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IV.

HENRY FELL TO MARGARET FELL, 1666.

It is not yet evident in what year Henry Fell settled on the island of Barbados. He was on the continent of Europe in 1661 (*Camb. Jnl.* ii. 8), and appears to have left for the New World under some weight of financial difficulties. If he settled on the mainland as he proposed to do, it could not have been for long, as later letters to M. Fell are written from Barbados (1672, see *Fells*, p. 281; 1673/4, see *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 256).

Barbados y^e 20th of y^e 4th month, 1666.

Deare M: F

Thy kinde and Lovinge Letter J rece^d w^{ch} was dated the 9th of y^e 10th Month 1665 aboue six month after y^e writing of it. how euer it was exceeding welcome to me; for J was very much refreshed, and melted with the tendernes of thy loue; the Lord reward thee seuenfould into thy owne bosome. mine with my wiues very deare loue Salutes thee; and ffriends that wayes. J haue written Seuerall Letters w^{ch} J pceiue haue come to thy hands, though some J beleue haue miscarryed; but it may be more of thyne to me. y^e Seas now are very troublesome & passage difficult by reason of y^e warr¹⁶ whereby many Shipps haue Miscarryed and y^e Shipps are stopt from trading, by y^e Kings Jmbargo w^{ch} hinders y^e recourse of o^r letters. J could write much as concerning ffriends in relation to Truth, in this place, but J see it not conveynent to mention at p^rsent only we enjoye our meetings peacable, but things are not well; for though good seed hath beene sowne; yet the enemy hath sown tares, w^{ch} come up, & ouertopp y^e other and most haue come to great losse. J am very Sencible of it my selfe to my great sorrow & greife. and he that only can restore

¹⁶ The second Dutch war, 1665-67, terminating in the Peace of Breda, July, 1667, whereby the colonies of Delaware, New Jersey, and New York were ceded to the English.

& repaire is the lord. J desire thy prayers in the Spirit w^{ch} intercedes with y^e ffather & god of all Comfort and Consolation. Some y^e lord hath taken away who troubled us here. J suppose yee haue heard of J P: death at Jamaica before this tyme.¹⁷ here is one R. Stacke now in the Jsland who came hither lately from virginia,¹⁸ his worke is like y^e former, & end will be the same. A.C:¹⁹ J.N. & his wife²⁰ and litle Ann Coalman²¹ went lately for Road Jsland. Soe that here is none in y^e ministry at p^rsent. J haue often wished for Tho: Salthouse²² or Geo: Whitehead²² to come hither (or some other good sound ffriend) if y^e will of y^e lord were soe; w^{ch} might sett things in order, w^{ch} might be great Seruice. J am euen now ready to take shipping for New Yorke, in New England (it was formerly called Manathas); J haue bought a p^t of y^e vessell J goe in; my Jntentions is to see ffriends there abouts that are settled, and if J like y^e Country J intend y^e next yeare (if the lord will) to carry my wife thither, and dwell there. J hope J may be backe at this Jsland about 4 or 5 monthes hence. my wife stayes here and her ffamilly where she did till J returne, J hope to see A C: and y^e rest of ffriends before J returne. my very deare loue is to all thy children, and ffriends in thy ffamilly and elsewhere. Alsoe let my very deare

¹⁷ This, no doubt, refers to John Perrot. His death must have taken place between Fourth Month, 1665, the date of a letter from him to some English Friends, and the date of this letter. John Taylor was on the Island when Perrot died, and he resided there from March, 1663/4, till May, 1666 (Camb. *Jnl.*). The reference to his death in Camb. *Jnl.* ii. 376 should be modified accordingly.

¹⁸ Not identified. A Robert *Stake* was imprisoned in Maryland in 1661 (*Besse*, ii. 380).

¹⁹ Perhaps, Anne Clayton (Cleaton), who married Governor Easton, of Rhode Island. See Camb. *Jnl.*

²⁰ Probably, Joseph and Jane Nicholson. See Camb. *Jnl.*

²¹ Of Ann Coleman there is, at present, great dearth of information except respecting her travels in America. The one letter of hers known to us (D. Swarth. MSS. iv. 225) was addressed to G. Fox from Rhode Island, 17. v. 1663, and endorsed by the recipient "to gf 1663 this womon was a drovers & died in barmouds in the trouth," implying, perhaps, that her previous name was Ann Drover, and also that she died in Bermudas. In above letter she writes, "Five times J have bin a prisoner and in ther tovnes J have bin wipt be side stoning and kicking and striking." John Taylor met her in Boston, N.E., in 1666.

