

Two West Country Friends and the Monmouth Rebellion

At the monethly meeting at Taunton the 12th $\frac{2}{mo}$ 1686 present at the same Jasper Batt Tho^s Combe Arthur Jeffrie John Powell Hen Alloway Thomas Wolfrey Gilb^t Williams W^m Alloway J^r Geo. Worrall Matt. Perin.

HELLIER, JOHN.—That John Hellier of Mark be visited by Friends who took up Armes in the late Insurrection contrary to the principle of trueth & also have bin often found to break his promise in paym^t of moneys that he may come to the sense of his iniquity & true pentance for the same, that the trueth may be cleared of the scandal & reproach thereby cast upon it. And its referd to Arthur Jeffryes [Peter] Goold and Richard Goold or some of them or any other faithful friends in the love of God to visite him and give an acc^t at the next monethly meeting.

SCOTT, FRANCIS.—That Francis Scott be visited for his appeareance in the late Insurrection that he manifest his true pentance for such Acting contrary to the trueth & give forth a testimony for [the cleansing] of truth from the reproach thereby cast upon it And it be referd to Thomas Coombs John Powell, & Will^m Calbreath in the love of God to visite him accordingly & an acco^t at the next monethly

Att the Monthly meeting at Taunton the 14th $\frac{1}{mo}$ 1691 [1692].
being present

John Cruse	W ^m Calbreath
Thomas Woolfrey	John Alloway
Robert Liddon	Christop ^r Devonsheir Jn ^r
Robert Button	Amos Sedgberry.

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Francis Scott being visited by Friends touching taking up of Arms in the time of Monmouth he sent his acknowledgm^t of his fault therein in writing under his hand a cobby whereof is as followeth :

“ For Friends at the Monthly Meeting at Taunton.

“ Dear Friends. Concerning my taking up of Arms in the time of Monmouth I acknowledge my regret in delaying soe long to endeavour to give Friends satisfaction therein w^{ch} I hope my inability to write may in some measure excuse it. Now this I doe freely acknowledg that whatever my end was I went out of the way of truth w^{ch} I had long made a profession of & acted against the peaceable principall thereof & caused reproach thereunto & grieved the hearts of faithful Friends & soe justly excluded myselfe from the unity thereof & therefore I doe from my heart condemn my action & declare & testifie my sorrow for the same & doe farther testifie that while I was amongst them I was under a very great weight & burden & I doe for ever desire to prize the Love & Mercy of God to me in soe wonderfully preserving my Life & delivering me out of that snare & that I may never forget the same but dwell in the Remem-

brance thereof & that the Remainder of my dayes may be answerable thereunto & this I desire Friends to Receive from me as the true sence of my heart though not able by word or writing so to express the same with out the assistance of a friend herein in Testmony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand the 12th of $\frac{11}{mo}$ 169 $\frac{1}{2}$.

FRANCIS SCOTT.

Copied from the Minute Book of West Somerset M.M. by Thomas R. Thompson, of Bridgwater.

A Pass to Attend Meeting

County Tipp^{ry} By one of his Magesties Justices of the Peace for
s^d C^o To Witt

Permit Joseph Grubb Benj & his Sister Anne Grubb to pass unmolested from Clonmel to Limerick, & to return again, within the space of one week from the date here of.

Clonmell July 12th 1798

RICH^d JONES

To

R. T. WILSON 15th Reg^t R. Ld. A.D.C.

All Concern'd.

From MS. in possession of J. Ernest Grubb, of Carrick-on-Suir.

London Yearly Meeting, 1715, on Dress

That all friends both Male and Female, be carefull that their adorning be that of a Meek and Quiet Spirit, which in the Sight of God is of Great price, even as the Holy Men and Women of old (professing Godlyness with Good Works,) were adorned, oh that our Young Men and Women would follow their examples! But to our great grief we find too many of our Young Men, instead of observing that Gospel exhortation, to be soberminded, have given way to Lightness, and Vanity, and the pernicious Effects thereof have lead them in to Pride so y^t some have Cutt off good Heads of Haire, and put on long Extravagant and Gay Wiggs, w^{ch} they that are not of profession wth Us, see, as a Mark of Declension from our Primitive plainness.

And likewise that our young Women would cease from that unseemly and Jmmodest appearance of their High heads, and Wearing their Gowns set up like the Proud ffashion-Mongers of y^e World; certainly both Males & ffemales, who take such undue Measures, flee the Cross of Christ, & if they do not Repent and Return, they will thereby suffer Great Loss. But in y^e Bowells of Christian Compassion We Warn and Exhort all such to come into that subjection that y^e Yoke of Christ may be their delight and their souls may reap y^e comfortable fruits of bearing y^e same.