

Calendar of the Contents of a Volume known as "Bristol MSS. v."

This volume has for title: "Letters and Papers of George Fox and other Early Friends." It belongs to Bristol and Frenchay Monthly Meeting. See THE JOURNAL, ix., 122.

1. London, 1st of 11 mo. 1667 [? 1669] GEORGE FOX to the Men's Meetings.

Enquiries to be made through Quarterly and Monthly Meetings respecting what widows have children to apprentice.

2. London, 1st of 11 mo. 1669.
The same, in another hand.

3. London, 1st of 11 mo. 1669. GEORGE FOX to Men's Meetings.
Request to collect accounts of those who have spoken "in steeple-houses to priests, or marketts, or courts, or assizes, or fayres, or townes."

4. London, 24th of 4 mo. 1671. GEORGE FOX to prisoners.
To draw up sufferings, present them by some eminent women Friends to the Judges, and send copies to Ellis Hookes.

5, 6. Rhode Island, 19th of 4 mo. 1672.
Copy of Journal of travels of G. F. and Friends in Virginia, etc. Printed in Camb. *Jnl.*

7. 1674. GEORGE FOX to Men's Meetings.
Sufferings to be recorded and sent up to London; also estates of fatherless children to be recorded. Note at foot that copies were sent to William Bateman for "Penbrook," and to Ralph Withers for Wilts.

8, 9. Swarthmoor, 12th of 12 mo. 1675/6. GEORGE FOX to all the elect and chosen of God in Christ Jesus.
Written by Thomas Lower. Printed in George Fox's *Epistles*, 1698, p. 357.

10, 11. Swarthmoor, 14th of 12 mo. 1675/6. GEORGE FOX to Dennis Hollister.
Encloses an epistle [presumably the previous paper]. It is to be read by one of D. H.'s sons, or Lawrence Steel, or Thomas Goldney, or Richard Vickris, or William or Francis Rogers. Copies are to be made and sent into Wiltshire and Gloucestershire, and to John Anderdon in Somersetshire, and Thomas Curtis in Berkshire. Also encloses [not found] a vision of his found amongst his papers, which may be read and copied. Thomas Lower, the writer, adds messages of love and is sorry to hear of the death of D. H.'s son [Dennis the younger died 29 viii. 1675]. Copy in Swarth. MSS. Trans. v. 29.

12, 13. Amsterdam, 25th of 7 mo. 1677. GEORGE FOX to Friends. "Keepe your first love in y^e truth." Sent through the post to R. Vickris, merchant, in Bristol. Printed in his *Journal*.

14, 15. London, 13th of 9 mo. 1677. GEORGE FOX to Friends. "My love in y^e Lord to you all." Printed in *Epistles*, p. 409.

16. Swarthmoor, 5th of 1 mo. 1678. GEORGE FOX to Richard [Snead].

Refers to the work of William Rogers in the Wilkinson and Story Secession. "His Strife is his owne, & his Anger hath stirred it up & his wilfull Proude Minde Encreases it." Other Separatists are named—George Mansergh, John Wilkinson, John Story, Nathaniel Coleman, Arthur Ismeade, and "one Pocke of Reading." Written by Sarah Fell. A copy is in Swarth. MSS. Trans. v. 15.

17. Swarthmoor, 15th of 1 mo. 1678/9. ROBERT BARROW to Friends in Bristol.

Account of trouble in Westmorland caused by visitors from Wiltshire of the W.-S. party—John Wilkinson, Arthur Ismeade, Nathaniel Coleman, Robert Pocock. Copy in Swarth. MSS. Trans. v. 21.

18, 19. Bristol, 4th of 11 mo. 1678. GEORGE FOX to William Rogers.

Very controversial. Refers to a book of about thirty pages called *A Brief Relation of Passages, etc.*, concerning meetings in Bristol. This book is said to have been presented to G. F. in the presence of W. Ford, Edward Erbery and Cornelius Sergeant. Two letters for G. F. are brought by George Mansergh and Thomas Hodgson, one dated 11th of 11 mo. 1678, and the other undated. Joan Hiley is mentioned several times. There is a postscript written by [?] Thomas Dockray.

