong end of the list. If there be bad money in the country, I think that Secretaries and other executive officers, and especially members of Congress, should be the last to receive any good money; because they have the power, if they will do their duty, and exercise it, of making the money of the country good for all. I think, Sir, it was a leading feature in Mr. Burke's famous bill for economical reform, that he provided, first of all, for those who are least able to secure themselves. Everybody else was to be well paid all they were entitled to, before the ministers of the crown, and other political characters, should have any thing. This seems to me very right. But we have a precedent, Sir, in our own country, more directly to the purpose; and as that which we now hope to strike out is the part of the bill furnished or proposed originally by the honorable member from South Carolina, it will naturally devolve on him to supply its place. I wish, therefore, to draw his particular attention to this precedent, which I am now about to produce.

Most members of the Senate will remember, that before the establishment of this government, and before or about the time that the territory which now constitutes the State of Tennessee was ceded to Congress, the inhabitants of the eastern part of that territory established a government for themselves, and called it the State of Franklin. They adopted a very good constitution, providing for the usual branches of legislative, executive, and judicial power. They laid and collected taxes, and performed other usual acts of legislation. They had, for the present, it is true, no maritime possessions, yet they followed the common forms in constituting high officers; and their governor was not only captain-general and commander-in-chief, but admiral also, so that the navy might have a commander when there should be a navy.

Well, Sir, the currency in this State of Franklin became very much deranged. Specie was scarce, and equally scarce were the notes of specie-paying banks. But the legislature did not propose any divorce of government and people; they did not seek to establish two currencies, one for men in office, and one for the rest of the community. They were content with neighbor's fare. It became necessary to pass what we should call now-a-days the civil-list appropriation bill. They passed such a bill; and when we shall have made a void in the bill now before us by striking out specie payments for government, I recommend to its friends to fill the gap, by inserting, if not the same provisions as were in the law of the State of Franklin, at least something in the same spirit.

The preamble of that law, Sir, begins by reciting, that the collection of taxes in specie had become very oppressive to the



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good people of the commonwealth, for the want of a circulating medium. A parallel case to ours, Sir, exactly. It recites further, that it is the duty of the legislature to hear, at all times, the prayer of their constituents, and apply as speedy a remedy as lies in their power. These sentiments are very just, and I sincerely wish there was a thorough disposition here to adopt the like.

Acting under the influence of these sound opinions, Sir, the legislature of Franklin passed a law for the support of the civil list, which, as it is short, I will beg permission to read. It is as follows:—

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Franklin, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That, from the first day of January, A.D. 1789, the salaries of the civil officers of this commonwealth be as follows, to wit:

"His excellency, the governor, *per annum*, one thousand deer-skins; his honor, the chief justice, five hundred do. do.; the attorney-general, five hundred do. do.; secretary to his excellency the governor, five hundred raccoon do.; the treasurer of the State, four hundred and fifty otter do.; each county clerk, three hundred beaver do.; clerk of the house of commons, two hundred raccoon do.; members of assembly, *per diem*, three do. do.; justice's fee for signing a warrant, one muskrat do.; to the constable, for serving a warrant, one mink do.

"Enacted into a law this 18th day of October, 1788, under the great seal of the State.

"Witness his excellency, &c.

"Governor, captain-general, commander-in-chief, and admiral in and over said State."

This, Sir, is the law, the spirit of which I commend to gentlemen. I will not speak of the appropriateness of these several allowances for the civil list. But the example is good, and I am of opinion that, until Congress shall perform its duty, by seeing that the country enjoys a good currency, the same medium which the people are obliged to use, whether it be skins or rags, is good enough for its own members.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 3M / I think I have omitted Nine Meetings in succession, it is the greatest absence that has occurred in my life on account of sickness, & I believe that has occurred at all

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Today I attended, tho' it did not seem as if I was quite well enough, yet I got thro' the Meeting much more comfortably than I expected & do not find that I am the worse for it in the evening — I believe I am sensible of the favour, & desire to be thankful



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for it. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

March 25, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 3rd M 1838 / Attend Meeting this Morning & set quite comfortably - but I was too unwell to go in the Afternoon & have been quite unwell this evening. – Gilbert Congdon from [Providence](#) called last evening & spent the night with us - he left us this Morning by the Steam Boat for home - We were glad to have his company & indeed our [Providence](#) friends in general are acceptable to us.

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March 28, Wednesday: The black community of Wilberforce in Canada was having problems with a confidence man named Israel Lewis who was apparently making the rounds soliciting contributions for their survival, and then simply pocketing most if not all of these gifts:

ISRAEL LEWIS.

MUMPERY

Wilberforce, U.C., March 28th, 1836.

The board of managers of the Wilberforce settlement, met and passed unanimously the following resolutions – Present, [Austin Steward](#), Philip Harris, Peter Butler, William Bell, John Whitehead, Samuel Peters.

Resolved, 1st. That we deeply regret the manner in which our friends in the States have been imposed upon by Israel Lewis; and that we hereby inform them, as a board of managers or otherwise, that we have received less than one hundred dollars of all the money borrowed and collected in the States.

Resolved, 2d. That although we have not received one hundred dollars from said Lewis, yet, when we shall have received the funds collected by our agent, the Rev. Nathan Paul, in England, we will refund as far as our abilities will allow and our friends may require, the money contributed for our supposed benefit, by them in the States.

Resolved, 3d. That we tender our sincere thanks to our beloved friends, Arthur Tappan and others, who have taken such deep interest in the welfare of our little colony.

Resolved, 4th. That the foregoing resolutions be signed by the whole board, and sent to the States to be published in the New York Observer and other papers.

AUSTIN STEWARD, *President*,

PETER BUTLER, *Treasurer*,

JOHN HALMES, *Secretary*.

PHILIP HARRIS, }

WILLIAM BELL, }

JOHN WHITEHEAD, } *Managers*.

SAMUEL PETERS, }



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Just prior to the election that had taken place in [Rhode Island](#), Oliver Johnson, the Corresponding Secretary of the Rhode Island Anti-Slavery Society, had written to each of the candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor expressing the views of the abolitionists by posing a series of questions. Mr. Sprague, who was elected governor, had responded from Warwick in the following vein (the answer received from Mr. Childs, who was elected lieutenant-governor, was in a similar vein):

DEAR SIR,—

Your favor of the 19th inst. requesting of me, in conformity to a resolution of the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Anti-Slavery Society, an expression of my opinions on certain topics, was duly received. I have no motive whatever for withholding my opinions on any subject which is interesting to any portion of my fellow-citizens. I will, therefore, cheerfully proceed to reply to the interrogatories proposed, and in the order in which they are submitted.

1. Among the powers vested by the Constitution in Congress, is the power to exercise exclusive legislation, 'in all cases whatsoever,' over the District of Columbia? 'All cases' must, of course, include the case of slavery and the slave-trade. I am, therefore, clearly of opinion, that the Constitution does confer upon Congress the power to abolish slavery and the slave-trade in that District; and, as they are great moral and political evils, the principles of justice and humanity demand the exercise of that power.

2. The traffic in slaves, whether foreign or domestic, is equally obnoxious to every principle of justice and humanity; and, as Congress has exercised its powers to suppress the slave-trade between this country and foreign nations, it ought, as a matter of consistency and justice, to exercise the same powers to suppress the slave-trade between the states of this Union. The slave-trade within the states is, undoubtedly, beyond the control of Congress; as the 'sovereignty of each state, to legislate exclusively on the subject of slavery, which is tolerated within its limits,' is, I believe, universally conceded. The Constitution unquestionably recognises the sovereign power of each state to legislate on the subject within its limits; but it imposes on us no obligation to add to the evils of the system by countenancing the traffic between the states. That which our laws have solemnly pronounced to be piracy in our foreign intercourse, no sophistry can make honorable or justifiable in a domestic form. For a proof of the feelings which this traffic naturally inspires, we need but refer to the universal execration in which the slave-dealer is held in those portions of the country where the institution of slavery is guarded with the most jealous vigilance.

3. Congress has no power to abridge the right of petition. The right of the people of the non-slaveholding states to petition Congress for the abolition of slavery and the slave-trade in the District of Columbia, and the traffic of human beings among the states, is as undoubted as any right guaranteed by the Constitution; and I regard the Resolution which was adopted by



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the House of Representatives on the 21st of December last as a virtual denial of that right, inasmuch as it disposed of all such petitions, as might be presented thereafter, in advance of presentation and reception. If it was right thus to dispose of petitions on one subject, it would be equally right to dispose of them in the same manner on *all* subjects, and thus cut of all communication, by petition between the people and their representatives. Nothing can be more clearly a violation of the spirit of the Constitution, as it rendered utterly nugatory a right which was considered of such vast importance as to be specially guarantied in that sacred instrument. A similar Resolution passed the House of Representatives at the first session of the last Congress, and as I then entertained the same views which I have now expressed, I recorded my vote against it.

4. I fully concur in the sentiment, that 'every principle of justice and humanity requires, that every human being, when personal freedom is at stake, should have the benefit of a jury trial;' and I have no hesitation in saying, that the laws of this state ought to secure that benefit, so far as they can, to persons claimed as fugitives from 'service or labor,' without interfering with the laws of the United States. The course pursued in relation to this subject by the Legislature of Massachusetts meets my approbation.

5. I am opposed to all attempts to abridge or restrain the freedom of speech and the press, or to forbid any portion of the people peaceably to assemble to discuss any subject – moral, political, or religious.

6. I am opposed to the annexation of Texas to the United States.

7. It is undoubtedly inconsistent with the principles of a free state, professing to be governed in its legislation by the principles of freedom, to sanction slavery, in any form, within its jurisdiction. If we have laws in this state which bear this construction, they ought to be repealed. We should extend to our southern brethren, whenever they may have occasion to come among us, all the privileges and immunities enjoyed by our own citizens, and all the rights and privileges guarantied to them by the Constitution of the United States; but they cannot expect of us to depart from the fundamental principles of civil liberty for the purpose of obviating any temporal inconvenience which they may experience.

These are my views upon the topics proposed for my consideration. They are the views which I have always entertained, (at least ever since I have been awakened to their vast importance,) and which I have always supported, so far as I could, by my vote in Congress; and if, in any respect, my answers have not been sufficiently explicit, it will afford me pleasure to reply to any other questions which you may think proper to propose.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your friend and fellow citizen,



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WILLIAM SPRAGUE."

APPENDIX F.

The following is believed to be a correct exhibit of the legislative resolutions against the annexation of Texas – of the times at which they were passed, and of the votes by which they were passed:–

1. VERMONT.

"1. *Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence in that body to prevent the annexation of Texas to the Union.*

2. *Resolved, That representing, as we do, the people of Vermont, we do hereby, in their name, SOLEMNLY PROTEST against such annexation in any form."*

[Passed unanimously, Nov. 1, 1837.]

2. RHODE ISLAND.

(In General Assembly, October Session, A. D. 1837.)

"Whereas the compact of the Union between these states was entered into by the people thereof in their respective states, 'in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to themselves and their posterity;' and, therefore, a Representative Government was instituted by them, with certain limited powers, clearly specified and defined in the Constitution – all other powers, not therein expressly relinquished, being 'reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.'

And whereas this limited government possesses no power to extend its jurisdiction over any foreign nation, and no foreign nation, country, or people, can be admitted into this Union but by the sovereign will and act of the free people of all and each of these United States, nor without the formation of a new compact of Union – and another frame of government radically different, in objects, principles, and powers, from that which was framed for our own self-government, and deemed to be adequate to all the exigencies of our own free republic:–

Therefore, Resolved, That we have witnessed, with deep concern, the indications of a disposition to bring into this Union, as a constituent member thereof, the foreign province or territory of Texas.

Resolved, That, although we are fully aware of the consequences which must follow the accomplishment of such a project, could it be accomplished – aware that it would lead speedily to the conquest and annexation of Mexico itself, and its fourteen remaining provinces or intendencias – which, together with the revolted province of Texas, would furnish foreign territories



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and foreign people for at least twenty members of the new Union; that the government of a nation so extended and so constructed would soon become radically [changed] in character, if not in form – would unavoidably become a military government; and, under the plea of necessity, would free itself from the restraints of the Constitution and from its accountability to the people. That the ties of kindred, common origin and common interests, which have so long bound this people together, and would still continue to bind them: these ties, which ought to be held sacred by all true Americans, would be angrily dissolved, and sectional political combinations would be formed with the newly admitted foreign states, unnatural and adverse to the peace and prosperity of the country. The civil government, with all the arbitrary powers it might assume, would be unable to control the storm. The usurper would find himself in his proper element; and, after acting the patriot and the hero for a due season, as the only means of rescuing the country from the ruin which he had chiefly contributed to bring upon it, would reluctantly and modestly allow himself to be declared 'Protector of the Commonwealth.'

