

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Helvedon
Great Swan Port the 3rd day of 1st Month 1839.

Present. Geo^e H. Story. Joseph B. Mather, Francis
— Members Present — & Anna Maria Cotton, Ann Pollard, Henry Cotton,
Francis Cotton Jun^r & A. M. Cotton Jun^r.

— Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been read.

— Isabella Nicholias — 2. The case of Isabella Nicholias is continued

— James Dore — 3. The case of James Dore is continued.

— Ab^m Davy's — 4. The Friends appointed to that service have brought in
— disownment — the draft of a Testimony of Disownment against Abraham
Davy, which, with a slight alteration is agreed to, and is
referred to Friends of Hobartown for their approval.

— Jane Dawson — 5. This meeting unites with the judgement expressed in the
fifth minute of last month relative to Jane Dawson.

6. The case of John Lawson is continued. A report as
under has been received from the committee appointed to
correspond with him. —

"Is, — The Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —"

— "Dear Friends —"

— Report fm Committee — "We your committee appointed to
— appointed — correspond with John Lawson, on his application for
— to correspond with — membership, inform the Meeting, that in addition to
— John Lawson — some correspondence having been carried on with him, we
have paid him a visit at his own residence near Launceston.

Although the interviews we had with John Lawson were
satisfactory, and we believe that he has adopted the principles of
our Society from a conviction that they are in accordance
with the truths of the Gospel, and is endeavouring to walk
agreeably thereto, yet we do not feel prepared at present to
recommend his reception into membership; but are of
the judgement, that benefit may accrue by his case

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being continued on the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting for
some time longer."

"Kelvedon"

2nd of 1st Mo 1839.

"Francis Cotton

"Joseph Benson Mather"

7th A report as under has been received from one of the Friends
appointed to correspond with Thomas Willington. This Meeting is
of the judgement that his case should be continued. —

— "To, — The Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —"

— "Dear Friends —"

"As one of the Committee appointed to
correspond with Thomas Willington on his application for membership,
I may inform the Meeting that in addition to correspondence; in company
with our Friend, Francis Cotton, I paid him a visit at his
residence on Norfolk Plains. Fr Cotton unites with me in
the belief that Thomas Willington is measurably convinced
of the consistency of the Principles of our Society with the Gospel
of Christ, and is humbly endeavouring to walk agreeably
thereto, but that he does not yet possess that establishment
in the Faith which would warrant a recommendation for
his immediate reception into Membership." —

Kelvedon

2nd of 1st Mo 1839.

"Joseph Benson Mather."

8. This Meeting concurs fully with the judgement of
Friends of Hobartown as expressed in the 10th Min^t. of last Month.

9. The Friends under whose care the case of "Thomas Watts"
has been committed, report to this Meeting that they have
paid that Individual a religious visit, which, although in
some respects satisfactory, had led to the belief that his case
likely to require the care of the Society for some time.

His case is therefore continued.

10. The following Minutes have been received from the
Yearly Meeting for the guidance of this Meeting.

— "At a Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends in Van Diemen
Land, held at their Meeting house No 39 Murray Street on the
7th day of the 12th Month 1838. —"

— "11th Minute" —

"The Marriage Act, as well as the Act for the Registration of Marriages, Births, & Burials, which have recently passed the Legislative Council of this Island, having claimed our attention: This Meeting directs the Monthly Meeting to observe the provisions therein contained so far as they are applicable to our Society; and act in compliance therewith."

— "12th Minute" —

— Minutes from the —
— Yearly Meeting —

"There being no monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends at present established at Sydney, This Meeting empowers the Monthly Meeting of Hobart Town to allow marriages between members of our Society to be solemnized in Friends Meeting House there, provided, such a step does not interfere with the present Marriage Act, and the Discipline of the Society can be properly maintained."

The Clerk is directed to furnish the Monthly Meeting with a copy of this & the preceding Minute."

To the Hobart Town Copy
Monthly Meeting of Friends. Francis Cotton Clerk

— Certificate of membership — 11. Our Friends Tho & Mary Ann Pierce, intending shortly to be granted to leave these shores for England, & having requested a Certificate of their Membership; This Meeting accordingly directs the Clerk to draw out a certificate, & hand it to them.

— Birth Notes of — 12. Birth Notes have been brought in and read, and signed by the Clerk, for a daughter, named, "Eliza Jane" born on the 19th of 9th Month 1836, and a son named "Alfred" born 28th of 10th Month 1838. not members, who were born at Launceston, unto Henry Palmer, Coach Maker of Launceston aforesaid, and Mary Ann, his wife, which are handed to the Registrar.

True Copy

Francis Cotton

Clerk

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at their Meeting-house No 39 Murray Street on the 7th day of 2nd month 1839.

Members Present — Present. Abm Chas Flower, Henry Propsting, Tho Pierce, Jos^t B. Mather. Sarah Crouch, Sarah B. Mather, Ann Propsting, and Mary Ann Pierce.

Minutes read. — 1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at Kelvedon Great Swan Port have been read.

2. The following report has been received from the committee appointed to visit Isabella Nichollias, in which, this meeting unites; and appoints, Joseph B. Mather to draw up a testimony of disavowment against her, and bring it to a future meeting. —

— "To, Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —
— "Dear Friends" —

Report of Committee
— appoint "to visit —
Isabella Nichollias
— and judgement —
of "meeting" thereupon

"We your Committee appointed to visit Isabella Nichollias, for her non attendance of our Meetings for worship; report, that we paid her a visit, in which she expressed to us, that she was prevented attending our Meetings for worship by her Husband. One of our number called subsequently, and saw her husband, and speaking with him on the subject, he said, his Wife might do as she pleased in regard to the attendance of our Meetings."

"Your Committee feel it difficult to judge between them in this matter, but however much they may incline towards Isabella Nichollias, they are fully of the judgement that she does not possess that desire to meet with her Friends in the solemn and important duty of worship, which would incline her to press through the difficulties which surround her. From this circumstance, and from that of her case having been so long unavailingly under the care of Friends, your committee suggests to the Monthly Meeting the propriety of an immediate decision thereon." —

"Hobart Town }
7th of 2nd mo 1839 }

"Francis Cotton
Sarah Crouch
Sarah Benson Mather"

— James Dore — 3. The case of James Dore is continued

4. This Meeting approves of the following, Testimony of Disownment, being issued against Abraham Davy, and directs the Clerk to forward it to him. —

— Abraham Davy. —
Testimony of Disownm^t. —
— against —
— Abraham Davy. —

"Abraham Davy, a Member of the Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, having been married to a female not a member of our Society by a Presbyterian Minister, at Sydney; and he having thereby not only violated the Rules of our Society, but specially disregarded the advice of his Monthly Meeting contained in the 10th Minute of 8th Month 1838, a copy of which was handed to him.

This Meeting, therefore feels itself called upon, strongly to testify its disunity with such irregular and inconsistent conduct, whereby reproach has been brought on the Cause of Truth, and hereby disowns the said Abraham Davy, as a member of the Religious Society of Friends. Nevertheless in parting with Abraham Davy we earnestly desire that he may be favoured to see the error and the injury which the Society has sustained through his unfaithfulness, and being deeply humbled under a sense of his misconduct, and departure from the Principles of our Society, (which in his application for membership, he expressed his belief "are not only in accordance with Holy Spirit, but also with the manifestations of the Eternal Spirit") he may witness sincere repentance, and walking under the guidance of the Spirit of Truth, may by a circumspect life and conversation win his fitness to be reinstated into membership." —

— Minute Continued — 5. The fifth Minute of 12th Month 1838 is continued

— John Lawson — 6. The case of John Lawson is continued

— Tho^s. Wellington — 7. The case of Tho^s. Wellington is continued.

8. The Clerk has informed the Meeting that he forwarded a copy of the 10th Minute of 12th Month with a copy of the

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Minutes, forwarded — 8th Minute of last month, to George & Sarah Bell of Sydney
to Geo^e & Sarah Bell — N. P. W. agreeable to the directions of this meeting.

Thomas Watts — 9. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

Certificate of Members^{ts} 10. The clerk has brought in a certificate in duplicate,
— handed to — of the Membership of Thomas Pierce, and Mary Ann, his
Tho^s & Mary Ann Pierce. wife; which has been signed by the clerk, and handed to
them.

Queries & Advices — 11th. The Queries & Advices, also the Epistle from the
also, yearly mat^r Epistle. yearly Meeting of Friends held in London 1838. have been
— read. — read at this time.

Joseph Benson Mathe
Clerk.

Flobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends. held at Kelvedon
Great Swan Port, by adjournment on the 28th of 3rd month 1839. —

Members Present. — Present. George. H. Story, Francis & Anna M. Cotton
Ann Pollard, Francis Cotton Jun^r & Anna M. Cotton, Jun^r

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been read

Isabella Nicholias — 2. The draft of a Testimony of Disownment, against
Isabella Nicholias, has been brought in, and read, and
is approved of by this Meeting.

James Dove — 3. The case of James Dove is continued.

Testimony of disownm^t. — 4. This Meeting is informed that agreeable to its directions
forwarded to — the Testimony of disownment against Abraham Davy
Abraham Davy — has been forwarded to him.

Minutes forwarded — 5. The Committee in the case of Jane Dawson have
to — transmitted to her a copy of the 5th Minute of 12th month
Jane Dawson — 1838, also of the 5th Min of 1st month 1839 agreeable to
the directions of this Meeting.

John Lawson — 6. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington — 7. The case of Thomas Willington is continued

Thomas Watts. — 8. The case of Thomas Watts is continued

Notice of Removal — 9. Our Friends Thomas & Mary Ann Pierce have
of — removed from this colony, intending to reside permanently
Thos & Mary Ann Pierce — at 'Newport' in the Isle of Wight.

Queries & Advices — 10. The Queries & Advices, also the Epistle for 1838 from the
Also yearly meetg Epistle — Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London have been read
read — at this time.

a true copy

Francis Cotton
Secy.

Robart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at their Meeting house no 39 Murray Street, on the 11th day of 4th month 1839.

Members Present — Present Abm^m Chas^s Milower, Henry Propsting, Joseph Benson Mather, Sarah Crouch, Sarah Benson Mather and Ann Propsting.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting held at Kelvedon Great Swan Port, have been read.

2. This Meeting approves of the following Testimony of Disownment being issued against Isabella Nichollias and appoints Sarah Benson Mather & Sarah Crouch to hand it to her. —

Testimony of Disownment — against — Isabella Nichollias — "Isabella Nichollias, a member of the Robart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, having for a considerable time neglected attending our Meetings for worship, was thereupon visited by appointment from this Meeting, and has been under the Discipline thereof since 10th month 1835. Much labour has been bestowed, much care exercised, and much counsel extended through this prolonged period, to endeavour to convince her of the impropriety of neglecting opportunities of Public worship, whereby we acknowledge our dependance upon Him, in whose hands our breath is, and from whom we receive all that we enjoy: but the desired effect has not been produced."

"This Meeting, therefore feels itself called upon to Disown the said Isabella Nichollias as a member of the religious Society of Friends: at the same time would endeavour to impress her mind with the importance of guarding against a lukewarm profession of Christianity, and the necessity there is to give up herself unreservedly to the service of Him who died that we might live. Thess V. 10.