20, 21. Marsh Grange, 7th of 11 mo. 1678. GEORGE FOX to Richard Snead.

Letter of advice, written by [?] Thomas Dockray; with a postscript written by Thomas Lower, conveying love to Charles Marshall, Jasper Batt, Israel Noy, John Anderdon, Robert Langley, and Richard Smyth, Henry Moore and others that attend the Fair. A copy of this is in Swarth. MSS. Trans. v. 17.

22. 7 mo. 1679. GEORGE FOX to Friends.

Commences, "To All dear Friends everywhere that hath received y^e Truth." Written by [?] T. Dockray. Copy in Swarth. MSS. Trans. v. 70. Printed in *Epistles*, p. 428.

23. Swarthmoor, 6 mo. 1679. GEORGE FOX to Friends.

Commences, "All are to live y^e Life of y^e true Christians." Copy, addressed to the Monthly Meeting at the Bull and Mouth, in Swarth. MSS. Trans. v. 69. Printed in *Epistles*, p. 430.

24. London, 25th of 7 mo. 1686. GEORGE FOX to Friends.

Commences, "Friends, the Lord by his Eternall Power." Expresses gratitude that the prison doors have been opened and about 1,500 or 1,600 set at liberty. Printed in his *Journal*.

25, 26. Gooses, 14th of 5 mo. 1687. GEORGE FOX to Thomas Robinson [Robertson], care of Richard Snead, Bristol.

John Cox preaches in the meeting against orders. A long argument drawn from Scripture in favour of order in the Church.

On the same sheet is copied a reply to G. F. from some of John Cox's sympathisers, referring to and disagreeing with many statements as to law and order, too early re-marriage, etc. Thomas Robinson has spent upwards of six months in and around Bristol. He is "an idle droanish man" who by his preaching false doctrine, misquoting Scripture and dreaming stories so void of sense has caused dishonour and scandal.

27. Swarthmoor, 21st of 5 mo. 1679. JAMES FELL to Richard Snead.

Original letter, enclosing rough draft [not found] of G. Fox's answer to William Rogers, of which a fair copy is to be made and forwarded. "G. ff. ordered me to signifie thus to thee with his deare Love." Thomas and Ann Curtis send love. Copy in Swarth. MSS. Trans. v. 25.

28, 29. c. 1656. GEORGE FOX to Friends.

Commences, "All my deare ffriends in y^e noble seed of God." A copy sent to D. Hollister with request that he send copies into Gloucestershire, and to Thomas Holme at Cardiff for Wales. Printed in his *Journal* with introduction, sub anno 1656. See Camb. *Jnl.* i. 222, 438

30. GEORGE FOX to Friends.

Commences, "All my deare ffreinds euery whare." Analogy drawn from Israel's wilderness journey.

31. GEORGE FOX to Friends.

Commences, "Your tendernesse is Good and cannot but bee accepted." Partly written by John Stubbs.

32. GEORGE FOX. The Quakers Testimony Concerning Magistracy.

Commences, "All you y^t calls your selves Christians . . . Independant and Presbyterian." A copy sent to T. Callowhill.

33. [1653.] GEORGE FOX to Friends.

"Take heed of judging one another." Printed in *Epistles*, p. 47.

34-36. [1669.] GEORGE FOX. Travels in Ireland.

Printed in Camb. *Jnl.*

37-47. [1672.] GEORGE FOX. Journal of American Journey.

Printed in *Jnl. F.H.S.* ix. 1. Some of the events on the voyage from Barbados to Jamaica, between 1 mo. 20 and 23 are more full, and there is a reference to "Francis Camfield's plantation," and to a vision seen by G. Fox. The name of Nicholas Dains is introduced into the narrative under date 5 mo. 26. The distance to Oyster Bay from Rhode Island is given as "about 200 miles," under date 6 mo. 7.