We are now fully aware of the deep degradation into which the republic would sink itself in the eyes of the whole world, should it annex to its own vast territories other and foreign territories of immense though unknown extent, for the purpose of encouraging the propagation of slavery, and giving aid to the raising of slaves within its own bosom, the very bosom of freedom, to be esported and sold in those unhallowed regions. Although we are fully aware of these fearful evils, and numberless others which would come in their train, yet we do not here dwell upon them; because we are here firmly convinced that the free people of most, and we trust of all these states, will never suffer the admission of the foreign territory of Texas into this Union as a constituent member thereof – will never suffer the integrity of this Republic to be violated, either by the introduction and addition to it of foreign nations or territories, one or many, or by dismemberment of it by the transfer of any one or more of its members to a foreign nation. The people will be aware, that should one foreign state or country be introduced, another and another may be, without end, whether situated in South America, in the West India islands, or in any other part of the world; and that a single foreign state, thus admitted, might have in its power, by holding the balance between contending parties, to wrest their own government from the hands and control of the people, by whom it was established for their own benefit and self-government. We are firmly convinced, that the free people of these states will look upon any attempt to introduce the foreign territory of Texas, or any other foreign territory or nation into this Union, as a constituent member or members thereof, as manifesting a willingness to prostrate the Constitution and dissolve the Union.

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to



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forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to each of the Executives of the several states, with a request that the same may be laid before the respective Legislatures of said states."

[The Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted, Nov. 3, 1837.]

3. OHIO.

"Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That in the name, and on behalf of the people of the State of Ohio, we do hereby SOLEMNLY PROTEST against the annexation of Texas to the Union of these United States.

And be it further resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Governors of each of the States, a copy of the foregoing resolution, with a statement of the votes by which it was passed in each branch of the Legislature."

[Passed by 64 out of 72, the whole number in the House of Representatives – unanomously in the Senate. Feb. 24, 1838.]

4. MASSACHUSETTS.

"Resolves against the annexation of Texas to the United States. Whereas a proposition to admit into the United States as a constituent member thereof, the foreign nation of Texas, has been recommended by the legislative resolutions of several States, and brought before Congress for its approval and sanction; and whereas such a measure would involve great wrong to Mexico, and otherwise be of evil precedent, injurious to the interests and dishonorable to the character of this country; and whereas its avowed objects are doubly fraught with peril to the prosperity and permanence of this Union, as tending to disturb and destroy the conditions of those compromises and concessions, entered into at the formation of the Constitution, by which the relative weights of different sections and interests were adjusted, and to strengthen and extend the evils of a system which is unjust in itself, in striking contrast with the theory of our institutions, and condemned by the moral sentiment of mankind; and whereas the people of these United States have not granted to any or all of the departments of their Government, but have retained in themselves, the only power adequate to the admission of a foreign nation into this confederacy; therefore, Resolved, That we, the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, do in the name of the people of Massachusetts, earnestly and solemnly protest against the incorporation of Texas into this Union, and declare, that no act done or compact made, for such purpose by the government of the United States, will be binding on the States or the People.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions and the accompanying report to the Executive of the United States, and the Executive of each State and also to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with a request that they present the resolves to both



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Houses of Congress."

[Passed MARCH 16, 1838, UNANIMOUSLY, in both Houses.]

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5. MICHIGAN.

Whereas, propositions have been made for the annexation of Texas to the United States, with a view to its ultimate incorporation into the Union:

"And whereas, the extension of this General Government over so large a country on the south-west, between which and that of the original states, there is little affinity, and less identity of interest, would tend, in the opinion of this Legislature, greatly to disturb the safe and harmonious operations of the Government of the United States, and put in imminent danger the continuance of this happy Union: Therefore,

Be it resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That in behalf, and in the name of the State of Michigan, this Legislature doth hereby dissent from, and solemnly protest against the annexation, for any purpose, to this Union, of Texas, or of any other territory or district of country, heretofore constituting a part of the dominions of Spain in America, lying west or south-west of Louisiana.

And be it further Resolved, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governor of this State be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolve, under the great seal of this state, to the President of the United States; also, that he transmit one copy thereof, authenticated in manner aforesaid, to the President of the Senate of the United States, with the respectful request of this Legislature, that the same may be laid before the Senate; also, that he transmit one copy thereof to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, authenticated in like manner, with the respectful request of this Legislature, that the same may be laid before the House of Representatives; and also, that he transmit to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, one copy thereof, together with the Report adopted by this Legislature, and which accompanies said preamble and resolves."

[Passed nearly if not quite unanimously, April 2, 1838].

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6. CONNECTICUT.

"Resolved, That we, the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, do, in the name of the people of this State, solemnly *protest* against the annexation of Texas to this Union."

[Passed, it is believed, unanimously in both houses.]

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(Those which follow were passed by but one branch of the respective Legislatures in which they were introduced.)

7. PENNSYLVANIA.

Resolutions relative to the admission of Texas into the Union.

"Whereas the annexation of Texas to the United States has been advocated and strongly urged by many of our fellow-citizens, particularly in the southern part of our country, and the president of Texas has received authority to open a correspondence with, and appoint, a commissioner to our government to accomplish the object; – And whereas such a measure would bring to us a dangerous extension of territory, with a population generally not desirable, and would probably involve us in war; – And whereas the subject is now pressed upon and agitated in Congress; therefore,
Resolved, &c, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence and vote against the annexation of Texas to the territory of the united States.

Resolved, That the Governor transmit to each of our Senators and Representatives a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions."

[Passed the Senate March 9, 1835, by 22 to 6. Postponed indefinitely in the House of Representatives, April 13, by 41 to 39.]

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8. MAINE.

"*Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Maine, on behalf of the people of said state, do earnestly and solemnly protest against the annexation of the Republic of Texas to these United States; and that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they hereby are, requested to exert their utmost influence to prevent the adoption of a measure at once so clearly unconstitutional, and so directly calculated to disturb our foreign relations, to destroy our domestic peace, and to dismember our blessed Union."*

[Passed in the House of Representatives, March 22, 1838, by 85 to 30. Senate (same day) refused to concur by 11 to 10.]

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9. NEW-YORK.

"*Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That the admission of the Republic of Texas into this Union would be entirely repugnant to the will of the people of this state, and would endanger the union of these United States.*

Resolved, (if the Senate concur,) That this Legislature do, in the name of the people of the State of New York, solemnly protest against the admission of the Republic of Texas into this Union.



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Resolved, (if the Senate concur.) That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and also to the governors of each of the United States, with a request that the same be laid before their respective Legislatures."

[These resolutions passed the House of Representatives in April, by a large majority – the newspapers say, 83 to 13. They were indefinitely postponed in the Senate, by a vote of 21 to 9.]

APPENDIX G.

The number of petitioners for abolition in the District of Columbia, and on other subjects allied to it, have been ascertained (in the House of Representatives) to be as follows:—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
For abolition in the District,	51,366	78,882	130,248
Against the annexation of Texas,	104,973	77,419	182,392
Rescinding the gag resolution,	21,015	10,821	31,836
Against admitting any new slave state,	11,770	10,391	22,161
For abolition of the slave-trade between the states,	11,864	11,541	23,405
For abolition of slavery in the territories,	9,129	12,083	21,212
At the extra session for rescinding the gag resolution of Jan. 21, 1837,	3,377		3,377
Total,	213,494	201,137	414,631

The number in the Senate, where some difficulty was interposed that prevented its being taken, is estimated to have been about two-thirds as great as that in the House.

APPENDIX H.

[On the 1st of December, one of the secretaries of the American Anti-Slavery Society addressed a note to each of the Governors of the slave states, in which he informed them, in courteous and respectful terms, that he had directed the Publishing Agent of this society, thereafter regularly to transmit to them, free of charge, the periodical publications issued from the office of the society. To this offer the following replies were received:—]

GOVERNOR CAMPBELL'S LETTER.

JAMES G. BIRNEY, Esq., New York
"RICHMOND, Dec. 4, 1837.

SIR, — I received, by yesterday's mail, your letter of the 1st instant, in which you state that you had directed the publishing



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agent of the American Anti-Slavery Society, hereafter, regularly to transmit, free of charge, by mail, to all the governors of the slave states, the periodical publications issued from that office.

Regarding your society as highly mischievous, I decline receiving any communications from it, and must request that no publications from your office be transmitted to me.

I am, &c,
DAVID CAMPBELL."

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GOVERNOR BAGBY'S LETTER.

"TUSCALOOSA, *Jan. 6, 1838*

SIR, — I received, by due course of mail, your favor of the 1st of December, informing me that you had directed the publishing agent of the American Anti-Slavery Society to forward to the governors of the slaveholding states the periodicals issued from that office. Taking it for granted, that the only object which the society or yourself could have in view, in adopting this course, is, the dissemination of the opinions and principles of the society — having made up my own opinion, unalterably, in relation to the whole question of slavery, as it exists in a portion of the United States, and feeling confident that, in the correctness of this opinion, I am sustained by the entire free white population of Alabama, as well as the great body of the people of this Union, I must, with the greatest respect for yourself, personally but not for the opinions or principles advocated by the society — positively decline receiving said publications, or any others of a similar character, either personally or officially. Indeed, it is presuming a little too much, to expect that the chief magistrate of a free people, elected by themselves, would hold correspondence or give currency to the publications of an organized society, openly engaged in a scheme fraught with more mischievous consequences to their interest and repose, than any that the wit or folly of mankind has heretofore devised.

I am, very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

A.P. BAGBY"

JAMES G. BIRNEY, *Esq., New York.*

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GOVERNOR CANNON'S LETTER.

[This letter required so many alterations to bring it up to the ordinary standard of epistolary, grammatical, and orthographical accuracy, that it is thought best to give it in word and letter, precisely as it was received at the office.]

"EXECUTIVE DEPT.—

NASHVILLE. *Dec. 12th, 1837.*

Sir



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I have rec'd yours of the 1st Inst notifying me, that you had directed, your periodical publications, on the subject of Slavery to be sent to me free of charge &c – and you are correct, if sincere, in your views, in supposing that we widely differ, on this subject, we do indeed widely differ, on it, if the publications said to have emanated from you, are honest and sincere, which, I admit, is possible.

My opinions are fix'd and settled, and I seldom Look into or examine, the, different vague notions of others who write and theorise on that subject. Hence I trust you will not expect me to examine, what you have printed on this subject, or cause to have printed. If you or any other man are influenced by feelings of humanity, and are laboring to relieve the sufferings, of the human race, you may find objects enough immediately around you, where you are, in any nonslaveholding State, to engage your, attention, and all your exertions, in that good cause.

But if your aim is to make a flourish on the subject, before the world, and to gain yourself some notoriety, or distinction, without, doing good to any, and evil to many, of the human race, you are, pursuing the course calculated to effect. Such an object, in which no honest man need envy. Your honours, thus gaind, I know there are many such in our country, but would fain hope, you are not one of them. If you have Lived, as you state forty years in a Slave holding State, you know that, that class of its population, are not the most, miserable, degraded, or unhappy, either in their feelings or habits, You know they are generally governd, and provided for by men of information and understanding sufficient to guard them against the most odious vices and habits of the country, from which, you know the slaves are in a far greater degree exempt than are other portions of the population. That the slaves are the most happy, moral and contented generally, and free from suffering of any kind, having, each full confidence, in his masters, skill means and disposition to provide well for him, knowing also at the same time that *it is his interest to do it*. Hence in this State of Society more than any other, Superior intelligence has the ascendancy, in governing and provideing, for the wants of those inferior, also in giveing direction to their Labour, and industry, as should be the case, superior intelligence Should govern, when united with Virtue, and interest, that great predominating principle in all human affairs. It is my rule of Life, when I see any man labouring to produce effects, at a distance from him, while neglecting the objects immediately around him, (in doing good) to suspect his sincerity, to suspect him for some selfish, or sinister motive, all is not gold that glitters, and every man is not what he, endeavours to appear to be, is too well known. It is the duty of masters to take care of there slaves and provide for them, and this duty I believe is as generally and as fully complyd with as any other duty enjoind on the human family, for next to their children their own offspring, their slaves stand next foremost in their care and attention, there are indeed very few instances of a contrary



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character.