We would exhort her to "repent & do her first works" Rev. II. 5 to look unto Him, who is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. VII 25. He is our High Priest and Mediator at the Father's right hand, and it is

is through Him that we have access by One Spirit unto the Father. Eph. ii. 18.

"It is our earnest desire, that by bringing forth fruits meet for repentance, she may become fit to be reinstated into membership with us."—

— James Dore — 3. The case of James Dore is continued.

— Documents received — 4. This Meeting is informed that the Testimony of Disconn^t
— Abraham^y Davy — forwarded to Abraham Davy, and the copy of the Minutes
— Jane^{and} Dawson. — transmitted to Jane Dawson, of Sydney New South Wales, have
been received by those individuals.

— John Dawson — 5. The case of John Dawson is continued.

— Thomas Willington — 6. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

— Thomas Watts — 7. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

8. The following notifications of intended marriage have
been received from Robert Andrew Mather of Sydney N. S. Wales
and Ann Pollard of Melbourn Great Swan Port, Accompanied
by Certificates of approbation from Robert Mather, the Father
— Notifications of — of R. A. Mather, and from Theophilus Pollard the Father of
— intended marriage — Ann Pollard. Theophilus Pollard's certificate of approval
— from — not being properly attested it is deemed necessary to add, that it
— Robert Andrew Mather — is with the consent of Francis & Anna Maria Cotton, the Guardians
— and — of Ann Pollard, that she lays before this Meeting her intention
— Ann Pollard — of marriage with her friend Robt A. Mather.

Abm Chas Flower and Sarah Crouch are appointed to
make enquiry as to the clearness of the Parties from other
marriage engagements, and to give notice of their intended
marriage at the close of the Meeting for worship next First
day Morning, and report to the ensuing Monthly Meeting.

— "To Robert Town Monthly Meeting of Friends" —

— Dear Friends —

"I hereby inform you that it is my
intention to take my Friend Ann Pollard to be my wife
if the Lord permit."

I remain with love Your friend

Sydney N. S. W.
27/2mo 1839.

"R. A. Mather."

— To, Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —

— "Dear Friends —

"I hereby inform you that it is my intention to take my friend Robert Andrew Mather, of Sydney New South Wales, to be my Husband if the Lord Permit."

Melbourn, Great Swan Port

"Ann Pollard"

2nd of 4th Month 1839.

— To, — The Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —

"This is to certify that it is with my free will and consent, that my son Robert Andrew Mather, lays before you his intention of marriage with his friend Ann Pollard."

Hobart Town 10/4th Mo 1839.

"Robert Mather"

Certificates of — Witnesses to the signature }
— approval — of Robert Mather }
— of — "Henry Propsting"
— intended marriage — "Joseph Benson Mather"

— of — "Theophilus Pollard informs the Friends of the Monthly
— of — Meeting of Hobart Town, that it is with his consent that his
Robert Andrew Mather — daughter, Ann Pollard proceeds to lay her intention of
— and — marriage with her friend Robert Andrew Mather before them."
Ann Pollard. — Sydney - 10/10 Mo - 1838. "Farewell" —

Note. "Theophilus Pollard not having received (a direct) application from his Daughter, thinks it right to add this note, that his F.F.'s consent is given freely, provided it be in accordance with the wishes of his Daughter."

Application for — An application having been received by the committee
— interment — appointed to the charge of the Burial Ground from
— in — Robert Thorne not a member of our Society, for permission
Friends Burial Ground. — to Bury the Body of his son therein, it was granted upon condition that the funeral was conducted after the manner of Friends. A member of our Society was present, who says that the funeral was conducted in a becoming manner.

A leave note has been brought in for Robert Thorne Infant son of the above named Robt Thorne of Hobartown Accountant, who died at Hobartown

— grave note of — in the Parish of Hobart, in the County of Buckingham
— Robt Thorne — on the 28th day of 3rd month 1839 and was buried in Friends
— son of — Burial ground at Hobart in the Parish of Hobart
— Robert Thorne. — in the County of Buckingham on the 1st day of 4th mo 1839

Joseph Benson Mather
Clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
 Kelvedon Great Swan Port, on the 2nd day of 5th month 1839.

Present George N. Story, Francis and Anna Maria
 Members Present — Cotton, Ann Pollard, and Anna Maria Cotton Jun^r.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been read.

Testimony of Disownm^t — 2. This Meeting is informed that the Friends appoint a
 — handed to — to that Service have handed our Testimony of Disownment
 — Isabella Nichollias — to Isabella Nichollias.

— James Dore — 3. The Case of James Dore is continued

— John Sawson — 4. The Case of John Sawson is continued

— Thos Willington — 5. The Case of Thomas Willington is continued

— Thomas Watts — 6. The Case of Thomas Watts is continued.

7. A Report as under has been received from the
 Friends appointed to make enquiry as to the cleanness
 of our Friends Robert Andrew Mather and Ann Pollard
 from other Marriage engagements, as well as to give Public
 Notice of their intention of taking each other in Marriage.

Report of Committee — concerning the — This meeting feels satisfied with the Report and
 — cleanness of — leaves it with Friends of Hobart Town to make the proper
 — Robert Andrew Mather — arrangements for the solemnization of the marriage.

— and — "To, — The Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —"

— Ann Pollard — "We the Committee Appointed to enquire

— from other — whether Robert Andrew Mather and Ann Pollard are
 Marriage engagements — free from other Marriage engagements have to inform
 you that we have fulfilled our appointment, and have
 reason to believe that no other engagements of the kind exist."

"Notice was given at the close of First day Morning
 Meeting 14th of 4th month 1839 of their intended marriage."

Hobart Town
 25th 4th mo 1839 -

Abraham C. Flower

Sarah Bouch

a true copy. Francis Cotton Clerk.

Stobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
their Meeting House N^o 39 Murray Street by adjournment on
the 13th day of 6th Month 1839.

Present. Abm Chas Flower, Henry Propsting,

— Members Present. — Joseph Benson Mather, Sarah Crouch, Sarah B. Mather,
Ann Propsting, and Ann Pollard.

1st Joseph Benson Mather having laid before
this Meeting a concern which has for some time attended
him to visit Sydney in the love of the Gospel.

— Joseph B. Mather — This Meeting after solidly considering the matter
— concerned — has declared its unity with our dear Friend in his
— to visit Sydney. — important engagement, and hereby liberates him for
— unity of Meeting — that service, earnestly recommending him to the care
— therein — and Keeping of Israel's Shepherd.

As J. B. Mather conceives it right to proceed as
early as possible in his undertaking the Clerk is directed
to write to Friends at Great Swan Port requesting they
would meet as soon as convenient in the capacity of a
Monthly Meeting to take the matter into consideration, and
grant a minute accordingly.

— Minutes read — 2. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at
Kebodon Great Swan Port have been read.

— James Dore — 3. The case of James Dore is continued

— John Lawson — 4. The case of John Lawson is continued

— J. Willington — 5. The case of Tho Willington is continued

— Tho Watts — 6. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

7. In accordance with the 10th Minute of 1st Month
empowering this Meeting to allow marriages to be solemnized
between members of our Society at Friends Meeting House at
Sydney, New South Wales. This Meeting hereby sanctions

Marriage to be solemniz^d — Mather and Ann Pollard at Friends Meeting House at Sydney.
 at Friends Meet^g House — And appoints Joseph Benson Mather to see that good order
 Sydney. N. S. W. — is observed, and that the certificates of the marriage be
 in Accordance with — properly filled up and signed, and duly witnessed; also
 — 10th minute of 1st Mo. — to see that the rule laid down in the 10th Minute
 Appointm^t Accordingly. — above alluded to be carried into effect.

Appointm^t to visit — 8th. Harry Harford Ridler having for a considerable
 — H. H. Ridler — time absented himself from our Meetings for worship;
 on his non-attendance — private admonition having proved ineffectual, this Meeting
 — of — appoints Henry Propsting, Ab^m Cha^s Shower and
 Meetings for worship. — Joseph Benson Mather, to visit him thereupon and report.

Joseph Benson Mather.
 Clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Helbedon
Great Swan Port on the 20th day of 6th month 1839.

Present. G. H. Story Francis Cotton, Anna Maria Cotton,
Members present — Henry Cotton and Anna Maria Cotton Jun^r.

Reason for — This Meeting having met specially to take into
Special Meeting. — consideration the first Minute of the Monthly Meeting held
at Hobart Town in the current month; and at that Meeting's
particular request has had under its solid consideration
the matters contained in the said Minute, and feeling
unity therewith directs the Clerk to hand a copy of the
following Minute to Joseph Benson Mather.

Minute granted — 2. Our dear Friend, Joseph Benson Mather, who is
to — a Member of the Society of Friends in Van Diemens Land,
and in the Station of Minister, having laid before our
Monthly Meeting held in Hobart Town, on the 13th day of the
Sixth month 1839, — an apprehension of duty to visit Sydney
Joseph B. Mather — New South Wales, in the love of the Gospel, and the subject
expressing the unity — having claimed the solid consideration of Friends, and much
of the Meeting — unity and sympathy with him having been expressed therein:
in his concern to — and the subject having also been further considered by that
visit Sydney. — branch of the Monthly Meeting held at Helbedon Great Swan Port,
specially — on the 20th day of the aforesaid month, and unity with
our dear Friend, in his intended undertaking having been felt
and expressed, the Monthly Meeting hereby liberates him to
pursue the prospect before him, as Truth may open the way,
desiring that he may from day to day be preserved in watchfulness
and humility, and be favoured to accomplish the religious
service laid upon him to the glory of God, and the peace of
his own mind. —

Francis Cotton

Clerk

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Helvedon, Great Swan Port on the 4th day of 7th month 1839.

Present, George Fordyce Story, Mrs and Anna Maria Cotton,
 Members present — Henry Cotton, and Anna Maria Cotton Jun^r.

Minutes read. — 1. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at Hobart Town have been read, as well as those of the Meeting held at Helvedon on the 20th ult.

Minute handed. — 2. The Clerk informs the Meeting, that he has transmitted to Joseph B. Mather a copy of the Second Minute of the Meeting held at Helvedon on the 20th ult agreeably to its directions.

James Dove — 3. The Case of James Dove is continued.

John Lawson — 4. The Case of John Lawson is continued.

Tho^s Willington — 5. The Case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Tho^s Watts — 6. The Case of Thomas Watts is continued.

Minute contin^d. — 7. The Seventh Minute of last Month is continued.

H. H. Ridler — 8. The Case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

A true Copy
 Francis Cotton
 Clerk —

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their
Meeting House No 39 Murray Street on the 1st day of 8th month 1839.

Present. Abm L. Flower, Henry Propsting, Joseph B. Mather

Members present. — Sarah Brouch, Sarah B. Mather, Ann Pollard and
Ann Propsting.

1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at Kelvedon
Minutes read. — Great Swan Port have been read, as well as those of the
special Meeting held at Kelvedon on the 20th of 6th mo 1839.