²² For these Friends, see Camb *Jnl.*

loue be remembered to deare G. ff when thou writes. yee are very often in my rememberance, and J doe greatly hono^r yee in y^e Lord. my loue Salutes deare L: ff :²³ & R. Cleayton,²⁴ and all y^e ffaithfull as if J named them desireing yo^r prayers for me y^t J may be p^rserued in y^e Euerlasting Truth to y^e end, to receiue an Jnheritance amongst the saints.

Thy ffriend in my measure of Truth,
HEN: FELL.

This letter occupiess one page of a folio sheet ; the fly-leaf has been partially destroyed. The letter is addressed: "To my very deare ffriend Margret ffell prison^r at Lancaster dd these," and endorsed by G. Fox: "henery fell to mff 1666." There is another endorsement, by John Abraham: "Henry ffell a ffriend In early times, his Letter to my Dear and Honourd Grand Mother." On the back of the letter are several arithmetical calculations !

V.

ELLIS HOOKES TO MARGARET FELL, 1666.

The correspondence between Ellis Hookes, Friends' secretary in London, and M. Fell was voluminous. Many letters from the former to the latter are extant.

Two subjects—a lull in persecution in London and an attempt to obtain the release of G. Fox from Scarborough Castle—engage attention in this letter. The writer modestly omits reference to his own efforts for the release of G.F. Another letter from the same to the same, written twelve days later, on the subject of the release, is printed in the *Camb. Jnl.* (ii. 102). George Fox was liberated on the 1st of the following month.

Deare Mff.

My deare and everlasting loue is vnto thee in y^e Truth wherein J am sensible y^t my loue is as deare to thee as ever. J received thy letter wth one enclosed of John Rous & now thou may know by this that freinds

²³ That is, Leonard Fell: See *Camb. Jnl.*

²⁴ For Richard Clayton (Cleaton), see *Camb. Jnl.*

are gen^{ly} well heere & our Meetings are quiet & through the Lords loue wee enioy a Calm heere in the midst of all these stormes & troubles that are in the World w^{ch} is the Lords loue towards vs and he preserues vs throw his infinite loue, blessed be his name for ever. There was lately two Women freinds gaue the King a short letter from G[eorge] W[hitehead] w^{ch} the King was pleased to take & read the substance of it was a Warning to him to sett open the prison doores, w^{ch} when he read he said it would bee a good way indeed. Then the freind asked him if he would doe it he said he would consider of it, he hath alsoe been pleased through the desire of some heere (by y^e Master of requests²⁵) to grant an order to release G. ff. which J Whitehead²⁶ hath vsed great dilligence in procureing the order & wee think to lay the rest of ffreinds sufferings before the King speedily. Soe J am in hast at present who am thy Lo: freind,

E.H.

London, 2^d 6 Mo. 1666.

J. W. is gonn downe wth the order. J would haue thee keep it private at present for wee know not what obstructions may be mett wth but J doe not much question his release.

The letter occupies the centre of the first page of a quarto sheet. It is addressed: "For my Lov: ffreind M ffell. Leaue this wth Thomas Green at his shopp in Lancaster," and endorsed by G. Fox: "e hovkes to mff 1666," and by John Abraham: "Ellis Houkes his Letter to my Dear and Honourd Grand Mother. Hee was a brave Seruiceable man In those Days for Truth."

VI.

THE SAME TO THE SAME, 1666.

Portions of this letter, with various errors in transcription, are printed in *Fells*, p. 243.

A letter written on the 2nd of the previous month, printed in *Fells*, p. 242, original in **D.**, should be read in

²⁵ Sir John Birkenhead, see Camb. *Jnl.*

²⁶ For John Whitehead, see Camb. *Jnl.*

connection with this letter. Later information is here communicated, relating to the Great Fire; and other occurrences in the City are reported for the benefit of the distant correspondent.

Deare M ff.

