

## Financial Statements sent to Swarthmore, 1654 and 1655.

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George Taylor and Thomas Willan, of Kendal, acted as financial agents to Margaret Fell, and reported periodically on moneys received from Friends in various Meetings and expended for the benefit of those in need of personal assistance or to cover the cost of their public service. The following reports are from the originals in the Swarthmore collection of MSS., preserved in D. In this collection are over seventy letters from Taylor and Willan to Margaret Fell, dating from 1654 to 1658, and referring to money matters. This is a striking evidence of the care exercised by the mistress of Swarthmore Hall for the financial, as well as spiritual needs of the early Friends.

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A note of what wee haue disburst since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> month (54) & some of it before :—

|   |       |   |    |    |
|---|-------|---|----|----|
| to C. Atkinson at his comeinge out of Bishopwrick           | ..    | 0 | 6  | 0  |
| pd for him more that he borward                             | .. .. | 0 | 5  | 0  |
| pd for him to G. Calvert                                    | .. .. | 3 | 0  | 0  |
| sent our friends in Wales                                   | .. .. | 0 | 12 | 0  |
| while they were in prison here                              | .. .. | 0 | 8  | 0  |
| at theire goeing into Wales                                 | .. .. | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| sent them by John Browne                                    | .. .. | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| to Jo : Storÿ ffor Clothes makeing & furniture & mendinge.. |       | 1 | 4  | 9  |
| ffor E : Burrough for a kase of kniues                      | .. .. | 0 | 3  | 6  |
| ffor Tho : Holme for a pe of britches & showes              | .. .. | 0 | 10 | 6  |
| ffor E : Leauens Clotheinge                                 | .. .. | 1 | 3  | 0  |
| to a friend that came from Chester                          | .. .. | 0 | 3  | 0  |
| Elliz : ffletcher Hatt                                      | .. .. | 0 | 2  | 4  |
| to Mary Hovgill at Lancaster at twice                       | .. .. | 0 | 10 | 0  |
| to the prisoners at Apulby                                  | .. .. | 0 | 14 | 0  |
| Cariage of ff : Howgill Cloake                              | .. .. | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| for a pe of showes to a friend poore                        | .. .. | 0 | 1  | 10 |
| to Jo : Browne to helpe to Cloathes                         | .. .. | 0 | 7  | 8  |
| to G : Calvert for M : Halehead & J Lancaster               | .. .. | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| to Alexander Parker in Lincolneshire                        | .. .. | 0 | 7  | 10 |
| to Margrett Bradley vpon demaund                            | .. .. | 0 | 8  | 0  |
| to Jo : Browne for a pe of Britches                         | .. .. | 0 | 2  | 8  |
| to Bess Etherington   | .. .. | 0 | 3  | 6  |
| to two friends goeing to Norwich                            | .. .. | 0 | 6  | 0  |

