

body, into the death of Christ. . . . Communion we live in, which is in the light by the spirit, which will endure Eternally. . . . Singing which is with the spirit, and with understanding of the Redeemed of the Lord, we owne and witness ; but the Worlds singing in Rime and Meeter, proud men singing, *That they are not pufe* [? puft] *in minde* ; and prophane men singing, *That the Law of God is deare to them* ; this singing we deny."

Laces made in Warwick Jail.

Warwick, y^e 30th of y^e 11 mo : 1682.¹

DEAR BENGAMAN :

The lord bless thee, thy tender wife and ffamally wth all the Lords peopl is my dayly prayers to god that he may Jnable all his peopl to stand ffaithfull in o^r blessed testamony to the honor of his great name, and y^e astonishment of y^e Enemyes of god ffor Euer. amen.

Dear Bengaman, J would haue y^e to mynd my love to friends thereaways and at Darnton,² and (if thov be ffree) to lett me hear ffrom the^e ; and if thov hast any occasyon ffor Laces, so it doe not prigadice taking laces of ffrinds at York, thov may lett me hear from y^e. J shall take care to obsarve orders, for it did me a great kindness y^e last time thou had laces of mee.

So, being in hast, J. Rest

Thy asuered friend in y^e Life that Jnduers for Euer,

WILLIAM DEWSBURY.

I haue Jnclosed an Epistell.

¹ From the original, recently presented to D., with other MSS. once belonging to Benjamin Lindley, of Yarm, Yorks., by Sir Alfred E. Pease. From various sources we gather that Friends objected to work in prison when ordered to do so by their persecutors (see *e.g.*, *F.P.T.*, p. 139), but the above letter indicates that they felt free to engage in occupations which would be of pecuniary assistance to them. It is interesting to notice the desire of William Dewsbury to avoid any competition with Friends at work in York Castle.

² Now Darlington.