My deare loue is vnto thee in the truth w^{ch} changeth not J received two letters from thee since J wrote but J haue been in the Country and soe could not Conveniently write to thee; J suppose thou may ere this haue received E Stubbs²⁷ letter wherein she hath given thee an Account of what she hath donne both as cleereing her selfe heere & in spreading thy papers amongst the Rulers. concerning thy great booke²⁸ W. W. hath it but has not donne any thing in it as yett: but J think he intends to doe it in a short tyme; Wee expect G ff. heere very shortly; concerning what thou desired to know how it was with freinds where the fire was; there was very few but lost a great deale yett not soe much J think as the people of y^e World lost because freinds were helpfull one to the other; Thomas Coveny²⁹ lost most or all his bedds & goods by reason they prest his Carts for the king's vse & the Mayors; ffreinds are pretty well settled againe, and will gett tradeing again in a little tyme; The Parliament are about makeing an Act against the Papists that none of them shall beare any office in the kingdome & that all that are souldiers shall be turned out except they will take the oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy, & goe to the Steeplehouse & take the Sacrament. last 7th day heere was another fire broke forth in

²⁷ Elizabeth Stubbs was the wife of John Stubbs (*Camb. Jnl.*). She died in Clerkenwell, London, in 1710, aged ninety years.

²⁸ It is not yet evident which of the two books written by M. Fell, longer than the others, is here referred to, whether *The Standard of the Lord Revealed*, or *A Touchstone*. This "bigg booke" is also mentioned in earlier letters (*Camb. Jnl.* ii. 103, 402; *Fells*, p. 243, where report is made that the MS. was saved from the Fire and handed to William Warwick, the printer).

²⁹ Thomas Coveny is mentioned several times among prominent London Friends. In concert with Gerard Roberts and others he wrote two or three papers. According to the London Registers, Thomas Coveny of Newington Green died from a fall from his horse and was buried at Checker Alley, 18. v. 1670.

Southwarke neere Mariovers³⁰ steeple house in a hay loft at a Brewhouse but being in the day tyme & many watermen & seamen being neere did labour hard & soone putt it out ; Jt is Judged by most people that it was fired by some treacherous body ; that would have fired that place alsoe for noe body in the house could tell how it came, J am nott as yett settled in a place since the fire but J am about takeing a chamber in Aldersgate Street ; J am at present at Anne Travers³¹ at Horslydowne ; Thou may write to me at John Staploe³² neere the 3 Cuppes at y^e further end of Aldersgate Street. Anne Travers rememberes her deare loue to thee. Soe wth my deare loue to thy daughter Margrett and the rest of thy children & family when thou sees them & to Leo: ffell, J. Stubbs, & Tho: Rawlinson when thou sees them J remaine thy Lo : friend

E H.

London 6. 9th Mo.
1666.

This script occupys one side of a single leaf, which is much discoloured by age. It is endorsed by John Abraham : " Ellis Hookes Letter (who was a very Serviceable and Good man, In Early Days) to my Dear and Honourd Grand Mother."

VII.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE OF GEORGE FOX AND
MARGARET FELL, 1669.

The text of this Certificate is printed in *Fells*, pp. 254n, 429, but a selection only of the signatories, numbering *nineteen* names, is given. The Certificate also appears in *The Irish Friend*, for 1841, and appended to

³⁰ St. Mary Overies, now Southwark Cathedral, situate near the south end of London Bridge.

³¹ For Anne Travers, see Camb. *Jnl.*

³² John Staploe or Staples was a grocer. In 1682, his address was the Harrow in Aldersgate Street. He was a representative Friend of Peel Monthly Meeting. (*Sundry Ancient Epistles*, MS. in D.) He died in 1717, aged seventy-nine years.

this transcript is a list of *ninety* names, several being incorrectly transcribed. A certified copy from the register of the marriage now deposited at Somerset House³³ is in **D.**; after giving *twenty-two* names the words are added "and many others." The copy of the Certificate preserved among Thirnbeck MSS. in the handwriting of Sarah Fell, has *ninety-four* names attached to it. These names are here printed.

[First column.]

