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a desire that every right opening for good, and for the restoration of harmony may be embraced, this meeting now commits the subject to the Meeting for Sufferings, that if in the wisdom of Truth may open for it, it may address the several Meetings for Sufferings of Friends, manifesting to them the continued openness and love of this Meeting towards our brethren of the two Yearly Meetings referred to, and explanatory of the reasons for our not addressing them at the present time."

From what we have now communicated, we trust that you will perceive that there is no disposition on the part of New England Yearly Meeting to close its Epistolary correspondence with Philadelphia and Ohio, but on the contrary we shall be ready, we trust to resume it, when such a course shall appear likely to promote the good of the Church, which is one body, composed of many members, and which suffers with every suffering member. Your unity and sympathy which from time to time have been manifested, during our seasons of peculiar trial, have been precious and strengthening to us, and under a feeling of Gospel love, we salute you and remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings for New England Yearly Meeting, held at Vassalboro. Maine. the 8th day of the 9th mo 1853.
Samuel Boyce. Clerk.

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P.S. The correspondence between the Women's Yearly Meetings of Ohio and New England is regularly continued.

A proposition being made to change the time of holding our stated meetings in the 3rd and 12th months from seven o'clock P.M. on 7th day preceding Baltimore Quarterly Meeting to seven o'clock ^{second day} P.M. of the Quarterly Meeting, it is united with and the proposition is referred to the Yearly Meeting for its consideration.

Then adjourned to meet in the 12th mo next at such time as the Yearly Meeting shall direct.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore the 14th of 12^{mo} 1853

Present 12 Members

A Minute was produced from our late Yearly ^{Meeting} informing that they had appointed Joseph J. Hopkins and James Carey to fill the vacancies in the representation from that Meeting occasioned by the decease of our Friends Thomas Scott & ^{Samuel} ~~Thomas~~ Worthington. Their names were directed to be placed on our list of Members.

A Minute from the Yearly Meeting informing that they had agreed to the proposed change in the time of holding our stated Meetings in 12th month & 3rd month, viz from 7 o'clock P.M.