

The Friends Historical Society of Philadelphia proposes to print a final edition of the famous *Journal*, which will closely follow the original text, accompanied by biographical notes of each person named. Letters and manuscripts of Woolman are very rare. His "A.B.C." book, or Primer for children, of which there were three editions, the first probably about 1769, has disappeared.¹ It is a rare little paper-covered thing, possibly not more than three or four inches in length, and very valuable. A copy is much desired. Anyone who owns or knows of the existence of such material will perform a real service to the Society in its efforts to set forth the work with accuracy, and do fuller justice to the hitherto little-known personal life of John Woolman, by communicating with

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An Atlantic Crossing in 1726

In *The Life and Travels of Samuel Bownas*, 1756, p. 136, we read :

"I left my home the 22d day of the Tenth Month, 1726, to Pool, being to take shipping there, but the ship was not quite ready; and when it was ready, the wind being against us, were obliged to stay there about five weeks, so I had sundry satisfactory opportunities both amongst Friends and others.

"All being ready and the wind fair, we set sail the 24th of Eleventh Month with a fair wind and pleasant weather, which carried us a considerable distance off the land; but it held but three days and then it was very contrary hard winds after that, which made me very sick and other ways out of order. . . . We had a very long and tedious passage, being eleven weeks and two days upon the sea, from land to land, and on the fourteenth of the Second Month 1727 we landed at Hampton, otherwise Kickatan, in Virginia."

¹ This statement may be true as regards America, there is a copy of the third edition in D. [ED.]