*Joshua Sharpless' Journal [Visit to Upper Canada and Parts Adjacent], 1797*

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On the 12th day of the 10th Mo 1797 after an humbling time with my dear Wife and Children, I left home in order to Join a Committee of our last Yearly Meeting appointed theto Visit some friend in upper Canada and parts adjacent, my Dear Wife bearing me company as far as my soninlaw Benjamin Cooke’s, I went that Evening to Na[?] then Sharples’s where by agreement I met with Jacob Lindley and James Wilson two of the aforementioned Com- -mittee.

13th a pleasent Morning the Wind South- -erly, dined at John Scarlets in the forest 20 miles, pased over a rough hilly country up the waters of the Brandy- -wine, much of the Land thin tho che- -quered with some good plantations pretty well improved, pased through the East end of Little Connestoga Valley a fruitful spot, the hills about the forest very steep, and in places covered with stones, from scarlet’s to Schuylkill 5 miles[?]

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continued very rough, thence up the Schuylkill to Reading 4 miles, the town is situ -ated on a low piece of Ground near the sd river, surrounded with high hills the place is by no means elegant. nei- -ther did the town look thriving or lively, from thence to Pennose Wiley’s goes, over near Maiden Creek where we lodged, over a pretty fruitful Coun- -try and beautiful road 9 miles.

14 and 1st of the week a Northwest Wind and plesant day, attended Maiden creek Meeting, who which upon the whole was a refresh- -ing time, Dined at John Starrs near the Meetinghouse, having me last Evening with Oliver Paseton, and this Morning with James Langstaff two friends of our Number making up now five in all, after a comfortable Opportunity at John Starrs, we off towards Munsy in about three Miles, upon a con- -siderable eminence, we had a bold and noble view of the Blue Mountain at about 8 miles distance.

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with an elegant Valley between, the View was truly beautiful and pic- -terisque as far as the Eye could reach, both to the East and West, and the Mountain in front raising its lofty head in a Majestick and de- -lightful Manner, thence 5 miles to ham--burghnow Carters a smart town, thence among the Mountain up the Side of the Schuylkill where the prospect was will and romantick and in 5 or 6 miles opened to a fine plantation on one branch of the Schuylkill where we took up our quarters in a good habitation in the possession of Michal Mosyer the road for the most part pretty good.

16 Started by brake of day, a clear white-frosty-morning, 7 miles of good road, come to the second Blue Mountain, passed through a gap where a small branch of the Schuylkill has it course, the gap in places was narrow, and the

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on each side very steep and high, covered with a thick crust of Stones, thence in some 2 or 3 miles crossed the Tuscarora Mountain, on the North Side of which there is an amazing prospect, a very great Valley in front extending from east to West as far as the Eye could reach, about 2 or three miles off over said Valley there was a lofty towring Mountain, or one Mountain upon the top of a- -nother whose proud cresttops reach- -ed the Sky, the appearance was truly Magestick and Bold, and so diversifyed with many enliv- -ening coulours that the pros- -pect was picturesque and beau- -tiful, we then passed the [?] Mountain which was very high, next the Broad Montain which was inferior to none, then

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we came to the Mahony Moun- -tain, the prospect from the Northside of which was much like that of Tuskorora, tho the abiss or Valley was deeper and more di rectly down beneath our feet, per haps 400 feet, the next Mountain was called the little Mountain tho thought to be higher then any of the rest, the Assent and decent from those mountains are not very steep tho couvered with large and small stone, the road from thence to Catewisseeis most of it very rough, lodged at John Loyds 40 miles, the Land from Hamburgh to this place is chiefly Mountanious, Poor, and Stony, and very little set- -tled, there are a number of Settleme -ments about in Roring Creek Valley yet the face of Ground, appears thin Stony, and not desirable.

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17 Crossed Susquehannaat Catewissee in the boat, the River 80 pearches[?] wide, the Land from the River to fishing Creek is more desirable than on the Catewisee side, it is pretty clear of Stones, and mostly such as will do to settle on, and in some places, particularly toward Fishing Creek is considerably improved, Dined at Jessee Hains’s 15 miles, the tim- -ber for 7 or 8 miles after we crossed the River, is mostly Pine, thinly scat- -tered with very little undertimber, about Fishing Creek very heavy timber, from Jessee Haines’s on towards Munsy generally White Oak, for 6 or 7 miles the Land leavel and pretty good with a number of good improvement, from thence to theMuncy Creak Creek Mountainous, and poor, the Muncy Valley is pretty good Land, Lodged at William Ellises

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three Miles over Muncy Creek, 33 Miles this day, this days travel pretty good Roads and clear of Stones

18 a fine morning, and pleasant day for traveling, stoped, and took an ear- -ly Dinner at the Widdow Harreses\* at ⟨ \*On Roasted and Baked Venison, persons having killed 3 the day before and 20 this fall⟩ Loyalsock 9 miles, thence up the Banks of Susquehanna to Lycomun 6 miles, then we turned a North Coarse ofup the sd. Lycomun 10 miles to Skylers[?], among the Mountains, where we Lodged, the Road from William Ellis’s to Lycomun, is thr[?] Level, clear of Stones, and very good, the timber a Mixture of White Oak, Pitchpine, &c, and the Land in general very good. Up the Lycomun the road to this place crossed the Creek 7 times, the bottom we went up Deep and furtile, with some a few Cabbins & a little improved in places the valley was narrow with high moun- -tains on each side, this bottom was very heavy timbred abundance of lofty White pine, butternut, button Wood, Sugar Maple &c.

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19 Set of[f] Just at breck of day, a fine morn- -ing, fed[?] at the foot of the Laural hill on the uppermost branch of Lycomun 9 miles the Road deep and Miry up a Branch of the Lycomun, which we crossed upwards of 20 times, I have had this morning to admire the produc- -tions of nature the remarkable Lofty towring pines, the Hemlock, spruce, Sugar Maple, and a Variaty of other Lofty timber, no man to recieve and carry them it of so that they fall into their Mother lap, the earth, and the multitudes of trunks of Trees that lye across one another is truly admiral, many of the White pine trunks appears to have lain in that Situation for more than half a Century, grown over with moss, the Seeds of the trees falling ofon the Moss have taken Root, grew to be trees 5 or 6 Inches over, while the Log under them remained, the Valley through which we passed is narrow with very high moun- -tains on each they all appear very rich

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and Cloathed with an Admirable load of Timber, so that a person who havehas not been acquainted with such an Appearance would scarcely be able to form a Just Idea. We nowthen mounted, the Laural Hill, which proved Very high. we first passed through a Ches[t]- - nut Ridge about 2m then entred a Vast Forrest of Hemloch, Spruce &c so thick that tho a clear day yet it ap- -peared like the Dusk of the Even- -ing, we presently in a few miles came untopassed through a very great Quantity of Sugar Maple, many of them from 2 to 3 or 3½ feet over 40, 50, and 60 feet fit for Sawing, also a vast Quanty of beach and Berch, fed at the Blockhouse 9 miles on a Branch of Pine Creek, from thence to a Branch of Tyoag River where we [?] 10 miles thence to Lambs on the side of sd. River 15 miles

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the timber continuing Very so heavy all the way, great over[?] grow Hemlacks, many of which whom would make 5 or 6000 feet of Boards and great Burdens of White pine in place many of Whose where 100 feet high without Limbs, the curiosity through this days tra- -vel in beholding the timber, and face of the ground was such, that I could scarcely keep mine Eyes from runing too and frow in beholding the Wonders of nature, many places the Trunks of Trees were laying across one another 3 or four feet high so that it ap- -peared impossible to ride through the Woods, this day has been fatague -ing both to Man and Beast, the Roads were chief mostly very miry particular

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ly in places very stony, full of Roots particularly the first 27 miles, night overtook us before we got into [?] and the Road being covered with thick Pines it was very dark, so that we were truly thankful when we saw the glimmers of Light at our dis- -tined part made their appearance, tho we found it a very Poor Tavern, having littlenothing but Mush and Milk the Mush made of meal for Pounded in a Mortar, and the fare of our Horses not much better yet we were thankful we fared so well in the Wilderness having this day in the Course of 43 miles passed by but three cottages and them mean,

6th day 20 met with a trial this morning two of our horses having broke out of our poor Stable, but in three Miles rid- -ing they were taken and brought back, a Cold frosty morning and like for snow, but grew warmer and rained a little in the evening this has been a pleasant days travel the road led down by the side of