You can find around you, I doubt not a large number of persons intemix'd, in your society, who are entirely destitute of that care, and attention, towards them that is enjoyed by our slaves, and who are destitute of that deep feeling of interest, in guarding their morals and habits, and directing them through Life in all things, which is here enjoyed by our slaves, to those let your efforts be directed immediately around you and do not trouble with your vague speculations those who are contented and happy, at a distance from you.

Very respectfully yours,

N. CANNON."

Mr. JAS. G. BIRNEY, Cor. Sec. &c.

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[The letter of the Secretary to the governor of South Carolina was not *answered*, but was so inverted and folded as to present the *subscribed* name of the secretary, as the *superscription* of the same letter to be returned. The addition of *New York* to the address brought it back to this office.

Whilst governor Butler was thus refusing the information that was proffered to him in the most respectful terms from this office, he was engaged in another affair, having connection with the anti-slavery movement, as indiscreet, as it was unbecoming the dignity of the office he holds. The following account of it is from one of the Boston papers:—]

"*Hoaxing a Governor.*— The National Aegis says, that Hollis Parker, who was sentenced to the state prison at the late term of the criminal court for Worcester county, for endeavoring to extort money from governor Everett, had opened an extensive correspondence, previous to his arrest, with similar intent, with other distinguished men of the country. Besides several individuals in New York, governor Butler, of South Carolina, was honored with his notice. A letter from that gentleman, directed to Parker, was lately received at the post office in a town near Worcester, enclosing a check for fifty dollars. So far as the character of Parker's letter can be inferred from the reply of governor Butler, it would appear, that Parker informed the governor, that the design was entertained by some of our citizens, of transmitting to South Carolina a quantity of 'incendiary publications,' and that with the aid of a little money, he (Parker) would be able to unravel the plot, and furnish full information concerning it to his excellency. The bait took, and the money was forwarded, with earnest appeals to Parker to be vigilant and active in thoroughly investigating the supposed conspiracy against the peace and happiness of the South.

The Aegis has the following very just remarks touching this case:— 'Governor Butler belongs to a state loud in its professions of regard for state rights and state sovereignty. We, also, are sincere advocates of that good old republican doctrine. It strikes us, that it would have comported better



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with the spirit of that doctrine, the dignity, of his own station and character, the respect and courtesy due to a sovereign and independent state, if governor Butler had made the proper representation, if the subject was deserving of such notice, to the acknowledged head and constituted authorities of that state, instead of holding official correspondence with a citizen of a foreign jurisdiction, and employing a secret agent and informer, whose very offer of such service was proof of the base and irresponsible character of him who made it.'"

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GOVERNOR CONWAY'S LETTER.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, *March 1, 1838.*

Sir — A newspaper, headed '*The Emancipator*,' in which you are announced the 'publishing agent,' has, for some weeks past, arrived at the post office in this city, to my address. Not having subscribed, or authorized any individual to give my name as a subscriber, for that or any such paper, it is entirely *gratuitous* on the part of its publishers to send me a copy; and not having a favorable opinion of the *intentions* of the *authors and founders* of the '*American Anti-Slavery Society*;' I have to request a discontinuance of '*The Emancipator*.'

Your ob't servant, "J.S. CONWAY."

R. G. WILLIAMS, Esq., New York.

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[NOTE.— The following extract of a letter, from the late Chief Justice Jay to the late venerable Elias Boudinot, dated Nov. 17, 1819, might well have formed part of Appendix E. Its existence, however, was not known till it was too late to insert it in its most appropriate place. It shows the view taken of some of the *constitutional* questions by a distinguished jurist, — one of the purest patriots too, by whom our early history was illustrated.]

"Little can be added to what has been said and written on the subject of slavery. I concur in the opinion, that it ought not to be *introduced, nor permitted* in any of the *new states*; and that it ought to be gradually diminished, and finally, abolished, in all of them.

To me, the *constitutional authority* of the Congress to prohibit the *migration and importation* of slaves into any of the states, does not appear questionable.

The first article of the Constitution specifics the legislative powers committed to Congress. The ninth section of that article has these words:— '*The migration or importation* of such persons as any of the *now existing* states shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the year 1808 — but a tax or duty may be imposed on such importation not exceeding *ten dollars* for each person.'

I understand the sense and meaning of this clause to be, That the power of the Congress, although *competent to prohibit such*



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migration and importation, was not to be exercised with respect to the THEN existing states, and them only, until the year 1808; but that Congress were at liberty to make such prohibition as to any new state which might in the meantime be established. And further, that from and after that period, they were authorized to make such prohibition as to all the states, whether new or old.

Slaves were the persons intended. The word slaves was avoided, on account of the existing toleration of slavery, and its discordancy with the principles of the Revolution; and from a consciousness of its being repugnant to those propositions to the Declaration of Independence:- 'We hold these truths to be self-evident - that all men are created equal - that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights - and that, among these, are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.'

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 3 M 1838 / I am still poorly as to bodily health there are Mitigations of the disorder under which I have suffered & no extremity as some weeks ago, yet I am not clear from it, & find myself unable to be much about - I am favoured with quietness of mind - I have some outward concerns which might be closer settled, but nothing that would give much trouble were they settled by others

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March 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 3 M / Today was Moy [Monthly] Meeting - Mary Shove & Hannah Dennis preached - the buisness or some of it which was before us was exercising & trying - I hope however things will work together for good & come right, but whether they will without greater proving I do not foresee - It is a discouraging time

Mary Shove brought a Minute from Swansey Moy [Monthly] Meeting to attend ours, & visit family - she is to commence tomorrow in the Service. -

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March 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30 of 3rd M 1838 / Mary Shove accompanied by Anna Shove of her own Meeting & David Buffum of ours commenced visiting families this Morning & begun with us - She recommended to us Watchfulness, Watchfulness unto prayer, which accorded with our view & concern so that I thought I felt unity with her exercise -But while setting in silence my mind was introduced into the



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necessity of digging to know our foundation sure & searching so as to come to a conclusion & right understanding in the Truth - This seemed to me peculiarly necessary for Mary, being a young Minister & rather new in experience in visiting families - & before the sitting closed I did not feel easy to omit mentioning my concern to her, & to encourage her to search close that she might be favoured with a right understanding, in passing about in the different families she might sit down with - I believe it is the duty of Elders to be faithful & help & encourage Ministers where that is due, & to discourage where it is necessary - & for this judgement they are as accountable as Ministers are for the right exercise of their gift

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April 1, Sunday: [Waldo Emerson](#) discoursed on theism to some half dozen of Harvard's Divinity School students. They invited him to address them again, in the [Harvard Divinity School](#) chapel, upon their graduation:

Cool or cold windy clear day. The Divinity School youths wished to talk with me concerning theism. I went rather heavyhearted for I always find that my views chill or shock people at the first opening. But the conversation went well & I came away cheered. I told them that the preacher should be a poet smit with love of the harmonies of moral nature.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 4th M 1838 / Attended both meetings, but sat rather uncomfortable in the Afternoon, but was not obliged to leave my seat - Father Rodman had short offerings in both Meetings.-

Yesterday we had an intersting call from our fr H Dannis -it was interesting to me in that it afforded an opportunity for me to discharge my duty in great plainness, as to what I apprehended to be her State & the State of society, & particualry of our Monthly Meeting. & of an existing case before it, which is a very trying one - I endeavoured to be plain & honest, & feel satisfaction in my labours. -

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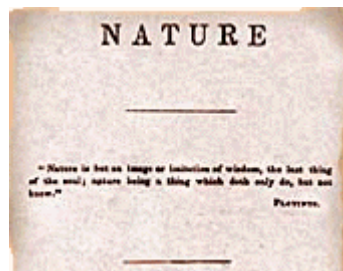


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April 4: [Jones Very](#) delivered a lecture, his “Epic Poetry” lecture from Salem Lyceum repeated at the Concord Lyceum, after, as was the custom, taking dinner with the Emersons. (In the first week of May, this piece would appear in the [Christian Examiner](#).) He had brought his marked-up copy of [NATURE](#) with him to Concord, and [Waldo Emerson](#) inscribed it in a penciled scribble with “Har[mony] Of Man With Nature Must Be Reconciled With God,” a restriction on the allowable scope of mystical self-interrogation in regard to which he was expecting that he and Very, as a result of their deliberations together on that day, had come to be able to agree.



Also present at the meal were [Henry Thoreau](#), Professor Cornelius Conway Felton, Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, and the Reverend Barzillai Frost.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4 of 4th M / According to new Stile it is now just 200 years since the Settlement of this Island & just that time since the Deed from the Natives was signed to the first purchasers - A Sermon is now delivering in the 2nd [Baptist](#) Meeting House by Author A Ross the Minister of the 1st British Society in commemoration of the event & while I do not approve of the Manner, I can but feel an interest in having some of the events of the last Centiury embodied. it has been an Hundred Years Big with great events in Church & in State. - Many good folkd have lived & died - Many who have been dear to me in life are now in Death, & their remembrance is sweet & may we who remain prepare to meet them - I have lived more than half of the last Century & probaly not much more of the coming half will be occupied by me.-

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April 5, Thursday: In the morning, [Waldo Emerson](#) wrote to Miss [Elizabeth Palmer Peabody](#) to thank her for forwarding “such wise men as Mr. Very.” Edwin Gittleman’s take on this is “To hear a Harvard divinity student sounding so unlike a student of [Harvard Divinity](#) was reassuring.”

JONES VERY

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5th of 4th M 1838 / Attended meeting, which tho’ small was a pleasant comfortable season
Father had a little offering to make*

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April 12, Thursday: [Henry Thoreau](#) was written to by Josiah Quincy, Sr., President of [Harvard College](#), in Cambridge. Thoreau was applying for a teaching position in Alexandria, Virginia which he would not get.



Sir.

The school is at Alexandria the students are said to be young men well advanced in y^e knowledge of y^e Latin & Greek Classics — the requisitions are qualification & a person, who has had experience in schoolkeeping—

Salary \$600 a year besides washing & Board duties to be entered on y^e 5th or 7th. of May.

If you choose to apply I will write as soon as I am informed of it — State to me your experience in schoolkeeping

Ys

*Josiah Quincy
Cambridge*

12. April 1838.



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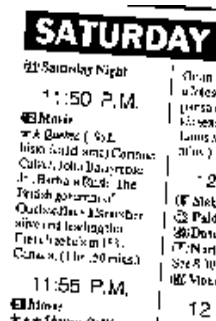
With a significant percentage of Canada's leadership in prison and with prison ships rotting on mud flats visible from American soil, the British began to [hang](#) rebel leaders and bury their bodies in unmarked graves. The total would be 10 executions and 58 transportations before they succeeded in stabilizing the situation.



After they succeeded in stabilizing the situation by this small number of dramatic executions and transportations of key figures, of course, the mass exile of ordinary suspect citizens began.



Escapees From Canada



TV "Quebec"



Hung Up in a Port

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 4 M / Ruth Davis & Abigail Davis with Zeno Kelley & wife on their way to Philada. Yearly Meeting were at our Meeting today, both had good & acceptable testimonies - A friend was also at Meeting from Indiana by the name of Aaron White, he is brother to Daniel Tisdales wife & a very good looking man - he & the young man with him called this Afternoon & made a pleasant visit to us - he gave me much interesting information of friends in Indiana. - Thomas B Gould went in the Steam Boat this Afternoon for Philada.



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to attend the Yearly Meeting there. –

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April 13, Friday: Miss Prudence Ward wrote more to her sister, Mrs. Edmund Quincy Sewall, Sr. of Scituate:



...To-day, April 13, Henry has had a letter from President Quincy, of Harvard, speaking of a school in Alexandria, Virginia, to be opened the 5th of May. He is willing to take it, and if accepted, this may alter or delay their journey....

What is missing here is an awareness that a guy who has just gotten fired as a schoolteacher and has standards of personal honesty is not going to get hired to a schoolteaching job that requires him to recount his previous schoolteaching experience.