JOHN ROUS³⁴
 WILLIAM YEAMANS³⁴
 THOMAS LOWER³⁴
 GER: ROBERTS³⁴
 GEORGE WHITEHEADE³⁴
 EDW : PYOTT³⁴
 CHARLES LLOYD³⁴
 THOMAS GOULDNEY³⁴
 DENNIS HOLLISTER³⁴
 JOHN MOONE³⁵
 JOHN WILKINSON³⁶
 MORGAN WATKINS³⁴
 FRA: ROGERS³⁷
 THOMAS NORTH³⁸
 AMOR STODDART³⁴
 THOMAS BRIGGS³⁴
 THOMAS SALTHOUSE³⁴
 ROB^T WIDDER³⁴
 LEONARD FFELL³⁴
 CHARLES JONES³⁹
 JOHN LOVE⁴⁰
 NATHANIELL DAY⁴¹

[Third column.]

MARGRETT ROUS³⁴
 ISSABELL YEAMANS³⁴
 MARY LOWER³⁴
 SARAH FELL³⁴
 SUSAN : FFELL³⁴
 RACHELL FFELL³⁴
 BRIDGETT HOLLISTER⁵⁹

[Second column.]

WILLIAM TAYLARD⁴²
 THOMAS CALLOWHILL³⁴
 ERASMUS DOLE⁴³
 JOHN WEAR⁴⁴
 NICHOL: JORDAN⁴⁵
 CHARLES HARVORD⁴⁶
 DAVID SYMMONS⁴⁷
 JEREMIAH HIGNELL⁴⁸
 GEO: GOUGH⁴⁹
 JOHN HIGGINS⁵⁰
 JOHN DANDO³⁴
 CHARLES MARSHALL³⁴
 MILES DICKSON⁵¹
 WILLIAM ROGERS³⁴
 JOHN BAKER⁵²
 JOHN WATTS⁵³
 THO: BOURNE⁵⁴
 JOHN DOWELL⁵⁵
 GEORGE PHIPPS⁵⁶
 THOMAS JORDAN⁵⁷
 JOHN HARDIMAN⁵⁸

[Fourth column.]

JANE ROGERS⁷⁰
 ELIZABETH MILNER⁷¹
 ELIZABETH SHEWAR⁷²
 MARY WASTFEILDE⁷³
 MARGARETT THOMAS³⁴
 JOYCE WARREN⁷⁴
 ANN SPEED⁷⁵

³³ Register no. 1509.

[Third column.]
 MARY GOULDNEY⁶⁰
 MARY PRINCE⁶¹
 HESTER VICKRIS⁶²
 ANN WHITEHEAD³⁴
 MARGRETT BISSE⁶³
 MARTHA FFISHER³⁴
 ELIZ: ROGERS⁶⁴
 SUSANNAH PEARSON⁶⁵
 BARBARA BLAGDEN⁶⁶
 MARY MORGAN⁶⁷
 ELIZABETH PYOTT⁶⁸
 JOANE HILEY³⁴
 ANN JONES⁶⁹
 HANNAH SALTER³⁴

[Fourth column.]
 SARAH MOONE⁷⁶
 MARY NORTH⁷⁷
 MAGDELEN LOVE⁷⁸
 ANNA JORDAN⁷⁹
 JOANE DICKSON⁸⁰
 MARY FFOARDE⁸¹
 ANNA CALLOWHILL⁸²
 LIDDIA JORDAN⁸³
 ANN GANICLIFFE⁸⁴
 JANE BATHO⁸⁵
 ELIZABETH DOWELL⁸⁶
 SUSAN: FFREEMAN⁸⁷
 REBECA JENINGS⁸⁸
 SUSANNA PEARSON Junior.⁸⁹
 KATHEREN EVANS³⁴
 MARY BALDWIN⁹⁰
 SARAH GODBY⁹¹
 ELINER MAIDE⁹²
 REBECKAH HOWELL⁹³
 DEBORAH WITHER⁹⁴
 SARAH CANN⁹⁵
 FFRANCIS MAYNARD⁹⁶
 RUTH MARSH⁹⁷

It is noticeable that of the daughters of Margaret Fell, Bridgett is the only absentee, from which it has been inferred that her death had already taken place (*Camb. Jnl.* i. 467). The remaining six daughters appear in age order⁹⁸, except in the case of Sarah, where she gives her married sister, Mary, the precedence. In order to balance this, however, Sarah inscribes her name on this copy three times as large as the rest, and underlines it in a determined way!