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of the Tyago River through a very furtile Vally with a few Cabbins and some little improvements for the first twelve Miles, the River, we Crossed frequently crossed as the Road suit- -ed, theit glaides along in a Most be beautiful manner, not impeaded by Rocks, or Cataracks, we finally crossed it about onetwo miles above the Widow Lindsly’s, and in less than one Mile we crossed nearly another Branch as beautiful and nearly as large called the as the former and got our Breakfast we then stoped & fed our selves and horses at the Wi- -dows, and were much pleased with our repast, having had nothing since we Left the Widow Harresses besides what our bags afforded except two indiffirent suppers, here we got Excellent green Tea, and Loaf Sugar, with Some choice Venision Stakes, taken out of a famous fat Buck which had been just killednot yet could

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since killed to this stage 12 miles. We still went down sd River, over very fine fat bottoms, in about 8 miles crossed Cannosto a very beau tiful strem stream, then in 4 miles more we crossed Conhocton as beau tifull a stream as another any of the former, the smallest of those stream†s[?] are nearly as large⟨r⟩asthanBrandywine Stoped to feed at the painted Post12 miles but but had nothing Suitable, thence to Mud Creek to John Dolso[?]’s where we Lodged 12 miles the Road has been in the main pretty good, to the paint-ed post very good.

21 Stoped and took breakfast at William Kerseys 5 miles, he had nei ther Hay, Corn, or Oates for our horses Lives in a small Log house in the Woods by a Curious Lake, of about 50 acres it is surrounded by a hard gravelly bank, has no Stream that runs either in⟨to⟩it or out, continues nearly the same fulness of all Seasons, and abound[s] with various kinds of Fish, went to Bath[?] miles there fed our horses 2 mile

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within two miles of this Town seve- -ral Large and elegant Buildings made their appearance, which after passing through more than 100 miles of Wil/- -derness where there were but a few stragling Cabbons to be seen, where enlivenings, the town of Bath stands on a low piece of Ground nearon the North Side of Conhocton Creek consisting of about 60 dwellings some of which are no discredit to the place, here we fed our Horses 6 miles, the Road from mud Creek runs pretty much under the South side of a Mountain is in places Stony, and other places very Miry theand Land thin at Bath we councilled enquired ofwith some knowing men which way we had better take for the best to go to Niagara haveing it in prospect to go through Williams--burgh it being out nearest Rout, but they informed us there was only a small Indian path that way and that we had better go by the way of

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Canadarqueandat that the directest road there, was so Miry that we had better go by Jemima Wilkinson’s settlement, which was so far round that our minds became closely exercised to know what was best to do, but upon closely attending to the subject, and taking the that part of our appointment of Visiting those of our society about Canadarqueand parts& parts adjacent into view are felt most easy to turn our Course towards what is called Jemima'sthe friends settlement, tho it was much about, it was a solitary road, there being but a few settlements , and those two or three expected, were within four Miles of Bath the rest of the way an entire Wilderness, the Land for a few Miles from Bath was a high dry soil and thin the Timber Chiefly pitch pine the soil thin thence through a low fat Bottom very swampy, thence over the North end of Mountain’ beautifully Timbered, not very

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stony but excellent Wheat Land, to Sanfords 15 miles, where we got Hay, and very indif. -firent Oates in the sheaf, thence along the East side of the Crooked Lake ever a level Country, and for the most part good Land, for miles togather, a deep Rich Soil abounding with Sugar Maple, Shelbark Hickory, Ash, Elm, White Oak &c: mostly a White Oak Timber the Last 20 Miles, a few White Pine in pplaces, to Thomas Lees a kind friendly Family 16 miles, this has been a hard days, tra- -vel for our Horses, and there fare very poor, there was no place to Quarter, short of where we arrived, that we were [?] Obliged to travel hard, this has been a dark Cloudy day tho not much rain

1st day of the week 22nd a rainy Morning & drisley day, in conference this Morning it was thought best, not to travel till afternoon, and as there was no friends Meeting in these parts, we felt an Opening to sit down with the family in which we were, with such

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of the neighbors who were free to come, there being but a few within reach, the Opportunity was sensibly owned, the Lords Heavely Power Overshadowing to our Comfort & the Contrition and humbling of most that were present were we parted with them in much nearness, went to one PottersJudge Potters who kindly took us in, he lives in a very Elegant HouseBuilding which after riding 5 or 6 Miles without seeing scarcely a house: to see such a Supurb one rising in the Woods begot admiration.

2nd day 23 a pleasant Morning, set of[f] for Canadarque, the road mostly through the Woods, and in places deep, stoped an[d] fed at Gilberts 8 miles, in 5 miles farther we came on the bank of Canadarque Lake, which was enlivening, and look ed beautiful thence up the side of the Lake to the place where it ran outof its outlet which stream was as Large as a pretty Creek Clever Creek

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thence up a beautiful ascending stre†[ch] about a mile standstoCanadarquethou[gh] is it contains a Number of well built Houses perhaps so some of us elegant, and supurb, here we fed ⟨10 mil†[es?]⟩ upon confering together we thought best of going to see some of our mem bers hereaway uponand enquiring of our Landlord he informed us of one orone more who Lived at Mud Creek about 10 or 12 miles[?] off, we then turned our faces that way and in about 9 m traveling we stoped at a certain Job Howlings to enquire the way, he told us it was to far to reach that evening anda kind- -ly invited us to stay all night, which we accepted of, found his Wife a Member and very kind we had a sitting with them that even- ing, the Land from Thomas Lees to Canadarque is in some places very rich strong land in other places thin, much of the way is Low flat CountryLand to wet for Wheat, but little pine for 20 m past the mostly heavy timbered. From Canadarque to this place very Deep, rich Land, for the most part, the

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Very flat and wet, the greater body of Timber chiefly Elm, breech, & Sugar maple 27 miles.

3d 24, in conferrence this Morning it open- -ed with greatest clearness to appoint a Meeting to be held next day at Nathan Herringdan’s a Friendly Man about 11 miles from thence, we then went to Nathan Cornstalk’s, 5 miles sat with his family, his Wife a Member; thence to Abraham Lapham’s 2 miles had a refreshing Oppertunity with his family Lodged there, 7 miles

4 day 25 attended the Meeting at Herringdan’s 9 miles tho it was not a time of reigning, yet an instructive Opportunity, Dined with the fami- -ly where the meeting was held, Lodged at Jeremiah Smiths over Mud Creek, his Wife a Member he was one of the first settlers in these parts, his Cabin remains Covered with bark, the logs of his house are Chunked but not plastered I we had pretty good Beds, otherwise I thought the Openness of the House was a prepa- -ration to our Lying in the woods, which we expect shortly to encounter the Land in these parts mostly flat, a deep rich soil, so that the roads are mostly wet and heavy, the chief body of the Timber is Poplar, some of them the finest I ever saw, Ash, Beech, and Sugar Maple 9 miles

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5th day the 26 attended an appointed Meeting at Nathan Cornstalks, 2miles, it was a Solid favoured Opportunity, at the Close of which we desired that those in religious pro- -fession with and those who had their minds turned towards friends would keep their seats, to whom Council and instruction was administered, the num -bers who staid was not perhaps 40, one half of whom were not in membership but divers of them appeared a ten -der seeking people, went in the Evening to Jacob Smith’s on Mud Creek 6 miles here we had a religious Op- -portunity with his and his Brother Joseph Smith’s family this Closed our religious services in these parts

6th day 27 set of for Niagara, fed at Thayers[?] 16 miles got to the River 8 miles here we expected to have been supplyed with Oates to take carry us to Buffaloe 80 miles but could neither get Corn or Oates, we then went back about one mile and with difficulty got one corn, we had

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intended to have stayed all night at the River, but finding there was a house 8 miles on our way &at that it was at least 80 miles to buffalow Creek, we thought best to try to get there, but the Prospect was very discouraging, as it was like to be a dark Rainy Evening and the sun not above an hour high when we got over the river, yet we set off and their proving several Roads in the Course of 2 miles we took a wrong one and after 2 miles traveling upon enquiry found we were wrong, andthen had 7 miles to our intended Quarterspoint a good house was a little to the left but upon trying could not get Quarters there, it was now near dusk, a dark Rainy evening and 7 miles of a small path in a unknown Woods to traverse, we had a little Moon in our favour yet in about 5 miles it grew so dark that we frequently missed our path and we had but little prospect of getting to our port, the thoughts of having to get by the side of a tree and hold our horses in the rain without fire until day Break was trying, yet through mer- -cy we got safe into our Quarters but there was neither hay nor father fore fodder for our