48-51. 1674. Papers relating to the distribution of G. Fox's gifts of copies of the Works of Edward Burrough. See Bowden, *History of Friends in America*, i. 357.

51B. London, 24th of 3 mo. 1697. BENJAMIN BEALING to Bristol Friends.

Respecting a catalogue of George Fox's books and papers.

52-54. [1673.] GEORGE FOX. Autograph account of portions of the American journey.

Commences, "the lord carred by his hygh hand & mighty power & wisdom overall & throw many dangers & pereles by say & land & danders per of deseatfull profesers & pearrell of woveleses & barers & tigers & ratell snakes in the woods & wilderneses."

Printed, slightly corrected as to spelling, in *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 250, 252, 253, 255.

[There is not any MS. numbered 55.]

56, 57. [1673.] GEORGE FOX. Another account of portions of American journey.

Only a few lines in G. F.'s handwriting. Printed in *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 252-255.

58, 59. London, 9th of 2 mo. 1670. THOMAS ELLWOOD and EDWARD MAN to Magistrates and others.

Relates to confusion of names of George Fox and John Fox, and encloses a copy of certificates clearing George Fox written by G. Talbot and W. Churchill. In Ellwood's writing. Printed in *THE JOURNAL*, ix. 154 f.

60-74. 1673. JAMES LANCASTERS Book. Portion of the narrative of the American journey of George Fox and others.

Commences 9 mo. 5, setting sail towards Virginia. Ends with the words, "The whole Trauells by sea and Land Amountes to Just in all 16149 myles." Printed in *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 233-245.

75. Croslands, 18th of 8 mo. 1660. JOHN AUDLAND to D. Hollister. He often thinks of his Bristol friends. He returned home well.

76. JOHN AUDLAND to Friends.

Commences, "Dearly beeloued Caled of y^e Lord." Letter of advice. A copy.

77. JOHN AUDLAND to William Wilton, minister at Elberton.

Commences, "I seeing a letter w^{ch} came from The[e]." Long letter on the light of Christ. Autograph copy.

78, 79. The same to the same.

80. 22nd Dec., 1654. JOHN AUDLAND and JOHN CAMM to the Magistrates of Bristol.

Relates to their liberty to travel about.

81. 4th of 5 mo. 1678.

"These are to Certifie to any y^t are or may be concernd—that Thomas Cam of Westmoreland did at a Meeting at the Widowe Goldneys in Chippingham, the 3^d the 5th Month 1678 offer many times, Yea pressed in our hearing to prove the charge (he gave against) J: Wilkinson, but could not be permitted—

"Witness our hands the 4th the 5th Month 1678

MARMADUKE ROBINSON.

BENJ. ANTROBUS.

EDWARD WALLIS.

SAM^l BOULTON.

ADAM GOLDNEY.

THO: LAWRENCE.

RALPH GALE.

CHARLES MARSHALL.

NATH. [? B]ALLEY.

NATH: HARRIS."

82. Camsgill, 30th of 1 mo. [1656] JOHN CAMM to D. Hollister and others.

Reports a safe return home, though in much weakness. Not been out of the house since arrival, but has had meetings at home. Sends messages of love from self, wife, and little Thomas to Mary Prince, Elizabeth Haggett and daughter, Thomas Speed and wife, Thos. Curtis and wife, Hannah Jordan, Eliz. Marshall and Charles, Margaret Wood, Daniel Westfield and wife, to Rob. Westfield, Eliz. Pyott, Nicholas Ganniclift and wife.

83. Camsgill, 16th of 9 mo., 1678. THOMAS and ANN CAMM to Richard Snead.

Refer to the Wilkinson and Story controversy. "A full & fre time" with John Story, "But a haughty scornfull hard man he is growen, But w^t we laid vpon him he will not shake all of in hast . . . who being gone from y^e fathers house where ther is Liueing bread enough, his owne Company are glad of his dry huskey stufe." Send love to brother and sister Moone, Elizabeth Dowell, Elizabeth Stirridge, Hannah Jordan and Joan Dixon. There is a postscript, dated 6th of 10 mo.