Of the other signatories it may be noted that about fifteen are well-known Friends from other parts of the country, while the remainder appear to be local Friends.

³⁴ For these Friends, see *Camb. Jnl.*

³⁵ There is considerable difficulty in tracing John Moone, owing to his supposed changes of residence. Joseph Smith states that he was first of Carhouse near Garstang, Lancs., later of Bristol, and lastly of Pennsylvania.

He is addressed with other Bristol Friends by George Fox in 1678 (D. Swarth. MSS. trans. v. 17).

³⁶ No information is at present forthcoming which would enable us to state whether the Friend who witnessed this marriage was John Wilkinson of Cumberland (see *Camb. Jnl.*) or John Wilkinson of Westmorland, one of the leaders in the subsequent separation. The latter was in Bristol on religious service in 1662 (*Suff.* i. 43).

³⁷ Francis Rogers (-1693/4) was a Bristol merchant. He gave forth a "testimony" in favour of the Fox-Fell marriage (MS. in D., cp. *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 416). He was a member of the Committee to examine William Penn's Preface to *The Journal of George Fox* (Morning Meeting Minutes, ii. 35). His daughter, Elizabeth, married into the Champion family (THE JOURNAL, vi. 4).

³⁸ Thomas North was committed to Bridewell, Bristol, in 1663, for attending a meeting in the street when the meeting-house doors were shut and guarded. He was among the Bristol Friends "convicted in order to Banishment" in 1664 (*Suff.* i. 45, ii. 637). Children of his died in 1672, 1673, 1674, 1676 and 1678.

³⁹ Charles Jones was a soapmaker in Bristol in 1683 (*Suff.* i. 69, etc.), and a prominent Friend. With George Whitehead and others he appeared before Charles II., to seek liberty for Friends imprisoned in Bristol (*Christian Progress*, pp. 504ff). It is not easy to separate the two Friends of this name, father and son.

⁴⁰ John Love, grocer, of Bristol, to be distinguished from John Love (Luffe) who died in Rome in 1658 (*Camb. Jnl.*) and John Love, of Canterbury. "Though having legally served an Apprenticeship in the City, yet because he could not Swear John Love was refused his Freedom, had his Shop several Times shut up, and his Goods taken from him: At length being summoned to the Mayor's Court, and appearing there with his Hat on, he was committed to Prison, 1657." (*Suff.* i. 42, etc.) It was, perhaps, the same John Love, of Bristol, who, from the Bridewell Prison, sent a letter to "the Proud, unstable, passionate Mayor of Bristoll, Nath^l Day," in 1706 (Swarth. MSS. v. 100).

⁴¹ Nathaniel Day was a hosier, of Bristol, 1683 (*Suff.* i. 68). His wife's name was Anne (*ibid.*). He died in 1691. In 1706, there was one of the same name Mayor of Bristol (see previous note).

⁴² William Taylor is mentioned several times by Besse in connection with Bristol. The Bristol Burial Registers for 1670 contain the name William Taylard, of Temple Parish.

⁴³ Erasmus Dole (-1716), of Bristol. His wife, Joyce, died in 1674. In 1683 he is described as "Pewterer," and his wife's name given as Sarah. Sarah Dole died in 1711.

⁴⁴ John Ware (Wear) is mentioned by Besse in 1656 (*Suff.* i. 42) and by G. Fox in 1678, among Friends in Bristol (Swarth. MSS. trans. v. 17).

⁴⁵ Nicholas Jordan (-1681) is mentioned by Besse as a sufferer in Bath, 1658 (*Suff.* i. 584). He was one of the "Dispersers of Quakers' books" (*Extracts from State Papers*, p. 228).

⁴⁶ Charles Harford (1631-1709) came of an ancient and highly-placed family of Marshfield, Glos., and was the first of this family to join the followers of George Fox, which was soon after his marriage with Mary Bushe in 1656. From this marriage the Harfords of Blaise Castle and Stapleton are descended (*Annals of the Harford Family*, 1909). In 1683, he is described as a "sope maker" (*Suff.* i. 68).

⁴⁷ David Simonds was one of the Bristol Friends on whom sentence for banishment was passed in 1663-4.

