

## Henry Frankland's Account of his Travels in America, 1732.

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Our friend Henry Frankland<sup>1</sup> who has lately visited friends in America gave this meeting y<sup>e</sup> following acceptable account of his travels, *viz.* :

That he Arived at Philadelphia in Pensilvania which Contry with y<sup>e</sup> Jerseys he visited pritty Generaly & found much openness amongst people not of our perswation, from thence he passed to the Goverment of New York where had Several meetings & in that place has Been Some Convincement of Late & there is an openness amongst y<sup>e</sup> people to hear the Doctrins of Truth. from thence to Long Jsland where had Meetings amongst friends & others—then came on y<sup>e</sup> Yearly Meet<sup>s</sup> at Flushing, to which came some persons of concidrable note the Meet<sup>s</sup> was Large & to a good Degree of Satisfaction From thence towards Rhode Jsland Yearly Meet<sup>s</sup> held for New Eng<sup>ld</sup> Which was very Large, & in good Measure to Satisfaction Although friends here are Exar-cised with some that Pretending to preach Jmpose upon y<sup>e</sup> Church.

Then going on to the Main had divers meetings amongs friends & others—at Licester are Some under a Convince-ment but not Strong Enough to keep a meeting, then to Lancaster where he mett with some young Convinced friends, who where about setling a publick meet- ing for worsip. They had Been uneasy at the way of Worship they were in, & there upon, Aplied to their Minister who told them their Notions were agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Quakers, of whome they then had no knowledg, which put them upon Enquires after friends, wanting to be inform'd, before he came there they had Been at 2 or 3 Meet<sup>gs</sup> & notis Being Given he had a pritte large meet<sup>s</sup>

<sup>1</sup> " Henry Frankland of York departed this Life the 9<sup>th</sup> of 12 mo., 1739. He had a publick Testimony upwards of 20 years and Traveled on that Account in divers parts of this Nation & Ireland & also in America. . . He lived and died in Unity with friends." MS. *Testi- mony*, in D. Several of his letters are preserved in D. (Toft MSS.)

amongst y<sup>e</sup> people, & after y<sup>e</sup> Meets they where desiarous of a Conference on Water Baptism & what is Call'd y<sup>e</sup> Lords Supper Jn which they heard him w<sup>th</sup> great Attention & part'd Friendly.

From thnce he went to Boston w<sup>ch</sup> is about 30 miles & had two Meets there pritte Large & quiet then traved Eastward having Meetings with friends & others, to a Good degree of Satisfaction where is a Body of Sober friends, then returning by Boston & Sandwich he had Several Meetings amongst y<sup>e</sup> people & there is a Seeking Religous people in New England, then to the Yearly Meeting of Providence held at 4 places one day after another to which many dos resort & behaues Soberly & next got a pasage for Nantuckit Which is a Small Jsland but a Larg Mee<sup>ts</sup> of friends, he had 2 Meetings with them which was Comfortable, finding them in peace & love one with a nother, after that to y<sup>e</sup> Goverment of Rhode Jsland, & was at y<sup>e</sup> Yearly Meeting in Kings town, to which came many people & it was to Some Degree of Satisfaction then returning by way of Long Jsland had Some Meetings again amongst them to our mutual Comfort.

Then came to East Jersey & at Mideltown had a meeting in the Baptists Meeting house, next day had a large meeting in Shrewsbury to which came many Sober people then traval'd towards Philadelphia & was at their Yearly Meeting which was a Solid Comfortable Season Where he met with Our Antiant friend John Richardson With Whome he traved into Maryland, & down the Eastran Shore where Meetings are but thin & Small which he thinks is in Some Measure owing to y<sup>e</sup> neglect of the Decipline of y<sup>e</sup> Church but there are Some honest friends there with whome they where Comforted.

Then pasing over y<sup>e</sup> Bay of Chesapeck into Virginia & along to North Carolinah where is a Body of Sober Jnocent Religous friends & a wilingness in many of other profetions to atend our Meetings With some Spring of Ministry amongst friends here. then returned into the Lower parts of Virginia & had meetings amongst friends & others Where they found a Sober Judetious People, amongst whome has Been Some Convincement & Several of their Youth hopefull to do well & they hope are Seeking after God. From thence pased to York River & had

meetings amongst friends & the people who genaraly Behave Soberly then Travaled up James River where they had divers Meetings & found many Sober Religous minded friends with Some Spring of ministry.

From thence travald to y<sup>e</sup> Westren Shore of Maryland & had Some Meetings pritte Large & they hope a part of their youth are promising Yet many undue Libarties are taken to y<sup>e</sup> Griefe of the honest harted amongst them, then Came again into Pensilvania & visited a great part of it a Second time where is in many Parts Large Meetings. & although friends are Exarcised with the Loose & libartine people amongst them. Yet a Good number of their Youth is Sober & Religously disposed & a Spring of Ministry is opned amongst them in divers places to the Comfort of the Church & having finished his Servis in those parts took Shipping at Philadelphia for London to which he had a Good passage & Blessed be God Witnessed his good hand to preserve him to his Great Comfort & Satisfaction for which he Desires to be truly Thankfull unto the Auther of all our Mercys.

Endorsed by Benjamin Bealing :—“ Henry ffrankland's Acco<sup>t</sup> of his Travels in America—w<sup>ch</sup> he gave y<sup>e</sup> Yearly Meets 1732.” *London Y. M. Minutes.*

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Minutes of Hardshaw Women's Monthly Meeting, 1694.<sup>1</sup>

7 mo. 18, 1694.—Whereas a friend of Liuerpoole belonging to Knowsley meeting hath of late gone to visit a woman in child bed & contrary to former advice & the judgment of this meeting, hath taken of the provision or banquetting stuff prepared for the Idol, or visiting & she having been laboured with in order to bring her to confess her weakness, as yet cannot be brought to it, therefore this meeting appointeth that Rebecca Atherton, Mary Jackson & Han<sup>h</sup> Laithwaite, go speak with the said friend & see if they can bring her to confess her weaknes & own the same to the person by whose order she rec<sup>d</sup> it.

9 mo. 20, 1694. The friend of Lpool hath taken a fr<sup>d</sup> with her & gone to the person from whom she rec<sup>d</sup> the present, & she the s<sup>d</sup> friend hath owned her weakness & cleared the truth & friends of it from all such things.

<sup>1</sup> From a modern copy in D.