2. The following Report has been received from the Friends
appointed to visit James Dore. —

— To, — "Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends" —

— "Dear Friends —

— Report of Committee — We your Committee appointed to visit
— appointed to visit — James Dore, relative to his application for membership, have
— Jas^d Dore. — to inform you that we have paid him several visits which
Judgement of Meeting were of a satisfactory nature. He states his continued conviction
— Thineon. — that the views entertained by our Society are strictly scriptural;
therefore from the length of time his case has been under
care, during which he has regularly attended our Meetings for
worship, as well as from a belief that his conduct is
consistent with his Christian profession we recommend that
his request be acceded to."

"Abm L. Flower

Hobart Town

"Sarah Benson Mather

1st of 8th mo 1839.

"Henry Propsting.

After having weightily considered the above report in the
case of James Dore, this Meeting believes that the time
has not yet fully arrived to acknowledge him as a member
of the Society; but would nevertheless encourage him to
follow on in the Path which he has believed himself called
upon to walk in; and would advise him to "study to be
quiet, and to mind his own business," that by cultivating
a state of mental stillness, he may know his own will
brought into subjection to the Divine will, and every thought

brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ: and thus by
 laying as clay in the hands of the potter, he may witness the
 Minute in the case — Lord working in him to will and to do of His own good
 — of — pleasure, in which state he will be favoured to discern the
 James Dove — voice of the True Shepherd, (even Christ) who will lead his
 faithful followers into green pastures and beside the still
 waters, yea — will lead them into paths of righteousness
 for his great name's sake.

The Clerk is directed to hand a copy of the Report
 and the above minute to James Dove.

3. This Meeting adjourns to 7 o'clock this Evening at
 Adjournment — the residence of Tho^s Jas^t brouch. Bathurst Street.

4. Met pursuant to adjournment

John Lawson — 5. The case of John Lawson is continued

Tho^s Willington — 6. The case of Tho^s Willington is continued

Tho^s Watts. — 7. The case of Thomas Watts is continued

Minute contin^d — 8. The 7th Minute of the 6th month is continued.

St. H. Ridler — 9. The case of St. H. Ridler is continued.

Queries & Advices read. — 10. The Queries and general Advices have been read.

Joseph Benson Mather
 Clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at Helvedon, Great Swan Port, on the 5th day of 9th
Month, 1839.

Present, Geo. Fordyce Story, Francis & Anna
— Members Present — Maria Cotton, & Anna Maria Cotton jun^r.

— Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been
read.

— Judgmt of Meeting — 2. This Meeting having solidly considered the second
— confirmed — Minute of last Month, coincides with Friends of Hobart
in the case of Town, in the judgment therein expressed relative to
— James Pore — James Dore: his case is continued.

— John Lawson — 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

— Tho^s Willington — 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

— Tho^s Watts — 5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

— Minute Contin^d — 6. The 7th Minute of 6th Month is continued.

— H. H. Ridler — 7. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

— Queries & Advices read — 8. The Queries and General Advices have been read.

— Francis Cotton —
(Clerk)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at the
Residence of Tho. J. Crouch, in Bathurst St. 21st of 10th Mo. 1839.

Present, Henry Propsting, Ab^m C. Flowers, Sarah Benson
Members Present — Mather, Sarah Crouch, & Ann Propsting.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of Last Monthly Meeting, held at
Kelvedon, Great Swan Port, have been read.

Copy of minute — 2. The Assistant Clerk informs this Meeting that he
handed to — handed a copy of the 2nd Minute of 8th Mo. to James
James Gore — Gore, accompanied with the Report of the Committee
his case continued — appointed to visit him: his case is continued.

John Lawson — 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Tho^s Willington — 4. The case of Tho^s Willington is continued.

Tho^s Watts — 5. The case of Tho^s Watts is continued.

6. The following Report has been brought in, accompa-
nied with the Certificate of Marriage between R. A. Mather
and Ann Pollard. —

Report of Marriage — "To Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends. —
— Dear Friends. —

— of — " I have to inform you, that in accor-
Robt A. Mather — dance with my appointment I attended the solemnization
— and — " of the Marriage between Robt. Andrew Mather and Ann
Ann Pollard. " Pollard, which took place at a Meeting for worship in
" Friends Meeting House, Sydney, New South Wales on the
" 22nd Inst. public notice having previously been given;
" also, that the strictest order was observed, and believe
" that I may safely add that it was a day eminently
" owned of the Most High.

" The Certificate of the above Marriage is forwarded
" herewith, a duplicate of which has been handed to the
" parties."

Sydney, New S. Wales } Joseph Benson Mather.
24th of 8th Mo. 1839. }

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The Assistant Clerk is directed to hand the Certificate to the Registrar, of which the following is a Copy.

— " Robert Andrew Mather of Sydney New South Wales, Draper, Son of Robert Mather of Hobarton, in the Island of Van Diemen's Land, Hosier, and Ann Pollard, lately of Great Swanport, in the Island of Van Diemen's Land, but now of Sydney New South Wales, Daughter of Theophilus Pollard, lately of Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, England, but now residing at Port Philip, New South Wales: (the female parents of the respective Parties being both deceased;) having declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage before the Monthly Meeting of Friends, commonly called Quakers, of Hobart Town, in the Island of Van Diemen's Land; the proceedings of the said Rob^t. Andrew Mather and Ann Pollard after due enquiry and deliberate consideration thereof were allowed by the said Meeting, they appearing to be clear of all others, and having consent of Parents and Guardians. — Now these are to certify, that for the accomplishing of their said Marriage, this twenty second day of the eighth Month, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, they, the said Robert Andrew Mather and Ann Pollard, appeared at a Public Meeting of the aforesaid people at their Meeting House at Sydney, New South Wales; and the said Robert Andrew Mather taking the said Ann Pollard by the hand declared as followeth: Friends, I take this my friend Ann Pollard to be my Wife, promising, through divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful Husband, until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us. And the said Ann Pollard did then and there, in the said Assembly, declare as followeth: Friends, I take this my friend Robert Andrew Mather to be my husband, promising, through divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful Wife until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us.

And the said Robert Andrew Mather and Ann
Pol.

Certificate of
— Marriage —
— of —
Rob^t. Andrew Mather
— and —
Ann Pollard

Pollard, as a further confirmation thereof and in testimony thereunto did then and there to these presents set their hands.

— Robert Andrew Mather —

— Ann Pollard —

— We, being present at the above-said Marriage, have also subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto, the day and year above written.

Witnesses to the
Certificate of
Marriage —

of —
Rob^t A Mather
— and —
Ann Pollard

Joseph Benson Mather

John Palser

Gabriel Bennett

John Galloway

John Mohringk

Ann Carrick

Hannah Palser

Amelia Brown

Elenor Mayden

Maria Luke.

7. The case of Harry Harford Ridler is continued.

8. Birth-notes have been brought in for "William," son of John Lawson and Louisa his wife, who was born at the Coked-hat Hill, in the Parish of Evendale, in the County of Cornwall, in the Island of Van Diemen's Land, on the fifteenth day of the ninth month, one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, which have been signed by the Assistant Clerk, who is directed to hand them to the Registrar.

— Abraham Charles Flower, —
(Assistant Clerk.)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Kelvedon, Great Swanport, on the 21st of 11th
Month, 1839.

Present Geo. Fordyce Story, Francis and Anna Maria
Members Present — Cotton, Henry Cotton and Francis Cotton Jun^r.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have
been read.

James Dore — 2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson — 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington — 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos Walls — 5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

J. C. H. Miller — 6. The case of J. C. H. Ridler is continued.

Francis Cotton
(Clerk.)

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Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at
Hobart Town — , on the 12th of 12th Mo. 1839.

Present, Thomas Squire, Francis & Anna Maria Cotton,

Members Present — Sarah B. Mather, Sarah Brouch and Ann Propsting.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Month have been read.

James Dore — 2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson — 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos. Willington — 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos. Watts — 5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler — 6. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

Francis Cotton.

(Clerk at this time)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Great Swan Port, the 2nd of 1st Mo. 1840.

Present, George Fordyce Story, Francis & Anna
Members Present — Maria Cotton, & Anna Maria Cotton, Junr.

Minutes Read — 1. The Minutes of last Month have been read.

James Dore — 2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson — 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington — 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos Watts — 5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler — 6. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

7. A communication as under has been received from the Yearly Meeting — — —, which has obtained our deliberate consideration, and we are of the judgment that in our present condition no Overseer could be suitably appointed in this branch of the Monthly Meeting.

Communication "To — Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends. —
— from —

"The Yearly Meeting — Dear Friends. —

relative to the — "I am directed by the Yearly Meeting to
appointment of "hand you the subjoined copy of a paragraph of a com-
— Overseers — "munication received from the Meeting for Sufferings in
and Judgment "London, and to request you will give it your solid consi-
— thereon — "deration.

"I remain your friend

"Francis Cotton.

"(Clerk to said Meeting.)"

"We are glad that you have been led to establish
"among you a system of Discipline: when exercised in a
"spirit of charity, which is ever the foundation of true
"Disci-

"Discipline, it is evidently calculated to prove a means of
"preservation, and to promote "the unity of the Spirit in the
"bond of peace." We would not wish you to adopt any
"regulations which your state and circumstances do not war=
"rant; but should you be able suitably to appoint any of
"your number as Overseers, to watch over the Flock, and as
"occasion may offer to extend a word of counsel, we cannot
"but think there might be some advantage in your doing so."
" Francis Cotton (Holk.) "

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at their Meeting House, 39 Murray Street, 13th of the
2nd Month, 1840.

Present. Henry Propsting, Abm. C. Flower, Sarah
Crouch, & Sarah Benson Mather.

Members present—

1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting, held at
minutes read— Helvedon, Gt Swanport, have been read.

James Dore— 2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson— 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington— 4. The case of Thos. Willington is continued.

Thos Watts— 5. The case of Thos. Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler— 6. The case of Harry H. Ridler is continued.

Judgement as to— 7. The communication referred to in the 7th Minute
the appointment of last month relative to the appointment of Overseers,
— of — has had our solid consideration, and this Meeting is
Overseers— of the judgment that at the present time we cannot
suitably appoint any individuals to that office.

Abm. Chas. Flower.
(Clerk at this time.)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at Kelvedon, Great Swanport, on the 19th
day of the 3rd Month, 1840.

Present, Geo: Fordyce Story, Fran^s. & Anna

Members present— Maria Cotton, & A. M. Cotton Jun^r.

Minutes read— 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been
read.

James Dore— 2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson— 3. The case of John Lawson is continued

Thos Willington— 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos Watts— 5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler— 6. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

Francis Cotton,
(Clerk.)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at their Meeting House, 39 Murray Street,
the 2nd of the 11th Mo: 1840.

Present, Henry Propsting, Abm. C. Flower, Ann
—Members present— Propsting, Sarah Crouch, & S. B. Mather.

—Minutes read— 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been
read.

—James Dore— 2. The case of James Dore is continued. Sarah Crouch
is added to the Committee appointed to visit him.

—John Lawson— 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

—Thos Willington— 4. The case of Thos. Willington is continued.

—Thos Watts— 5. The case of Thos. Watts is continued.

—H. H. Ridler— 6. The case of Harry H. Ridler is continued.

—Queries & Advices read— 7. The Queries and Advices have been read.

