

## George Fox to William Penn, 1678<sup>1</sup>

der w. p with my love to thee & to thy wife & to thy father & mother & to all the rest of frendes in the lordes pover & seed that reanes & is over all the evell seedes man & his seed wich is for the fier wich evell seedesman blindeth all in ther frist berth that they can nether see the kingdom of god nor enter in to it in ther frist berth thos th[at] may profes all the wordes given ovt of the mouth of the good seed of the kingdom of God & the lord god is doing good & all things shall worke together for good to them that love god & his word is a trid word from the foundashon of the world throw all the waterre stormes & fludes & hales of this frosen world & the word hath bine trid by all the whipes & baneshements spoveling of goodes & cruel mockers & skoferers & skorners ralerers & revilers & threateners & flaterers & jalers & jales presones & dongenes & galeses jebets rackes & torters & fierers the word abides & in duers & lives throw all o the riches of the word & the wisdom of the word & the pashantnese of the word the word of reconsilishon by which all gods people ar borne againe of the imortall seed by the word of god & feedeth vpon the milke of the same by which the doe grow by ther heavenly milke & when that the com to ther groth to eat that flesh that the word was mad & drinke that blud which giveth them life eternall & cometh to be flesh of his flesh & bone of his bones & the riches of the word may be seen throw all the santified ones from geneses to the revelashones & soe it will be to the ende in all that the word of god dwelleth plentvesly in & this word is a sord & a hamer & fier to that wch is contary to its nater & this was the word of faith that was preachd in the new Covesnant of light & life & grace that all is to obe & doe in ther hartes & movethes the word of reconsilashon commitd to the minesteres of it to make all rich & to be reconsild to god & so der wilam keep ouer all in it & as for all this work that is a brod among the ploters

<sup>1</sup> Copied from the original in H.S.P. by Ellen M. Dawes; and the proof compared with the original by the Editor.

which is latly brovght forth among the papesh whoes worke is to merdor a bloody relegen & spirit not christes whoe come to save menes lifes & not to destry them & tould them that they did not know what spirit they were of that would a had ther liveses destryed that would not recve christ & therfor the lord god all mighty presverse all frendes in christ ther rest & peas saver & life over that [blind]<sup>2</sup> destroying spirit [that knows not its own spiritt]<sup>2</sup> to the glory of god amen—

as for paseges of trovth in the north meetinges at present ar qveit thos ther hath bin great soveferinges & spoveling of goodes som have letill laft & in bishoprick the ar bad still & thomas cam the have taken from him in bese or coves & ther is latell talke of 1: st [John Story] & his company they ar cloes & still & have goten a new master that teath them to save selef ther long desered libarty of consences & ther is an aneser to wilkes sher bad paper from F: cam j bad him sen one of them to thee it may doe well & alsoe j have anserd a malishvs enves & callamnus paper of w r. [William Rogers] vnder pretentis of qveres absalvt charges which paper of his both spoveld the caues of the 2 jones & his one & brovght the cheane over them in the sight of the simpell & vpright that his wilfull mased head hath brovght forth a 2 ratell which will please non but ratell heades like him selef with his healesh paper of lies but it is well & the lordes seed & pover is over all this boeth with in and with out glory over all to the lord god all mighty for ever amen soe with my love & the love of this famely in the lordes pover that is over all & in that the lord god all mighty presverse thee & all frendes to his glory in the day light of christ over this night of apostesy in the light & lif in venety soe with my love & j deser thee to speak to marke [Mark Swanner] to get my anesar to r wilanes [Roger Williams] book of new ingland for ther is great need of it & wilam cotinton [Coddington] his booke & to stop such thinges which non of them covld doe & might a ben a great sarves had the com out in ther season & that will ly vpon them that hath stopt it but j deser that my anser may be printd forth with and sent over to new ingland & that of tieths [?] it could be printd it might doe

<sup>2</sup> Insertions by Sarah Fell.

well to the vnder standing of frendes & people soe with  
my love to all that qvereth after mee & to a. p. [Alexander  
Parker] g. w. [George Whitehead] & w. g. [William Gibson]  
& t. r. [Thomas Rudyard]

gff

Swarthmor day 13 mo 11.

1678

j did wright to a. p. abovt abia trot<sup>3</sup> and g. r to have a  
meeting to the seteling som thing vpon her & to see what  
& wher her state is it doeth greve mee to see & heare of  
the soveferinges of poore frendes & the snapping of others  
that hath not the care of godes glory & honer & doeth not  
consider how that the ayes of the lord is vpon all frendes  
& all peoples whoe should ovt strip all people in trovth  
righteovsnes godlynes & holy nes which be cometh his  
hoves

gff

[Added by Sarah Fell]

I recd thine, last weeke & was glad to hear from thee.

[Addressed by Sarah Fell]

To W : Penn These delivr  
Leave this with Phillip Ford at the  
Hood and Scarfe in Bow lane  
in These  
London.

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## The Cambridge "Journal of George Fox"

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38.—Vol. II. p. 390. The burial of Col. Richard Kirkby is thus described by Sir Daniel Fleming in his Book of Accounts (see Hist. MSS. Com. *Report*, 1890, p. 397—Fleming MSS.) :—

1681. Sept. 10. At Kirkby Hall—being at the funeral of Collonel Richard Kirkby, who dyed there, September 9, 1681, about 8 of the clock at night and was buried in Kirkby church the next day between his first and second wives, his third wife being buried at London, and his fourth wife being at his funerall.

<sup>3</sup> For Abia Trott, see Camb. *Jnl.* The initials in this line doubtless indicate Alexander Parker and Gerard Roberts.