HENRY THOREAU

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 4 M / Aaron White & Francis Fletcher a young man with Aarons daughter & a daughter of Daniel Tisdale spent the forenoon with us their company was interesting & we were glad of further acquaintance with them

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April 15, Easter Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 4th M 1838 / Our Morning Meeting was a good solid one – Father's offering was to me (& I apprehend the Meeting generally) a seasonable & satisfactory one. – In the Afternoon we were solid & silent. – My own health tho' much better, still continues poor – I seldom pass a day without pain & difficulty – yet it looks as if my disorder was gradually diminishing

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CONVERSATION

April 15. [Thomas Fuller](#) relates that "in Merionethshire, in Wales, there are high mountains, whose hanging tops come so close together that shepherds on the tops of several hills may audibly talk together, yet will it be a day's journey for their bodies to meet, so vast is the hollowness of the valleys betwixt them." As much may be said in a moral sense of our intercourse in the plains, for, though we may audibly converse together, yet is there so vast a gulf of hollowness between that we are actually many days' journey from a veritable communication.

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had been chapmen for all three at the first.

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IN Merionethshire* in Wales there be many mountains whose hanging tops come so close together that shepherds sitting on several mountains may audibly discourse one with another. And yet they must go many miles before their bodies can meet together, by the reason of the vast hollow valleys which are betwixt them. Our sovereign and the members of his Parliament at London seem very near agreed in their general and public professions; both are for the Protestant religion; can they draw nearer? Both are for the privileges of Parliament; can they come closer? Both are for the liberty of the subject; can they meet evener? And yet, alas, there is a great gulf and vast distance betwixt them which

* Giraldus Cambrensis, and Camden in the description of that shire.

GOOD THOUGHTS IN BAD TIMES

April 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 19th of 4th M / Our Public & Preparative Meeting got along pretty well T B Goulds the Clerk being absent Thos P Nichols served well in his place
The Select Meeting held after the Preparative Meeting was a time of search & close exercise, & tho' things were plainly stated as to some defects among us - I hope some good was done, at any rate some of us felt as if we had discharged our Duty & am willing to leave the result. -*

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April 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day 22nd of 4th M / Attended Meetings - in both Father had short offerings - a day of not much life within

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April 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 4th M / The weather being unfavourable in the Morning & my health being such as not to permit of exposure - neither my wife nor I attended the Moy [Monthly] Meeting this Day held at [Portsmouth](#). -

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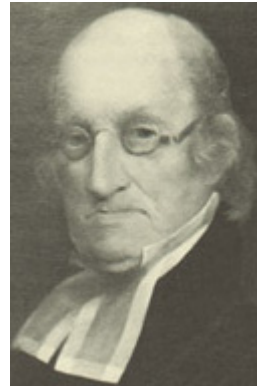
April 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29th of 4th M 1838 / Between 1 & 2 OClock this morning our Dear Friend Benjamin Freeborn Died at His House at [Portsmouth](#), & information was given our in Meeting today that his funeral is to be on 3rd day next at 1 OClock at Friends Meeting house in [Portsmouth](#).

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May 1, Tuesday: The [Reverend Ezra Ripley](#) wrote a letter of introduction for [Henry David Thoreau](#) as the young man set out to try to find a teaching job in Maine:



The undersigned very cheerfully hereby introduces to public notice, the bearer, Mr. David Henry Thoreau, as a Teacher in the higher branches of useful literature. He is a native of this town, & a graduate of [Harvard University](#). He is well disposed & well qualified to instruct the rising generation. His scholarship & moral character will bear the strictest scrutiny. He is modest & mild in his disposition & government, but not wanting in energy of character & fidelity in the duties of his profession. It is presumed, his character & usefulness will be appreciated more highly as an acquaintance with him shall be cultivated. Cordial wishes for his success, reputation, & usefulness attend him, as an instructor & gentleman.

When he left for his tour of Maine in search of a teaching position (at a private school where he would have more freedom) he would also carry with him a reference from Emerson:

I cordially recommend Mr. Henry D. Thoreau, a graduate of Harvard University in August, 1837, to the confidence of such parents or guardians as may propose to employ him as an instructor. I have the highest confidence in Mr. Thoreau's moral character and in his intellectual ability. He is an excellent Scholar, a man of energy & kindness, & I shall esteem the town fortunate that secures his Services. [Harding, DAYS, page 65]



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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 M 1st 1838 / After dinner In company with Henry Gould, Isaac Mitchell & Thos P Nichols, with Lydia Ann Gould & Rebecca Mitchell Sat out for [Greenwich](#) by way of Wickford & arrived there in season to get land conveyance to [Greenwich](#) by Sunsett - We took Quarters at Updikes Tavern & staid there during the Quarterly Meeting on 4th day I attended Select & the Meeting for Sufferings - on 5th day the Meeting at large which was a time of some favour thro' the Instrumentality of our friend John Meader After dining at Updikes we took the Steam Boat Kingston with the Most riotous & Drunk company I ever Met with who had been down to [Newport](#) to the Genl Election. & went to [Providence](#) & lodged at Wm Jenkins

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May 2, Tuesday: From George Templeton Strong's New-York diary:



Workmen thrown out of employ by the hundred daily. Business at a stand; the coal mines in Pennsylvania stopped and no fuel in prospect for next winter - delightful prospects, these.

Henry Martyn Robert, who would author "Robert's Rules of Order," was born.

William B. Ogden, brother-in-law of New York investor Charles Butler, was elected Mayor of [Chicago](#). Isaac N. Arnold became the clerk, and Hiram Pearsons the treasurer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2nd of 5th M 1837 / In the Afternoon took the Boat to Wickford & from thence by Chaise went to [Greenwich](#) & arrived at my friend Thos Howland in about three hours & a half & lodged there

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May 3, Wednesday: From George Templeton Strong's New-York diary:



Went up to the office at six. Fresh failures, Talbot Olyphant & Co., among them. So they go - smash, crash. Where in the name of wonder is there to be an end of it? Near two hundred and fifty failures thus far!... Locofoco meeting in the Park this morning - and such a meeting! It looked like a convention of loafers from all quarters of the world.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day Attended Our Select Quartlery Meeting in [Greenwich](#) which I thought was a good solid Meeting, but not as lively as some I have experienced – In the Afternoon attended the Meeting for Sufferings (dining at Susan Prouds) – after the buisness of which I returned to Thos Howland & lodged. –

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May 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day attended the School committee & an adjourned Meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings & also a Meeting of the Trustees of O Browns Fund all held at the Meeting House – We returned to Wm Jenkins & lodged –

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May 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day at 8 OC in the Morning took the Steam Boat Kingston again & returned home – My health tho' not good, was such that I was pretty comfortable most of the time during my Absence – & we found our family concerns had gone on pretty well, excepting that Polly McClish had not been very well tho' able to keep about & do what was necessary in family concerns. –

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Boston began the first police force in the nation to employ regular officers. However, “Irish need not apply” — the Irish were part of the problem, not the solution to the problem, since the main task which has always faced the police forces of every US town and city has ever been the bending of the law toward the protection of the decent local “us” against the insolent importunity of transients, vagrants, lowlife, in general the “them.”

“WASHINGTON, May 5, 1838.

To JAMES G. BIRNEY, Esq., Cor. Sec. A.A.S.S.

SIR, – I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, in which you again refer to the publication of the Correspondence between us, in relation to the measures and designs of the abolitionists. I would have certainly answered yours of the 2d ult., on the same subject, more fully before this, had it not escaped my recollection, in consequence [of] having been more engaged than usual in the business before the House. I hope the delay has been productive of no inconvenience. If I correctly understand your letters above referred to, the control of these papers, and the decision as to their publication, have passed into the 'Executive Committee of the American Anti-Slavery Society;' and, from their tenor, I infer that their determination is so far made, that nothing I could object would prevent it, if I desired to do so. I was certainly not apprised, when I entered into this Correspondence, that its disposition was to depend on any other will than yours and mine, – but that matters nothing now, – you had the power, and I am not disposed to question the right or propriety of its exercise.



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I heard of you as a man of intelligence, sincerity, and truth, — who, although laboring in a bad cause, did it with ability, and from a mistaken conviction of its justice. As one of the Representatives of a slave-holding constituency, and one of a committee raised by the Representatives of the slave-holding States, to ascertain the intentions and progress of your associations, I availed myself of the opportunity offered by your character and situation, to propose to you inquiries *as to facts*, which would make those *developments so important to be known by our people*. My inquiries were framed to draw out *full and authentic details* of the organization, numbers, resources, and designs of the abolitionists, of the means they resorted to for the accomplishment of their ends, and the progress made, and making, in their dangerous work, that all such information might be laid before the *four millions and a half of white inhabitants in the slave States, whose lives and property are menaced and endangered* by this ill-considered, misnamed, and disorganizing philanthropy. They should be informed of the full length and breadth and depth of this storm which is gathering over their heads, before it breaks in its desolating fury. Christians and civilized, they are now industrious, prosperous, and happy; but should your schemes of abolition prevail, it will bring upon them overwhelming ruin, and misery unutterable. The two races cannot exist together upon terms of equality — the extirpation of one and the ruin of the other *would be inevitable*. This humanity, conceived in wrong and born in civil strife, would be baptized in a people's blood. It was, that our people might know, in time to guard against the mad onset, the full extent of this gigantic conspiracy and crusade against their institutions; and of necessity upon their lives with which they must sustain them; and their fortunes and prosperity, which *exist only while these institutions exist*, that I was induced to enter into a correspondence with you, who by your official station and intelligence were known to be well informed on these points, and from your well established character for candor and fairness, would make no statements of facts which were not known or believed by you to be true. To a great extent, my end has been accomplished by your replies to my inquiries. How far, or whether at all, your answers have run, beyond *the facts inquired for*, into theories, arguments, and dissertations, as erroneous as mischievous, is not a matter of present consideration. We differed no wider than I expected, but that difference has been exhibited courteously, and has nothing to do with the question of publication. Your object, or rather the object of your Committee, is to publish; and I, having no reason to desire it, as you have put me in possession of the facts I wished, and no reason not to desire it, as there is nothing to conceal, will leave yourself and the Committee to take your own course, neither assenting nor dissenting, in what you may finally decide to do.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,



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F.H. Elmore."

May 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 6th of 5th M 1838 / Our Meetings were both comfortable
– Father had short offerings in both & in the Afternoon,
particularly, I thought we favoured.–*

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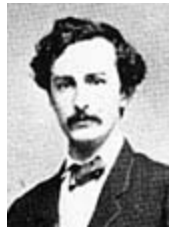


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May 10, Thursday: John Wilkes Booth was born in a log cabin, in the woods of northern [Maryland](#) near the Pennsylvania border.



[Waldo Emerson](#) wrote to [Thomas Carlyle](#) informing him that [Henry Swasey McKean](#) had volunteered to correct the proofs of his “Miscellanies” and that McKean had been handed “your Errata” to use during this task. After McKean had left Cambridge for New Hampshire, this editing would be completed by Charles Stearns Wheeler. The result was to be the initial American edition of Carlyle’s CRITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ESSAYS:

MISC. ESSAYS, VOL. I

MISC. ESSAYS, VOL. II

MISC. ESSAYS, VOL. III

MISC. ESSAYS, VOL. IV

Copies of these volumes would of course be in [Henry Thoreau](#)’s personal library.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10th of 5th M / Meeting nearly silent - small, but some solemnity, & a little life - I feel much on account of Society - Oh that there may be more raised up to bear the burden & stand cloathed upon to move forward in support of the precious cause of Truth, which now suffers much, as Geo Fox used to say "The



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Seed suffers" & Oh may we have cause to exclaim with him, on the other hand, "The Seed reigneth.

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May 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12th of 5th M 1838 / This Afternoon I took a walk round the Hill & called to see Fanny Davis a sick coloured woman - from there I went into the Clifton Burying ground & visited the Graves of several of my Ancestors of the Wanton Clarke & Rodman family -tho' they all passed out of time before I was in existance yet I love to see their resting place on earth - Many of their Names are familiar to me by the Records of the Monthly Meeting & by anecdotes of many ancient people who remembered some of them, their Devotion too the good cause is yet in remembrance, & I have no doubt their Spirits are in heaven singing Halilujah to the Lord God & the Lamb, whom they served with their whole heart & while on earth. -

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May 13, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 13 of 5 M / Our Meetings were remarkably good solid & nearly silent seasons - In the Morning particularly, I thought I had seldom Known a more reverend quiet setting, it seemed as if the people were sensible what they came to Meeting for & when the Meeting broke they were not in a hurry to leave their seats. Father had a short communication toward the close.