— Abraham C. Flower, —
(Clerk at this time)

Hobart Town, Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at Kelvedon, Great Swanport, the 7th of
5th Month, 1840.

Present, George Fordyce Story, Francis &
Members Present — Anna Maria Cotton, Henry Cotton, A. M. Cotton Junr.
and Thomas Cotton.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been
read.

James Dore — 2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson — 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington — 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos Watts — 5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler — 6. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

7. A communication has been received from John
Lawson and Thomas Willington, informing the Meeting
that in consequence of difficulties attending the Burial
communication — of an Infant, the child of individuals resident at
relative to a — Launceston, who make profession with Friends, that
Burial ground — they had jointly purchased a piece of land, and now
— at — present the same by deed to the Society of Friends
Launceston — in Van Diemen's Land, for a Burial ground; also
stating their intention of fencing the said ground in a
proper manner; and further that it is their wish, that
the Deed may be registered at their expense.

As the Deed is not in possession of this Branch of
the Monthly Meeting, it abstains from further notice
of the matter until the Deed be read in the Monthly
Meeting at Hobart Town, and the judgment of Friends
there is expressed thereon.

Queries & Advices read — 8. The Queries and Advices have been read.

Francis Cotton. (Clerk.)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at their Meeting House, 39 Murray Street,
on the 4th of the 6th Month, 1840.

Present, Henry Propsting, Abm. C. Flower, Sarah
Members Present—B. Mather, Sarah Crouch & Ann Propsting.

Minutes read—1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have
been read.

James Dore—2. The case of Jas. Dore is continued.

John Lawson—3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos. Willington—4. The case of Thos. Willington is continued.

Thos. Watts—5. The case of Thos. Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler—6. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

7. The communication from John Lawson and
Thomas Willington referred to in the seventh Minute
of last month, together with the Deeds of a piece
of ground purchased by them and conveyed to the
Society of Friends for a Burial Ground have been
read & had our serious consideration. We are of the
judgment that they ought to have proffered the ground
to the Society before they executed the Deed; and there
appears to be existing difficulties, such as receiving Land
from persons making application for Membership; and
also there being no resident Members near the place who
might be appointed to the care of it.

8. Copies of Burial Notes have been received for Mary
Clark, Wife of Joseph Clark, of Sydney, New South Wales,
aged about fifty five years, who died
on the thirteenth day of the third month, one thousand
eight hundred & forty, and was buried in Friends' Burial
Ground

Burial Note for
John Galloway
— Son of —
John & Jessie Galloway
of Sydney, N.S.W. —

Ground, at Sydney, New South Wales, on the fifteenth
of the ~~fifth~~ month, & year above-mentioned; and John
Galloway of Sydney, New South Wales, Son of John
Galloway, Tailor, and Jessie his Wife, aged about
two years and nine months (not a Member) who
died the Twenty-third day of fourth month, eighteen
hundred & forty, and was buried in Friends Burial
Ground, at Sydney, New South Wales, on the twenty-
fourth of the month and year above-mentioned:

The Assistant Clerk is requested to hand them to the
Registrar.

— Abraham Charles Flower. —
(Clerk at this time.)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at Helvedon, Great Swan Port, on the
2nd of 7th Month, 1840.

Present,

George F. Story, Francis & Anna Maria
Members Present — Cotton, Henry Cotton, Anna Maria Cotton Junr, and
Thomas Cotton.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have
been read.

James Dore — 2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson — 3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington — 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos Walls. — 5. The case of Thomas Walls is continued.

H. H. Ridler — 6. The case of Harry H. Ridler is continued.

H. Cotton & G. F. Story — 7. The 7th Minute of last Month has been
appointed to peruse. read, and after due consideration, this Meeting
the deeds of Land. appoints Geo. F. Story and Francis Cotton, to
proposed as a — peruse the Deed and Papers forwarded by John
Burial Ground at Lawson and Thomas Willington, and to make a
Launceston — Report thereon to the ensuing Monthly Meeting.

Francis Cotton,
(Clerk.)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at their Meeting House, 39 Murray Street, 6th of
8th Month, 1840.

Present

Members Present —

Henry Propsting, A. C. Flower, Sarah
Crouch, & Sarah B. Mather.

Minutes read —

1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have
been read.

James Dore —

2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson —

3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington —

4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos Watts —

5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler —

6. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

7. The following Report has been received relative
to the 7th Minute of last month (see Copy underneath)
but as Friends of Great Swan Port have not expressed
their judgment about receiving or not receiving the said
proposed as a piece of Land, which we think ought first to claim our con-
sideration, we therefore wait that their judgment may be ex-
pressed thereupon, at the same time leaving the Committee ap-
pointed by the last Monthly Meeting to make such enquiries
as may be necessary.

A. C. Flower.

(Clerk at this time.)

Report —

" To Hobart Town Monthly
Meeting of Friends. "

" Dear Friends

Pursuant

"Dear Friends—"

"Pursuant to our appointment we have read
"over and carefully examined the Deed and Papers forwarded
"to the Monthly Meeting by John Lawson and Thomas Will-
- Report as to —" ington, and we are of the judgment, that whatever decision
examination of "the Meeting may come to in respect to receiving or rejecting
the Deeds of Land "the ground said to be conveyed by the said Deed, that
- at Saunceston — "it does not convey the ground to the Society, but to John
proposed as a "Lawson and Thomas Willington, in trust for the Society;
- Burial Ground — "and that to present to the Society the Land in question,
"will require another Deed differently expressed.
"We are also of the judgment that the Conveyance
"is insufficient on other grounds."

"(Signed) Francis Cotton"

"George F. Story."

"Kelvedon, St. Swan Port }
23rd of 7th Mo: 1840."

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Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at
Kelvedon, Gt Swanport, 3rd of 9th Mo: 1850.

Present.

Members present —

GEO: F. Story, Fr: & Anna Maria Cotton, Fran:
Cotton Jun: & A. M. Cotton Jun:.

Minutes read —

1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been read.

James Dore —

2. The case of James Dore is continued.

John Lawson —

3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington —

4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

Thos Watts —

5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

H. H. Ridler —

6. The case of H. H. Ridler is continued.

Land at —

Launceston —

7. The 7th Minute of last Month has been read
and received our serious consideration, and we are
of the judgment that the Society may safely and
properly receive the land at Launceston proffered by
John Lawson and Thomas Willington for the purpose
of a Burial Ground, provided the same be presented
to it agreeably to the directions laid down in the Book
of Extracts, under the head 'Trust Property.'

Francis Cotton,
(Clerk)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held
at their Meeting House, 39 Murray St. 1st of 10th Mo. 1840.

Present,

—Members present—

Henry Propsting, Rob^t Mather, Abm^m Cha^r
Flower, Sarah Crouch, S. B. Mather & Ann Propsting.

—Minutes read—

1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting have been
read.

—James Dore—

2. The case of James Dore is continued.

—John Lawson—

3. The case of John Lawson is continued.

—Thos Willington—

4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

—Thos Watts—

5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

6. The following communication has been received
from H. H. Ridler.

To the Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends,
at Kelvedon, Great Swan Port.

Dear Friends.

—Communication—

—from—

—H. H. Ridler—

Being about to visit England in five
or six weeks time, I beg leave to state before leaving, it is
my wish, if agreeable to the mind of Friends to have my
case now before the Monthly Meeting withdrawn (which
I regret the occasion of) from my regular attendance at
Meetings, and from the comfort & peace which I enjoy
from the belief of Friends' principles, I feel it my duty
further to solicit a Certificate of Membership, as it will
be my desire not only to be in unity with Friends, but to
worship with them in England for my own comfort and
edification. But I submit it to Friends being conscious
I have no sinister motive in making this application, but
merely in the uprightness of my mind; consequently I shall
feel satisfied with Friends' decision either way, but I should

not have felt satisfied without having ^{made} this request.

I remain, dear Friends

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Ridler.

H. H. Ridler's case — The Committee in his case are requested to visit him thereon, and report to the next Monthly Meeting. Robert Mather is added to the Committee, in place of J. B. Mather who is from home.

Land at
Launceston

7. The Committee appointed to peruse the Deeds and papers forwarded by John Lawson and Tho. Willington are requested to see that the Land be presented to the Society agreeably to the directions laid down in the Book of Extracts; and to acquaint John Lawson and Thomas Willington that we are willing to receive it on those conditions.

Application for
interment in
Friends Burial Ground

8. An application having been made to one of the Committee appointed to the care of the Burial Ground, by Robt Thorne (not a Member of our Society) for permission to bury the body of his infant Son Frederick Thorne therein, it was granted, upon condition that the funeral should be conducted after the manner of Friends.

Grave Note for
"Frederick"
son of Robt Thorne
of Hobart Town

9. A grave-note has been brought in for Frederick Thorne, aged seven months and sixteen days, son of the above named Robt. Thorne and his wife, who died on the 29th day of the 5th Month, 1840, and was buried in Friends' Burial Ground at Hobart, in the parish of Hobart, in the County of Buckingham, on the 2nd day of the 6th Month, 1840.

Abm C. Flower

(Clerk at this time.)

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hobdow
Great Swan Port, by adjournment, on the 19th of 11th Month 1840.

Present, George Fordyce Stoy, Francis & Anna Maria
—Members present— Cotton, and A. M. Cotton Jun^r.

—Minutes read— 1. The minutes of last monthly meeting have been read.

2. A Report as under has been received from the Committee
appointed to visit James Dore; also a paper in his own hand
writing has been read, in which he requests his case to be withdrawn;
from this circumstance, and uniting in the recommendation
of the Committee we believe it will be right to withdraw his case
—Report of Committee— from the monthly meeting minutes

appointed to visit — "To, Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends" —

—James Dore— — "Dear Friends" —

—and judgm^t thereon—

"We your Committee appointed to visit James
Dore on his application for membership, have to inform you
"that having heard his conduct was inconsistent with his
"profession, we paid him another visit, and found him
"in a very dark state of mind, and entertaining some very
"erroneous views."

"He admitted the truth of the reports in circulation
"but instead of feeling contrition, appeared ^{disposed} to justify himself

"We extended counsel to him, and endeavoured to convince
"him of his errors, but it did not appear to have the desired effect:
"we therefore recommend ^{that} his case be discontinued."

Hobart Town } Henry Propsting
29th of 10th month 1840. } "Abel H. Horner
"Sarah Brouche
"Sarah Benson Mather

—John Lawson— 3. The case of John Lawson is continued

—Thos Willington— 4. The case of Thomas Willington is continued.

—Thos Watts— 5. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

6. The friends appointed to visit Harry Harford Ridler have made the following Report, which has obtained our solid consideration, and we are of the judgement, that it will be proper to withdraw his Name from the Minutes, and to grant him a Certificate of Membership agreeably to his request.

— "To, — Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends" —

— "Dear Friends" —

"We your Committee appointed to visit Harry Harford Ridler, have to inform you, we fulfilled our appointment, and that our visit was satisfactory. He admitted his error

"and expressed his regret that he had entertained those erroneous views of the ordinance of the Lords Supper, (so called) as he now sees the Spirituality of the Gospel, and believes in the spiritual meaning of eating the Flesh, and drinking the Blood of the Son of God."

