

## Ministers Travelling in the West.

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Samuell Spavold<sup>2</sup>—Shop Keeper in faulk Stone, Kent Lodged at our house y<sup>e</sup> 12 of 7<sup>th</sup> Mo 1748—By Will<sup>m</sup> Bidwell at Cullampton—from that Town—he was directed to attend meetings as followeth Viz :

Wellington this day at 5 Evening.

Jlmister 3<sup>d</sup> Day Eve or 4<sup>th</sup> day.

Taunton 5<sup>th</sup> day Noon.

Milverton 6 day Evening.

Minehead 7<sup>th</sup> day for first day M<sup>o</sup> Meeting.

Bridgswat<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> day.

Grinton 3 day or Sidcott :

Claram 4<sup>th</sup> day

Portishead 5<sup>th</sup> day.

Bristo<sup>l</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day.

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At our house y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of 12 Mo : 1749—Henry ffreeman<sup>3</sup> N.B. hee Sells fflower of Mustard and Many other Things—Direct to Him—To Henry and Joseph ffreeman Confectioners on Margate Hill in the Burrow of Southwark—London.

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At our house y<sup>e</sup> 30. of 4. Mo. 1751 Margreat Marsham—of Becles in Suffolk<sup>4</sup> and With her Eliz Morly of Bury in Suffolk.

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At our house y<sup>e</sup> 28 : of 3<sup>d</sup> Mo. 1756, John Ransome<sup>5</sup> of North Walsham Conty of Norfolk—who if we want Correspondence at Norridge will acct that kind part to Introduce us.

And with him his Companion Edward Higginson<sup>6</sup> of good manchester in Huntington Shire.

<sup>1</sup> Extracts from a memorandum book in the possession of Fox Brothers & Co., Ltd., of Wellington, Somerset, written between the years 1750 and 1772 by members of the firm of Thomas Were and Sons, who then carried on the Wellington business, which subsequently came into the hands of Thomas Fox and his descendants. By the courtesy of Joseph Hoyland Fox, J.P.

<sup>2</sup> Samuel Spavold, of Hitchin, died 1795. He left Folkestone for Hitchin in 1750.

<sup>3</sup> See THE JOURNAL, v. 50.

<sup>4</sup> (c. 1708-1786) Daughter of Cave and Sarah Marsham, visited many parts of England between 1741 and 1763.

<sup>5</sup> (c. 1710-1762) "North Walsham, July 6. On Friday last died, after a short illness, Mr. John Ransome, of this town, an eminent Preacher among the People called Quakers, who adorned his profession by the practice of every Christian virtue."—Newscutting in D., dated 1762.

<sup>6</sup> Edward Higginson was usher at the school of John Kuweidt, at Wandsworth, when Voltaire visited it in 1724. In 1728, he removed into Cambridgeshire, where he was lost to our view until this note came to light. See *The Yorkshireman*, i. 167 ; *Voltaire in Hampstead*, 1903.

The 25<sup>th</sup> of 12 Mo 1756 was at our house John Storer<sup>7</sup> of Nottingham and his Companion Joseph Heath of Coventry.

N.B. John Storer and Robert Bakewell of Nottingham are partners In y<sup>e</sup> Wooll Stapleing Trade—and will buy or Sell for us at 5<sup>s</sup> p pack Comission—and a low Sort of woole with them is Took out and Sould in fleece at ab<sup>t</sup> 12/- or 12/6 p Todd when our Common Cuntry price was 6 pence p pound—and Likewise very Superfine w<sup>t</sup> pinions are Sould with them—and Can be brott down y<sup>e</sup> Severn—by puting one board at Stratford one y<sup>e</sup> Aven—if no better or Cheeper port Can be found.

They also say that John Adkins wooll Coomber at Warwick occasonally buyes & sells wooll &c.

1762 y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> of 9 Mo Sep<sup>t</sup> from Exeter yearly Meeting at our house to our quarterly meeting—with Catherine payton<sup>8</sup> was Timothy Bevington<sup>9</sup>: In Worcester—hee proposed to send a portion of Phissick for y<sup>e</sup> Convilshon ffitts—and if I rememb<sup>r</sup> right it was remarked that y<sup>e</sup> white part of peacocks Dung powered & given in Syrup of piony was also Good for s<sup>d</sup> Disorder.