84. Camsgill, 21st of 11 mo. 1698. THOMAS and ANN CAMM to R. and B. S[nead].

They report accident to Ann Camm—"a fall upon our owne house ffloor and broke the spell bone of her leg," and the illness of her husband. "Many of the younger sort of ffreind Intend for Penselvania." They note the burial of Margery, the wife of William Rallinson (Rawlinson).

85, 86. Amsterdam, 2nd of 6 mo. 1696. WILLIAM SEWEL to William Penn.

Endorsed: "A Letter to William Penn from one beyond sea who was sought to be a school master." Written in Latin. Translation in D.

87-98. Bristol, 1st of 12 mo. 1677.

Commences, "Propositions agreed between William Pen & William Rogers on behalfe of themselves & others concerned, in order to a meetinge for the endinge some differences." Refers to the question of women's ministry. Written, in part, by William Rogers. Signed in autograph:

WILLIAM ROGERS.
WILLIAM FORDE.
ARTHUR ESMEAD.
JOHN MATRAVERS.

99-106. Gallway, 10th of 8 mo. 1661. MARCUS LYNCH to Edward Burrough, sending MS. of discussion with Romish priests, prisoners in Gallway.

107. 1670. WILLIAM DEWSBURY to Friends.

Commences: "Deare pretious and beloued friends." Printed in his Works, p. 393.

108. BRISTOL MEN'S MEETING, 24th of 9 mo., 1673, to Friends in Virginia.

Refers to Richard Gotby, *alias* Dowell, of Bristol, who behaved himself badly in America, and on his return issued a paper of condemnation against himself. Signed in autograph:

THOMAS GOULDNEY.
THOMAS CALLOWHILL.
CHARLES HARFORD.
WILLIAM FORDE.
JOHN LOVE.

109. GENERAL MEN'S MEETING at West River, in Maryland, 6th of 4 mo. 1674, to Friends in Bristol.

Refers with gratitude to the visit of George Fox and party and acknowledges eight books per Thomas Hucker and other eight per George Hawes. Signed in autograph:

WILLIAM COALE.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON.
JOHN GARY.

110, 111. Nansemond, 25th of 4 mo. 1674. To Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney and Thomas Callowhill.

Acknowledge receipt of four books, per Lot Ricketts on the ship *Comfort*, which have been disposed of according to order (presents from G. F.). Since G. F.'s visit meetings have become much larger, more than doubled. Account of the sad doings and death of Edward Beare. Original letter signed by

WILL : DENSON.
WILL : PARRATT.
THO : JORDAN.

112, 113. Four pages headed Right Marriages.

Commences, "Noe man or woman to speak any thing, but that which they doe uprightly, and faithfully intend to doe."

114, 115. 1657. MARGARET KELLAM to Bristol Friends.

Signed, "yours in the Lord

MARGRET KELLAM

BARBARA [? Pattison]."

A copy.

116. Bristol, 12th of 8 mo. 1674. From the MEN'S MEETING to the General Meeting of Men Friends at West River in Maryland, addressed to William Coale, William Richardson and John Gary.

Refers to G. F.'s apprehension, and imprisonment in Worcester Gaol.

117, 118. 1678. BRISTOL FRIENDS' Advice to their Youth.

With forty-two autograph signatures, including Paul Moone, Francis Rogers, Edward Martindale, Jeremiah Hignell, John Jennett and Richard Vickris.

Not numbered. Felsted, Essex, 26th of 10 mo. 1678. GEORGE WHITEHEAD to Friends of Bristol.

Letter of advice.

119. Westgate Prison in Canterbury, 28th of 11 mo. 1699. JOHN LOVE THE YOUNGER to Friends in Bristol.

Letter of advice.