⁴⁸ Jeremiah Hignell (-1702) was a prominent Bristolian Friend. He expressed approval in public of the Fox-Fell marriage (MS. in D.). He wrote *Loving and Friendly Advice and Counsel to the Inhabitants of Bristol*, which was printed in 1698 on a folio sheet, in which he urges his fellow-citizens and neighbours to deal plainly with the Lord and their own souls and to see how their lives are squared by the Truth, which search will not hurt any of them. Alice Hignell, wife of Jeremiah, died in 1690. His sister, Temperance Hignell, died in Newgate, Bristol, in 1655.

⁴⁹ George Gough was one of the many sufferers under John Knight, Mayor of Bristol, 1663, "who pursued the Quakers as earnestly as if the Prosecution of them had been the chief Business of his Office" (*Suff.* i. 45). He died in 1685.

⁵⁰ There was a John Higgins, of *Bristol*, who is mentioned in THE JOURNAL, iv. 121. There was a John Higgins, of *London and Kent*, and another of *Lancaster*.

⁵¹ Miles Dixon (Dickson), "An Antient Friend," died in 1672.

⁵² There were several local Friends named John Baker, and without further evidence we cannot be sure which of these, or what other Friend of this name, affixed his signature to this certificate.

⁵³ There was a John Watts, of Clifton, Bristol, who died in 1688.

⁵⁴ Thomas Bourne's name appears in *Besse* (ii. 637), among those of Bristol Friends "convicted in order to Banishment" in 1664. He died in 1690.

⁵⁵ There were *Dowells* as well as *Doles* in Bristol Meeting. John Dowell, Senior, died in 1676.

⁵⁶ George Phipps, of Bristol, died in 1677.

⁵⁷ Thomas Jordan (-1688) was a Bristol grocer, of Maryport parish.

⁵⁸ John Hardiman was a tailor of Bristol (*Suff.* i. 68).

⁵⁹ Bridget Hollister (-1671) was wife of Dennis Hollister.

⁶⁰ Mary Gouldney was the wife of Thomas Gouldney.

⁶¹ Mary Prince, widow, of Bristol, died in 1679. Her daughters apparently married into the families of Bisse and Marshall.

⁶² Hester Vickris was perhaps the same as *Esther Vickaris*, who died in 1721/2. Richard Vickris (-1700) was a noted Bristol Friend.

⁶³ Margaret Bisse, of "James Parish," Bristol, died 1700. Her name appears in the Box Meeting MSS. in D. M. Webb reads *Besse (Fells, p. 430)*, but this MS. is quite clear.

⁶⁴ Elizabeth Rogers appears in *Besse's* list of Friends "convicted for Banishment" in 1663, 1664 (*Suff.* ii. 638). She was, perhaps, the same as Elizabeth, wife of William Rogers, of Bristol.

⁶⁵ Susannah Pearson, the elder, is mentioned by *Besse*, under years 1664 and 1670 (*Suff.* i. 53, ii. 638).

⁶⁶ Barbara Blaugden (-c. 1691), lived in Bristol. She is described as "widow" in 1683 (*Suff.* i. 68). She travelled extensively in the ministry and suffered heavily in body and estate. In 1655, she was in Ireland twice, on the latter occasion barely escaping death by drowning (*ibid.* ii. 458-461).