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May 17, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 17th of 5th M 1838 / Nearly a Silent Meeting but pretty solid -
I am thinking of late much of our approaching Yearly Meeting - It looks as if it may be a season of some trial & in short what will be the result of the State of things in our Society as they now generally exist I do not foresee - Our great & ancient leaders in this Yearly Meeting are gone, that is David Buffum, [Moses Brown](#) & some others - the burthen & management now devolves on a few who have not the weight & Standing which they had but I cannot but hope strength will be afforded in the needful time.*

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May 19, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19th of 5th M / This Afternoon took a walk up to cousin



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Henry Goulds & on my return stoped to see our Aged brother Nathan Monro who has been some time confined to the house by sickness & unable to get to Meetings - he seemed very loving & Sweet, & tender in Spirit - my visit was as comfortable as any I have made in some time. -

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May 27, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 27th of 5th M / Our Morning Meeting as soon as I took my seat seemed to me to be a season of favour & so it proved for I have not had a Meeting of better feelings, & when it seemed as if solemnity pervaded the whole, in sometem[?] Father was engaged in a few sentences - Silent & solid in the Afternoon - Surely we are not forsaken - Divine goodness & help is near

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May 31, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 31st of 5 M 1838 / Our Monthly Meeting held this day in Town was a season of deep trial & close conflict Father Rodman was concerned to express a few words & as Meeting closed he requested that those who were not Members might withdraw & leave the Members Male & female together after which he expressed his views of a trying case which was expected to come before the Monthly Meeting - I had unity with his remarks & glad of his services -

In the last Meeting the trying case was brought up & after much trial concluded, which for the last Nine Months, as been on our Minutes to the great grief & affliction of many concerned Members. -

John Weeden, Hannah Almy & her daughter, the wife of Jacob Chase, Dined with us.

After dinner I attended the Friend of Ezekial Luther who was with his wife a dilligent attender of our Meetings for many Years, & requested to be buried in Friends Ground & according to our Mode & Manner -

He was an inoffensive Man & much beloved & respected by all who knew him tho' he was not much know, being of very retired turn of Mind.

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 July 1, Sunday: Representative John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts continued his speech before the US House of Representatives on the expansive topic of [Texas](#) for a 17th day.




Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 7th M 1838 / Both our Meetings were seasons of exercise & some distress from unsavory & in my opinion unauthorised preaching from one who stands in the Station of a Minister from a Neighbouring Quarterly Meeting - Some care was taken by the Elders. - In the evening a couple of young friends called to see us - it is evident they need care from over heated zeal in a good cause, & I am affraid they will hurt themselves & injure society We endeavoured to extend such care as we thought prudent but it was evident the season of their help has not yet come, they are both too strong to admit of much being done for them. -

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 Our national birthday, the 4th of July, Wednesday: This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s 34th birthday.

The balloon of the intrepid master Boston goldbeater and aeronaut Louis Lauriat graced the skies above historic Salem MA, and a good time was had by all.

In [Providence](#) (*Moshasuck*), [Rhode Island](#), a procession included 29 veterans of the revolution.

The White House was closed to the public because "the President has lately lost, by death, a near relative."

In Charlottesville, Virginia, the [Declaration of Independence](#) was read from an "original draft, in the handwriting of Mr. Jefferson."

THOMAS JEFFERSON

At Fort Madison, Iowa, headman Black Hawk delivered a 4th-of-July address.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

At the US House of Representatives, Representative John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts continued his speech on the expansive topic of [Texas](#) for a 20th day.



[Sidney Rigdon](#) preached another sermon to the [Mormons](#) of a similar nature to his "[Salt Sermon](#)," stating "And that mob that comes on us to disturb us; it shall be between us and them a war of extermination; for we will follow them till the last drop of their blood is spilled, or else they will have to exterminate us."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 7th M 1838 / This has been a day of much stir in Town as it always is - My mind & feelings however has been



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preserved in the quiet --

This morning our Friend Joseph Bowne came to town from [Portsmouth](#) where he had an appointed a Meeting yesterday - finding it not a Suitable day to appoint a Meeting here he concluded to spent the day at D Buffums in resting & writing home to his friends - to be at our Meeting tomorrow & the appointment has been forwarded accordingly. -

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July 5, Thursday: Representative John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts continued his speech before the US House of Representatives on the expansive topic of [Texas](#) for a 21st day.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 5 of 7 M 1838 / Our friend Joseph Bowne attended our Meeting which was a time of Divine favour - he was largely engaged in testimony much to our satisfation edification & comfort. -

In the Afternoon I attended a Meeting with him on Connanicut appointed at 5 OC in the Afternoon which was a time of Watering indeed I never saw more of the prevalence of Divine Authority & an audience more generally affected. -

On our way to the Meeting we stoped at Joseph Greenes & visited Anne & Mary who were truly glad to see us. - We came directly to the Ferry from the Meeting house & arrived at home before sun set.

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July 6, Friday: Representative John Quincy Adams of Massachusetts continued his speech before the US House of Representatives on the expansive topic of [Texas](#) for a 22nd day.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 6th of 7th M 1838 / This Morning we rose early & took the New York boat for [Providence](#) & got to Wm Jenkins by their breakfast time, but as we breakfasted on board the Boat we did not need any - After assisting in making some appointments for our friend Joseph Bowne I left him at Wm Jenkins's & Attended to some buisness I had in Town - returned to Wm Jenkins to Dine & took the Afternoon Boat & returned home after spending about 10 hours in [Providence](#) -

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July 8, Sunday: Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8th of 7 M / Our friend Richard Mott attended Our Meeting in [Newport](#) this Morning in which he was favoured to get hold of our State & administer comfort to some who were heavy hearted - at the close of the Meeting he requested the Afternoon Meeting should be deferred till 5 O'clock & a general invitation given to the people of the Town - which was done. a very large meeting gathered, it was rather long in getting together but it consisted of the most respectable inhabitants of the Town who were very attentive to a truly gospel testimony, in which our friend was much favoured - a number of the Ministers of the Town were present as well as some of the Most religious & well informed of their persuasions - West the Minister of the New episcopal Church gave out the Meeting at the close of his afternoon Meeting, & deferred his evening Meeting on the occasion - This is a view of liberality never before done by that persuasion - it was once asked but refused - Richard took tea & lodged at Mary Williams but our friend Abraham Sherman Jr who came with him from [New Bedford](#) returned home with us, again lodged & took tea

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[Henry Thoreau](#) wrote to [John Thoreau, Jr.](#) about the prospect of teaching private school there in [Concord](#).

*Concord July 8th 38—
Dear John,
[We] heard from
Helen today and she informs us
that you are coming home by
the first of August, now I wish
you to write, and let me know ex-
actly when your vacation take[] place,
that I may take one at the same
time. I am in school from 8
to 12 in the morning, and [from]
2 to 4 in the afternoo[n]; after
that I read a little Greek or
English, or for variety, take a
stroll in the fields. We have not
had such a year for berries this
long time—the earth is actually
[b]lue with them. High blubberies,
three kinds of low—thimble and*

HELEN LOUISA THOREAU



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*rasp-berries constitute my [diet]
at present. (Take notice—I only
diet between meals.) Among my deeds
of charity I may reckon the picking
of a cherry tree for two helpless single
ladies who live under the hill[-]—but
i'faith it was robbing Pet[er] to pay
Paul—for while I was exalted in
charity towards them, I had no mercy
on my own [stomach]. Be advised,
my love for currants continues.*

*The only addition that I have made
of late to my stock of ornithological
information—is in the shape, not of
a Fring. [M]elod. but surely a mel-
odious Fringilla--the F. [J]uncorum,
or rush sparrow. I had long know
him by his note but never by name.
Report says that Elijah Stearn[s]
is going to take the town school.*

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*I have four [scholars], and one more
engaged. Mr. [Fenner] left town [yest-]
terday. Among occurrences of ill omen,
may be mentioned the ~~era~~ falling out
and cracking of the inscription stone
of Concord monument. Mrs Lowell
and children are at Aunt's.
Peabody walked up last Wednesday—
spen[t] the night, and took a stroll in
the woods. Sophia says I mu[]
leave off and pen a few lines for
her to Helen. S Good bye.
Love from all and among
them yr
aff brother
H D T*

Postmark: CONCORD

Jul

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Address: John Thoreau



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*West Roxbury
Mass.
Postage: 6*



July 9, Monday: Completion of the 2d (long) session of the 25th federal Congress.
Human enslavement was still legal in these United States of America, the land of the free
and home of the brave.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 9 of 7 M / R Mott came & took breakfast with us -after
which A Sherman returned home by Stage to [New Bedford](#) -Richard
called to see his cousins Martha Carpenter & Avis C Howland in
the forenoon - went over to the Point & dined at Mary Williams's
& at 3 OC PM took the Steam Boat Kingston for [Providence](#)
intending to have a few Meetings thereaway & go to [Greenwich](#) on
his way home. -*

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July 15, Sunday: The Reverend [Waldo Emerson](#) addressed a small audience in the chapel of the [Harvard Divinity School](#), on problems that would face graduating students as new [Unitarian](#) ministers. This would be printed by James Munroe in Boston (and we may note in the copy of this that has been preserved at the Harvard library, that it was inscribed to Henry Thoreau by Emerson):

DIVINITY SCHOOL ADDRESS

Although he actually said little that had not been said before, there would be a storm of protest. One educator who believed in the conductivity of cowhide ([Harvard College](#)'s Dexter Lecturer in Biblical Literature Andrews Norton) would write to a public newspaper (the Boston [Daily Advertiser](#)) and suggest that the "people" should "whip that naughty heretic." [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#), however, decided that [Waldo](#) was



the greatest man that ever lived.

[Emerson](#) himself would ascertain that the Reverend Professor Norton was feminine.⁴³⁰

The feminine vehemence with which the Andrews Norton of the Daily Advertiser beseeches the dear people to whip that naughty heretic



John Quincy Adams would write in his diary about this "crazy address and oration," and so we know that he considered "An Address" to have displayed for all to see that Emerson was "ambitious of becoming the founder of a sect, and thinks there is an urgent necessity for a new revelation." Picking up on this a century and a half later, in his 1992 book on the American Religion and the emergence of the US as a post-Christian nation, Harold Bloom has quoted the "An Address" of this date in support of his contention that it is Emerson who is at the source of the deepest idiocy of our American character, our self-worship which amounts to a heathen idolatry and a turning away from God:

430. Precisely how [Waldo Emerson](#) obtained this information as to the Reverend Professor Andrews Norton's genitalia has not become a matter of historical record.



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Jesus Christ belonged to the true race of prophets. He saw with open eye the mystery of the soul. Drawn by its severe harmony, ravished with its beauty, he lived in it, and had his being there. Alone in all history he estimated the greatness of man. One man was true to what is in you and me. He saw that God incarnates himself in man, and evermore goes forth anew to take possession of his World. He said, in this jubilee of sublime emotion, "I am divine. Through me, God acts; through me, speaks. Would you see God, see me; or see thee, when thou also thinkest as I now think." But what a distortion did his doctrine and memory suffer in the same, in the next, and the following ages! There is no doctrine of the Reason which will bear to be taught by the Understanding. The understanding caught this high chant from the poet's lips, and said, in the next age, "This was Jehovah come down out of heaven. I will kill you, if you say he was a man." The idioms of his language and the figures of his rhetoric have usurped the place of his truth; and churches are not built on his principles, but on his tropes. Christianity became a Mythus, as the poetic teaching of Greece and of Egypt, before. He spoke of miracles; for he felt that man's life was a miracle, and all that man doth, and he knew that this daily miracle shines as the character ascends. But the word Miracle, as pronounced by Christian churches, gives a false impression; it is Monster. It is not one with the blowing clover and the fallen rain.





