

At this reflection upon his dream Carazan became suddenly silent, and looked upward in an ecstasy of gratitude and devotion. The multitude were struck at once with the precept and example; and the Caliph, to whom the event was related that he might be liberal beyond the power of gold, commanded it to be recorded for the benefit of posterity.

Anecdotes of William Penn

JOSEPH NAISH, of Congresbury, who died in 1822, aged seventy-two, father-in-law of Samuel Capper, was acquainted with a person whose father remembered William Penn when he resided near Reading. He could relate many anecdotes of him, but the two following only are now remembered by S. Capper:

On one occasion, coming to Reading to attend Meeting, several Friends spoke to him after Meeting saying they should be glad of his company to dine, but feared they had not suitable accommodation or provision, etc., for him. At last, a plain, honest woman asked him to her house, saying she could furnish all he could require. W. P. accepted her invitation and accompanied her to her very humble dwelling, in which was a small shop where she sold provisions, etc. She took thence some bread, butter and cheese, and W. Penn made a very sufficient dinner, much enjoyed his visit, and, at parting, heartily thanked her for her hospitality and especially for her cordial kindness and hearty welcome.

On another occasion coming to Reading and being about to proceed thence to London in order to attend at the Court of James II., as was his frequent practice, several Friends manifested their uneasiness at his being so much at Court, expressing their fears that in such a place, and in such company, he would be in great danger of departing from that simplicity of demeanour which Friends believed it their duty to maintain.

W. Penn, after listening to their observations, expressed his wish to take one of their number with him to the Court of James, and one of them accordingly accompanied him thither. Being duly introduced, he remained with him during the whole time, thus having a full opportunity of observing the tenour of W.P.'s carriage, as well towards the king as towards others with whom he came in contact. Finding that his conduct, mode of address and general demeanour were quite in harmony with his profession and practice as a Friend, he was entirely satisfied and was thus put in a position to allay the uneasiness of such of his friends as had entertained doubts on this head.

From a letter of Thomas Mounsey, of Sunderland, to his uncle, Thomas Robson, of Liverpool, dated 19 3 mo. 1850. In the J. J. Green Collection in D.