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|--|-------|----|---|
| to Jo : Browne for bringeing & Carriage B : ffletcher hors<br>too & againe .. .. . | 0     | 6  | 0 |
| for Mary Dodinge J Harrison & Allise Birkett in the gaole ..                       | 0     | 12 | 0 |
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|  | 14    | 18 | 7 |
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|---|-------|----|----|
| more pd to the prison <sup>r</sup> s at Kendall .. .. .   | 0     | 1  | 6  |
| to Bessie Sewart for lookeing to y <sup>m</sup> .. .. .   | 0     | 2  | 0  |
| to the prisoners at Apulby .. .. .  | 0     | 5  | 0  |
| to Alice Birkett for a pe of showes .. .. .   | 0     | 2  | 6  |
| to Jo : Browne vpon his Journey .. .. .   | 0     | 1  | 6  |
| for Carriage of 5 <sup>h</sup> of Peter Heads .. .. .   | 0     | 0  | 10 |
| Paide to C : Atkinsons mother being sick .. .. .  | 0     | 6  | 0  |
| to Alice Birkett at her goeing for Cheshire .. .. .   | 0     | 3  | 0  |
| to Myles Halehead .. .. .   | 1     | 5  | 0  |
| to E : B : & ffancis Howgill .. .. .  | 1     | 0  | 0  |
| A paire of stockings for Myles Birkett .. .. .  | 0     | 2  | 6  |
| to R : Huberthorne & prison <sup>r</sup> s at Noridg .. .. .                                    | 2     | 0  | 0  |
| to Tho : Rawlinson for friends in the south .. .. .   | 2     | 10 | 0  |
| to the prison <sup>r</sup> s at Appulby .. .. .   | 0     | 3  | 0  |
| to the prison <sup>r</sup> s at Appulby .. .. .   | 1     | 0  | 0  |
| to Tho : Holme at his goeing foorth .. .. .   | 0     | 5  | 0  |
| for Clothes and other necessaries for him .. .. .   | 0     | 13 | 0  |
| f or Cloth and makeing vpp and other necessaries .. .. .  | 0     | 9  | 0  |
| to Ann Dixon of Grayrigg vpon her goeing to London or into<br>the south partes as moued .. .. . | 0     | 10 | 0  |
| to Christo : Atkinson mother .. .. .  | 0     | 5  | 0  |
| for bookes that was sent to G : ffox at Carlile wch was neuer<br>yet put vpon Accoumpt .. .. .  | 0     | 18 | 0  |
| And to James Graime at Edenburgh for bookes .. .. .   | 0     | 10 | 0  |
| to Bess Etherington a friend in want .. .. .  | 0     | 2  | 0  |
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| Sume is   | 12    | 14 | 10 |
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A perticuler note of what money wee haue paide out for friends in  
theire service in other Nations now of late wch wee haue taken out  
of the Generall Collection money gathered in these three northern  
Counties of Lanc, Westm<sup>r</sup>land & Cumb. 1655:—

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| To Richard Roper and Ric : Waller for Jreland .. .. .       | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| to Joseph Nickhollson for New England .. .. .               | 2 | 0  | 0 |
| to Will : Cateton in Holland .. .. .                        | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| to James Lancaster and Richard Cleaton for Jreland .. .. .  | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| to Willm Cartmell for bookes for friends in Jreland .. .. . | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| to Regnalld Holme and Willm Wilson for Germany .. .. .      | 4 | 0  | 0 |
| And for bookes to them .. .. .                              | 0 | 3  | 0 |
| to Ellizabeth Cowardt for Veince .. .. .                    | 0 | 10 | 0 |

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|--|---|--|---|----|---|
| all these for Scotland                                       | { | to Richard Jshmaid at his going twice for Scotland ..  | 2 | 0  | 0 |
|  |   | to Jo : Graue at seuerall times for Scotland .. ..     | 4 | 9  | 0 |
|  |   | to Tho : Holme and Ellizabeth Holme .. ..              | 1 | 15 | 0 |
|  |   | To Tho : Hutton for Scotland .. ..                     | 0 | 10 | 0 |
|  |   | to willm. Sympson for Scotland .. ..                   | 0 | 15 | 0 |
|  |   | to George Wilson for Scotland .. ..                    | 1 | 0  | 0 |
|  |   | to Tho : Stubbs for Scotland .. ..                     | 1 | 8  | 6 |
|  |   | to James Lancaster and Richard Cleaton for Scotland .. | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| to Tho : Rawlinson that he laide for for friends in Scotland | 0 | 13   | 0 |    |   |

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Jn all       | 27 00 00  |
| And in money | 13 00 08  |
|              | £40 00 08 |

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Too Scotland for John Bowron & Willm Stocdell ..          | 01 00 00 |
| Jt to Barbery Pattyson for cloths & other Nessessaries .. | 01 05 00 |
| Jt to John Slee for a Bible & other Nessessaries ..       | 00 07 06 |
| Jt to Margrett Braidley .. ..                             | 00 03 06 |
|   | 02 16 00 |
| Jt a pair of Shows for John Stubes .. ..                  | 00 03 06 |
|   | 02 19 06 |

