

## George Fox to Friends in Ireland, 1685.

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Our desire is y<sup>t</sup> all friends in y<sup>e</sup> Nation may live and walk in y<sup>e</sup> peaceable truth, Answering y<sup>e</sup> Truth in all People, for God is glorified in your bringing forth holy, righteous and Spirituall fruit in y<sup>e</sup> Truth, and so live in y<sup>e</sup> love of God, in which y<sup>e</sup> body of Christ, all his members are edified & knit & united together, to Christ y<sup>e</sup> holy & Heavenly Head.

A list of severall friends names in Ireland are delivered to y<sup>e</sup> Earl of Clarendon by G. W. to apply to him as they have occasion, onely 2 or 3 of them at a time, it was delivered 3. 9<sup>m</sup> 85 by G. Whitehead, desiring him y<sup>t</sup> friends in Ireland might have access to him when they should have occasion to make application to him, He replied, they shall be as free as you, meaning G. W. who hath been very free with y<sup>e</sup> E. &c.

So dear friends my desires are y<sup>t</sup> you may all be guided and ordered by y<sup>e</sup> holy, pure, peaceable wisdom of God to his glory: And after this Earle Comes over to y<sup>e</sup> Country, for 2 or 3 of you to give him a visit: J sent him a many of your names y<sup>t</sup> some may goe one time and some another as they have occasion or any other that is not set downe may visit him w<sup>th</sup> you;

And so in haste, w<sup>th</sup> my love in y<sup>e</sup> eternall holy seed Christ Jesus, in whom you have life & salvation, Rest & Peace with God. And y<sup>e</sup> Lord God almighty w<sup>th</sup> his eternall Arm & Power preserve you all in his pure & peaceable Truth to his glory and your owne Comfort. Amen. G.F.

We have lately laid our great sufferings before y<sup>e</sup> King and his Counsell, and 16 Certificates from Justices of peace and other officers and some from priests to Clear friends from y<sup>e</sup> Rebellion, and of our peaceable Conversation, And therefore what sufferings you have in your Nation, you may lay them before y<sup>e</sup> Earle y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup>.

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From an ancient MS., not in Fox's handwriting, in the possession of Mary Elizabeth Williams, of Enniscorthy.