

William Dewsbury, to Margaret Fell, 1655.

dear Sester

In the Eternall ffountain of life Whear in mee and with mee thou art in the power of my fathers lou whear the joy is y^t cannot bee exprest But known to thee whear thou art in my life with mee in y^e Eternall Vnitty ; dear in y^e Eternall Great is thee Battill of our god ; y^t is to bee founttan^r wth thee Beast Whower & falc prophets In this plac as y^e lord Reueal to mee y^t J might bee in the heat of the battill in this Countty w^{ch} is about thee midst of this Nation w^{ch} in measur is fullfilled ; great and mighty is the appearanc of our God in this day of his power his battill to fight the Beast Whower and all powers of darknes stands Confounded before his dreadfull presenc y^t accompenys his saints when they ar Brought befor Rulers and gouerners his mind to wittness for a ttestamony ag^t them thee harts of thos y^t sitt in ther Counsills doth fail them, and palnes geathers into ther faices befor the dreadfull presenc of our god Who appears for his own glory in his Childeren whom hee haith Called in thes part to bear testamony of his Nam beforether Counsills ; and thee fear of thee Rightious seed haith taken hold one them and will Jncreac vntill they be broken and fly when non parsues them ; the lords haruist is great hearaways Sions Childeren fflock as dows to thee wendows and the lord is with them in his mighty power in w^{ch} many of them grows puer bold & saruicabl in ther Measur Whear vnto they are call^d ; And y^e mor y^e Enemy Rages who will not lett any frind see mee or speak wth mee : but my wife & the wifes of thes in bonds wth mee ; and verry fue they sufer to speak wth any other y^t is wth mee But our god thee mor appear in Manyfesting his power in his Childeren to tread on ther heads : so the wraith of man turns to the praices of god who alon is worthy Blesed for Euer Amen. In Whom J thy dear Brother Remans for eu^r in y^e vnchangabl lou and life.

W. D

^r This word is not clearly written ; doubtless *fought* is intended.

J giue order to com to thee wth this letter w^t was doon at the last asizes ; if y^e lord will it may com publik in print ; my father Childeren in thy famally and els whear my life is wth My loue in the lord saluts y^m all y^t ar faithfull My dear Brethern Robart Weethers and Miles Battman and John Cam and others as thou Remenber ; when thou sees y^m or sends to them.

My Companyons in thes bonds wth mee salute thee and all in thy famally and y^e Rest y^t ar faithfull ther aways in thee lord.

ffrom y^e Comman Jaoll in Northampton the 5 day 6 M. 55.

Thomas goodayar who is in bonds in the town Jaoll saluts the

J to the sent as son as way was maid ; as the art free lett mee hear from thee.

Our dear Bretheren G ff J N Js in the power of our god presarud out of y^e hands of [vn] Reasanabl men.

[Endorsement] ffrom W. D. to M. ff ²in norhamton gale 1655 read over² the 5 day of th 6 moth
³m ff her papers.³

From the original in the possession of E. Mitford Abraham, 1911.

Thomas Story's Dedication.

He called for my Life, and I offered it at His Footstool ; but He gave it me as a Prey, with unspeakable Addition. He called for my Will, and I resigned it at His Call, but He returned me His own in token of His Love. He called for the World, and I laid it at His Feet, with the Crowns thereof ; I withheld them not at the beckoning of His Hand ; But mark the Benefit of Exchange ! For He gave me, instead of Earth, a Kingdom of Eternal Peace, and, in lieu of the Crowns of Vanity, a Crown of Glory. I begged Himself, and He gave me ALL.

Journal, 1747, p. 20, quoted in Little Book of Selections.

² . . . ² These words were written by George Fox.

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