

Friends in South Carolina.¹

From Court of Ordinary, 1672-1692, pages 38-39,
office of Historical Commission of South Carolina.

Barbados, in the yeare 1679 :

ffriend Edward Mayo

Thine I Rec^d and had not time to send thee what thou wrot for to mee, but desire thee to follow the Advise given thee in the inclosed, w^{ch} is Coppy of what I sent thee by Elisha Mellows ketch, and by the next oppertunity shall inlarge, and send thee what thou hast writt for. This wth mine and my wifes Love to thee and thy wife and our family, I Rest thy friend in haste

JOHN JENNINGS.

30th of y^e 2 mo. 1679.

To Edward Mayo in the Province of Carolina.

Barbados, 8th of y^e 2 mth 1679.

Jonathan ffitts and Edward Mayo
ffriends,

It hath pleased the Lord to frustrate mee and my Brother, in our intended purposes therefore desire you, or Eyther of you to send mee back againe the negroman Mingo, by the first Convenient oppertunity you can, and to dispose of the white servant, and other fower negroes, and the rest of my goods and send mee returne in Porke, Tobacco, or bills of Exchange for London payable to Thomas Hart or John Eyles Merchants or to James freeman Apothecary in Bristoll, or bills for this place, if there be any in your country that are willing to buy and are able to make any of these sortes of pay, taking security

¹ When sending a copy of these letters for THE JOURNAL, George Vaux adds, " My attention has been called to a statement in the Journal of Grand Council of South Carolina that on April 20, 1692, ' Mary Crosse and Mary Joy according to the forme of their Profession Did Declare that they did heare s^d Dunston a Little before his death Declare the Saverall particulars in the s^d Nuncupative will.' From this it would appear that in 1692 there were still Friends in S.C. who could thus publicly maintain our testimony against oaths."

For more respecting Friends in Carolina, see THE JOURNAL, vi. 163 ; *American Friend*, 1907, p. 487.

of them for the nonpaym^t of their bills if they should be ag^t at any of the places they please to send them to, for my Brother is Arrived here, in such a weake condition, and soe discouraged, that he thinkes he shall never see that place againe, he also saith that there is many will hire serv^{ts} by the month, w^{ch} you may doe wth mine, if you have noe occation for them yourselfe, untill oppertunity present, to make sale of them, how Ever Leave to your fridum order the affaires there, I not being in a Capassity to make any settlement wth you, pray Friends take all the Care you can in it, and pay yourselves y^r Trouble, and send me the rest, Their was as I remember, a Cask of Sug^r Cont^t 16^{tw} and one blankett, 2 Iron potts, 1 paire of Cotton Stockings one olde whip saw, and 2^{tw} of black pepper, w^{ch} were not raited in the Invoyce, w^{ch} is the proper goods of my brother w^{ch} pray take notice of by it selfe, and send him the produce of it by it selfe, and the rest of it is all my one, my Bro^r Left to one Thomas Dickinson his Attorney, but I hope he hath none of my consernes in his hands, but the sume of Three pounds sterl w^{ch} my brother Left wth him w^{ch} he hath ordered him to pay unto you, soe that I hope althings is Cleare, pray remember my love to the people and tell them if I had bin sensible of what I now am I should not a sent them to that place, but now they are their hope they may doe well, and desire they may have good masters to provide for them ; friends are Generally well here, Soe fire as I know and desire to be remembered to you as my mother and her husband John Taylor.

This with mine and my wifes deare Love to you and your wife and Children still praying to the Lord that wee all may be preserved in the Truth of our god, I rest your friend,

JOHN JENNINGS.

To Jonathan ffitts or Edward Mayo, or
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Carolina These dd

Ent y^e 10 8^{ber} 1679.

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Friends in South Carolina.

Met according to appointment of the Meeting for Sufferings [London], the 17th of 11^{mo}, 1748. Present: John Hunt, John Fothergill, & Peter Williams.

We your Committee having Conferr'd with Sophia Hume on the Subject of her Letter to this Meets in relation to the State of Friends in South Carolina; and Consider'd the Affair, are of Opinion, that if a Minute from the Meets for Sufferings of the following tenour was Sent to some Friends, and to the Trustees for the Meeting house at Charles Town, it might probably have some good Effect, viz^t

It having been Intimated to this Meeting, that the Meeting house belonging to Friends at Charles Town in South Carolina, is frequently Shut up, and Friends thereby prevented from Assembling themselves together, in order to Worship the Almighty; This Meeting is Sorrowfully affected to understand that so much indifference to this Christian Duty, and such a Disregard to good Order, should appear in any who go under our name: And it is the earnest Desire of this Meeting, that all Cause for Such Complaints may be Speedily Removed, and that Friends would be Diligent, however small their number may be, in attending their Meetings, and waiting upon God, tho' it may be in Silence, Since the Lord is ever near even to the Two or Three who are gathered in his Name, and may vouchsafe so to regard their faithfulness, as to make them Instruments in his hand to Build up a Church and People to his praise, & their Solid Comfort.

[endorsed] Report of the Committee on the Case of friends in South Carolina, Recd the 20th 11th mo: 1748.

On 2^d mo 6th, 1750, John Hunt reports to the Meeting that he has received information that the Meeting House is again opened for Friends' use on every first day.

Sessions held at Bedford, 13th January, 1650-1651.

Memorandum that at this sessions Robert Turrold of the town of Bedford, William West of the same, and John Mumford of the same, were admitted by the court, and allowed to be public relators and informers for the county upon the Penal Statutes.

¹ From the original in D., in the handwriting of Benjamin Bourne, Recording Clerk.