120. [Swansea] 10th of 2 mo. 1699. WILLIAM BEVAN to the Men's and Women's Meetings in Bristol, addressed to Edward Loyd, merch^t in Corne Street.

Commences, "'Tis now above forty years when your acquaintance was first dear unto me." Concerns the writer's daughter, Mary, living in Bristol, who inclines to marry a non-Friend, Richard Dolton. Original letter.

121, 122. London, 30th of 8 mo. 1700. MARY OBEE to Friends in Bristol.

Commences, "Amongst whom I had my education in my tender yeares." Letter of advice.

123. Wycombe, 7th of 4 mo. 1703. Letter to Roger Cook in answer to one from him about Charles Harris, "a man disowned by friends many years ago for his work of separation."

NICHOLAS NOY.

JOSEPH STEEVENS.

JOHN RAKESTRAW.

ABRAHAM BARBER.

A copy made by Thomas Ellwood.

124. Weston Turville, Bucks, 27th of 4 mo. 1705. QUARTERLY MEETING to Men's Meeting in Bristol.

Respecting Charles Harris. Signed by

DANIEL WHARLEY.	JOHN RAKESTRAW.
JOSEPH STEEVENS.	PHILLIP DANCER.
JAMES SMITH.	WILLIAM BOUGHTON.
THOMAS DELL.	WILLIAM SMITH.
THOMAS EDMONDS.	THO. ELLWOOD.
DANIEL DANCER.	WILLIAM GRIMSDALL.
THOMAS COOK.	JOHN WHITE.
WILLIAM CATCH.	ABRAHAM BARBER.
DANIEL ROBERTS.	RICHARD FFELLOW.
JOHN PENINGTON.	THOMAS SPIERS.
JOSIAH LANE.	JOS. GRAVENY.
WILLIAM RUSSELL.	THOMAS SMITH.

A copy made by Thomas Ellwood.

125. 3rd of 8 mo. 1687. UPPERSIDE M.M. at Hunger Hill to the Second Day's Morning Meeting, London.

Respecting Charles Harris "of very immodest & obscene Carriages." "He is joynd to the separate Meeting his ffather Raunce hath set up." Signed by twenty-eight Friends, of whom the following do not appear in the list of No. 124.

RICHARD CLIPSHAM.	HENRY CHILD.
JOHN WELLS.	THOMAS WEST.
RICHARD BAKER.	JEREMIAH STEEVENS.
ROBERT JONES.	JOHN COSTARD.
WILLIAM KIDDER.	THOMAS OLLIFFE.
JOHN MORTON.	CHARLES PEARCE.
HENRY PEARCE.	JOHN PUDDIVATT.
JOSEPH WELCH.	THOMAS WHITE.
THO. REDMAN.	JOHN HALLIDAY.

A copy made by Thomas Ellwood.

126, 127. 14th of 3 mo. 1705. BRISTOL MEN'S MEETING.

Relates to a collection, concerning which Bristol Friends felt they had a grievance against the Y.M. Signed in autograph by

JAMES PETERS.	WILLIAM FFARNELL.
FRANCIS ROACH.	RICHARD SNEADE.
JOHN DYER.	CHARLES HARFORD.
ALEX. ARSCOTT.	THOMAS CALLOWHILL.
JOHN ANDREWS.	CHARLES JONES.
RICH ^s CHAMPION.	THO. OADE.
ISAAC PARTRIDGE.	CHARLES HARFORD, JR.
HENRY JAMES.	JOHN POPE.
CHARLES ROGERS.	THOMAS BAYLE.
SAM ^{ll} OSBORNE.	ARTHUR THOMAS.
HENRY DICKINSON.	THOMAS DICKSON.
SAMUELL COX.	JOHN SCANDRETT.

128, 129. Philadelphia, 2nd of 2 mo. 1719. BENJAMIN HOLME to Bristol Men's Meeting.

Letter of advice. Autograph.