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horses we let them out to pick a little grasswhile then tyed them up till Morning, the hay afforded no provision for ourselves, the Land from Job Howlings around throu[gh] the the settlement of friends is deep, Rich, black Soil, mostly pretty level, inclinable to be wet, the Surfice of the ground very uneven, by trees being blown up from time immemorial, the timber pretty Large and very thick, chiefly Poplar, Ash, Sugar Maple, Elm, Shelbark Hickory and some White Oak, from Jacob Smiths to the River about 2 or 3 miles in our first seting off excepted, mostly matly on open Country very little timber either great or small, the Land for the most part a sandy loam, an[d] the Country pretty thick settled

7th day 28th to up very early and set off as soon as we could see the path, in hopes of a pretty pleasant day, the sun made its appearance about 9 or 10 yet it presently hid its face and the Clouds grew thick so thatand the Close wood we were in waslooked like evening, & presentlythe snow ⟨it⟩ began to snowfall, and in a few hours the Limbs, and young timber became so Loaded

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⟨so⟩ that it was difficult getting along, over the Woods continuing remarkably thick of under stuff, and abundances of wind fall Timberthat it was a trying day to ride, for near 20 miles of our road was through a Beech and Sugar Maple Land, which is mostly deep rich soil, and wet, much of the way was very swampy, so that be- -tween the snow and the Mud, we were in a wet dirty condition, and the pros- -pect of siting down when Night came, upon the Snow without Shelter looked very try- -ing, yet we went on pretty Chearful, tak- -ing a bit of Victuals in our hands wet and could as we were, while our horses eat their Corn out of pieces of Bark that Lay in places by our path, when Evening came we espyed a Large Rock, near the Road, which projected 6 or 7 feet over at one side and the Back part sufficiently secured from the Storm, have upon viewing it we concluded to take up our Quarters some of us went to gather- -ing Wood, which was wet and Snowy, but to our great disappointment, after we had got our time so forward of the blaize through an accident by an accident it was

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itscattered went out, and having but little for punk we were not able to renew it. here we were in the midst of a desso- -late Wilderness, wet and could, without fire, without Shelter or Beding, more than what a Rock afforded, yet we com- -forted our selves in being so happy as to find so good a Shelter, we felt as much for our Horses, as for ourselves, the Woods afford -ed but little provision, and that was cover- -ed with Snow, so that after giving them some Corn, we tyed them up till Morning and Changing some of our Wet Clothes, we endeavoured to take some rest, and tho it was Cold, we Lodged more com- -fortable than could be expected, slept pretty well, took little or no cold, and set our Journey chearfully next Morn- -ing

36 miles

1st day 29, it snowed a little all night, and continued this Morning yet by 8 or 9 O Clock the Sun, to our great Joy, made its appearance, and our road for the most part good, we pursued our Journey

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with Livelyness and by 3 O Clock arived at Buffaloe Creek in full view of Lake Erie 36 Miles.—--- after we Crossed the Genesee River the first 10 miles, mostly an open plain, the timber for the next 8 or 10 miles increased, it being pretty much Oak, Shelbark Hickory, some beech, and Sugar Maple, the next 20 or more miles a Very thick Wood mostly Beech, and Sugar Maple with some Beautiful White Oaks, and Poplars, from thence to the Lake is in the general an open Country for 15 or more miles very little timber either great or small, the Cuntry is ve- -ry level the whole 80 miles a few hills excepted about some watersCreeks, there being 4 or 5 Creeks in this last 80 m nearly as large as Brandy wine, the fording place of some of them was one entire smothe Rock nearly as level as an house floor, so that the water did not vary in depth more than 2 or 3 Inches for side to side and fell within two yards † [an entire line is cut off the bottom of the page]

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2nd day 30 set of early to cross the Niagara went 100 or more Pearches down the Buf -faloe, a beautiful stream to its Confluence with the Lake which Lakeaffordedhad a Majestick appearance, the breakers roling on the Shore like thosethat More of the Atlantick. we rode down the Beach 3 or 4 miles to the Narrows of the Niagara, there werewas neither Boat nor House on the Side we were, but by waiting an hour or more, the Boat came, which took three of us, and by ten we all got safe over, it is a bold rapid stream half a Mile over were we Crossed, & about 16 feet deep and it appeared dangerousand we were informed that a few hours of high Westerly Winds would blow the the Water off the Lake so to the end where the River essued, that it would raise it immeadiately 4 or 6 feet, tho not altered perceptable in its depth by Rains we rode down the shore upon

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The Canada side several Miles, a plea -sant ride being beautifyed with the River on one hand and good improvements on the other, and in some 3 or 4 miles we left this delightful Prospect to encounter a mis- -erable swampy road, with some firm stony Land, and in 8 or 10 miles arrived at Asa Schuylies one of our friends which was truly satisfactory to us all, being weary, dirty, and wanted recruitive ⟨our coming was unexpected to our friends yet truly acceptable and we were received with open hearts⟩ 14 miles

3rd day the 31 sat at John CutlersGilberts who appeared[?] to be an Innocent examplary friend, has 5 children at Home three of whom are nearly grown up and are hopeful, and three are from home who are in their Mino- -rity, he has latterly buried his Wife & he is a member of Buckingham Monthly Meeting we have since met with one of his sons who was from home, he is an apprentice to a friend, and is an hope- -full young friend Man ---------------- thence sat attoJohn Herits neither him nor his Wife are in Membership, they are thoughtful persons, and profess no other way

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Then sat at Daniel Pounds, himhe and his Wife are examplary friends and have nineseven pretty Inocent Children who are all small, himhe and his Wife were dis -owned by Plainfield Monthly Meeting they appear to be in a tender thought -ful condition and are desirous to make up with friends, and have sent acknowledgments by us none of their Child -ren have a right ---------------- we then sat at Joel Morrises, he has never had a right among friend but we think he is hopeful and in a thoughtful tender state, his wife was disowned by ShrewsberryRahway Monthly Meeting they have 4 small children is in a tender thoughtful State, woman here we met with Abraham Lane a Single Man and a Member, andwho may do Well, he is a Member of Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting ---------------- Sat at Asa Schuylieshimhe and his Wife are examplary friends, and, Members of KingWood Monthly Meeting, they have several hopeful Children but none of them have a right of membership, Lodged here

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4th day 11th Mo 1st Sat with Joseph Havens, himhe and his Wife appear to be steady examplery Friends, they have two Children grown to Manhood, who are hopeful, the Son Married John Hills Daughter as near to the common Practice of Friends as circumstances would permit, he lives home with his Father and they are an hopeful Couple ---------------- our next Oppertunity was at Joseph Marsh -es, his Wife never had a right amongst friends but is a tender, Open, Inocent Woman, and a real friend in Principle, Joseph was disown -ed by Plainfield Monthly Meeting for Marri- -ing, he is desirous to condemm his out- -going and we hope from a right concern the have seven pretty Innocent Children the Oldest not ten ---------------- we sat at Abraham Webster’s who with his Wife are Members of Kingwood Monthly Meeting, they have eightseven Children who are in membership, theywho they appear Innocent and hopefull ---------------- then sat at Adam Burrell’s neither himhe nor his Wife ever had a right among frien friends, they attend Meetings, and are look -ing toward friends, and appear hopeful

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the have nine Children, Several Vierging[?] on towards young women who have the Stamp of Innocency on their Countenan- -ces, were very much tendred, and parted with near affection, ---- Our horses being tired, and the Roads in these parts flat and Swampy, we went on foot yes- -terday and today, traveled about 20 Miles, and Lodged at Asa Schuylies, who bore us company to the families we have visited, lodged at Asa Schoolys

5th day 2nd of the mo Attended a Meeting that we appointed to be held at Asa Schoolys the friends & friendly People generally attend -ing, it was pretty Large, it was an Open time, and Gospel truths were delivered from good Authority, and Some time was spent in endeavoring to strenghen and Assist them in in bringing things into order, and in the holding of their Meet- -ings to the reputation of our profession many of them parted with us in near affection, being much Contrited