About y<sup>e</sup> 20 : of y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Mo Dec<sup>r</sup> 1754 was at our house our Worthey and Esteemed friends—Samuel Hopwood<sup>10</sup>—Edmund Peckover<sup>11</sup> and John Alderson<sup>12</sup>—The Two Last designing for vissiting ffriends meetings between this and Lands End—(ffriend Hopwood Therefore advised as after—(viz.) from Exon &c.

Say y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> at Exon of a first day at that meeting being their Mo<sup>th</sup>e day Morn.

3 Miles Third day—at Topsham metting, being the	24 day mo.
3 do. back to Exon 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> day being Quarterly Meeting	25 & 26
12 to Bovey Sixth day (at Sara Splatts	- - 27
24 to Holberton Seventh day (at James Hingstons	- - 28
10 to Plymouth first day	- - - - ye 29
10 to over the passage and then to Germans 2 <sup>d</sup> day to have a } meeting 3 <sup>d</sup> day at 10	30 & 31
6 two Looe third day y <sup>e</sup> same evening from thence	- ye 1 mo
6 to Liscard and appoint a meeting there to beginn at 12.	4 <sup>th</sup> day ye 1 mo
14 to Wade Bridge y <sup>e</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> day	- - - - 2
8 to Port ISaac	- - - - 3
8 Back to Edward ffox's	- - - - 4
10 first day Monthly meeting at Dennis	- - - - 5
5 from Dennis Meeting to Austill—There Quarter Meeting is 3 <sup>d</sup> & 4 day	6. 7. 8

<sup>7</sup> (1725-1795) Travelled extensively. He was in America in 1759 and 1786.

<sup>8</sup> Catherine Payton, aft. Phillips (d. 1794). See THE JOURNAL, ii. 94.

<sup>9</sup> (c. 1727-1802)

<sup>10</sup> (1674-1760) See THE JOURNAL, i. 95, 107, iv. 21.

<sup>11</sup> (1695-1767) See THE JOURNAL, i. 95-109, iv. 17-23.

<sup>12</sup> (c. 1721-1764) John Alderson, of Ravenstonedale, Westmorland, where he followed the occupation of a shepherd. See *Piety Promoted*.

20 to Penrin 5 day to have a meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> day	-	-	9. 10
20 <sup>th</sup> to pensance—7 <sup>th</sup> day	-	-	11
10 first day to Lands End	-	-	12
10 <sup>th</sup> Same Evening back to pensance	-	-	
3 Second Day to Markett Jew or Merry Zion	-	-	13
20 Back to Penrin a 3 <sup>d</sup> day	-	-	14
2 to falmouth meeting—a—fourth day	-	-	15
6 to Key meeting a fifth day	-	-	16
23 to Parr a Sixth day	-	-	17
8 to Looe. y <sup>e</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> day	-	-	18
and if Looe Meeting is past down words then have a Meetg.	-	-	19
12 ffrom Looe Back to Plymouth	-	-	

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### George Fox to Justice Fleming, 1663.

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An ancient, tattered manuscript, belonging to Anthony W. Wilson, of Hull, containing a copy of Fox's letter to Fleming from Lancaster Castle in 1663, has recently been on loan at Devonshire House.

The principal portion of this letter has been printed in *The Journal of George Fox*.<sup>1</sup> The MS. is signed L. M., and there is the following "postscript" :—

And also W<sup>m</sup> Grave to whom thou hast p<sup>t</sup>ented much love and friendship and whom thou hast cast into prison ; and what thou would do for him ; who came hither to y<sup>e</sup> service of y<sup>e</sup> Countrey and when he came hither his service would not be taken upon w<sup>ch</sup> the oath was tendred to him as a snare and such was kept in prison untill y<sup>e</sup> sessions. my good  
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[Here follow three lines of cypher, of the same kind as that found elsewhere in Quaker MSS.]

And when the oath was tendred to him ag<sup>n</sup> then thou never open thy mouth as for his good though thou knew him to bee thy neighbour and the cause of his first Commitment and so in a tim of need thou manyfested thy love.

[Then follow ten lines of cypher.]

And so thou maist remember what thou saidst to his wife being a Justice both of Lancashire westm<sup>r</sup>land and Cumberland, so now thou maist see what is thy word on his behalfe as knowing before hee could not swear.

This interesting old document is endorsed, in Fox's writing, as follows :—

jvstes flimen westmarland this filmon did presen one to death 1663 & finnen his wife died & one of her childern & shee laft 14 mouter les childern a sad ivdgment vpon an old percuter.

<sup>1</sup> Bicent. Ed., ii. 30.

+ since given to E. Milford Abraham. 3mo. 1911