

## Land in New Jersey, 1685.

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Amboy, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1685. My Lord, the maltratement I hav gotine in the province of Jersey by thir coursed Quakers who mind nothing but there own interest ; as for the proprietors I do not sie one fur they hav in the province nor is not to be had to them, but hills and rocks, for all the campione ground & river side ar takine up allradie by Quakers, Independents, Presbiterians, Anabaptists, and in a word by all the off scouring off hell. I went several tymes to Mr. Laurie,<sup>1</sup> the deputie Governor, as Mr. Droumond can shew your Lordship, enquiring for that land your Lordship sold me. He told me several tymes he knew no land you had, but if I pleased I should have land, but such as was unaccessible ffor mountains & rocks, off which there is not a ffew in this province . . . will oblige your Lordship in all conscience to giue me bak the two hundered and fifty pound I ordered my brother to give yow.—D. TOSHACH to the EARL OF PERTH, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland.

From the MSS. of Charles Stirling Home Drummond, quoted in *Pryings among Private Papers*, 1905.

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## Minister and Merchant.

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About this time I went much to meetings, and run to and fro, the Lord helping me, without whom I could do nothing, for in him all fulness dwells ; and many were convinced, and our meetings were greater and greater, and many proved faithful ; but the priests raged sore, for I went abroad as much as I could, and kept my trade going too, my family also grew bigger and bigger, and my care was great to pay all I owed to every body, so that I was oft constrained to ride many miles after meetings to gain my markets on the second day of the week, and the Lord blessed me every way.

John Gratton in his *Journal*, anno 1678.

<sup>1</sup> Gawen Lawry, part proprietor of N.J., Friend and Minister.