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went in the afternoon up the Northwest side of Lake Erie to Obediah Denniss’s who lay very low, himhe and his Wife are members of Kingwood Monthly Meeting with their five Children who are under 15, we had a beautiful ride about four Miles on the Beech up the Side of theLake, the Sand near the Water is very Hard and Smoothe and is an excallent road, and what to me appeared very curious was the ellevations that were frequent along the side of the Lake, some of them 40 or 50 feet high 10 or more pearch -es broad covered with Timber, and yet we were informed they were perfect sand hills blown out of the Lake, which upon inspection appeared to be realy the case Lodged at Daniel Pounds 10 miles

6th day third a warm smoky Morning and so thick an Air for several days past that the sun scarcely made it appear -ance, went to Asa Schoolies 2 ½ miles, hav- -ing visited the families of Friends, and such who profess with us in those parts we set of to see the four families down the

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in a Northward direction from hence in about 8 miles we came to the great River Niagara, thence went down it close on its Banks about 16 miles, the Ride was delightful, having the beau -tiful stream on our right, which glid- -ed Smoothly along, a good Road un -der our feet, and mostly improved and checkquered on our Left with pretty good improvementsdwellings, in about 12 miles we crossed a Large Stream called Chippaway a number of good improv- -ments are planted near its mouth, a little below the mouth of this Water the River begins to hasten its pace, and in about 1 mile it became considerably Rapid, the road kept nearly on a level but the bed of the River gradually decended until it became very Roman -tick so that I have no words to ex- -press its grand, and Majestick appear -ance, its boldness, its rapidity, its dashing, and flying appearance, so that

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Its dashing that it appearedlooked was all in a foam flying in places twenty or more feet high, looking asas white as a sheet and all this, and ten times as much more before we came to the grand and perpendicular fallsCatarack, the day be- -ing very Smoky, and a little rainy we had not so full a view of the great falls as we desired, onproposing if the day suited to spend a little more time when we re- -turned, as near as I could compute, this very wild, romantick, and foming condition of the river it began about ¾ of a Mile above tothe great preci- -pice, we left the Riverand in about two miles and got to William Lundy’s who was once a Member of Kingwood month-ly Meeting but for many years past, disowned, his Wife and Children never had a right, we were friendly entertained, but there is bu[t] little prospect in sd. family of any Strength to the society arising therefro[m]

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7th of the week a rainy morning, went to Jeremiah Moore’s 3 ½ miles, who were much Joyed in th seeing us

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himhe and his Wife are concerned examplary friends from Sadsbury Monthly Meeting, they have at home seven Innocent affectionate Children. -- ---------------- then sat at Benjamin Hills, 5 miles he is a Member of Buckingham Mo.ly Meeting and his Wife of Sadsbury Monthly Meet--ing, they are young, and I hope maybe usefull friends, they have four small Children ---------------- Went to John Hills, 1 mile were we lodged himhe and his Wife are members of Buckingham Monthly Meeting they have two Children at home, members, ---- the Land from William Lundy’s to Jeremiah Moore’s is a high, dry, Sandy loam, mostly improved, from thence to this place for 2 or 3 miles the same sort but thinly Timbered, the remainder flat, heavy Timbred and appeared

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kindly for 3 miles a White Oak Timber the most beautiful, both for Quantity and Quality that I have seen since I left home.

1st day the 5th a wet stormy Morning and increased with the day, snowed in the afternoon, attended an appointed meeting at John Hills with the few friends in this Neighbourhood it was a solid instructive Opportunity, Heavenly goodness was near, and the meeting closed, to general Satisfaction, we had a tendering time in the afternoon in Conference with them concerning their situation in which I hope they gained some strength, they have not as yet been in the practice of hold any mee[t] -ings for Worship, they being but few in number and very scattered but we felt our minds Strengthened t[o?] encouraged them to press throu†[gh] difficulties and meet together to wait upon and Worship the Lor[d] Almighty, believing it would add[?] to their strength and would if

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rightly performed, be of a good Savour in the neighborhood

2nd of the week the 6, a frosty Morning and Snow -ed the latter part of the day, set of to see friends at the Short Hills, stoped and sat at John Darlin’s 6 miles, his Wife was disowned by the falls Monthly meeting and her Husband never had a right, they were kind, but not much professed of their ading strength to friends, ⟨they have 6 Children⟩ ---------------- then sat at Joshua Gillam’s 5 miles he was Disowned by Middletowon Monthly meet-ing for marrying, his Wife a Member of Sadsbury Monthly Meeting they have three small Children, Joshua[?] is thoughtful about his situation and desirous to be united to friends which we encouraged, we also here met with Thomas Gillam he was disowned by Middletown Monthly Meeting, his wife never had a right

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then sat at Thomas Rice’s, he was brought up among friends but has no right, his Wife was disowned by Buckingham Monthly Meeting, they are examplary, and I hope thoughtfull, and have eight Children mostly small ---------------- thence to John Taylors, ½ a mile he was dis- owned by the Falls Monthly Meeting his Wife and two hopefull Children are members of Sadsbury Monthly Meeting, she appears to be a Motherly concerned friend— ---------------- the face of the Country from John Hills mostly flat and miry till within one mile of John Darlins, then commences the Short Hills which produces remark- -ably steep pitches we then pased over 2 or more Miles of the most beautiful Chesnut Timber I remember to have ever seen, the Woods had been lately burned to clear the leaves out of the way of gathering the Chesnuts, they we saw them laying very

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thick on the ground as we rode along their Pigs are not allowed to run in the Woods at this season for fear of the Bears and Wolves, we then for se- -veral miles passed the effects through the effects of the greatest Hio[?]rican mine Eyes ever beheld, it was a very heavy Timbered Land about ¾ of itthe timber was torn up by the Roots, the other ¼ broke of by the Middle, the Prospect was truly awfull, and and tremendious. the last five miles hilly though not stony. the land good. We are now got among the White Pines, not having seen many for the last 30 miles

3 of the week and 7 sat at Samuel Taylors he was disowned by Sadbury Monthly Meeting and his Wife by Kingwooddo[?]. they appear pretty hopefull, and sent acknowledgements with us to their seve- -ral Monthly Meeting to Condemn their out goings, they have 4 small children ----------------

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thence back to an appointed Meeting at John Taylors, it was an open favoured time ---------------- Thence to Jacob Moore’s 2 miles he Married his first-Cousin and they werewas disowned by Sadsbury, his wife never was a Member they have two small Children ---------------- intending to have sat at Soloman Moore who lives Just by but neither himhe nor his Wife were at home, he also mar- -ried his first Cousin and theyhestands dis- owned, they have three small Children ---------------- this have been a Cold unpleasant day began to snow about 10 O Clock and con -tinued till Evening, the prospect look -ed discouraging to be near 500 miles from home 300 of which was through what may be called a Wilderness the road small that not much used, yet it felt a good degree of resignation — Lodged at Enoch Snigley’s 1 mile he has notnever had a fulla right right, the friendly his wife was disowned by Bucking-ham, they are friendly people and have six Children the Oldest perhaps 18 20

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Some of our Company went to James Craw--ford’s who is a friendly Man, his Wife was disowned by Richland Monthly Meet-ingthey have five small ChildrenandShe She is an examplery thoughtful Woman, havethe sent an Acknowledgement by us to the Meeting she was testifyed against to condemm her out goings.

5th day the 8 a pleasant day, the snow nearly gone by evening, the Roads very wet, about six miles deep and heavy like the breaking up of the frost, stop- -ed at John Hills and got dinner, & Lodged at Jeremiah Moores, 12 miles ----------------

5th day the 9th a pleasant day, walked 1 ½ miles to Thomas Mercer’s, a person who came out of Jacob Lindley’s neighborhood about one year ago they were much pleased with our Company, and gave us a Breakfast exceeding any we met with in Canada, having excellent Green

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Tea and Loaf Sugar, Bread eaqual to any made in Chester County &c We then went to the River Niagara⟨½⟩ a mile to View a remarkable whirlpoole about 3 miles below the great Catarack the River was not more than 20 pearches wide both above and below sd. poole the depth unknown and it runs in a romantick and ra- -pid condition, the banks on each side perhaps 1000 feet high got our horses shod this Morning, Dined at Jeremiah Moores, attended an appointed meet -ing held in an house near the great falls, built by the neighbors in ge- -neral for any who Choose to hold a meeting in it, it was a Quiet well conducted Meeting, and Gospell Truths delivered with good Authority, the meeting was held chiefly for those of other so- -cieties Lodged at Willam Lundyes 4 m

6th day the 9th [sic] a Cold Frosty night, cloudy mor morning and like for now, set off for Black Creek, stoped to View the great falls, the wind Southeast blew the fog or mist that arose from the fall of the water over us which fell in[?]small[?]