- ⁶⁷ Mary Morgan has not been identified.
- ⁶⁸ Elizabeth Pyott was, perhaps, the wife of Edward Pyott. See *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 384.
- ⁶⁹ Several Friends named Anne Jones lived around Bristol City.
- ⁷⁰ Probably, Jane, wife of Francis Rogers, of Bristol.
- ⁷¹ Elizabeth Milner, widow, of Castle Precincts, Bristol, died in 1690.
- ⁷² Elizabeth *Shewar*, not identified—clearly so written. The Bristol Burial Registers contain the names *Sheward*, *Shea*, and *Shore*.
- ⁷³ Perhaps, Mary Wastfield, who married John Hartnel (Hurtnell), of Bristol, in 1675, and died in the following year. Maria Webb's reading of this name—Mary *Wakefield*—(*Fells*, p. 430) has caused much confusion.
- ⁷⁴ Joyce Warren, not identified.
- ⁷⁵ Perhaps, Ann, wife of Thomas Speed, formerly Yeamans (cp. *Camb. Jnl.* i. 461, 464).
- ⁷⁶ Sarah Moone was, probably, the wife of John Moone.
- ⁷⁷ Mary North, of Bristol, was one of the many Friends "convicted in order to Banishment" in 1663 and 1664 (*Suff.* ii. 638). She was probably the wife of Thomas North.
- ⁷⁸ Magdalen Love was the wife of John Love, of Bristol. She died in 1680.
- ⁷⁹ Besse mentions a *Hannah* Jordan, widow, in 1682 and 1683, in Bristol (*Suff.* i. 64, 69, ii. 638). *Anna* Jordan died in 1700. She *may* have been the wife of Nicholas Jordan.
- ⁸⁰ Joan Dixon, widow, of Bristol, was fined in 1683 for non-attendance at church (*Suff.* i. 69, cp. ii. 637). She was probably the wife of Miles Dixon.
- ⁸¹ The Bristol Burial Registers record the burial of Mary, wife of William Ford, of Keynsham, 1685, and also of Mary, wife of John Ford, of Bristol, 1703. The name *Foord*, with variants *Foorde*, *Foard*, also appears.
- ⁸² *Hannah* Callowhill, wife of Thomas Callowhill and her daughter Hannah, later *Penn*, are both mentioned in *Camb. Jnl.*
- ⁸³ Lydia Jordan (-1685) was the wife of Thomas Jordan, of Bristol.
- ⁸⁴ Ann Ganniclift (Gunncliffe) is described on the Bristol Burial Registers as "An Antient Friend"—died 1673. In 1655, she had accompanied Sarah Goldsmith on her peregrinations through Bristol "clad in a Garment of Sackcloth, reaching to the Ground, with her Head uncovered, and Earth or Ashes laid thereon and her Hair hanging down about her . . . as a Sign against Pride" (*Suff.* i. 41). Both women were committed to Bridewell.
- ⁸⁵ Jane Batho was one of the Bristol Friends sentenced to banishment in 1664. At her death in 1673 she was described as "wife of John."
- ⁸⁶ Elizabeth Dowell, widow, is mentioned by Besse in 1683. She was probably widow of John Dowell, Senr., who died in 1676.
- ⁸⁷ The Bristol Registers contain the record of the death of Susannah Freeman, of Trinity Parish, in 1688.

⁸⁸ Besse mentions a Rebecca *Jenkins*, of Bristol (*Suff.* ii. 637). There was a family of the name *Jenings* residing in Bristol, but a Rebecca has not been found on the Registers.

⁸⁹ Susannah Pearson, Junior, is recorded by Besse (*Suff.* ii. 637). The name "Susanna Peirson, Junior, of Worcester" appears among "Dispersers of Quakers' Books," see *Extracts from State Papers*, p. 228.

⁹⁰ Mary Baldwin, wife of William Baldwin, of Bristol, died in 1675.

⁹¹ *Sarah* Godby has not been identified, There were several Friends named Godby or Gotby in Bristol, among them a *Susanna*.

⁹² "Ellioner Maid, An Antient Friend," died in Bristol in 1674. (Bristol Registers.)

⁹³ Rebecca Howell, of Bristol, appears in *Besse*, in 1663 and 1664 (ii. 637).

⁹⁴ According to the Bristol Registers, Deborah Pyott married John Wither, of Bristol, in 1666, the latter dying later in the same year. In 1676, Deborah Wither married George Hawes.

⁹⁵ Sarah Cann, spinster, was fined £60 for three months' absence from the National Worship, in 1683 (*Suff.* i. 68). Her death took place in 1711.

⁹⁶ *Frances* Maynard is not known. There were Friends of this surname living in Bristol at this time.

⁹⁷ Ruth Marsh, wife of Richard Marsh, died at Limehouse, London, in 1684. See *F.Q.E.* 1907, p. 481.

⁹⁸ See THE JOURNAL, vi. 162.

VIII., IX.

GEORGE FOX TO MARGARET FOX, 1669.

JOHN ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1669.

These two letters appear in modernized form in *Fells*, pp. 256-260.

The second letter contains important information of the attitude of several members of the family towards the recently accomplished marriage of Margaret Fell with G. Fox—"brother and sister Fell" and "uncle Richardson" are mentioned.

