

that each family of Friends on both sides of the Atlantic may be zealous to preserve all old family or historical papers in their possession, which, however commonplace their character, often become of great value with the passing years. In fact, it is by the use of such material that history is written.

AMELIA MOTT GUMMERE.

Church Affairs in Gaol.¹

Thomas Harris of this City, Apothecary, and Phebe Hollister did on the 29th day of the 8th moneth at the mens meeting manefest their Jntentions of marriage, and on the twelueth day of the Nineth moneth, 1683, the mens meeting Advised them to publish the same amongst our friends both in Prison and at the weomens meeting.

wittness THOMAS CALLOWHILL.

Wheras upon the proposalls of an entended Marriage between Thomas Harris, of Bristoll, Apothecary, & Phebe Hollister, our friends from the mens meeting advised them to cause the same to be published amongst our friends in Prisson and at the weomens meeting. These are therefore to Certefie all whom it may Concerne that the Jntention of Marriage betwene the said Thomas Harris & Phebe Hollister haue been published amongst us, and that wee find noe thing meet to obstruct them in their Jntended Marriage.

Signed on behalfe of our ffriends

at Newgate, by RICHD : SNEADE,

at Bridewell, by ANNA JORDAN,

at the Weomans meeting, by ANN JONES.

¹ The following is copied from the original in **D.** (Gibson Bequest MSS. iii. 81.) The body of the document is in one handwriting, and the signatures are autographs. Priscilla A. Fry, of Bristol, owns a similar document, dated the same year, and signed by three of the four Friends, relating to William Gravet and Martha ffrye, of Bristol. It would be interesting to hear of other documents of this kind;