"He also expressed his regret, that he had caused other Professors to rejoice at his leaving Friends, which he was aware had been the case.

"Such counsel was extended to him as at the time appeared right, and he was reminded of having once before resigned his Membership.

"From the circumstances of his late regular attendance of Meetings for worship, and from the desirable state of mind he evinces, we recommend his case be discontinued."

"He also stated that during the time he absented himself from our Meetings for worship, he assembled his own Family twice every day when practicable, and practised silent worship, from a conviction of its importance."

Wm L. Flower

Hobart Town }
11-2 of 10th month 1840.

Henry Propsting

Robert Mather

7. John Lawson and Thomas Willington have been informed of the decision of the Monthly Meeting in regard to the Ground in Launceston proffered by them to the Society, — by the Committee appointed to that service, who have since received a communication from the above named Individuals, authorizing them to have the Land in question conveyed to the Society for the purpose of a Burial Ground, in whatsoever mode will be satisfactory to the Meeting.

8. Permission having been given for the interment of

Report of Committee
appointed to visit
H. H. Ridler
and Judgm^t thereon

Land at Launceston
to be convey^d to Friends
as a Burial Ground

— Burial Note for — A George Rayner (not a member) in Friends Burial Ground
George Rayner at Hobart Town, a Burial Note for that individual was brought
of Fairy Dale in the in; he being a Farmer of Fairy Dale in the District of Hamilton
District of Hamilton — Aged 45 years and 7 months, who died the 12th day of the 10th month
1840, and was interred on the 15th of the same.

— Birth Notes for — Q. Birth Notes were brought in for "Joseph" son of Francis
"Joseph" — Cotton of Melbourn Great Swan Port, Agriculturist, and Anna
— son of — Maria his wife, who was born on the 29th of the 9th month
Francis & Anna Maria Cotton — 1840, which were signed by the Clerk and handed to the
Registrar.

— Queries & Advice read — 10. The Queries and Advice have been read

(Signed)

Francis Cotton

— Clerk —

*Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their
Meeting House No 39 Murray Street on the 3rd of 12th month 1840*

*Members Present — Present. George Washington Walker, Francis Bottom, Abram Charles
Shower, Robert Mather, Joseph B. Mather, Henry Popsting, William
Rayner, Sarah B. Mather, Esther Dixson, Sarah Crouch, Ann
Popsting, & Anna Maria Bottom Jun^r.*

*1. Our dear friend Joseph Benson Mather has returned to this
Meeting a minute granted to him in the 6th month 1839, setting him
at liberty to visit the Town of Sydney N.S.W. in the love of the Gospel.*

*Minute returned to — He has stated that the labours he believed himself called to engage in
Monthly Meeting — were not generally of a public nature, but lay much among the peo-
ple — persons there making profession with Friends, among whom the
Good Seed once sown had become very much overgrown with weeds, so
Joseph Benson Mather — as to render it unfruitful, and which it appeared to be his duty
and account of his — diligently to tend until some evidence was mercifully afforded him
visit to Sydney — that it had again been visited and blessed from on High.*

*Joseph B. Mather further states that the retrospect of the service
affords him peace; and this Meeting in expressing its thankfulness
that he has been favoured to accomplish it to the relief of his own
mind, would unite with our dear friend in ascribing the praise
to the Lord alone who was pleased to lead him forth, and assist
in its accomplishment.*

*Minutes read — 2. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at Melodora
Swan Port have been read.*

*James Dore — 3. This Meeting concurs with the judgement of Friends at Swan
Port relative to the case of James Dore. Joseph B. Mather is requested
to inform him thereof.*

Meeting adjourn'd — 4. This Meeting adjourns to Seven O'clock this Evening.

5. Met pursuant to adjournment.

John Lawson — 6. The case of John Lawson is continued.

— Tho^s Willington — 7. The lease of Thomas Willington is continued.

— Thomas Watts — 8. The lease of Thomas Watts is continued

9. This Meeting confirms the judgement of Friends at Swan
— H. H. Riddle's case — Port in withdrawing the case of Harry Harford Riddle from our
withdrawn and Minutes; and as H. H. Riddle has now left this Colony for
— a Certificate of Membership — England, the Clerk is directed to communicate with him as
— to be forwarded to him — to the decision of this Meeting, and to forward a Certificate of
his Membership, which has been drawn up in this Meeting and
received the signature of the Clerk.

— Land for Burial G'd — 10. The 7th Minute of last month relative to the Land for a Burial
— at Launceston — Ground at Launceston, is continued under the care of the committee
appointed to that service.

11. The following notices of intended Marriage between
George Washington Walker & Sarah Benson Mather, have been
laid before this Meeting, and Notice of Consent thereto from
— Notices of intended — Robert Mather the surviving parent of Sarah Mather. The parents
— marriage between — of George W Walker are deceased.

George Washington Walker Francis Cotton & Sarah French are appointed to enquire
— and — into the clearness of the parties and Report.

Sarah Benson Mather — To Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —
— and appointment thereon — — Dear Friends —

I hereby inform you that it is my
intention to take my friend Sarah Benson Mather to be my wife,
if the Lord permit, and remain

11 Bathurst Street — } with love, your friend.
Hobart Town 3rd Mo 1840. } George Washington Walker

— To Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —
Dear Friends

I hereby inform you that it is
my intention to take my friend George Washington Walker
to be my husband if the Lord permit.

by Liverpool Street } And remain, with love
Hobart Town } Your friend
3rd of 12th Month 1840 } Sarah Benson Mather

To. Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends

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Dear Friends

I hereby inform you that it is
with my consent that my Daughter Sarah Benson has laid
before you her intention of marriage with our friend George
Washington Walker.

By Liverpool Street
Hobart Town
3rd of 12th Month 1840.

and remain, with love.

Your friend

Robert Matthee

12. The following Books have been presented to Friends Library
by our Friends James Backhouse & George Washington Walker

Barclay's Apology - one copy

Set. Peace Tracts, half bound one vol

Daniel Wheeler's Journal — " —

Thomas Story's do — do —

Life of George Fox new edition do

Honey Comb.

And some pamphlets.

Also by Joseph Cooke

Life of Mary Waring

Life of Stephen Irish

Memoir of J. Kendal

do of John Richardson

do of William Knight

An address to the Society of Friends — a pamphlet —

13. The following Report of Friends Library has been ^{brought in} and read;
and this Meeting appoints Robert Matthee to the office of Librarian.

Report of Friends Library at Hobart Town

3rd of 12th Month 1840

Report of Library

and appointment

of Librarian

The Monthly Meeting is hereby informed that the Books of
the Library at Hobart Town have undergone an examination; there
are now 178 volumes attached thereto including some pamphlets,

which are in a sound state.

— Numbers. 63, 72, 104, 121, & 133. appear to be lost —

— Report of Library — There are twenty six (26) volumes at present on loan, and
— at Hobart Town — the amount of Issue since last Report is

— For the year 1837 — Sixty eight (68) Volumes

— " — 1838 — Sixty five (65) do

— " — 1839 — Seventy seven (77) do

— " — 1840 — Sixty four (64) do

— Joseph Benson Mather —
Acting Librarian

14. Birth Notes have been brought in as under, which have been examined by this Meeting, and signed by the Clerk who is directed to hand them to the Registrar.

— Birth Notes for —
— "Ellen Grace" — For "Ellen Grace", daughter of Abraham ^{proven & Jane his wife} Darcy of Sydney, who
— daughter of — was born at Sydney in the Parish called St Phillip in the
— Abraham & Jane Darcy — County of Cumberland in the Colony of New South Wales, on
— of Sydney N.S.W. — the twentieth day of the tenth Month One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

— also —

— Mary Ann — For "Mary Ann" daughter of Thomas James Couch of
— daughter of — Hobart Town Under Sheriff and Sarah his wife, who was born
— Thomas James & Sarah Couch — at Hobart Town in the Parish of Hobart in the County of Buckingham
— of Hobart T.S.E. — in the Island of Van Diemen's Land on the fifth day of the eleventh
Month One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

— also —

— Thomas James — For "Thomas James" Son of John Palseu of Sydney, Master
— son of — and Hannah his wife, who was born at Sydney in the Parish
— John & Hannah Palseu — called St Lawrence, in the County of Cumberland in the
— of Sydney N.S.W. — Colony of New South Wales on the twenty sixth day of the
fourth Month One thousand eight hundred and forty.

— also —

— Robert Munro — For "Robert Munro" Son of John Galloway of Sydney, Tailor,
— son of — and Janet his wife, who was born at Sydney in the Parish called
— John & Janet Galloway — St James in the County of Cumberland in the Colony of New South Wales
— of Sydney N.S.W. — on the 20th day of the 5th Month 1840.

Joseph Benson Mather
Clerk

*Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Kelcedow, Swan
Port by adjournment on the 28th day of the 1st month 1841.*

*Members present — Present, George Washington Walker, Joseph B. Matthei,
George B. Story, Francis & Anna Maria Cotton, Sarah B. Walker,
Henry Cotton, H. Cotton Jun^r, Anna Maria Cotton Jun^r & Tho^s Cotton.*

*Minutes read — 1. The minutes of last monthly Meeting held at Hobart Town have
been read.*

*decision in the case — 2. Joseph B. Matthei informs the meeting that he acquainted James
James^r Dore — Dore with the decision of the Monthly Meeting in his case.*

*3. The following Report relative to the case of John Sawson has been
brought in and read, and has received our solid consideration, and
we are of the judgment that the time has now arrived to acknowledge
him as a member of our Religious Society.*

*To, — "Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends" —
"Dear Friends" —*

Report of visit to —

John Sawson —

and judgm^t thereon —

*"Being one of the Committee appointed to
correspond with John Sawson as an applicant for membership in
our religious Society, I have to inform you, that a correspondence
has been kept up with this individual both by myself and my
friend Francis Cotton to satisfaction. And I have in
company with my friends George Washington & Sarah Benson Walker
lately visited him at his residence near Launceston."*

*"There appears good grounds to believe that he is earnestly
endeavouring to be built on the right foundations, confess Christ,
and to walk consistent with his Christian profession."*

*"I would submit, that the time has now fully arrived for
his being received into membership."*

"Kelcedow, Swan Port"

"26th of 1st mo 1841"

"Joseph Benson Matthei"

*Tho^s Willington — 4. A Report as under has been received in the case of Thomas
Willington, which has been read, and we have endeavoured weightily
to consider. We believe it will be proper to receive Tho^s Willington
into membership with us.*

— To, — "Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends" —

— "Dear Friends" —

— Report of visit to —
— Tho^s Willington —
— relative to his appli-
— cation for Membership —

"As a member of the Committee appointed to correspond with Thomas Willington relative to his application for Membership; I have to inform you that much of an Epistolary character has not appeared to devolve upon me lately towards this person; but in company with my Friends George Washington & Sarah Benson Walker, I visited him at his residence on Norfolk Plains."

"The opportunities I had with him were satisfactory, and I feel that there is reason to believe he has experienced a growth in the Truth and that he is endeavouring to perform all the commandments of the Lord." I think his request may now with propriety be acceded to."