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In this Divinity School Address Emerson employed words such as “routine,” “extinct,” and “famine” in characterization of the state of preaching and worship in [Unitarian](#) churches of the time. He started with generalities: “Whenever a pulpit is usurped by a formalist, then is the worshipper defrauded and disconsolate. We shrink as soon as the prayers begin, which do not uplift, but smite and offend us.” But then he went on to very, very specific deployment of frosty imagery, suggesting that frost outside the church inspired him more than the Reverend Frost inside: “I once heard a preacher who sorely tempted me to say I would go to church no more.... A snow-storm was falling around us. The snow-storm was real, the preacher merely spectral, and the eye felt the sad contrast in looking at him, and then out of the window behind him into the beautiful meteor of the snow. He had lived in vain. He had no one word intimating that he had laughed or wept, was married or in love, had been commended, or cheated, or chagrined. If he had ever lived and acted, we were none the wiser for it. The capital secret of his profession, namely to convert life into truth, he had not learned.” We do now know how the Reverend Barzillai Frost reacted when he heard of this — but he must have heard of it from many pairs of lips.

THE LIST OF LECTURES





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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7 M / Our Meetings both today & last 5th day were silent - rather small tho' there were a number of Philadelphians here who are spending a little time for the advantages of our cool breezes - It is a low time, but some favour experienced -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 19, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 7 M / Meetings small but solid & comfortable. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 20, Friday: Pardon Crandall died at Canterbury, Connecticut.

Construction began on the [Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 7 M / After calling to See Father Rodman this Afternoon, who is quite weak & feeble - I walked up to Cousin Henry Goulds, where I found our frineds Seth & Mary Davis who are bound on a Religious Visit to some parts of the State of NYork -took tea & waited on them to the Steam Boat on their way.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 22, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 22nd of 7 M 1838 / Our Meetings pretty well attended tho' silent & I thought there was a labour to get down to the experience of life, but was sensible both were low times. - Oh that we were more in the profession of that spirit which give life & animation to the soul
I feel the need of it in my self, & on setting down in our Meetings today my head craved help, to go in & out before the people with consistency, & a censer of insence in my hand, & leanness was not wholly mine. -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 26th of 7 M / Today was our Monthly Meeting held in [Newport](#) - the part for worship was held in silence - The usual queries were Answered, & the usual buisness preparatory to the Quarterly Meeting --
Joshua Shove & Ruth Dennis published their intentions of Marriage with each other & were referred to next Monthly Meeting*



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*for an answer, which it is most likely will be favourable to a
final consumation
Our friends Job Anthony & Stephen Chase & Ruth his wife dined
with us. –*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 29th of 7 M / In our Morning Meeting Eliza Chase offered
a few words by way of testimony - Both Morning & Afternoon were
solid good Meetings & I am sometimes led to admire how still &
reverent the people sit when there is so little oral testimony
given - Marmaduke Cope came home & took tea with us & set the
evening, very interstingly to us. –*

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August 1, Wednesday: Completion of the process of emancipation of all slaves in the British West Indies under six years of age, and the binding of all other slaves there as apprentices for the term of 5 to 7 years (later this would be reduced to 2 years) to be followed by emancipation, which had begun on August 1, 1834 under conditions of the Abolition Act of August 28, 1833. As a condition of their cooperation the white “owners” of these black and red “slaves” had received some £20,000,000 in compensation.

“EMANCIPATION IN THE ... INDIES...”: Parliament was compelled to pass additional laws for the defence and security of the negro, and in ill humor at these acts, the great island of Jamaica, with a population of half a million, and 300,000 negroes, early in 1838, resolved to throw up the two remaining years of apprenticeship, and to emancipate absolutely on the 1st August, 1838. In British Guiana, in Dominica, the same resolution had been earlier taken with more good will; and the other islands fell into the measure; so that on the 1st August, 1838, the shackles dropped from every British slave. The accounts which we have from all parties, both from the planters, and those too who were originally most opposed to the measure, and from the new freemen, are of the most satisfactory kind. The manner in which the new festival was celebrated, brings tears to the eyes. The First of August, 1838, was observed in Jamaica as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Sir Lionel Smith, the governor, writes to the British Ministry, “It is impossible for me to do justice to the good order, decorum, and gratitude, which the whole laboring population manifested on that happy occasion. Though joy beamed on every countenance, it was throughout tempered with solemn thankfulness to God, and the churches and chapels were everywhere filled with these happy people in humble offering of praise.”

Therefore, [David Lee Child](#) had issued a handbill calling upon his neighbors in [Northampton](#) — to celebrate with him this freeing of the slaves of the British West Indies. On this morning he found a copy of his handbill nailed to his own door, with the word “persons” struck out and replaced by the word “NIGGERS.” Locally, support was stronger for the American Colonization Society, which believed that although blacks were inherently inferior and should forever be refused citizenship, “we” should find a way to kindly ship them all back where they came from — this sort of repulsive attitude represented, not the right nor the center, but the extreme far left of acceptable political opinion. As an expression of this sort of attitude toward race, even the town tax list itself was racially segregated, with the names and assessed taxes of black residents listed only after all names and assessments of white residents had been listed.

In [New Bedford](#), on this anniversary of the emancipation of the slaves of the British West Indies, there was an ad trumpeting a “commemoration of the anniversary of the abolishment of slavery in the British West Indies.” On that occasion, the Reverend Orange Scott addressed the group at the Methodist Chapel on Elm Street in Fairhaven; the meeting being sponsored by the Young Men’s Anti-Slavery Society.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1st of 8th M 1838 / We rode to [Portsmouth](#) & attended the Select Quarterly which was a time of Some favour tho’ the life was low in the forepart of it – Mary Shove opened the service



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in a short lively & I thought pertinent testimony - She was followed by John Meader powerfully & pertinently - & Elizabeth Wing in supplication

This buisness was gone thro' & pretty well conducted & some feeling remarks were made on the State of the Church on reading the Answers to the Queries. -

We dined at Susanna Hathaways after which we went down to the Farm where Uncle Stanton lived on a little buisness & then came home before dark. -

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August 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 2nd of 8th M / Went again to [Portsmouth](#) & attended the Quarterly Meeting at large - Our Friend Thomas Anthony was favoured in an excellent & well adapted testimony followed by our dear Aged friend Benjamin Buffington whose voice seemed as much like a voice from Canaan as any I ever heard & was I believe the first time I ever heard him in a Public Quarterly Meeting - John Meader followed in testimony, but I ought to have mentioned that after T Anthony our beloved young brother Saml B Tobey appeared acceptably & pertinently to the feelings of Many present. -

The buisness of the last Meeting was well conducted - Our friend John Meader returned the certificate granted him sometime ago to perform religious visit in some parts of the State of Connecticut & also some parts of NYork -

Certificates were granted to John & Elizabeth Meader, to pay a religious visit in some parts of Pennsylvania, & to attend Baltimore Yearly Meeting. -

We dined at Stephen Chases & returned home. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3rd of 8th M 1838 / Took the Steam Boat this Mornng & went to [Providence](#), got there in season to attend the School committee - Several other conferences were also had of other committees from the Yearly Meeting & had a Meeting of the General Tract Society in the evening - It was a day of very close occupancy of time that at night I was pretty much exhausted - Lodged at the School House. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 4, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day Took breakfast at Jon Congdons - Attended the Meeting for Sufferings, & an adjournment of the Trustees of O Browns



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Fund - Dined at Dr Tobeys & spent the Afternoon in attending to a little buisness & calling on some of my old friends. At 5 OC took the Steam Boat Massachusetts & came home, having a pleasant & interesting passage down the river, a number of my friends & acquaintances being on board, & among others my brother Isaac & wife who left home this morning she having spent the day with her relations in [Providence](#) & he in Boston, returning in season to take the Steam boat home with his wife -this was rapid traveling & would not have been credited in less time than 30 Years ago. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 5, Sunday: [Henry Thoreau](#) made a distinction between an inferior kind of sound and a superior kind, earthbound sounds seeming to “reverberate along the plain, and then settle to earth again like dust” while “sphere music” seems to bounce off the steeples and hill-slopes up into the skies. He also made a distinction between the written and the preached word, or between words from dark places and from dungeons and from the Harvard academy-hall within which is “weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth — without, grain fields and grasshoppers, which give those the lie direct.”:



August 5th. Sphere music Some sounds seem to reverberate along the plain, and then settle to earth again like dust; such are Noise — Discord — Jargon. But such only as spring heavenward, and I may catch from steeples and hill tops in their upward course, which are the more refined parts of the former —are the true sphere music —pure, unmixed music —in which no wail mingles.

Divine Service in the Academy-Hall. In dark places and dungeons these words might perhaps strike root and grow —but utter them in the day light and their dusky hues are apparent. From this window I can compare the written with the preached word —within is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth — without, grain fields and grasshoppers, which give those the lie direct.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 8th M 1838 / Our Meetings were both Silent but very solid good seasons — We have in Town several Philadelphians members of Society who attend Meetings - The solid sitting of some of them is very satisfactory & their presence in our Meetings feels helpful - I particularly esteem Marmaduke Cope & wife & Henry Longstreth there are divers others whom I am not so well acquainted with, but I love to see them come to Meeting.

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August 9, Thursday: The 1st Perseid meteor shower to have been correctly anticipated and predicted, showed up exactly on schedule. Edward Claudius Herrick had deduced the autumnal nature of this phenomenon from reports of August showers in the years 1781, 1798, 1823, 1833, and 1836, and had inferred that the showers were annual from the fact that Irish peasants had fallen into the habit of referring to these [meteors](#) as the burning tears of St. Lawrence, whose annual festival is on the 10th of August.

ASTRONOMY

SKY EVENT

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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5 day 9 of 8th M / Our Meeting was small but a pretty solid & very quiet season. Father Rodman was at Meeting, the first he has attended in several Weeks & had a few words to offer – It is a privilege to set down with our friends in solemn silence & labour for the arisings of Divine life in the soul, & though the seed seemed to lay low, it seemed to me our Meeting was not in vain. -7th day 11th of 8th M / This morning by the Steam Boat, Clarke Shove & several others returned from Saratoga Springs who were there at the death of Charles Jenkins & attended his funeral – I did not see them being out when they called at our house. The account they left with my Wife of Charles removal, renew'd the feelings I had when I first received the Intelligence - He died on 1st day the 29th of 7th Month In the 21st year of his Age & was interred on 3rd day the 31st After a Solemn meeting

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 12, Sunday: Frederick Douglass resolved to escape on September 3d. Anna Marie Murray,⁴³¹ his betrothed, sold one of her two featherbeds to obtain money for his train ticket, and prepared for him a sailor costume. The all-important seaman's protection papers he would need for his cover story, papers ordinarily used by American merchantmen abroad, he borrowed from a retired free friend.⁴³²



UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12th of 8 M 1838 / Our meetings today were both Silent, but solid good Seasons. – I hope we shall not all perish for want of food, there is that to be met with & experienced in solemn Silence which norishes the soul & Oh that we may find a true place of waiting whereby the true seed & the kingdom may

431. The Hortons say, on their page 227, "with the help of a free black woman named Anna and contacts in the underground railroad...." Had Douglass had any such contacts in the Underground Railroad organization he would not have wound up sleeping on the streets in New-York, ridiculously vulnerable to recapture.

432. This man, whoever he was, was, it seems, on the basis of mere fellow-feeling, taking a truly enormous risk. What if Douglass had been detected during his escape, and these papers seized? Would not the white retribution against this man have been instant and magnificent? Anna could always have claimed that she had no idea what that Freddy Bailey had been up to, and anyway, she had personal motivation for rendering assistance as her life prospects were directly and intimately tied up with Douglass's life prospects. But what could this man have claimed that would have taken the rope from around his neck, and would have saved him from enslavement in Douglass's place? I believe it has repeatedly been noticed that in Douglass's NARRATIVE he very much failed to give proper recognition to his betrothed for her necessary assistance during his escape, but I believe it has not been noticed that the necessary assistance rendered by this anonymous retired black sailor was even more risky — and in the narrative would go, equivalently, almost unrecognized.



