the (245) AFRICAN UNION SOCIETY PROCEED COLES 1796. 11.10, 12.1 LE a meeting held by free storicans other free prople of colour in the Jown and counte Newport and State of Ahode Island De on tenth of -vember At 1796 at the house occupied by M' Abraham Cafey to hear an Adenes from the convention of Dep ties from the Abolition Societies in the United States read. A considerable number having met together Mr Charles Chaloner was voted moderator and Newportyardner The clerk then read the Locres; and after many things said in testimony of esteem for Said Address, the following mo tion was introduced by Veroport Gardner, to wit. Whereas an Adores to the people of colour in the United States by the convention of Deputies from the Abolition Societies in the United States affembled at Philadelphia dated January 6. 1796 and figned by order and in behalf of the convention by Theodore Hoster as the their Preficent has been read to us the second time this evening: And we having taken the said address into Serious confideration are of opinion that the members of said convention are fincene friends to us the free Africans and other free people of colour. And that if their advice were attended to it would promote not only our happiness and our children at present, but generation yet to come: Therefore it is voted and that a committee be appointed to take into tion the 7th article of said address, and report way and means that the Said article may be carried

the Said article into their ferious confideration in opinion that if the said article were executed correction of son and som a it would be a great benefit and blessing even to genera on motion by the chairman - tions yet to come : And that it appears to be within the the above was unanimously adopted, And Newport Completine of these persons in this town to whom the said Gardner mr Prince Amy and mr Lingo Stevens adeness is dence ted, and they only are the proper perwere appointed a committee to prepare and - sons to carry this 7th article into execution so far as it con report as above to meeting to be holden on the first day of December next at mr Abraham - cerns them selves. I By raising a sum of money in such way as may be thought by them mest convenient sufficient to pur-Caferes for that purpose adjourned Attest Venport Gardner Elerk. December 1. 1796 July all see west had all chase three books suitable and proper for record; one for births, one for marriages and one for Teaths of every free family this to marriage fit to be clerk to re ord all regardages births, and Teaths of every free family At a meeting of fines of fricans and other free greente of colour in the country of New - part and State of Ahode Island to on the day and year afore written by adjourment to hear the re port of the committee at me Alexaham Cafey's III That it be recommended to this meeting to cause pro Newport Gardner has voted moderator and serving taken - per notice to be given to all free blacks and other people of colour to get a copy of their marriages bir this and his seat the clerk read the report of the committee deaths in their respective families and deliver them to said to us the second time this evening; Ind sendle to her The committee to prohom it was referred to clerk to be recorded in the said books. IV And that it be recommended to this meeting to express confider the ytharticle of an address to free Africans their gratitude to said convention for their good and fre friendly advice in fome suitable way and manner as they shall think fit Hand other free people of colour in the United States by the convention of Deputies from the Abolition Societies in the United States dated at Philadelphia Lingo Stevens of State of Salasto Printe Amy star 331100 January 6 1796 and to report the way and means Nemport Gardner & above was unanimously adopted and Refey was chosen to make inquiry toknow the that the said article may be carried i The said committee report that

the price of those books and report it in to be holden on the therteenth inflant at the Charles Chalonery. Newport Gardner was chosen clerk to keep the office of recording as afore said. It is agreed that every nerson now in this meeting do all in their power to a notify all our bree three who are not here prefent to get a certificate of their marriages also a list of births and deaths occurring in their respective families, and deliver them to the clerk to be recorded in those for the said deliver them to the clerk

to be recorded in those books Whereas is the cuty of every rational being to express gratitude to those person or persons who appear to be their friend, and out of the purest price - neighte do all in their power to premote the happe ness and prosperity of their follow mortals: and whereas it appears in the opinion of this reseting to be the case with the convention of Deputies from the abolition Societies in the United States affembled at Initadelphia with respect to their address to free Africans and other free people of colour in the United States. And being impressed with this address wishing to express our gratitude to them in some suitable way and monner, it is voted una nimously that the thanks of this meeting be given to the honourable Convention of Deputies from the Abolition Societies in the United States for their good and friendly advice dated fundany 6th 1796. It is voted unanimously that the said thes be recorded in the beginning of each of before mentioned books in testimos

meeting sign these our proceedings respecting the afore said address: and that they be titlested by the clerk, and by them be transmitted to the honourable she state in the Congress of the United States and mem ber of said convention: that he would be pleased to to communicate these our proceedings to the honourable Convention when ever he finds most convenient and saitable.