"Kelvedon, Swan Port"

26th of 1st Mo 1841

"Joseph R. Mather"

5. A Report in the case of Thomas Watts has been brought in and read, and is as under. After mature deliberation we are of the Judgment that it will be better to continue his case for some time longer

— To, — "Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends" —

— "Dear Friends" —

— Report of visit to —
— Thomas Watts —
— and Judgm^t thereon —

"Being one of the Committee appointed to correspond with Thomas Watts on his application for Membership; I have to state that way has not opened for any correspondence with him on my part; but when on a Religious visit to the Northern side of the Island, I had an opportunity with him, in company with my Friends George Washington & Sarah Benson Walker."

"He appears to have attained to a degree of religious experience since I last visited him, and I believe a concern exists in his mind to search after Truth; but I do not apprehend the time has yet arrived to admit him into Membership."

Kelvedon, Swan Port.

26th of 1st Month 1841

"Joseph Benson Mather"

— decision in the case —
— of —
— Henry H. Ridler —

6. Joseph R. Mather has informed the meeting that in accordance with its directions he forwarded to Henry Harford Ridler the decision of the meeting in his case; as well as the Certificate of his Membership

7. The Committee appointed to attend to the subject of the
 — Burial Ground — Burial Ground at Sauncestow are continued to that service.

8. The following communications from the Yearly Meeting relative to the marriage of George Washington Walker and Sarah Benson Mather, have been received & read, as also the Report of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to see that due order was observed, and a ratification of said marriage: the provisions required by the Marriage Act of this Colony having been duly complied with.

— "At a Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends in Van Diemen's Land, held at their Meeting house N^o 39 Murray Street Hobart Town on the 4th and by adjournments on the 7th, 8th & 10th of the 12th Month 1840"

— "19th Minute"

Minutes from the — of — This Meeting having been informed that
 — Yearly Meeting — George W. Walker — it is the wish of our Friends George Washington Walker, & Sarah
 — relative to the Marriage — and — Benson Mather to take each other in marriage as soon after
 — of — Sarah B. Mather — the sittings of this Meeting as the good order established among us
 will admit, and the same having obtained due consideration
 and they having intimated to our last Monthly Meeting their
 intention of so taking each other; this Meeting requires the Friends
 appointed in their case to make the needful enquiries, to present
 their Report to the next Sitting of this Meeting, in order that we
 may further deliberate ~~upon~~ this important matter."

— "23rd Minute"

The following Report has been received and read relative to the cleanness of George Washington Walker & Sarah Benson Mather from other marriage engagements &c; ^{them} and this Meeting has again considered the subject of granting permission to marry in connexion with its own situation in regard to the Monthly Meeting; and this Meeting is of the judgment that it will be accordant with good order, and in keeping with the spirit of our Discipline to permit such a step to take place, and therefore sets them at liberty to accomplish their marriage as soon after the sittings of this Meeting as may seem desirable to the parties themselves; and appoints Sarah Crouch & Francis Cotton to see ^{that} the marriage is properly conducted, and requests them to

to make Report thereof to the Monthly Meeting.

"To, Van Diemens Land Yearly Meeting of Friends"

"Dear Friends"

— Report of the clearness — of us by the Monthly Meeting in regard to the marriage of George Washington Walker with Sarah Benson Mathee, and find that — of — — George W. Walker — they are clear from other marriage engagements."

— and — "Public notice of the intended marriage was given at — Sarah B. Mathee — the close of the Meeting for worship in Hobart Town, last first day."

— from other marriage — Hobart Town } "Francis Cotton"

— engagements — 9th of 12th Mo 1840 } "Sarah Croucher"

"The Clerk is directed to hand a copy of this and of the 19th minute to the Monthly Meeting."

To, Hobart Town
Monthly Meeting.

Copy

Francis Cotton Clerk

— Notice of Marriage — "On this fifteenth day of the twelfth month one thousand eight hundred and forty, George Washington Walker formerly of Newcastle upon Tyne, England, Seafarer, but now of Hobart Town — of — — in the Island of Van Diemens Land, and Sarah Benson Mathee — George W. Walker — of Hobart Town in the Island of Van Diemens Land daughter of — Robert Mathee of the same place, Master; (both parents of Geo^r W. — with — — Mathee, and mother of Sarah B. Mathee being deceased) took — Sarah B. Mathee — each other in marriage in a public assembly of the people called Quakers, at their Meeting house, No 39 Murray Street Hobart Town Van Diemens Land."

In the presence of us, who as witnesses thereof, and of the signatures of the said parties, have also subscribed our names the day & year above written.

"Francis Cotton

Joseph Cooke

Joseph Benson Mathee

This marriage was solemnized
— between us —

George Washington Walker
Sarah Benson Mathee.

To, "Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends"

"Dear Friends"

In compliance with the directions of the Yearly Meeting, we hereby inform you that we were present

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Report of Marriage — at the marriage of George Washington Walker with Sarah Benson
 — of — Mather, which was solemnized at Friends' Meeting house No 39
 — George W. Walker — Murray Street on the 15th Inst — and was conducted in an orderly
 — with — and becoming manner —
 — Sarah B. Mather — Hobart Town } "Francis Cotton"
 — 16th of 12^{mo} 1840 } "Sarah Crouch"

Proposition to form — a Library at — Bothwell —

Q. The Yearly Meeting by minute as under, having conveyed to this Meeting a number of Books, a list accompanying it, and having authorized the disposal of them in the way most likely to realize the intentions of the donors; after due consideration it has been concluded that for the present it will be best to continue them under the care of George Bell for the use of the Inhabitants of Bothwell and its vicinity. The Clerk is directed to request George Bell to take charge of the said Books on behalf of this Meeting.

"At a Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends in New Brunswick Land, held at their Meeting house No 39 Murray Street on the 4th and by adjournments on the 7th 8th & 10th of the 12th Month 1840."

Minute from the — "17th Minute" —

Yearly Meeting —

relative to some Books — Meeting" by George Bell, has been read, whereby this Meeting is

presented by — informed that our Friends James Backhouse & George Washington

James Backhouse — Walker have forwarded to him fully three volumes of Friends' Books

— and — to form a Library for the use of the Inhabitants of Lunenburg,

George W. Walker — which Books are placed under the care of this Meeting.

"It appears that George Bell has left Lunenburg, and now resides at Bothwell to which place the Books have been sent; and he now requests to know the wishes of Friends respecting their appropriation."

This Meeting after duly considering the subject places the Books in question under the charge of the Monthly Meeting, and directs the Clerk to hand that meeting a copy of this minute with the list of the Books, requesting it to see that the intention of our Friends be carried out as far as may seem desirable & be practicable.

To. Hobart Town } Copy -
 Monthly Meeting } Francis Cotton. Clerk.

List of Books —

1. Rules of Discipline & Advices	4 ^{to}	4. Fox's - Journal - vol. 2 -	8 ^{vo}
2. Yearly Meeting's Epistles	8 ^{vo}	5. Barclay's Apology	1 ^o
3. Fox's (Geo) Journal Vol 1 -	1 ^o	6. Evans's Exposition	1 ^o

— List of Books for — — the formation of a — — Library — — at — — Bothwell —	7. Echardt's f th B. Wheeler's Journal.	24. Jukes Principles
	8. Bates's (Aika) Doctrines 12 ^{mo}	25. I. ^{Friends Library - 16 mo} Summary & Woodman's Life
	9. Piety Promoted P ^t XI. d ^o	26. II. Chalkley Life
	10. Leadbetter's Biograph ^{ic} notices d ^o	27. III. Richardson's Life
	11. Whitehead's Memoirs vol 1. ~	28. IV. Edmundson's d ^o
	12. d ^o d ^o vol 2. ~	29. to 32. V. to VIII. Jewels History.
	13. Blandage's Life ~	33. IX. Storey, Satey & Banks
	14. Jukes Biograph ^{ic} notices vol 1.	34. X. No Cross. No Crown.
	15. d ^o d ^o d ^o vol 2	35. XI. Churchman's Life
	16. Fox's (Geo) Memoir	36. XII. S. Brownas & J. Roberts
	17. Selection from Advice	37. XIII. Thos. Storey's Life
	18. Piety Promoted	38. XIV. Ellwood & Wilson
	19. Woodman's Serious Consider ^{ation}	39. XV. Selections f ^{or} Barclay's Apology
	20. Shewe's Christian faith	40. XVI. Memorials of Deceased Friends
	21. Truth Vindicated	41. Finford's grounds to a Holy Life
	22. Penn's Rise & Progress.	42. Holmes's Serious Call
	23. Barclay's Catechism	43. Memoir of Deborah Packhouse

— Appointm^t. to the — 10. This meeting conceiving it to be desirable that the Burial
— Care of the Burial — Ground at Sydney, N.S. Wales, should be placed under the care of
— Ground at Sydney — individuals of its own appointment, in order that the intention for
— N.S. Wales. — which it was originally granted may be properly carried out.

This meeting therefore places the said Burial Ground under the care of Robert A. Mather & Joseph B. Mather.

11. The following application for membership has been received from George Bell. This meeting appoints Joseph B. Mather and Francis Cotton to correspond with him thereon & report.

— Application for — — To, — "The Monthly Meeting of Friends in Hobart Town" —
— Membership from — — "Dear Friends" —
— George Bell —

— and — "The truth shall make you free" was
— appointm^t to correspond — the declaration of our Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. Having
— with him — therefore in the great mercy & loving kindness of God been delivered
from (what may be termed) a dispensation of outward observances,
and having been brought to know, & in a measure rightly to
appreciate the spirituality of the Religion of Jesus Christ, I have a
desire to be more closely united in fellowship with that people who
see eye to eye with me in such matters."

Should it therefore be made plain to you by

The Holy Spirit that I am in any way worthy to be received as a member of your Society, it is my sincere wish that you should do so."

— George Bell —

That your deliberations may be under the sanctifying influence of the Spirit of Light, and that your decisions may tend to the glory of God, and to the comfort of all who worship Him, in sincerity & in truth, is the prayer of your friend in the Love of Christ."

Bothwell }
7th of 1st Mo 1841 }

"George Bell"

12. An application for membership from Sarah Bell has been received and is as follows. This meeting appoints Sarah Crouch, Sarah Benson Walker, & Joseph Benson Mathew, to correspond with her thereon & report.

— To, — "The Monthly Meeting of Friends in Hobart Town." —

— Application for —

— Membership from —

— Sarah Bell —

and appointm^t to —

— correspond with her —

"Having been brought through the goodness, and mercy of God Almighty to that state wherein my mind is more & more deeply impressed with the importance of eternal realities, and the nothingness of all things here below, and feeling that it ^{will} be strengthening to me to join your Society, I again apply to be admitted a member thereof; if indeed I may be found worthy.

That the presence of the most High may be with you, and that to bless you, is the earnest desire of your Friend"

Bothwell }
7th of 1st Mo 1841 }

and sister in the Lord.

"Sarah Bell"

Francis Cotton

clock

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their Meeting
House No 59 Murray Street by adjournment on the 18th day of the 2nd month 1831

Present. George Washington Walker, Abm. Chas Flower

Members Present — Robert Mather Joseph B. Mather, Henry Propsting, Sarah B.
Walker, Sarah Crouch, Ann Propsting.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting held at Melbourne, Swan
Port, have been read.

