

The West Indies, I suppose, no better for Religion than formerly, I fear there is a great Declinsion. My Intention was for Antigua and Tortola. I was detained by Contrary Winds some weeks in Barbados, Did at last set sail for Antigua, but could not get forward, was about thirty six hours beating against Wind & Strong Currents, and could get no further than about nine miles, So got ashore at Spikes's, and then I found the weight of it taken from me, and I was thoroughly easie to give up said Voyage. So took my things Out of the Vessel, and Embraced the first Vessel for Europe ; and I have been very Easie ever since there about, for had I pursued it afterwards, when the Concern was removed from me, It appeared to me like tempting Providence. The Privateers Lurk very much in and about those Islands. I hear a good account of the Friends at Tortola.

There was great comings into Meetings when I was at Barbados, Others besides friends were exceeding kind & Civil. But, alas ! I fear in a few years there will not be many Left of Our Name ; Yet the Lord can do great and Marvelous things.

There is but one now who goes under our Name in Antigua, and the Meeting House, as I am Informed, quite dropt for want of Repairing.

I am thankful have performed this great Debt, which has lain upon me for many years. Thro' Mercy, I was in a general way favoured with a good State of health. I was upon the Continent about Sixteen Months & two weeks, and Rode, I think, upwards of five thousand Miles.

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### “ Quakers or Common Beggars.”

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Worthington G. Smith's *Dunstable*, recently published, contains the following in a table of local occurrences, “ 1664. William Strange leaves by will £10 for the poor of the parish, but none to be given to ‘ quakers or common beggars.’ ”