free blacks and other free people of colour in the town of Newport

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[missing] a meeting held by free Africans and other free people of colour in the Town and county of Newport and State of Rhode Island &c on tenth of November AD 1796 at the house occupied by Mr Abraham Casey to hear an Address from the convention of Deputies from the Abolition Society in the United States read. A considerable number having met together Mr Charles Chalonder was voted moderator and Newport Gardner Clerk

The clerk then read the Address: and after many things said in testimony of esteem for said Address, the following mo--tion was introduced by Newport Gardiner; to wit. Whereas an Address to the free Africans and other free people of colour in the United States by the convention of Deputies from the Abolition Societies in the United States assembled at Philadelphia dated January 6th 1796 and signed by order and in behalf of the convention by Theodore Foster as their President has been read to us the second time this evening: And we having taken the said address into Serious consideration are of opinion that the members of said convention are sincere friends to us the free Africans and other free people of colour. And that if their advice were attended to it would pro--mote not only our happiness and our children at present, but generation yet to come: Therefore it is voted and [missing] that a committee be appointed to take into [missing]tion the 7th article of said address, and report [missing]vay and means that the said article may be Carried

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the above was unanimously adopted: And Newport Gardner M^r Prince Amy and M^r Zingo Stevens were appointed a committee to prepare and report as above to Athis meeting to be holden on the first day of December next at M^r Abrahams Casey's for that purpose adjournd Attest Newport Gardner Clerk.

December 1st 1796

At a meeting of free Africans and other free people of colour in the ^town & county of New-port and State of Rhode Island &c on the day and year before written by adjournment to hear the re-port of the committee at M^r Abraham Casey's M^r Charles Chaloner was voted moderator and Newport Gardner ^clerk The moderator having taken his seat the clerk read the report of the committee as follows

The committee to whom it was referred to consider the 7th article of an address to free Africans and other free people of colour in the United States by the convention of Deputies from the Abolition Societies in the United States dated at Philadelphia January 6th 1796 and report the way and means that the said article may be carried i[missing]tion. The said committee report that [missing]

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[missing] the said article into their serious consideration [missing] opinion that if the said article were executed it would be a great benefit and blessing even to generations yet to come: And that it appears to be within the competency of these persons in this town to whom the said address is directed, and ^that they only are the proper persons to carry this 7th article into execution so far as it concerns themselves.

I By raising a sum of money in such way as may

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be thought by them most convenient sufficient to pur--chase three books suitable and proper for record: one for births, one for marriages and one for deaths of every free family in this town.

II By chosing one whom they ^may judge fit to be clerk to re -cord all marriages births, and deaths of every free family in this town.

III That it be recommended to this meeting to cause proper notice to be given to all free blacks and other people of colour to get a copy of their marriages births and deaths in their respective familis and deliver them to said clerk to be recorded in the said books.

IV And that it be recommended to this meeting to express their gratitude to said convention for their good and $\frac{f[?]}{f}$ friendly advice in some suitable way and manner as they shall think fit

Zingo Stevens

Prince Amy

Newport Gardner

Committee

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the price of those books and report it ^ t[missing] to be holden on the thirteenth instant at [missing] Charles Chaloner's. Newport Gardner was chosen clerk to keep the office of recording as afore said. It is agreed that every person now in this meeting do all in their power to ge notify all our brethren who are not here present to get a certificate of their marriages, also a list of births and deaths occurring in their respective families and deliver them to the clerk to be recorded in those books.

Whereas Ait the duty of every rational being to express gratitude to those person or persons who appear to be their friend, and out of the purest pri--nciple do all in their power to promote the happi--ness and prosperity of their fellow mortals: and whereas it appears in the opinion of this meeting to be the case with the convention of Deputies from the abolition Societies in the United States assembled at Philadelphia with respect to their address to free Africans and other free people of color in the United States. And being impressed with this address wishing to express our gratitude to them in some suitable way and manner; it is voted una nimously that the thanks of this meeting be given to the honourable Convention of Deputies from the Abolition Societies in the United States for their good and friendly advice dated January 6th 1976.

It is voted unanimously that the said [missing]ress be recorded in the beginning of each of [missing] before mentioned books in testimony[missing] [right side of paper]

[missing]m for the said Address.

[missing] voted unanimously that the moderator of this meeting sign these our proceedings respecting the afore said address; and that they be Attested by the Clerk, and by them be transmited to the honourable Theodore Foster Esq^r one of the Senators from this State in the Congress of the United States, and mem-

-ber of said convention: That he would be pleased to to communicate these our proceedings to the honourable Convention when ever he finds most convenient and suitable.

By order and in behalf of the meeting of free blacks and other free people of colour in the town of Newport Moderator Attest Newport Gardner Clerk