John Lawson — 2. This meeting after weightily considering the case of John Lawson
is of the judgment that advantage will arise by deferring a decision
for the present.

Tho^s Willington — 3. This meeting feeling unity with the judgment of the last
received into — Monthly Meeting relative to the case of Thomas Willington, hereby
membership — acknowledges him as a member of our Religious Society, and requests
the Committee appointed to correspond with him to inform him thereof.

Thomas Watts. — 4. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

Adjournment — 5. This meeting adjourns to half past six o'clock this evening

6. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Burial Ground — 7. The subject of the title for the land proposed as a Burial Ground
at — at — at Launceston is continued under the care of the Committee appointed
Launceston — to that service.

Formation of Library — 8. This meeting concurs with the decision of the last Monthly
at Botherwell — Meeting as contained in the 9th Minute relative to the appropriation
under the care of — of Books for the use of the Inhabitants of Botherwell and its vicinity
George Bell — and in the propriety of George Bell being requested to take charge
of the same.

Burial Ground — 9. The appointment of Robert Andrew Mather & Joseph Newton Mather
at Sydney — to the care of the Burial Ground at Sydney, N. S. Wales is approved of
N. S. Wales — by this Meeting.

10. The case of George Bell is continued under the care of the
 George Bell — Committee appointed to correspond with him.

11. The case of Sarah Bell is continued under the care of the
 Sarah Bell — Committee appointed to correspond with her.

12. This Meeting having been informed that it is the intention of
 our friend Joseph Cooke to marry a female who is not a member
 appointm^t to visit — of our Religious Society, and that private counsel has been ineffec-
 Joseph Cooke — tual in dissuading him from the step; it is considered needful
 in the right exercise of our Discipline to appoint a committee
 to visit him on the subject, and to report to this Meeting:
 George Washington Walker, W^m. Chas. Flower & Joseph B. Mather
 are nominated to the service.

13. Birth Notes have been brought in for "George Remisow",
 Birth Notes for — son of George Bell of Rothwell in the Island of Van Diemens
 "George Remisow" — Land Schoolmaster & Sarah his wife, who was born at
 — son of — Rothwell in the County of Monmouth in the Island of
 George & Sarah Bell — Van Diemens Land on the 21st day of the 11th Month 1840, (not
 a member) which have been examined by this Meeting
 and received the signature of the Clerk who is directed to
 hand them to the Registrar.

14. Application having been made by Isaac Godfrey Reeves
 and permission granted, for the interment of his wife and child
 (not members of our Society) in Friends Burial Ground at Hobart
 Certificates of Death — Town. Certificates of their death and interment have been
 — and interment of — brought in accordingly, viz, for
 — "Mary Reeves" — "Mary Reeves", of Hobart Town in the Parish of Hobart
 — and — in the County of Buckingham, in the Island of Van Diemens Land
 — "Charles Reeves." — (Wife of Isaac Godfrey Reeves, Hatter, of Hobart Town aforesaid)
 at Hobart Town — aged 26 years, who died on the 3rd day of the 1st Month 1841
 and was buried on the 5th day of the same Month and year.

also —

For "Charles Reeves" Infant son of Isaac Godfrey Reeves
 who died on the 17th day of the 1st Month 1841 and was buried on
 the 20th day of the same Month and year.

Joseph Benson Mather.

Clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Kelvedon Swan Port; on the 4th of 3rd Month 1841.

Present, George Bridgce Story, Francis & Anna Maria
Members Present — Cotton, Anna Maria, Cotton Jun^r & Thomas Cotton.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting held at Hobart
Town have been read.

John Lawson — 2. The case of John Lawson is continued.

Thos Willington — 3. Information of our reception into Membership of
Thomas Willington has been conveyed to that Individual.

Thomas Watts — 4. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

Nomination of — 5. This Meeting Nominates Robert Mather, George
Trustees — Washington Walker, Joseph Benson Mather, & Henry
to the Burial Ground — Proposing, as its Trustees to the Land presented for a
at Launceston — Burial Ground by John Lawson & Thomas Willington

George Bell — 6. The case of George Bell is continued.

Sarah Bell — 7. The case of Sarah Bell is continued.

8. The Committee in the case of Joseph Cooke have
Visited Joseph Cooke. — paid him a visit, which was as satisfactory as could
his case be terminated — be expected. Much counsel was extended which seemed
under the care of — to be fully appreciated, and he stated that though acting
the Committee. — contrary to the views of Friends, in more respects than the one
he was visited upon, Friends' Principles never dwelt with
more weight on his mind than at the present juncture.

This case is continued under the care of the Committee.

Queries & Advice read — 9. The Queries and Advice have been read.

Copy. —

Francis Cotton
Clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
their Meeting House, No 39 Murray Street on the 1st day of 4th Month 1841.

Present, George W. Walker, Abm. S. Flower, Robert
Members present — Mather, Joseph M. Mather, Wm. Rayner, Sarah B.
Walker, & Ann Propsting.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at
Melbourn, Sumner Port, have been read.

John Sawson — 2. The case of John Sawson is continued

Thos Watts — 3. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

Approval of — 4. This Meeting approves of the Individuals nominated
Trustees — in the 5th Minute of last month as Trustees to the Burial
to the Burial Ground — Ground at Launceston and adds the name of Francis
at Launceston — Cotton to that Appointment.

Geo^d Bell — 5. This Meeting is informed that George Bell has been
written to relative to his application for Membership, but
the Committee are not yet prepared to Report: this case
is continued.

Sarah Bell — 6. The Committee appointed to correspond with Sarah
Bell on her Application for Membership not being prepared
to report, her case is continued under their care.

Joseph Cooke — 7. The case of Joseph Cooke is continued under the
care of the Committee appointed to visit him.

Appointm^t to advise — 8. George W. Walker & Joseph M. Mather are appointed
Friends to keep — to advise Friends relative to the subjects alluded to in
correct & clear up &c — the 15th Query.

Advises to Ministers — 9. This Meeting recommends that the advises to Ministers
& Elders, to be read, — & Elders be read as often as the General Advises, and
about the same periods, by such of our Members collectively

as may fill the Stations to which the said Advices
Specially refer: the precise time of their so meeting together
is left for the determination of the parties themselves.

— Queries & Advices read — 10. The Queries, and General Advices have been read.

Joseph Benson Mather
Clerk

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Hobart Swan port on the 6th of 5th Month 1841.

Present, George & Story, Francis & Anna Maria Cotton

Members Present — Henry Cotton Francis Cotton jun^r, A. M. Cotton jun^r —
and Thomas Cotton.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting held at Hobart
Town have been read.

John Sawson — 2. The case of John Sawson is continued.

Thos. Watts — 3. The case of Thomas Watts is continued

Burial Ground — 4. This Meeting approves of the name of Francis Cotton
being added to the appointment of Trustees to the Burial
Ground at Launceston.

George Bell — 5. The case of George Bell is continued

Sarah Bell — 6. The case of Sarah Bell is continued.

Joseph Cooke — 7. The case of Joseph Cooke is continued

Minute Contin^d — 8. The eighth Minute of last month is continued

Concurrence with the — 9. This Meeting unites in the recommendation of the last
Q^r Min^{ts} of last month — Monthly Meeting contained in its ninth Minute.

Books received from — 10. The Meeting for Sufferings, in London, having granted
Meeting for Sufferings — the undermentioned Books to commence a Library in
in London — Sydney N. S. W. and there being a Library there containing
to be added to the — copies of most or all the Books enumerated, and George
Library — Bell the individual to whom they have been sent, being
in Hobart Town — now a resident in Van Diemen's Land, this Meeting is
of the judgment that it will be better for the present to
to add them to Friends' Library in Hobart Town —

Barclay's Apology
— Addition to Library — Geo^l Fox's Journal 2 vols
— in Hobart Town — Piety Promoted P^t 10 & 11
Selection of Advice
Pugh's Salutation

Penn's Brief Account
Friend's Library — vols 1 to 14
do do — vol 16
Brook's Reasons — 2 copies
13 Tracts —

— Insolvency of — 11. Abraham Cha^l Flower having become Insolvent, this
— Com^{rs} Cha^l Flower — Meeting appoints George W. Walker & Joseph B. Mather
— & appointm^t thereon — to visit him thereon and report
— copy —

Francis Cotton
Clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their
Meeting House No 39 Murray Street on the 3rd of 6th Month 1841.

Present. Francis Cottow, George W. Walker, Robert Mather

Members Present — Joseph W. Mather, Henry Peopsting, Sarah W. Walker,
Sarah Bouch & Ann Peopsting.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at Hobart Town
Swan Port, have been read.

John Sawson — 2. This Meeting after mature deliberation is of the judgment
to be acknowledged that the time has now arrived to acknowledge John Sawson
a member — as a member of our Religious Society & requests the committee
of our Religious Society — appointed in his case to inform him thereof.

Thos Watts — 3. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

George Bell — 4. The case of George Bell is continued.

Sarah Bell — 5. The case of Sarah Bell is continued.

6. This Meeting being informed by one of the committee
Testimony of Disownment — appointed to visit Joseph Brooke, that he has married in a
to be issued against — manner contrary to the Rules of our Society; believes it
Joseph Brooke — right in the exercise of the Discipline to issue a Testimony
of Disownment against him, and requests George W. Walker
& Joseph W. Mather to draw out the document & submit it to
the next Monthly Meeting.

Friends Advised — 7. This Meeting is informed that the committee appointed
to keep correct & clear — to advise Friends to keep correct & clear accounts &c has
accounts — attended to the subject of its appointment.

Disposal of Books — 8. This meeting concurs in the judgment of Friends at
intended for the formatⁿ — Hobart Town, as contained in the 10th Minute of last Month, relating
of a Library at Sydney — to the disposal of the Books intended for the formation of a
Library at Sydney.

— Books to be Selected —
— as an addition to the —
Library, deposited at
— J. Lawsons n^o Launceston —

9. This Meeting directs the Librarian to make a selection of such books as can suitably be spared from the Library here and forward them as an addition to the Library at present deposited at John Lawsons near Launceston; a report thereof to be furnished to the next Monthly Meeting.

10. The following Report has been brought in relative to the case of Ab^m bhat Flower, and has received solid consideration; This Meeting not being prepared to come to a final judgment in the case believes it best to continue it for the present under the care of the Friends appointed to visit him.

— To Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends —
— Dear Friends —

— Report of Committee —
— appointed to visit —
— Ab^m bhat Flower —
— relative to his —
— Insolvency —
— his case continued —

Agreeable to our appointment we have visited Abraham bhat Flower & have examined into the causes of his Insolvency. We believe he is clear of fraud or dishonesty; and he has evinced much solicitude, as well as exertion, to do the best his circumstances would allow for the benefit of his Creditors.

The almost total failure of his crops during the last season, after he had been at considerable outlay and labour with the hope of rendering them more than ordinarily productive, appears to have been the immediate cause of the present crisis in his affairs.

It is nevertheless our impression that due care has not always been exercised when entering into pecuniary engagements that there were sufficient grounds of expectation for their fulfilment. There also appears to have been some want of prudence and of strict economy in regard to the family expenditure.

