Academy at Germantown. The determination to go westward became more fixed, and during the following days he settled up with J. S. (the man who had taken his goods), took advice as to articles suitable for the Western Country, and provided himself with tracts. There is a note in this place that Lodgings were  $$4\frac{1}{2}$$  to \$6 per week.

It is not clear what, precisely, he had in view as his occupation in the west: the idea of a store was probably regarded as a temporary expedient while he was looking about him: on one occasion, later, he was offered land in exchange for his stock: and he twice made expeditions to view the country, and inspect some plots, but the scheme of settling, if ever seriously entertained, was never carried out.

> JOHN DYMOND CROSFIELD To be continued

## An Absconding Quaker Shoemaker

13 9<sup>m</sup> [16] 84 ffrom ffalmouth, a letter from Tho Gwin to W<sup>m</sup> Taylby. J write now to satisfy ye request of friends of ye monthly meeting who finde that a yong man, walking in pfession of Truth, for some time & so getting credit for severall considerable summes, & proving false is run away with their moneyes, 1.9<sup>m</sup> 84, taking his way Eastward as we hear, from a place calld Gweegge, about 8 miles from hence, we suppose to Bristol or London, by name John Pedegrew, a Shoomaker, abt 30 yrs old, of black curled hair, full eyes, long nose, midle stature, or somewhat short.

We desire that if such an one come amongst you, friends may be wary of him. And if you can understand him to be ye same, we should take it kindely to have him arrested in ye suit of Tho. Philipps, John Scantlebury, or Joh. Tregelles, or Steven Richards, these being some of his creditors who will maintein ye charge of ye Law. He hath by his carriage opened ye mouth of Truths enemies, & strengthened Backsliders & evill doers.

If thou pleasest to communicate this to friends, that if possibly he may be stopped in his course. We suppose it may be of service. Put ye charge of postage on my account. And if friends at London see convenient to send after him to Waterford or other places of Jreland, we Judge 'twould not be amiss.

ffor Southwrk Mo. Meeting R.R. [Endorsement] A Letter from falmouth about J<sup>n</sup> Pedegrew a shoomaker Run away from thence. R.R. [? Richard Richardson.]