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Rain so that it made it very unpleasant and the bank, or hill down to the Table Rock where we intended to have decended was so Sleeted over with Ice thatwhichproceededthat was produced from the damp of the falls that it appear -ed unsafe to go down, we had a pretty fair prospect where we stood, being per- -haps 50 feet above the waterhigher than where the great pitch of the falls decended, it is hard to discribe the appearance and motion of the water it came down with great rapidity to where it projected off, tho we were informed that the sheet was not the same thickness but appeared in places was 16 feet thick in places to be 16 or more feet, I could ⟨not⟩ see the place bottom of the sheet by reason of the fog or mist that arose from the great fall of water, the we were informed that one part of the pitch was within sixis 4 or 5 pearches feet father up the stream than it was nine years ago and appears to be gradually wearing, stoped at the Widow Birchels who has an extraordinary Mer- -chant and Saw Mill on the rapids about 80 pearches above the great falls, the race is 80 pearches long taken out of the

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great River, and has in that distance ten feet Head and Fall, it is truly an awful sight to View the River from the Mill door, now Leaving this Wonderfull Phinonamy Phinonima, we had a cold ride up the River, and got to Asa School Schoolies where we Lodged 21 miles—

we have now Visited all the families, or nearly so, of friends or such as once had a right, had four Meetings amongst them, feel easy to set our Faces homeward but how we shall get along must be left as it has been tret threttening all day for snow, and this evening it is fall- -ing very fast

we found residing at Black Creek pretty compact, tho two families were about 4 or 5 miles from the rest, 7 families, who were in Membership with friends, and appeared pretty orderly, with a number of hopeful Children divers nearly or fully grown up making the Whole 33 persons, and five families who profess with friends

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and are pretty hopefull, some of whom have sent acknowledgments by us to the Meeting that disowned them, they have a number of tender Inocent Children, the whole number of both Parents and Child- -ren are thirty eight many of them if they keep their places will add strength to the little handful of friends in that place, we found at the Short Hills and in that neighbourhood five families of Friends who live at present pretty wide per- haps 12 or more miles tho some of them have it in prospect to move nearer together for the Benefit of society, making in the whole twenty seven persons, and eight fami- -lies of such who have mostly been dis- -owned, several of whom are desirous to Condemn their outgoings, and have sent acknowledgments along with us, and I hope will make useful members. The Parents and Children of this Class make 53 persons andwho live pretty compact, the way the road now goes makes it near 40 miles from the short Hills to the settlements of friends at Black Creek, but there is reason

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to expect that before long there will be a road opened between these places not which willcontainingbe more than 14 or 15 miles

7th of the week 11th a rainy Morning not more Snow fell last night than about two inches deep, wrote a number of Letters to some friends in this neighbour- -hood, and feeling our minds easy to return, we made preparations to pass homewards, the had not the season been so far advanced we would have been easy to have stayed a few days longer, about 11 OClock we left our tender friends at Black Creek with Hearts full of Gratitude that we had been amongst them, and some of them bore us Compa- -ny as far as the River, where we ar- -rived about ½ after two OClock, havin[g] rode about 8 miles down the Beech on lake Erie, we were [?]ise in num- -ber, and the Wind blowing high and

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the River Rough, we were Obliged to go two at a time, which took near three hours to get over, and it Raining hard made it disagree- -able, and we were truly thankful when we got safe on our own shore Lodged at Buffoaloe 15 miles

1st day of the Week 12th, we lay last Evening next the Roof, and their falling much Rain, it was so plainly heard, that the difficulty of passing through the Genesee where there are a number of large Creeks, without bridges, and no house to stop at provided we could not Cross, presented with all its discouragements, which led into an enquiry whether we had too much hurried out of Canada and upon the most strict enquiry exa- -mination, nothing remained painful as an Omission, but it would have been more easy to most of our Minds

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if we had stayed over first day, feering our leaving them 7th day and next day this little meeting coming on least it should administer some discou- -ragement to the few friends there however resignation was our best expe- -dient, and when Morning came, the rain still continuing very heavy, we can thought it most safe, and felt most easy to remain in our Quarters, about noon the rain abated, the wet a little till evening

2nd day the 13 rose early this morning to pur- -sue our Journey, still Cloudy, from the best information we could get, were in hopes the Waters, except Tawnywanty, would be fordable, but in about four Miles travel- -ing we were disappointed, for we came upon a very rapid Stream, which upon examining, we believed not safe to Cross and to 18 hours since the rain abated it appeared still to be rater rising, this was a fresh trial, but patience was our best expedient, for if we had ventured and got safe over this stream, there was ano-

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another much larger 6 or 7 miles ahead we therefore, upon holding a Council, agreed as the most safe expedient to return to our [?] Quarters, and wait until tomorrow Our Landlords house stands on a pleasant elevated spot having a rich, furtile Meadow in front, enlivened by the Buffaloe to its Con- -fluence with Lake Erie, the stream is perhaps as Large⟨r⟩thanofBrandywine, and the Lake its self opens in full view as far as the Eye can reach, when the Wind is high in the West, it so raises the Water in this end of the Lake, that it flows up the Buffaloe like a flood tide our accomodation here has been pretty good, except our Lodging, which was a narrow frame scarely room for two to lay on their Back, with Boards instead of Sackingbottom withand a very thin Strawbed yet Oliver Paxton and myself has Occupy- -ed it three nights pretty comfortably and expect to try it the fourth, it is in an upper Chambers next the Roof

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3rd day 14, a blustry night, but pretty pleasant Morning, all in health, and wit an early start set off cheerfully homewards, came to the water that turned us back Yesterday the very rapid Crossed pretty readily, here Lay a poor family in distress, they came from Bucks County and were going into Canada, Rain, and high waters had detained them several days in this Wilderness, their Journey had been tedi- -ous and their Money spent, and what was more trying their provision was run out, and no place to supply it un- -til they got through, they were encamped by the side of the rapid stream that we had Just Crossed, we endeavoured to Com fort them, leting them know they were nearly through, where there was provi- -sion to be had, and for an immediate relief spared them a small Loaf of Bread, and gave the Children some piece pieces of Cake, and for their further reliefsupply gave them two Dollars, our sympathy and kind- -ness very much Affected the Poor Woman and we parted with her in bathed in

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Tears, feeling thankful that we had it in our Power thus far to admini- -ster relief, we cheerfully proceeded on our Journey, hoping the large Creek ahead would be fordable, but on our arrival our hopes appeared frustrat -ed, for it was very high and appeard still to be rising, and it was too wide to make a Bridge aCross by falling a Tree, we explored the stream up and down but discovered no place more eligiable than the common fording, and there, tho not much above belly deep, we believed not safe to pass, by reason of its great rapidity, and some 20 or 30 pearches below a mightilymightiy fall of perhaps 50 or 60 feet, to sit down by it to wait for the Water to fall, was trying, asand their was no house nigher than 12 miles and we had but Just Provision with

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us, to carry, without detention, ourselves and horses to the Genesee River, and to turn back 12 miles felt unpleasant, how -ever, thought best to stay till towards evening to see if their would be any change in the Water, and in about 3 or 4 hours there came up a Company of Men who had been out a surveying they had a number of axes with them and we went down the streem about half a Mile, where it was divided into four branchesstreams having small Islands between, and here, tho theywater ran surpris -ingly swift, and the bottom unknown yet we thought best to try to get over the Men with Axes fell Trees across which would reach at thesefrom Island to Islands and explored the banks and Depth of the Streams at the Opposite side, we attempted and through mercy got all safe over, for which favour we felt humblingly thankful, we then tra veled on, making no less a band than

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19 in number and in 10 miles pitch -ed our Camps on the Westeast side of a lively brook, where we could regale ourselves with water and our bags supplyed us with Provisions, we fortunate fortunately in this spot found a pretty comfortably Indian Wigwam, being covered with bark on the top and three sides, the front being open, here we erected a very hospitable Fire, and with thankful Hearts for so good a retreat, enjoyed a Comfortable Nights repose, and tho in the Wilderness yet we had our Neighbours, their being no less than four Fires within 40 pear pearches distance to⟨two⟩ of which were surrounded by Indians who were on their way to Fort Erie, the Night was clear and Cold, and we hoped we should be favoured with