We think A. b. Flower's errors have in the main originated in defect of judgment; and taking into account the peculiar domestic circumstances of our dear friend, we feel that he has a claim on the sympathy of his Friends. We cannot however divest our minds of the belief that had ^{he} been more careful to acknowledge the Lord in all his Movements, his steps would have been so directed, as to have avoided his present difficulty.

Hobart Town
2nd of 6th Mo 1841

"George Washington Walker"
"Joseph Benson Mather"

Joseph Benson Mather Clerk —

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Kelpedon Swan Port, by adjournment on the 8th of
7th Month 1841.

Members Present — Present George F. Story, Francis & Anna Maria Cotton.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting held at Hobart Town, have been read

John Lawson — 2. The second minute of last month is confirmed.

Thomas Watts — 3. The case of Thomas Watts is continued

George Bell — 4. The case of George Bell is continued

Sarah Bell — 5. The case of Sarah Bell is continued

Testimony of Disownm^t. — 6. The Draft of a Testimony of Disownment against
— against — Joseph Cooke has been received and read, and after due
— Joseph Cooke — consideration this Meeting unites therewith.

Minute Contin^d. — 7. The ninth minute of last month is continued

Ab^m Cha^s Flower — 8. The case of Abraham C. Flower is continued.

— Copy —

Francis Cotton.

clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at their Meeting house No 39 Murray Street on the
5th day of the 8th Month 1841.

Present George W. Walker, Robert Mather, Joseph Benson
— Members Present — Mather, Henry Propsting, Sarah Benson Walker, Sarah Houch
& Ann Propsting.

— Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at Melbourne
Swan Port have been read.

— John Lawson — 2. John Lawson has been informed of the decision of
the Meeting in his case.

— Thomas Watts — 3. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

— George Bell — 4. The case of George Bell is continued.

— Sarah Bell — 5. The case of Sarah Bell is continued.

— Appointment to — 6. The following Testimony of Disownment against
hand, testimony — Joseph Cooke has been approved of by this Meeting, and
— of disownment — George W. Walker & Joseph B. Mather are requested to hand
— against — him a copy thereof, and to communicate with the Monthly
— Joseph Cooke — Meeting in England of which Joseph Cooke is a member
and to inform — informing it of the step he has taken, at the same time to
Monthly Meeting — forward a copy of the Testimony of Disownment issued by this
— in England — Meeting.

"Joseph Cooke, a member of Hobart Town Monthly
Meeting of Friends, having been reported as inclining to
marry a person of a different religious persuasion to himself,
was visited by appointment from this Meeting and earnestly
exhorted to seek Divine counsel in so important an affair as
that of marriage, and encouraged to walk in the path of
self-denial and obedience to the manifestations of the Holy
Spirit as made manifest in the secret of his own heart, by
which alone he could be rightly guided in his choice of a
Companion for life."

"The labour thus bestowed in Christian love, not having the desired effect; and Joseph Cooke having subsequently married in a manner contrary to the Rules of the Society of Friends, this Meeting, under the conviction that marriages between persons not united in religious sentiment, are contrary to the order of the Gospel; that they tend not only to hurt the Religious growth of the parties immediately concerned, but also to introduce laxity in religious faith and practice, and not unfrequently domestic discord into families; and that such connections operate as a bar to that entire harmony which ought to subsist between husband and wife; — feels called upon to testify its disunity with the said Joseph Cooke in the step alluded to, and on this ground, as well as for non-attendance of the Meetings of the

— Testimony of Disownment — Society for Divine Worship hereby DISOWNS him as a Member.

— against —

— Joseph Cooke —

"Whilst constrained in the exercise of impartial discipline and for the maintenance of good order in the Society, thus to deal with Joseph Cooke, this Meeting would nevertheless express, under the continued feeling of Christian love, its very earnest desire that he may seriously weigh his past conduct as to how far it is approved of in the Divine sight; and in what respect soever he may feel condemned by "the faithful and true witness" for God in his own conscience, may he be concerned in humility and deep self abasement to seek forgiveness from God, of whom it is declared, that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," — not for our sakes but for the sake of Him who "died for all men, the just for the unjust that he might bring them to God." Thus, through repentance towards God, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and obedience to the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, may Joseph Cooke become duly prepared for restoration to membership with the religious Society from which he has separated himself, which under such circumstances would gladly hail his return by extending to him the right hand of Christian fellowship."

"In now taking leave of Joseph Cooke, this Meeting can hardly forbear reminding him of the many precious Testimonies which the Religious Society of Friends, from its origin, has believed itself required to uphold; and would affectionately beseech him to let the momentous requisitions of the Gospel

— Joseph Cooke — "of Christ, on which these testimonies are founded, have that influence on his conduct which their importance deserves; that through his circumspect walk and conversation, the young woman whom he has made his wife may be encouraged in dedication of heart to the Lord; and that both, through "walking in the light as God is in the light may have true religious fellowship one with the other, and know that the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth from all sin."

— Minute Continued — 7. The Ninth Minute of 6th Month requesting the Librarian respecting — to make a selection of Books, as an addition to the Library deposited addition to Library at John Lawson's, is continued, there being no surplus at present at Launceston — in the Library here that can suitably be sent.

— Ab^m C. Flower — 8. The case of Ab^m C. Flower is continued.

9. A certificate has been brought in of the interment of Certificate of Interment. Mary Allen, wife of Richard Allen, Labourer; who died at of Mary Allen — Sydney in the Parish ^{called} ~~of~~ St Phillips in the County of Cumberland at — in the colony of New South Wales, on the 4th day of the 5th month 1841 — Sydney. N. S. W. — Aged 50 years; (not a member of the Society of Friends) and was buried in Friends Burial Ground at Sydney on the 5th day of the same month and year.

— Queries & Advices read — 10. The Queries and Advices have been read

Joseph Benson Mather
Clerk —

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Melbendor
Swan Port, by adjournment on the 16th of 9th Month 1841

Members Present — Present George Fordyce Story, Francis & Anna Maria
Cotton.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting held at Hobart
Town have been read.

Thomas Watts — 2. The Case of Thomas Watts is continued

George Bell — 3. The Case of George Bell is continued

Sarah Bell — 4. The Case of Sarah Bell is continued

5. This Meeting is informed that the Testimony of
Testimony of Disownm^t Disownment against Joseph Cooke has been handed
handed to — to him by the Friends appointed to that service, who
Joseph Cooke — have also forwarded a copy thereof to the Monthly
Meeting in England of which Joseph Cooke is a Member.

A. C. Flower — 6. The Case of Ab^m C. Flower is continued

Queries & Advices read — 7. The Queries and Advices have been read.

— Copy —
Francis Cotton
Clerk.

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at their meeting house No 39 Murray Street on the
7th day of the 10th month 1841

— Members Present — Present George W. Walker Robert Mather, Joseph
Benson Mather, Sarah Benson Walker, Sarah Bouch
& Ann Propsting.

— Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of last Monthly Meeting held at
Melodow, Swan Port have been read.

— Thomas Watts — 2. The case of Tho^d Watts, is continued

— George Bell — 3. The case of George Bell is continued

— Sarah Bell — 4. The case of Sarah Bell is continued

— Ab^ml. Flower — 5. The case of Ab^ml. Flower is continued

— Birth Notes — 6. Birth Notes have been brought in for "James"
— for — Son of John Sawson of the Cocked Hat Hill in the
— "James" — Parish of Evandale in the County of Cornwall.
— Son of — in the Island of Van Diemens Land, Farmer & Louisa
— John & Louisa Sawson — his wife, who was born at the Cocked Hat Hill
aforesaid on the ninth day of the Ninth month 1841
not a member of the Society, which have been examined
by this Meeting and received the signature of the
Clerk who is directed to hand them to the Registrar.

Joseph Benson Mather
Clerk

Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at the
"Grange", Swan Port, by adjournment on the 18th of the
11th month 1841.

Members Present — Present George Fordyce Story, Francis and Anna Maria
Cotton.

Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held at
Hobart Town have been read.

Thomas Watts — 2. The case of Thomas Watts is continued.

George Bell — 3. The case of George Bell is continued.

Sarah Bell — 4. The case of Sarah Bell is continued.

Abm. B. Flower. — 5. The case of Abraham Bhat. Flower is continued.

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Hobart Town Monthly Meeting of Friends held at their
Meeting House No 39 Murray Street on the 2nd day of 12th month 1841.

Present George W. Walker, Francis Cotton, George Fridge,
— Members present — Mary, Robert Mather, Joseph Benson Mather, Henry Propsting,
John Lawson, Sarah P. Walker, Sarah Bouch & Eliza Dean

— Minutes read — 1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held by
Adjournment at the "frange" Swan Port have been read.

— The case of J. Watts — 2. This Meeting after mature deliberation is of the opinion
— withdrawn — that it will be right to withdraw the case of J. Watts from
its Minutes, and requests the Committee appointed to correspond
with him to inform him thereof, at the same time to extend
such counsel & encouragement as Truth shall direct.

— George Bell — 3. The case of George Bell is continued.

— Visit to S. Bell — 4. This Meeting is informed that the Committee appoin-
ted to correspond with Sarah Bell have paid her a visit
which was of a satisfactory nature, but it is not at present
prepared to report. Her case is continued.

— A. S. Flower — 5. The case of Abmth S. Flower is continued.

Books received
— from England — 6. Our friend George W. Walker having informed
— appointment — this Meeting that he has received 2 cases of Books from
— to — the Meeting for Sufferings in England for disposal in
dispose of them this colony, and having expressed a wish that a Committee
— and — should be appointed to decide on the best mode of their
distribution; and this Meeting having been also informed
— Botswell Library — that George Bell in whose hands the Library at Botswell
was deposited has removed to Hobart Town and brought
the Books with him. Appoints George W. Walker, Francis
Cotton & Joseph Benson Mather to consider & recommend
desirable manner of disposing of the Botswell Library,
as well as the Books received from England.

7. This Meeting is informed that 48 Volumes of the Library
 Report as to the — in Hobart Town have been lent during the past year, also
 Circulation — that the Books deposited with John Lawson near Launceston
 of Books — have been generally perused. At Bathwick 24 Volumes
 were lent during 12 months.

8. Birth Notes have been brought in for "Charles" (Son
 of Abraham Charles Flower of New Town in the Parish
 of Hobart in the County of Buckingham in the Island of
 Van Diemen's Land. Farmer, & Susannah Matilda
 his wife;) who was born at New Town in the Parish of
 Hobart aforesaid on the 20th day of the 6th Month 1841
 Susannah Matilda Flower — Not a Member of the Society.

also — also —
 For "James Backhouse" For "James Backhouse" (Son of George Washington Walker
 son of — of Hobart Town in the County of Buckingham in the
 George Washington Island of Van Diemen's Land, Draper, & Sarah Benson
 and — his wife;) who was born at Hobart Town in the Parish
 Sarah Benson Walker. — of Hobart aforesaid on the 14th day of the 10th Month
 1841. which have been examined by this Meeting
 & received the Signature of the Clerk who is directed
 to hand them to the Registrar.

9 The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held in
 Epistle Read — London in 5th Month 1841 has been read at this time.

Joseph Benson Mather
 Clerk