Laide foorth of pursse the Stock being then emptie since the first of ye 3d month (1655)<sup>1</sup>:—

|  |   |    |    |
|--|---|----|----|
| Beeinge then out of pursse .. ..                         | 0 | 3  | 7  |
| to Jo : Browne at his going for Ireland.. ..             | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| to C : Atkinson at Noridge .. ..                         | 0 | 6  | 6  |
| to the prisoners at Appleby .. ..                        | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| to Jo : Audland & friends in the west .. ..              | 3 | 0  | 0  |
| to Ja : Lanc : & the rest in Bedford Gaole .. ..         | 1 | 10 | 0  |
| And by Geo : Scafe to bee disposed on by E. B., ffrancis |   |    |    |
| Howgill & Robert Dringe .. ..                            | 1 | 10 | 0  |
| to Ann Wilson at her goeinge southwarde .. ..            | 0 | 5  | 0  |
| to the prisoners at Lanc : for bookes .. ..              | 0 | 7  | 0  |
| to Leonard ffell at his goeinge into Yorkeshire .. ..    | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| to Tho : Lawson .. ..                                    | 0 | 5  | 0  |
| to Tho : Rawlinson for All : Parker & others .. ..       | 3 | 10 | 0  |
| to the prisoners at Appleby for bookes .. ..             | 0 | 2  | 8  |
| to the prisoners at Appleby .. ..                        | 0 | 1  | 10 |
| for Gilpin bookes Answer giuen to seuerall .. ..         | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| for bookes to Lanc : prisoners .. ..                     | 0 | 2  | 2  |

<sup>1</sup> The accompanying letter states that the writer has no time to add up the account!

|   |   |    |   |
|---|---|----|---|
| to the prisoners at Apleby for bookes .. .. .   | 0 | 1  | 2 |
| to Jo : Camm to be disposed as hee sees cause .. .. .   | 2 | 0  | 0 |
| to Walter Clemett y <sup>t</sup> hee gaue Jo : Tiffin .. .. .   | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| to Ed : Whitewell of Hutton towards his horss beeing taken<br>by Order from the Priest Greenhead for 6d. formerly dew | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| to Myles Birkett .. .. .  | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| to the prisoners at Appulby .. .. .   | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| to Tho : Lawson .. .. .   | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| to Jo : Browne .. .. .  | 0 | 8  | 0 |
| to E. B. & ff Howgill at their goeing for Jreland the . . .<br>of the 6 month .. .. .                                 | 5 | 0  | 0 |
| to the prisoners at Appleby .. .. .   | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| to Tho Saltas Bro : & another for the Jsle of Man .. .. .   | 1 | 5  | 0 |
| to James Lancaster .. .. .  | 1 | 5  | 0 |
| to Anthony Patterickson .. .. .   | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| for Postage and Carriage of letters & money neare aboute .. .. .  | 0 | 14 | 0 |

## John Townsend and the Bishop of London.

John Townsend (1725-1801) was apprenticed to Samuel Jefferys, pewterer of Holborn, London. In the latter's absence one day, there came a message from the Bishop of London requesting that some one might be sent to take an order. John Townsend at once waited on the bishop, and behaved to him in the manner of "a consistent Friend," which, instead of giving any offence seemed to please—perhaps amuse—the bishop. He treated the young Quaker with great kindness; made many inquiries and said he would send word, when he had considered the matter. In due time the message came, and the master was eager to wait on so important a customer, and to remove any ill effects the apprentice's manners might have left. Accordingly he addressed the bishop as "my lord," and affected the manners of the world; but he had mistaken his man. The bishop treated him coolly, and asked who the young man was who came before. "Oh," said the master, "he is only an apprentice." "Well, then," said the bishop, "send him to me; I will give my order to no one else."

From *Recollections of Spitalfields*, by Theodore Compton, 1908, p. 27.

Faith in Adam was a righteous act of obedience in his soul; therefore God imputed righteousness unto him; and blessed are his spiritual offspring for ever whose faith overcomes, and is not overcome of, the world.<sup>1</sup>

WILLIAM PENN to the Princess Elizabeth, 1676. In his *Travels in Holland and Germany*.

<sup>1</sup> This last is most interesting, as being the words used by Thomas Loe in the meeting at Cork where Penn was convicted.