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be witnessed – I feel, I do solemnly feel of sitting at the head of such a Meeting as ours, which tho' far smaller than it was long since my remembrance is nevertheless what may now be called a large Meeting - often mixed with those who are looking for words, & I have often been surprised to find, how much solemnity & quiet is spread over us & seems to reach even those who are unacquainted with our mode of Worship. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 15, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15th of 8th M / Polly McClish who lived in this house with Aunt Nancy Carpenter, has for sometime been expecting to go to NYork to live with her son & the time has now come when she expects to leave, having remained with us since Aunt Nancys decease - By her Will she gave Polly a Legacy of \$100 & various Articles of house hold furniture - I have this day Paid her the Money & taken her receipt for the whole bequest, which is a considerable weight from my mind

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 16, Thursday: The hulk of the *Temaire* was sold at auction to John Beatson, a ship breaker of Rotherhilde, for £5,530. The age of sail was over.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 8 M 1838 / Our meeting was unusually small, a number who usually attend were absent & I hope it was necessarily, or rather justifiably so – I know there are occasions which justify absence from Meeting but it certainly is our duty to guard against their occurence & to do all dilligence to let our light shine that, those disposed may take no advantage of our example - We Sat in Silence - Father is increasingly unwell & whether it will ever be, that he sits with us again, is uncertain. I visited him this Afternoon & found him very poorly, & his infermity & weakness increasing upon him. –

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August 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19th of 8th M 1838 / We had a comfortable silent Meeting this Morning – In the Afternoon Eliza Chase had a short offering,



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which savored with me & it seems to me that both our Meetings today were solemn favoured seasons – certainly many come & sit with us who do not appear to be desirous of Words, but know the value of true silence

I felt so much for a young man (JW) who is generally in attendance with us on 1st days that I felt disposed to speak with him after Meeting & encourage him to hold on his way & that tho' his outward vision was dim being nearly blind from his birth, Yet I told him I believe that thro' the Power of Truth his inward sight might be made clear, so that he might walk & not stumble –he received my remarks with much feeling, & I was glad I attended to this little pointing of duty

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 23, Thursday: Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, Massachusetts, one of the 1st colleges for women in the USA, graduated its 1st students.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 8th M / Our Meeting was small, but comfortable & good – a number was absent in consequence of Sickness either of themselves or families & some were our of Town. –

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August 26, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26th of 8th M / Our Meetings were both rather small, but solid & good Seasons. & it seemed to me the Solemnity was rather remarkably over the Morning – NO preaching – At the close in the Morning the funeral of Lydia Cornell was spoken of to be from the House of her Husband Walter Cornell in [Portsmouth](#) tomorrow at 1 OC at the house to proceed to this Town & the remains to be interred in Friends burying ground Near the Meeting house Father Rodman continues very feeble & low – Sits up but a few Minutes at a time & Seems to be gradually sinking – He said today I know it is an Awful thing to Die but I am willing to go whenever it please the Lord to take me. –

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[Henry Thoreau](#) wrote in his journal:

EVENING SOUNDS



August 26. How strangely sounds of revelry strike the ear from over cultivated fields by the woodside, while the sun is declining in the west. It is a world we had not known before. We listen and are capable of no mean act or thought. We tread on Olympus and participate in the councils of the gods.

a noble sentiment in the oldest books, — in [Homer](#), the Zendavesta, or Confucius! It is a strain of music wafted down to us on the breeze of time, through the aisles of innumerable ages. By its very nobleness it is made near and audible to us.



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August 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8th M 29 1838 / Information came to Town this Morning of the decease of our Friend Benjamin Mott, after he had eaten his breakfast & walked out round the door soon [he] came in leaning his head on a Chair Died immediately - A solemn Warning to all He was an Elder in Society & had been very useful. It seemed as if his concern for Truth & the Welfare of our Society, as the last time I was at his house he expressed much anxiety for its welfare & particularly that Ancient Quakerism should be supported adverting to Seasons of Early life when his mind had been affected by that spirit which visits the Youthful Mind. he particualry spoke of family opportunities which his Father Jacob Mott used to encourage & spent the time in sitting solidly together & in reading the Scriptures & writings of Friends he was Aged 80 Years 7 Months & two Days This Afternoon Nephew Thos D Rodman set some time with us & took tea, his visit was truly interesting

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

August 30, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 M 30th 1838 / Today is our Moy [Monthly] Meeting held at [Portsmouth](#). I was unable to attend it, & consequently my wife did not go - I have had many callers in a friendly way & some of them interesting tho' I have felt quite feeble - In the Afternoon Cousiin Henry Gould called & informed me they had a good Moy [Monthly] Meeting that Mary Hicks appeared in Supplication & that our frd Benj. Buffungton from Fall River was there & was favourd in a lively testimony - he said also things went well in the last Meeting. -

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August 31, Friday: [Waldo Emerson](#) to his journal:

Yesterday at ΦBK anniversary. Steady, steady. I am convinced that if a man will be a true scholar, he shall have perfect freedom. The young people & the mature hint at odium, & aversion of faces to be presently encountered in society. I say no: I fear it not. No scholar need fear it.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 8th M 31st 1838 / Today Our friend Benjamin Mott was interred in the burying ground at our Meeting House in [Portsmouth](#) He was in the 81 Year of his Age - He was son of Jacob Mott & Hannah his wife & the last Male of a long & Noble line of Ancestors who have been ornaments in our Monthly Meeting on [Rhode Island](#) from its commencement - & tho' he is the last of much standing being himself an Elder in society - yet there is some reason to hope the respectability will or may not, be lost in his son Jacob & his family who I hope may come up in the line of usefulness -

And altho' Benjamin has not appeared to be so deeply baptized as some of his predecessors, yet he has been concerned for the welfare of our Society & that the principles of it may be kept pure as professed by the primitive [Quakers](#) - This he manifested on various occasions, particularly to me when I returned with my wife to his House after our Select Meeting 18th of 7th M last when we had an interesting visit at his house - He was out at Meeting Several times afterwards & attended our Qry Meeting held at [Portsmouth](#) 4th & 5th of this Month & the Morning he died he went out & walked round his House attending to some little business, on returning to his house went in & set down on which he family perceived him to be in some difficulty & went to him, but found him quite gone before they could lay him on a Couch which stood handy - I have no doubt his last days were his best days & that his end was in Peace. -

Sister E R Nichols & Br D Rodman arrived last evening from Salem & Lynn on a visit To Father Rodman, who is evidently wearing out & sinking fast

This evening Br David called to see us we were glad to see him. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

September 2, Sunday: Queen Liliuokalani (last queen of Hawaii) was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2nd of 9 M 1838 / Our Meetings both silent but pretty well attended - They were solid good Meetings & I was instructed with the solid reverend sitting of the people & to me it is wonderful how quiet & retired, how settled the Minds of Most or all who attend are, & how little thirst there is after words. -

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September 4, Tuesday: Frederick Douglass, on his escape from the border American South, arrived in the only relative security of New-York:

On the morning of the fourth of that month, after an anxious and most perilous but safe journey, I found myself in the big city of New York, a FREE MAN— one more added to the mighty throng which, like the confused waves of the troubled sea, surged to and fro between the lofty walls of Broadway. Though dazzled with the wonders which met me on every hand, my thoughts could not be much withdrawn from my strange situation. For the moment, the dreams of my youth and the hopes of my manhood were completely fulfilled. The bonds that had held me to "old master" were broken. No man now had a right to call me his slave or assert mastery over me. I was in the rough and tumble of an outdoor world, to take my chance with the rest of its busy number. I have often been asked how I felt when first I found myself on free soil. There is scarcely anything in my experience about which I could not give a more satisfactory answer. A new world had opened upon me. If life is more than breath and the "quick round of blood," I lived more in that one day than in a year of my slave life. It was a time of joyous excitement which words can but tamely describe. In a letter written to a friend soon after reaching New York, I said: "I felt as one might feel upon escape from a den of hungry lions." Anguish and grief, like darkness and rain, may be depicted; but gladness and joy, like the rainbow, defy the skill of pen or pencil. During ten or fifteen years I had been, as it were, dragging a heavy chain which no strength of mine could break; I was not only a slave, but a slave for life. I might become a husband, a father, an aged man, but through all, from birth to death, from the cradle to the grave, I had felt myself doomed. All efforts I had previously made to secure my freedom had not only failed, but had seemed only to rivet my fetters the more firmly, and to render my escape more difficult. Baffled, entangled, and discouraged, I had at times asked myself the question, May not my condition after all be God's work, and ordered for a wise purpose, and if so, Is not submission my duty? A contest had in fact been going on in my mind for a long time, between the clear consciousness of right and the plausible make- shifts of theology and superstition. The one held me an abject slave—a prisoner for life, punished for some transgression in which I had no lot nor part; and the other counseled me to manly endeavor to secure my freedom. This contest was now ended; my chains were broken, and the victory brought me unspeakable joy.



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But my gladness was short-lived, for I was not yet out of the reach and power of the slave-holders. I soon found that New York was not quite so free or so safe a refuge as I had supposed, and a sense of loneliness and insecurity again oppressed me most sadly. I chanced to meet on the street, a few hours after my landing, a fugitive slave whom I had once known well in slavery. The information received from him alarmed me. The fugitive in question was known in Baltimore as "Allender's Jake," but in New York he wore the more respectable name of "William Dixon." Jake, in law, was the property of Doctor Allender, and Tolly Allender, the son of the doctor, had once made an effort to recapture MR. DIXON, but had failed for want of evidence to support his claim. Jake told me the circumstances of this attempt, and how narrowly he escaped being sent back to slavery and torture. He told me that New York was then full of Southerners returning from the Northern watering-places; that the colored people of New York were not to be trusted; that there were hired men of my own color who would betray me for a few dollars; that there were hired men ever on the lookout for fugitives; that I must trust no man with my secret; that I must not think of going either upon the wharves or into any colored boarding-house, for all such places were closely watched; that he was himself unable to help me; and, in fact, he seemed while speaking to me to fear lest I myself might be a spy and a betrayer. Under this apprehension, as I suppose, he showed signs of wishing to be rid of me, and with whitewash brush in hand, in search of work, he soon disappeared.

This picture, given by poor "Jake," of New York, was a damper to my enthusiasm. My little store of money would soon be exhausted, and since it would be unsafe for me to go on the wharves for work, and I had no introductions elsewhere, the prospect for me was far from cheerful. I saw the wisdom of keeping away from the ship-yards, for, if pursued, as I felt certain I should be, Mr. Auld, my "master," would naturally seek me there among the calkers. Every door seemed closed against me. I was in the midst of an ocean of my fellow-men, and yet a perfect stranger to every one. I was without home, without acquaintance, without money, without credit, without work, and without any definite knowledge as to what course to take, or where to look for succor. In such an extremity, a man had something besides his new-born freedom to think of. While wandering about the streets of New York, and lodging at least one night among the barrels on one of the wharves, I was indeed free—from slavery, but free from food and shelter as well....



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The last point of imminent danger, and the one I dreaded most, was Wilmington. Here we left the train and took the steam-boat for Philadelphia. In making the change here I again apprehended arrest, but no one disturbed me, and I was soon on the broad and beautiful Delaware, speeding away to the Quaker City. On reaching Philadelphia in the afternoon, I inquired of a colored man how I could get on to New York. He directed me to the William-street depot, and thither I went, taking the train that night. I reached New York Tuesday morning, having completed the journey in less than twenty-four hours.

My free life began on the third of September, 1838....