130. Dublin, 23rd of 11 mo. 1726. BENJAMIN HOLME to Friends in Bristol.

A copy of letter of advice.

131-133. Frenchay, 20th of 7 mo. 1739. MARY SMITH to Friends in Bristol.

Probably a copy. Letter of advice.

134. No place or date. MARY BRADSHAW to Friends.

Commences, "The Spirit of the Lord is vpon me." Perhaps the same Mary Bradshaw, of Bristol, who sent a message to Charles II. in 1670 (MS. in D.).

135. 10 mo. 1761. Letter from YEARLY MEETING'S COMMITTEE visiting Bristol to the Two Weeks Meeting of that City.

Letter of much condemnation on account of many departures from Truth. Refers, *inter alia*, to "dealing in Negroes." Signed by

ROBERT FOSTER.

ISAAC SHARPLES.

JAMES PAYTON.

JOSEPH WOSTER.

SAMPSON LLOYD.

GEORGE BOONE.

JOHN PLAYER.

HENRY WILKINS.

A copy.

136. 14th of 10 mo. [1681]. Sufferings of Friends in Bristol, under Edmund Watkin, marshall, and John Hellier, constable. Printed in *The Distressed Case . . . Bristol*, 1682, and other tracts of the period.

137. 18th of 10 mo. 1681, and later. Abstract from Bristol paper relating to Sheriff Knight's deportment. Printed in *The Sad and Lamentable Cry*, 1682, and other tracts of the period.

138-146. 1681. Record of persecution in Bristol in the Mayoralty of Sir Thomas Earl, addressed to the King and Council.

Said to be in the handwriting of Philip Theodore Lehnmann (d. 1687), William Penn's secretary. For Lehnmann, see Myers's *Narratives*, 1912, p. 390 n.

147, 148. London, 16th of 1 mo. 1681/2. To Bristol Friends in prison.

Enclose a copy of Order in Council [written by Mark Swanner] against overcrowding in jail. Signed by

GEORGE WHITEHEAD.

CHARLES JONES, JUN.

LAWRENCE STEEL.

Probably in the handwriting of the first signer.

149. 20th of 1 mo. 1681/2. The Order of the Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol in compliance with the Order of Council referred to in No. 147.

150, 151. 11 mo. 1681/2. Further records of distrains and sufferings in Bristol.

152. Further abuses by John Hellier and others.

Signed by

CHARLES HARFORD.	RICHARD VICKRIS.
CHARLES JONES.	JNO. LOVE.
RICH. MARSH.	THO. CALLOWHILL.
RICH. SNEAD.	CHAS. JONES, JR.

A copy.

153. 1 mo. 1681/2. Account of Distresses in Bristol. In the handwriting of [?] Mark Swanner.

154. 12 mo. 1681. Copy of Abstract of Sufferings of Friends in Bristol, sent to the King and Council.

Signed by

LAWRENCE STEEL.
CHARLES JONES, JUN.
GEORGE WHITEHEAD.

A copy by Mark Swanner.

155. Bristol. No date. Petition to the King.

Meeting Records.

AT DEVONSHIRE HOUSE, LONDON.

Shropshire Monthly Meeting,	1768-1857.	3 vols.
Do. do. (Women),	1753-1859.	5 vols.
Do. do.		
(Ministers and Elders),	1766-1851.	1 vol.
Women's Yearly Meeting for Wales,	1749-1797.	5 vols.
Women's Half Yearly Meeting for Wales,	1797-1811.	2 vols.
Women's Quarterly Meeting for Wales,	1752-1796.	2 vols.
Broseley Monthly Meeting (copy),	1690-1719.	1 vol.
Coalbrookdale Preparative Meeting,	1741-1829.	3 vols.
Do. do. (Women),	1746-1829.	5 vols.
Newdale Preparative Meeting,	1787-1827.	2 vols.
Book of Sufferings,	1660-1794.	1 vol.
Certificates of Removal,	1785-1804.	1 vol.