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dry Weather till we got into the set- -tlement 22 miles

4th day the 15 a cold frosty morning and a little Cloudy, set of very early and in 5 or 6 miles we had a smart snow shower, and shortly after another the wind at North and very Cold, the Tonewanty we were informed by an Indian, was by far too deep to be rid we then thought best to go be the Indian Village which stood on the EastWestside of said stream, and was perhaps 4 miles morefurther, we were in -formed there waswereabout 150 Indians in said Village, the have but a few houses for that number, there were two hew- -ed log houses pretty neat an tight & perhaps 40 or50 feet long, andthey were stowed full, with several other small huts near by, after some small refresh- -ment at a dirty Frenchmans house on the bank of the said river, we proceeded to Cross, he having a small Canoe

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took us over one by one with ourbuggage baggage, and Cold as it was we swam our horses through, and in about 16 miles traveling we came to an Indian Wigwam, not so good as we met with last night, yet, tho we had an hour of Son, we thought it best ⟨of⟩to tak⟨ing⟩ up our Quarters, wehere having had a frozen frozen day to ride and likely to be a very cold snow snowy night, time was necessary to provide with wood &c: which we got Compleated and ready to set down beforeto a Comfortable refreshing fire, before dark, here we passed a very Cold night, as chearfull and pleasant, as could be expected, feel -ing more for our horses, than our -selves, the Woods afforded little but Snow and Leaves, we therefore both last night, and this, after giv- -ing them some Oates tyed them up

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till Morning

5th day the 16, a Cloudy Frozen Morning tho but little snow fell Last night we found the Frost added to the dif- -ficulty of traveling about 25 or more miles of the road between buffaloe and the Genesee is through a succession of deep swamps, and this morning our our first sitting of[f] we had oneseveral of those difficulties to encounter this[?] be- -ing in places between belly and knee deep, and being Froze over almost hard enough to bear, it was exceeding exceed difficult and tryin[g] to the Horses, fed at Wilbords 14 miles. There to the Genesee 12 miles Lodged at Foxes near by, here we got good entertainment accommodations for Man and horse which was very gr[?] ful after so trying a Journey.

the Country from Buffaloe to Genesee I discribe as of follows from Buffaloe to tumbling Creek 4 miles mostly [?] heavy timbered, to Stony Creek 8 miles

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mostly plains, thence to a small stre stream at the east end of the large plains 10 miles, thence to The Indian Village at Tonewanty 14 miles abou[t] ½ way plains the remainder heavy timbered land and some of it a- -mazingly rich, there are Black Walnuts about the Tonewanty four feet over, 50 or more feet high holding their Thickness clear of limbs, thence 8 miles to the plains again through are heavy Timbered Land in places swampy, some of it pretty high and very good, thence over 4 or 5 miles of White Oak plains, thence to the side of Tonewanty, heavy tim -bred, deep, and in frequently swampy land, 6 miles, thence 14 miles through Land similar to the last discribed, thence 10 miles to the Ganesee mostly a barren plains

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6 day the 17 a Cold frozen night, and a snowy day, this Morning was trying and discouraging, set of by the way of Williamsburgh 14 miles through a beautiful wheat Country, not much under timber here we got Coffee for breakfast for the first time since we left Munsy thence to Danville 17 miles over a very Beautiful rich country we thought much of it superior to any we passed over and very Curiously situated hav -ing an high steady ridge or Mountain on our left, and the Connesscragy a branch of the Genesee on our left andright with a Beautiful Vale, the high hill and Vale was like a dunghill, for richness abounding with very large Walnut, Shellbark Hickory with a Mixture of White Oak Ash &c. the whole of the 17 miles abounds with lively streams rushing with great rapidity down from the sd. mountain that every Plantation ma[y] be sufficiently supplyed with Water and taken of the land with pleasure lodged at Samuel Faulkners, where we met with very good accommodations

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7th day the 18 a Cold frozen Morning but we were Cleaned with a Clear sun the most of the day, which we esteemed a favour, having but few such days for near three Weeks, there are two Roads from this place to Bath, one flat, much of the way down the Waters of the Cohocton tho and is very deep and Miry, and scarcly at this time passable, the other called the Mountain Road, and was rightly denominated, we thought it would be better to encounter the Mountains than the Mud, but truly such a Road I never rid, it was about 15 miles we had to encounter this Wild and romantick sen scene which with all the Industry we could use cost us six hours hard Traveling, the whole way was one continued Mountains one after another, perhaps half or more of a Mile up, and almost immedi- -ately as far down, generally so steep

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that it was with the greatest dif- -ficulty our horses kept their feet and I found myself frequently un- -der the necessity of taking hold of my horses tail to help me up, ma- -ny of these Mountains where so load- -ed with spruce and hemlock that at noon day, tho a bright sun and the ground covered with snow, it looked like twilight to look up the North side of them, and in many places there were such a number of tress blown across the path that it was with the greatest diffi- -culty we got round or over some of them, and in someother places tho high up on the mountains, we were nearly to the horses bellies in Mud and Ice and for 18 miles in this Wild roman- -tick scene not so much as one Cabin was to be found, nor I suppose ever will tho it abounded with Deer, Bear, and Wolf Tracks, with other Wild Beasts we got to Bath with great industry in the

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dusk of the Evening weary, Could, and hungry, but lighting at the foremost Tavern, could get no hay for our Horses, which upon enquiry was the situation of the other Public Houses, in town tho the Capital of Subend County we therefore were under the Necessity of Riding Six Miles further to Mud Creek 32m

1st day the 19 still continued cold and snowed betimes all day, went to the Post 12 m where we got our Break- -fast thence up the waters of the Sus- -quehanna to the Widow Lindsly’s where we intended to have taken up our Quarters, but they had no Oates, very little corn, and but poor hay, we therefore proceeded 5 miles further up the Tyoga to Salsbury’s tho but poor accommodations, yet they were very kind, in this days travel we have seen 4 deer near by and a Multitude of their tracks

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we have Crossed four Large Streams of the Susquehannain 14 miles each of them we Judged as large again as Bran- -dywine they were all of them more than Belly deep, and we felt truly thankful Considering the great fall of Rain that we are safely over them 29 miles ---

here we met with two travelers thatwho had Just come from the Block--house, they informed us the Road there was so bad that it cost them two days ⟨hard⟩ traveling, which and that we could not reach thereit in one day tho but 35 miles, this information was ve- -ry discouraging, for their was no stage or house short of 23 miles of sd. Blockhouse yet upon considering the circumstances we concluded to make a trial of going through in one day, and if we failed to lye in the Woods, Cold and Snowy as it was

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2nd day the 20 Started Just as day ap- -peared, a Cold frozen Morning. We wanted a loaf of bread to make use of providednot knowing but we should have to lie on the Woods, were desirous to be provided with some bread we tried our Landlord, and nearly every house we came by for ten Miles, but they unanimously informed us they had no Bread baked, by them, we Stoped at Lambs 10 miles the Last house but one, in that settlement fed our horses and got our Breakfast, and then with Industry reached the Blockhouse by sunset our living of Late has been poor, both for ourselves and horses, this is the second night out of four that they have had to do without hay, and we have had no wheat or Indian Bread for tw[o] days, and when often to drink our Tea Without Sugar, we could get no milk this Evening, not so much as to put a Little in our Coffee, nei-

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-ther had we butter to eat with our Buckwheat Cake, and our Vaneson was fryed without fat, and Last Evening there was nothing on the Table but mu Mush and Milk, this has been a trying day to our horses, as I mentioned the Morning was Cold and Frozen, and our Road led up by the side of Ty- -ago River, andwhich we had it to Crossed eleven times to day and once yes- -terday, in 25 miles frequently Belly deep and sometimes deeperMorein25 miles and where we crossedlast it last, it was nearly as large as Bandywine, I had like to have forgot to note that after we had fed the second time which was at petersons camp 15 miles, from the last stage where there is no house, having to cleaning the snow of the Grass to give our horses their Oates which was trying to us thus to wait in asour Cold a Con- -dition aswe were in, tobethus in the Snow and pertake of our little Morsall, I say a few miles after this, when we were ente- -ring on our discouraging road, we met a poor distressed family, being a Man and his Wife, and five small Children, two of whom rode with the Mother

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one with the Father on a large pack of something, and who by themselves, some of them were without Stockings Cold as it was, to see that those in their distressed, much helpless, and Cumbred condition, had surmounted all the difficulties as to badness of Road, &c that were before us, we felt our hearts animated, to pursue our Journey and I thought we had no cause in our well provided statecondition to entertain the least discouragement, the family above noted had lain in the Woods last night without any Camp, the Ground five Inches deep with snow, and the weather so Cold that abundance of Ice was floating on the Waters we had lately Crossed, and they would have to encounter the same trials this Night as they could reach no house.

