

Thomas Salthouse to Leonard Fell, 1662.

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My deare and faithfull and eternally beloued brother in the nearest and dearest Relation it was noe smale Joy Refreshment and satisfaction to mee to Receiue a literall demonsteration of deare loue from a brother with whom J haue soe neare vnion and fellowship in the spirit and power of an endles life, thou mentions thy Jntention to trauell for the north where J hop this will finde thee for J was not in a Capasaty to prefix either time or place to meett thee in Regard that thine Came but last weeke to my hand when J was Coming to this City where J am Refreshed with the Reall presence of Many good friends from seuerall parts of the nation as also F H J S and dear A P who hath beine both sicke and in preson but now hee begins to mend and is alsoe Releaced from his bonds and meetings here are very large and presious and in most places at present and the lord Remembers the opresed and is making way for his people to pas peaceably to their purchased posesion which hee hath prepared for the faithfull this day J gladly Receiued leters from dear M ff and bro : R but cannot at present writ to them yet deare bro : J shall desier thee to Remember my deare euerlasting loue to them both and to all my spirituall and naturall Relations in Fornis but espesially the famaly and meeting at swarthmore to whom J am vnited and Related and from whom J hop J shall neuer be seperated though my lot lights in the most Remot Corner of the land of our natifaty to laber and soiorne for a season J haue beine much in the Countis of Cornwall and Devon for one halfe yeare last past and the lords presence was with mee in the time of my pilgremage wherein the sight of a gospell minister would haue beine as an aple tree amonge the trees of the woode or as a lilly among many hedges of thorns howbeit J haue learned in all Conditions to be Content and J am Comforted and abundantly satisfied in this that the worke of the lord prospers and truth spreads and the knowledge of the Glory of our god ariseth in many and begins to Couer the earth as the waters Couers the sea, J should be glad if J might make it my busines to Come into the north to see my deare friends

but J see noe Clearnes as yet to vndertake such a Journey for J haue beine but about 5 days about this City and J must now needs goe westward againe towards Somerset and dorset shire for now there seems to be an open dore and liberty to laber as freely as formerly J am in great hast at present yet could J not omit to manifest my loue to thee in afew lins at present by a friend of kendall who is row here at the faire and therefore deare bro: Receiue and accapt of this as a testimony of true loue from him that was and is and shall foreuer Remane dear lenoard thy Reall and fathfull friend and brother in the truth

THO SALTHOUSE.

Endorsed—ffor Lenord fell at Swarthmore these to be left for Convayence with Thomas Willan in Kendall Jn Westmorland.

Another endorsement, made by John Abraham, grandson of Margaret Fell, reads: Thomas Salthouse his Letter to Leonard fell Two Earley ffriends Jn y^e Ministrey.

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1683. 5 Oct. Note of further conviction of persons present at a conventicle hdd at Flamsted End, in Chesthunt, containing the following additional names:—Liddy Thompson, Debbora Bowen, Jennet Bond, George Chapnan, all of Waltham Abbey, co. Essex; Elizabeth Dry, widow, Priscilla Hart, William Webster of Enfield.

1683. Note of convictions of the following persons for being present at an unlawful conventicle in the house of Benjamin Andrew, gentleman, in the parish of Caddington:—Edward Chester, of Dunstable, Beds., the teacher; Benjamin Chester and his wife, of the same place; William Barber, of Luton, in the county of Bedford; John Elkins, of the same; Peter Croot, the younger, Thomas Crawley, the elder, Thomas Crawley the younger, Thomas Winch, John Darman, all of Luton; George Leare, the elder, of Studhaux, in the county of Bedford; William Liberty and John Robinson, of Kensworth, in the county of Hertford, Henry Priour and John White, of Flamsted; Samuell Harris and his wife, Jorathan Kingsley, Thomas Marks, Thomas Osman, the elder, all of Caddington; Nicholas Chalenor and his wife, George Blackstone, Thomas Liberty, of Harpenden; John Jackes, of Redburn, in the liberty of St Albans; and Richard Jackes, of the same.¹

¹ From the *Hertfordshire Sessions Rolls, 1581 to 1698*.