Both letters are written on one folio leaf. The address is: "To Rachel ffell for M. ff this at Swarthmore. To be left with John Higgins in Lancaster," and the leaf is endorsed by John Abraham: "my Honourd Grand ffather ffox's Letter to my Honourd Grand Mother, together with one from uncl^e Rous both writt by uncl^e Rous 1669." They are dated from Enfeild, 23rd and 25th of Tenth Month, 1669, respectively.

X.

THE WILL OF GEORGE FELL, 1670.

This Will has been printed *in extenso* in THE JOURNAL, viii. 2.

The copy among Thirnbeck MSS. is ancient. It is endorsed: "A Coppy Georg ffells Esq. Will."

XI.

JOHN ROUS TO MARGARET FOX, 1672.

After referring to an item or two regarding money matters, the writer goes into full particulars of a murder recently taken place in Holland. It has been said that George Fox shews little sign of being interested in the happenings around him—the same cannot be said of his wife, although it is not evident why this recital should have been sent her by her son-in-law.

Dear Mother

J rec^d thine yesterday & doe pretty much strange how y^t mistake happened about y^e mony, but since further advising wth Thomas Yoakley⁹⁹ J find the busines is as thou writes, thy bill drawne on Thomas Yoakley payable to Thomas Green⁹⁹ for 50^{li} is paid, & had been paid sooner if thou had required it; J have spoken with Thomas Yoakley about the 150^{li} behind on the bond, & we have concluded to pay it at the time called Michaelmas being my sisters occasions require it, but it would have stood much more with my Conveniencie y^t it had all been p^d at y^e end of 3 months as J expected; here is very strange news from holland, w^{ch} thou may see at Large in the Gazet, but least thou should not meet with it, J may give thee a short acc^t therof the 20th instant their stile, Cornelius de wit for suspition of having a designe to murther the Prince of Orange was banished the province of holland on paine of death, & his Brother y^e pentionarie John de wit going to see him & being in the prison, vpon some dissatisfaction among the burgers & common people they forced the prison doores open, some fired on y^m & some runne y^m & being

⁹⁹ For Thomas Yoakley and Thomas Green, see Camb. *Jnl.*

dead trampled on y^m, haled y^m to y^e gallows where they stript y^m starke naked cut of their fingers & toes & flesh of their bodies & sold them at severall prizes, w^{ch} many bought vntill neer their whole bodies were Consumed, & this was done in the face of the Burgers & Magistrates at y^e Hague & noe body asked why they did soe, J hear y^e commonality threaten in divers places if their Magistrates will not agree to their tearmes, they will deale with y^m as wth the de wits¹⁰⁰: J desire my sister Sarah will let Robin Crookes mother know y^t he was well when y^e last ships came away. my wife with our little [ones] were well yesterday, my very dear love is remembred to thy selfe my brother Lower & sisters J rest

Thy dear son JOHN ROUS.

London y^e 24th of y^e ^{6th}/_{moth} 1672.

The half sheet on which this letter is written is much worn at the folds and barely holds together. It is directed: "ffor Sarah ffell this at Swarthmore. To be left wth John Higgins at Lancaster," and endorsed by G. Fox: "j: r: to m ff of the dvich defyryng ther magrastats," and by John Abraham: "Dr Uncle Rouse Letter to my Dr & Honor^d Grand Mother In 1672."

XII.

ROBERT BARCLAY TO THE FELL SISTERS, 1676.

This letter (written from Aberdeen Prison, 27, x. 1676), and the copies of letters from the Princess Elizabeth and from the Countess of Horne added to it, are to be found in *Fells*, pp. 301-306.

The writing occupys three pages of quarto letter paper. The sheet is endorsed by J. Abraham: "The Excellent Rob^t Bartley Letter to three of my Aunts and to my Dear and Tender Mother."—Isabel, Sarah, Susanna, and Rachel (afterwards Abraham).

To be continued.

¹⁰⁰ The horrible murder of the brothers Cornelius and John de Wit is narrated at large in histories of the period. See, e.g., Barker's *Rise and Decline of the Netherlands*, 1906; *Cambridge Modern History*, vol. v. chap. vii., 1908; also woven into a novel, *I Will Maintain*, by Marjorie Bowen, 1911.