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 4th of 9 m 1838 / I was aware that Polly McClish's leaving us would occasion a blank & be a loss in our family - but really today it has been more lonesome than I could have anticipated. it is now after tea & there is no doubt if nothing has happened to them they are at their home in West Chester where I desire them may be all peaceful & happy together
My Wife has got along with the buisness of the day with as much ease & facility as can be expected, but the care & confinement as well as the labour is far more than I desire or intend shall fall upon her, as soon as we can find some suitable person to employ, we shall embrace the opportunity, tho' I do not expect that Pollys place will be easily filled, for she has been general caretaker in this house & family for over 30 Years & knew the ways & peculiarities of it beyond any that will come after her*

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September 6, Thursday/7, Friday: A steamer, the SS *Forfarshire*, being wrecked on one of the Farne Islands on it voyage from Hull to Dundee, [Grace Horsley Darling](#), daughter of the keeper of the lighthouse, induced her father William Darling to assist her in rowing a small boat through the heavy seas in the rescue of nine persons.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 9th M 1838 / Our Meeting was quite small & Silent, but it was nevertheless to me & I doubt not to others a good Meeting. - I know not that our numbers will ever be increased, & it sometimes feels discouraging to look at this Meeting, when I was a boy & now at the present time When I first remember it all three of the high seats were filled with Ancient Men & now there are but four on the 2nd & about 6 on the 1st rising seat & our numbers at times quite small. - tho' we usually on first day forenoon have a pretty large gathering. -7th day 8 of 9 M



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1838 / This Afternoon attended the Funeral of Anne Barker daughter of the late Matthew & Mary Barker. - She was in the 63 Year of her Age & all that time to tend like a child being not only Idiotic but helpless in body & unable to help herself in any way - she had been taken care of by Friends ever since her parents died - It is honorable to our society that they take care of their own Poor never suffering any to be chargeable to the Town & This poor woman has cost society probably more than \$2000 in the time Friends have taken Charge of her

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September 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9th of 9th M 1838 / I awoke early this Morning by day light & as I lay in Bed saw the Steam Boat Richmond pass, & as the carriages returned heard one Stop at our door & a hard knock on the door & who should it be but our dear children & grandchild from Hudson, whom we were truly glad to see - indeed we were rejoiced to see them, there arrival was unexpected, but not the less pleasing - Before Meeting John went up to see his Grandfather Rodman who is very low, but knew his voice & was glad he came, tho' his eye sight is so gone as not to be able to distinguish countenances

Our Meetings were both silent & very Solid good seasons. -

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September 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9th M 10th 1838 / On calling to see Father Rodman this Afternoon, I found him increasingly weak & feeble - on asking him how he did he told me he was in a poor weak condition, but hoped he should be favoured with patience to the end - that he felt resigned to the event of death & trusted he should be favoured to meet it in quiet resignatiion - I told him I had no doubt he would be favoured at the last & that I was sensible that the Religion which he had professed in his youth would continue with him - he said he trusted it would & had boun[d] him up thro' a long life fraught with many trials, & if it had not have been for religion he must have sunk under his many trials, hence he was confident he had not trusted in vain, that the religion which he had experienced & been made partaker of was no cunningly devised fable but the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ

He remarked that however necessary good works were, they were not to be trusted in for salvation - but all was thro' the Mercy & mediation of Jesus Christ - At this time he told me that John had been up to see him & had brought his child but that the child was so young she would not come near him, but that he had felt a blessing in his mind for her from the time he heard of her



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September 15, Saturday: [Jones Very](#)'s brother Washington, a Freshman, was asked to escort him home to Salem. Very wanted to go through Concord and speak with [Waldo Emerson](#), but was disregarded. His younger brother allowed him, however, to post a letter to Emerson with a promised manuscript on [William Shakespeare](#):

My Brother

I am glad at last to be able to transmit what has been told me of Shakespeare 'tis the faint echo of that which speaks to you now. That was the utterance of the soul still in its travail but the hour is past of which I have often spoken to you and you hear not mine own words but the teachings of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice with me my brother and give thanks with me to the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ who have now taken me to themselves and will not let me go any more from them. I feel that the day now is when "the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people." The gathering time has come and the harvest is now reaping from the wide plains of earth. Here, even here the will of the Father begins to be done as in heaven. My friend I tell you these things as they are told me and hope soon for a day or two of leisure perhaps in two or three weeks when I may speak with you face to face as I now write....

Edwin Gittleman glosses Very's "Shakespeare" of the December 1837-September 1838 period as a "Poetics of Revelation" and as an "omnium-gatherum of his basic attitudes ... both a spiritual autobiography and a blueprint for action." He characterizes both Very's "Shakespeare" and his "Hamlet" as "more revealing as



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autobiography than as literary criticism.” I will attempt the feat of glossing Gittleman’s gloss:

In [“Shakespeare”] Very contrasted the man of [mere] genius (exemplified by Shakespeare) with the man of virtue (clearly Very himself, but figured as Christ).... Very [had] once told Emerson that if he could first “move Shakespeare” he could then “move the world.”... Shakespeare’s mind functioned spontaneously, without deliberate control. Its actions were not willed but reflexive and automatic ... in harmony with Nature ... childlike.... The child, like Nature, just **is** and automatically loves whatever else **is**. The man of genius, with his undifferentiated love of activity and existence, is thus a **child-man**, retaining his prelapsarian heritage through unwitting obedience to the Divine Will.... [However, b]ecause the obedience of the virtuous man is conscious, his greatness is superior to that of genius[,] ... moral rather than [merely] innocent.... Since man’s mind is so constituted by nature that it is not his own, he sins whenever he acts as if it were. He must therefore learn from genius and revelation that his “highest glory” consists of “conscious submission” to the Divine Will.... If ... the poet ... depicts “what **ought to be**,” his teaching is false and ineffectual; it is then merely the handiwork of his own mind. But if “what **is**” is seen and understood “with a spirit more nearly allied to Him who sees all things as they are,” then poetry will exhibit God’s presence.... The only proper subject ... is “what **is**” – the “ever new, ever changing aspect of nature and of man.” ... [V]irtue need not be “brightened” nor vice “darkened” by the poet’s independent judgment.

Evidently, at about this point, although the promise was not publicized, [Very](#) was pledging to his mother and siblings that whatever the outcome of this Jesus-Christ venture of his, he would “come out of it” before a year had passed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15th of 9th M / This evening Steam Boat bore away our dear Son & daughter with our interesting & truly lovely grandchild, we regretted they could not stay to the funeral of their Grandfather Clarke Rodman, which is to be tomorrow After Meeting in the Afternoon but their child not being well, & having staid one day longer than they expected to, they were anxious to return to their home, & under the considerations we were reconciled to their going being truly thankful for their company as long as we have had it, & in particular that they came while



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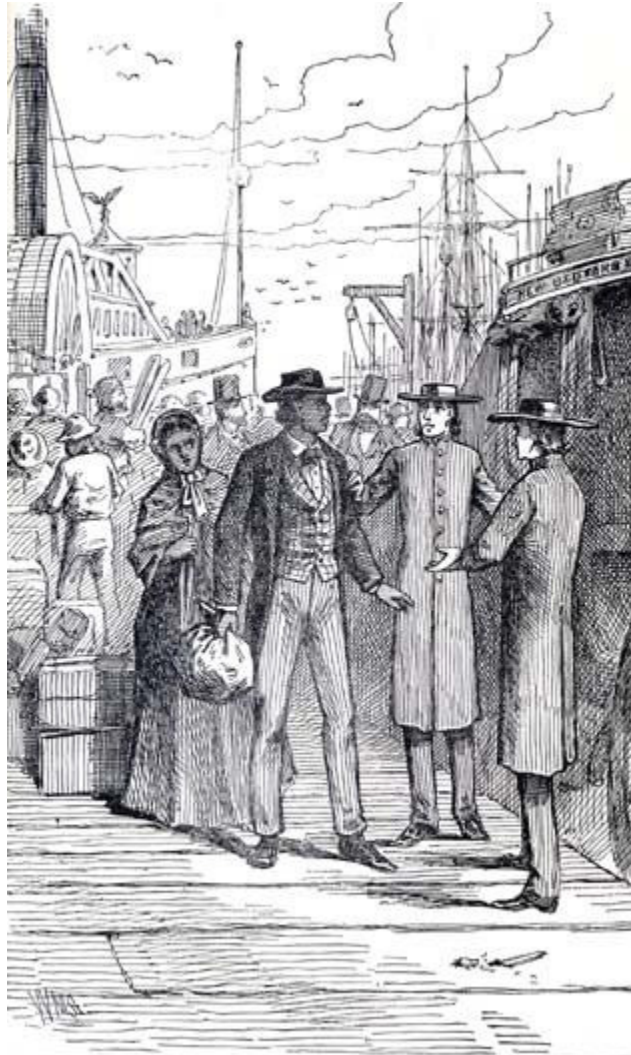
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their Grandfather was living & could know they were with him.

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September 16, Sunday: Frederick Douglass and Anna Murray Douglass, as Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Johnson, were put by David Ruggles aboard the steamer *John W. Richmond* from New-York to [Aquidneck Island](#)⁴³³ in [Rhode Island](#) and there boarded a stagecoach headed toward the whaling port of [New Bedford](#) in the company of [Friend Joseph Ricketson, Junior](#) and Friend [William C. Taber](#).⁴³⁴



In [New Bedford](#), known as a liberal town, the outlaw bridegroom would be seeking (but not finding, due to race prejudice) employment as a caulker — and would be put to work on the docks as a stevedore.

433. There is possible irony here, that might be looked into. What is the probability that Anna's and Frederick's black ancestors had been brought to this continent in ships owned by the international slavetraders of [Newport](#)?

434. Although Frederick Douglass's various narratives all make the encounter in Newport seem quite accidental, it is rather more likely that David Ruggles had passed the word to the local anti-slavery society, and that Friends William C. Taber and Ricketson had been expectantly waiting for them to disembark from the steamer.



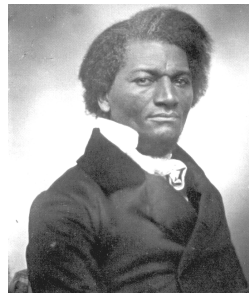
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ANNA MURRAY DOUGLASS



FREDERICK DOUGLASS



We arrived at [Newport](#) the next morning, and soon after an old fashioned stage-coach, with "New Bedford" in large yellow letters on its sides, came down to the wharf. I had not money enough to pay our fare, and stood hesitating what to do. Fortunately for us, there were two [Quaker](#) gentlemen who were about to take passage on the stage,— Friends William C. Taber and Joseph Ricketson, —who at once discerned our true situation, and, in a peculiarly quiet way, addressing me, Mr. Taber said: "Thee get in." I never obeyed an order with more alacrity, and we were soon on our way to our new home. When we reached "Stone Bridge" the passengers alighted for breakfast, and paid their fares to the driver. We took no breakfast, and, when asked for our fares, I told the driver I would make it right with him when we reached New Bedford.



WILLIAM C. TABER

JOSEPH RICKETSON

"The capacity to get free is nothing; the capacity to be free, that is the task."

— André Gide, THE IMMORALIST

translation Richard Howard

NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1970, page 7

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16th of 9 M 1838 / I was so unwell for several days past that I could go out but little & have not attended Meetings today, but felt Able to be at the funeral of my Venerable Father in law Clarke Rodman, which was after the Afternoon Meeting - It was very numerously attended by people of all persuasions, & the sitting at the house was a very solemn Season leaving an evidence that words are not necessary to produce an evidence to the Truth but that it may be experienced in solemn Silence The only expressions were from Hannah Dennis simply the expression

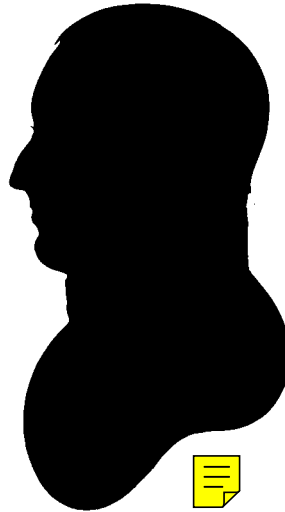


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of the Scripture passage "Mark the perfect Man & behold the upright, for the end of that Man is peace."- this simply expressed, without enlargement, left a precious savor & I never felt more unity with Hannah on any occasion. -- At the grave we had a Silent Solemn pause & the countenances of the people exhibited a reverence & respect not usually discoverable to the same extent on such occasions -



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September 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th da 19 of 9th M 1838 / Today I Mailed a letter to Br David Rodman giving some account of Fathers last Moments &c. -

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September 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20th of 9th M 1838 / Our Meeting today was small, & silent, but to me a season of feeling - I could but reflect that we should never see Father Rodman in his seat again, & how poorly it was now to be occupied - We are now reduced to three who are to Sit at the head of the Meeting & Oh the weight & responsibility which devolved upon us - Our poor Society what is it coming to - I can but feel a hope it will be sustained - that the Great Shepherd of the Flock will extend his gathering Crook & feed his tender lambs - But Oh the weakness which surrounds us

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October 1, Monday: Lord Auckland ordered into existence a British force for service across the Indus River.

[AFGHANISTAN](#)

[Stephen Wanton Gould](#) died in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) at the age of 57.

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“NARRATIVE HISTORY” IS FABULATION, HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



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“It’s all now you see. Yesterday won’t be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago.”

– Remark by character “Garin Stevens”
in William Faulkner’s INTRUDER IN THE DUST



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