3rd day the 21 set off as soon this Morning as was safe, in hopes we should be able to reach a friends House this Evening, which was very desirable, the Morning was Cloudy and very Cold, and we had a rough high Country for 10 miles to travel

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over, on which there were three two remarkable eminences the first was so thickly enclosed with Hemlock that it afforded very little Prospect, beneath our feet,tho through some openings the top of the mountains around appeared the other was Just as you we be- -gan to defend from off the Lawrel Hill. This Prospect was truly grand, we appeared to be above the tops of the Allegenies, which rose up in a very romantick and wild appearance, the View was very extensive and these ellevations being white with snow appeared to be almost without Timber, so that with the help of fan- -cy they looked like improved Farms, hav- -ing many places the appearance of square Fields, with hedge rows, and divisions, but I have no expectation that these inhospital regions will ever be athe habitation of manfor any thing but for the Wild Beasts of the Forest and the Fowls of the Air, fed at the foot[?] of the Laurel hill9 miles in the snow, there being no house, here our Road led us down a beautiful Branch of the Lycoming tho very much choaked with drift wood, some of our company had the curiosity to count how many times we crossed it in eight miles, where it united with the main branch, and the made it about 28 times, and the Lycoming itself we Crossed

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perhaps ten times more, these waters make a brake through what is called the Allegenies and the vale in many places, particularly be- fore we come to the main stream, is not more than 8 or 10 pearches Wide and the Mountains rise on each hand remarkably high & steep so that our traveling was almost litterally sneaking under the Hills and Mountains, fed at Kyle’s 10 miles here we got our dinner, hav- -ing Bear Meat and Veneson fryed up to gether, Tea without sugar, with good Wheat Bread & Butter, in nine Miles from hence we finally left the Lycoming a beautiful Stream, we thought about as large as two of Brandywine, and in six Miles we Crossed the Loyalsock a lovely stream, per- -haps nearly as large as two of Lycomon and got to Samual Wallice’s, weary, where we were kindly, and Hospitablybelly enter- -tained, and the Contrast was very great was very great between our entertain- ment here and what we have latterly met with, our Beds ever since we came from Asa Schoolies in Canada, have been a small proportion of straw mostly on

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of straw, except Boards instead of socking Bottom, except when we lay in the Woods on Bark, they mostly appeared dirty, uniformly without any sheet over us, but in lieu thereof a Rough Course Blanket, our meal has been steadily fryed Veneson sometimes pretty good, our Bread for 100 [?] miles, with some small exceptions, has been indifferent Buckwhea[t] cakes, our drink almost ever since we left home has been water, Bohea Tea is much used in Canada, which they drink very strong, with or without Sugar, as their store holds out, they have a great Plenty of Sugar Maple, of which some of the Inhabi- -tants make a sufficiency for themselves but we found a number of them out, not withstanding this was their situation, they could lay the Teatable for their friends, & sit down with as much composure as if all were compleat, which I counted a piece of Philosophy worth Labouring after

4th day the 22 a Northeast Wind, and a Cold Wet morning, our horses, and our selves being weary and wanted some rest and being among friends here upon

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upon Conferrence we thought we should feel most easy to see friends in most of the meetings on this side the Mountains, ex -cept Oliver Paseton, who felt his mind bound to get home to their Quarterly Meeting, and James Langstaff, was free to go with him for Company, we parted with great nearness & heart felt Affecti- -on, having traveled in much Brotherly love, united in the same cause, Brethren in Jeopardy, and Perils, both in the Wilderness and among great Waters, & now having got thus far safly through and among our friends, our hearts were enabled to bless the Lord for his manifold favours, and under a Sense thereof to bid each other farewell.

5th day the 23 a rainy wet day

at William Ellises, where we arrived this Morning 3 miles

5th day the 23 a rainy, wet day, attend- -ed Munsy Meeting, dined at William Ellises 2 miles, went to Fishing

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Creek that evening, William and Wife bearing us company, Lodged at Jacob Cleytons 16 miles

6th 23 [sic] a Northwest Wind and pretty clear, Went to Fishing Creek Meeting 2 ½ Miles, which was a comforting refreshing Opportunity, and my soul was enabled to Worship in secret dined at John Eveses near the Meeting house, and with industry got to Cate--wissee that Evening, having the Susquehannah to Cross 15 mile, lod- -ged at John Loyds where we were kindly entertained, his Wifecompanion being a neat house wife, both theour supper and Bed evinced it

7 day the 24 [sic] attended the Monthly Meeting at Catewissee, which was a low exercising time in the forepart, but life gradually rose under the Ministry of J.L. till I thought I had everseldom experienced the like, it was a memorable time, and ended well, and the Business of the Monthly

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Meeting was transacted in a good degree of right order, there are a large num- -ber of pretty exemplary concerned friends belonging to this Meeting, I believe there is no monthly Meeting within the compass of our yearly Meet -ing that takes in so large a scope of Country as this, and the members are still spreading wider, we were informed there are upwards of one hundred and Eighty families within its Compass, and I fully be- -lieve it will be right, and will conduce to the promotion cause of Truth and righte- -ousness for a division of the Month- -ly Meeting to take place before long, also for a preparative meeting to be established at Fishing Creek, dined at John Loyd’s and lodged at Charles Chapmans 2 miles

1st day the 26 a clear day and northWest Wind, we had the Opportunity of seeing three Wild Deer, out of the friends Poarch where we lodged, they

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passed very Quietly along, we also saw another large Buck coming up the road toward us, as we were riding to roring Creek Meeting, which we at- -tended, 4 miles it was large, and I hope pro- -fitable dined at Nathan Lees near the Meeting house, and Lodged atBezelleel Hayherst 4miles he lives on the edge of what is called the little Mountain, his House is the last we came to in Roring Creek Settlement

2nd day the 27 a Clear Cold Morning, soon after we set off we ascended what is called the little Mountain, of which to the Westward there is a grand, and very extensive prospect, we overlook all Roring Creek Valley, the Susquehannah down as low as Northumberland, and over the Tops of Munsy Mountains Quite to the Allegenies, we were fully con- -vinced when on the top of this Moun -tain that we were in a Colder Re- -gion, than when on the Plains, for

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when we left Wiliam Ellises we pre- -sently assended the Munsy Mountain it was a Cold Northeast rain, but not in the least Froze on the Trees until we began to asscend this eminence where the trees became more or less Cloathed with Ice, and when we got to its highest eminencesumit the young Pines were as loaded that many of their Tops were bent to the gro ground, and when we desended into the Valley the Ice on the Limbs was not to be seen, but when we got on the Top of this Mountain, which was two days after, and both clear, yet the twigs of the Trees were still much covered with sleet, and the snow much moredeeper than in the Vales we got to Michal Masyers that even -ing 34 miles, he keeps pretty good accom- -modations, and the Cheapest by near one half of any that we met with,

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3rd day the 28 a Clear Cold Morning Schulkill nearly Covered with floating Ice, went to Mordica Lees to Break- -fast 15 miles were we were kindly hospitabelly entertained Lodged here 15 miles

4th day the 29 attended the Monthly of Maiden Creek which was a time of refresh- -ment to my Mind, lodged at Pennose Wily’s 1 ½ miles.

5th day the 30 set off early this Morning homewards, a Clear Cold day, stoped to see Francis Parvin who was very unwell when we came toSchulkill it looked very trying to ride it, by reason of its depth, and of the great Quantity of Floating Ice thatwhich covered the surfice of the Streamand the depth of the water , we waited near half an hour from the Boat, but the Ferryman after considerable exertion failed geting the boatit over by reason of the ice so that we had at last to encoun- -ter the Frozen rugged stream, and through mercy got safe ⟨through⟩ my mind was

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was much comforted, as I Rode home- -wards this day, with Heavenly consolationgood ness, and on looking over our Jour- -ney, felt thankful that I had given up to the Service, and on⟨now⟩returning feltfeeling the sweet reward of Peace thereforefufil bow- -ed my Mind into Contrition, and filled it with true thankfulness for the present favour. got to Isaac Coates a little within Evening where we were received with Open hearts 18 miles.

