

then shortly follows:—"The Business chiefly insisted upon, is my Popeperry, and endeavours to promote it. I do say then, and that with all Sincerity, that I am not only no *Jesuit*, but no *Papist*. . . . Is any thing more foolish, as well as false, than that because I am often at *White-Hall*, therefore I must be Author of all that is done there that does not please abroad?"

The *Answer* is only sent because of the writer's wish "not to deny a Friend the satisfaction he desires." There is the following PS. :—

"One thing in reference to my self I forgot to mention, I have been by some people with great art rendred powerful, that I might be made guilty, at least obnoxious; which hath often drawn from me this Expression to my Acquaintance: I have all the Inconvenience of a man of Power and Interest, but nothing of the reality or advantage of that Character. One thing I will say, and end; I must do as I would be done by, and cannot with fine Distinctions or popular Humor, absolve my self from that Duty; for, I thank God, I am what I was, and will be what I am, with his help, let the World say what it will, *Farewel*. W.P."

The verses headed *The Man of Honour, Occasion'd by the Postscript of Pen's Letter*, refer, in all probability, to the above Postscript. The piece begins:—

"Not all the Threats or Favours of a Crown,
A Princes whisper, or a Tyrants frown
Can aw the Spirit, or allure the Mind
Of him who to strict Honour is inclin'd;
Thô all the pomp and pleasure that does wait
On publick places and affairs of State,
Shou'd fondly court him to be base and great." }

Penn does not appear by name save in the title.

Corks for Sale

"12th and 13th day of ye 4th Mo. 1678.

"Memorand y^t this day it was moved in the Meeting whether the Corkes y^t is not vendable here should be ventured to Sea at the Charge of the Quarterly Meeting: To w^{ch} this Quarterly Meeting doth Assent and leaves it to Edw^d Nightingale John Taylor and John Todd to doe as they see meet in y^t Matr.—Minute Book of Yorks Q.M. 1669-1681.

At the Q.M. 27 x. 1677 it was decided to raise a stock whereby the poor Friends who were prisoners "might be employed in some labour to their subsistence." It was reported at the next Q.M. that £149 5s. 6½d. had been then raised. When the accounts were rendered to the Q.M. 25/26 iv. 1679 there had been expended for cork and a cable rope £57 9s. 7d., for teaching prisoners to make corks, &c., £2 1s. 0½d., and for cash paid the prisoners for their wages for cutting cork and picking oakum £18 14s. 10¼d. Corks and oakum had been sold to the value of £37 9s. 4¾d. and there remained in stock £10 worth of oakum and cable rope and 966 gross of corks worth £36. (Note by W. C. BRAITHWAITE.)