

The petition mentioned by Mr. Madan is attached. It is as follows :

To the King and his Privie Council.

The Case and Request of the People called Quakers.

Whereas we the peaceable people called Quakers, after diverse tedious and hard imprisonments even to death of many, and that on several Statutes and the great havock and spoile made upon our goods and estates in this Kingdom upon the late Act against Conventicles, only for our meeting together to worshipp God, which hath alwaies been after a Sober and strict manner, are now further dayly exposed to utter ruin in our estates, being persecuted and convicted as Popish Recusants; and writts issued out to seize upon two thirds of our real estates . . . that we together with our Children and families may enjoy our Just rights and Liberties in peaceable exercise of our tender consciences towards God, that we may live a pious Industrious, and peaceable life under the King and his government to whom with Christian minds we sincerly wish all true and lasting happiness.

Signed on Behalf of our  
Suffering Friends by us—

WILLIAM PENN.  
WILLIAM MEAD.  
FRANCIS MOORE.  
WILLIAM SHEWEN.  
JOHN OSGOOD.  
WILLIAM WELCH.  
SAMUEL NEWTON.  
STEPHEN CRISP.

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## Hingston and Prideaux,<sup>1</sup> Bankers, Plymouth

**I**N a privately printed memoir of Frederick Prideaux (1817-1891), barrister and ex-Quaker, of Co. Devon, written by his widow in 1891, we read :

“ I may mention his vivid recollection of a run upon the Bank in 1826, when he was nine years old. Attracted by the crowd and aware in some dim childish fashion of trouble in the air, he crept into the Bank to his father's side, and watched Mr. Browne, the cashier, slowly cashing the cheques that were thrust forward in sheaves to him. Child though he was, he was deeply impressed by his father's quiet dignity and self-possession. He often reproduced the scene to me and the phrases he heard him use—‘ Each in his turn, good people.’—‘ Quietly, quietly, you shall all have your money.’—‘ Patiently, my friends, all in good time.’ Meanwhile a four-horse express was galloping to Exeter for bullion, returning in time.”

<sup>1</sup> Walter Prideaux married Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Ball) Hingston, of Kingsbridge. He died of apoplexy while in meeting, 1832 (*Annual Monitor*).