12mo 1st after a tendering opportu- -nity this morning, wherein we had to experience Ancient goodness near and to acknowledge that we had been helped through many difficul- -ties and so far brought safely back, had been made near and dear to each other, under a fresh and renewed sense of so great a sorrow we bid each other farewell

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and set of to our several habitations where I arrived in the afternoon & was Lovingly received by my Dear Wife and Children whom I found enjoying a good state of health, for which favour, and my own preser- -vation while out, I feel truly thank- -ful, having been from home Just Seven Weeks, and traveled by com- -putation near one thousand miles.

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Big spring 8

Buttermilk fall 6

White Oak Plains 20

Through the Lo[?] 5

To Tonewanty 8

To the plains 6

To Stony Creek 28

To Buffaloe 12

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on Boards instead of Socking Bottom except when we lay in the Woods on bark, the mostly appeared dirty, uniformly with out any Sheet on over us, but in its place a rough Coarse Blanket, our meal has been steadily fryed Veneson, sometimes pretty good nor Bread for 100 or more Miles with some small exception has been indifferent Buckwheat cakes, our drink almost ever since we left home, Water, Bohea Tea is much used in Canadaand which they drink very strong, they have plenty of sugar Ma- -ple and make their own Sugar, tho in many places were out, that our Tea was frequently drank without, which was our situation in many places Since -------------------- 4th day the 22 a Northeast Wind and a Cold Wet Morning, feeling our Minds drawn f to do, we concluded to attend the Meetings belonging to Catewissee Monthly Meeting and our horses as well as ourselves wanting rest we lay by to day, tomorrow being their meeting at Munsy in Coarse, the, next day to be at Fising Creek and 7 tho to attend their Monthly Meeting at Catewissee

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Ex[?] Samuel Lee 4 . 6

do[?] James Langstaff 1: 10 . 0

do[?]:James Wilson 0. 6 . 8

do[?]: Oliver Paseton 1:17:6

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Jacob Lindley at Pattes[?]

York Money 1: 2: 6

for 2 ½ Bushels of Corn 0. 13: 0

do 5 ferridges over Cherely[?] 0 .. .6. 0

do 18 Quarts of Corn and Buck- wheat 0. 9 : 0

horses at some picking[?] 0 .2. 6

Lodging 0: 1 :0

at Buffalo 5 suppers and Lodging horses at hay one night and 8 Quarts of Corn 0 : 19: 6

Crossing Niagara River 4/each 1 : 0 : 0

For Oates at the River 0: 3: 0

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4:16 :6

Jacob Lindly 4: 10: 5 ½

Settled all the above accounts

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Michal Mosyers 1 : 2 . 3

Geo: Raver[?] 16 quarts of oates 4: 0

1 pint of Cyder Royal 1 --

at James Kyles all night 1: 16 :4

James Langstaff paid L.1:10

16 [?] of Oates at the Blockhouse 0: 6 . 8

at Samuel Bartlets 1: 15 . 7

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5:5 10

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at Lindleys York money 0 14 . [?]

at the Painted Post for 4 sheaves of Oates 0 . 2 . 0

at Mud Creek 1: 13 . 4

at Bath 19 quarts of Oates at 6 : 9 . 5

at Ephraim Sanfords hay and Oates 5: 0

at Thomas Lees 0: 8: 0

at Judge Potters all night 1: 2: 6

at Gilberts for ½ bushel of corn 0 : 2:6

at Canadarque ½ do: of oats 0. 3: 0

at Thayer’s ¼ of Corn 0.1.6

at the River for 2 Bushels of Corn 0 13: -

at 20 quarts of Oates at 4[?] 0 .6 .8

a hatched[?] 0 : 3:0

5 ferredges over Chengly River 0: 6: 0

at the river for Oates 0: 3: 0

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6 11 [?]

at Buffaloe all night 0: 19 :0

Crossing the Niagara River 1: 0: 0

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8: 11: 0

Settled all the above accounts

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an account of what money I have received since we set our faces home- wards

11mo 10 of Oliver Paseton six dollars 2:30

of Jacob Lindley at the river 1: 0 [?]

of James Wilson for 1 ½ B of Corn 0:12

of Jacob Lindley at Tonewany 0:14

of Joseph Hill 1: 7: 7

of Jacob Lindley at Foxes 1:14:0

of do: at Williamsburgh 0: 15: 0

of James Langstaff 5 dollars 2: 0 0

of Jacobs Lindley at Mud Creek 1: 12. 0

of Do at the Post 0 : 18 :0

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of James Wilson 0 . 7: 6

of Jacob Lindley 0: 10 . 0

of James Langstaff 1: 10: 9

of Oliver Paseton 0 : 15 : 0

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An account of what expenses we were from Canada homewards

for 4 bushels of Oats at Ala Schooly’s 1:4: 0

gave his son for care of our horses 0 . 4. 0

the daughter for Washing 0 . 6. 0

at the river ½ a Bushel Oates 0 : 3: 0

5 ferridges across the river 1: 0 :0

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at the Buffaloe 6 suppers at 2/6 0 . 15. 0

6 Breakfasts at 2/6 0. 15.0

6 Dinners … .at . . 2/6 0.15.0

6 Lodgings 2 nights at 6d 0. 6. 0

6 horses at hay at 6d 0 . 3 . 0

½ a Bushel of Corn 0 . 4. 0

1 ½ Bushels of Corn at 8/ 0 . 12 .

at Lanes 6 horses at hay 24 hours 0. 12. 0

at Lanes do: 0. 12. 0

still at Buffaloe 6 Breakfasts at 2/6 0.15.0

6 suppers at . … .2/6 0.15.0

6 Lodgings at 6d 0: 3: 0

5 pecks of Corn at 2/ . . . 0: 10: 0

to a poor family in distress 0: 16: 0

at Tonewany 6 ferridges at 6d 0: 3:0

5 pints of milk at 6d 0 .2 .6

Corn 3 strings 0 : 9 : 0

1 do: 0: 3: 0

At Wilbords for Corn and Stalks 0: 8: 0

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At Fox’s 5 suppers at 2/6 0. 12. 6

horses 2/6 0.12.6

1 Bushel of Corn 6/8 0. 6. 8

5 Lodgings . . . at 6d 0.2.6

at Williamsburg ½ Bushel of Oates 0: 5: 0

5 Breakfasts at 2/ar 0. 10: 0

at Samuel Faulkners, at Danville 5 horses all night at 2/6 0.12.6

32 Quarts of Corn and Oates at 4d[?] 0:10:8

5 suppers 2/ each 0: 10: 0

5 breakfasts 2/each 0:10: 0

2 beds 0. 2. 0

at Mr. Wharton 15 quarts of Oates at 0: 5: 0

at Mud Creek at Dalsons 5 horses at hay at 2/each 0: 10: 0

32 Quarts of Corn at 4d 0:10:0

5 suppers at 2/each 0:10:0

Lodging 0: 2: 0

at the Post one Bushel of Oates 0: 8:0

5 Breakfast 2/each 0:10:0

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At Salsburys 5 horses at hay 0: 8 : 4

5 suppers at 9d bedings 3 each 0 : 5: 0

1 Bushel of Corn 0: 6: 0

29 quarts at 4 0:9:8

at Lambs 5 Breakfasts 0:10:0

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at the Blockhouse

5 suppers at 2/6 0. 12 [?]

36 Quarts of Oates at 5d 0. 15. 0

7 Sheaves of Straw 1: 9

Lodging 2. 6

at Kyles 5 dinners at 1/10 ½ each 0 . 9 : 4 ½

16 quarts of Oates at 3d 0: 4 : 0

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3 ferridges over Susquehannah 0: 3: 0

9 quarts of Oates at Leadenburgh 2: 3

9 quarts of do: and 1 pint of Cyder 0: 2 :3

Royal at Geo: Ravers 0. 0 .9

At Michal Mosyes 1 Bushel of Oates 3. 9

5 horses at Hay 0 . 3 . 0

3 Suppers 3/9 Lodging 6d 0: 4: 3

one quart of Cyder 0: 0 : 5[?]