

Murray Shipley was one of the pillars of Indiana Yearly Meeting and one of my intimate friends and advisors. I loved him.

Signed—CHARLES F. COFFIN.

Chicago, Illinois.

10th Month, 22, 1903.

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Parliamentary Election, 1656

DEAR FRIENDS AND BRETHREN.

In that which of this world is not, wh. leads out of this world to reign over the world up unto God. . . . we . . . dearly salute you and before you do we it lay that upon the 22d day of this present month called August there is a meeting in the Castle Yard at York for the electing of some men to serve the county in Parliament (as is said) and therefore do we desire that all friends who find freedom in their spirits to bear witness to the truth and of the truth before men, Doe come up as one man . . . And at the Castle Yard aforesaid to meet together upon the 22d day, to be there and to meet about 8th hour of the said day—all men who are homeholders and other young men who have outward estates in possession. . . .

And it is desired that each church do send in writing the names of such persons as do come up to the said meeting.

Written at York, the 5th day of the 6th mo. called August, 1656.

THOMAS ALDAM.

GERVAS BENSON.

Sustenance of the Ministry

William Rogers, Separatist, 1683, "scornfully reviled his quondam brethren in paltry verses, stating that some sustenance had been given from the public cash to indigent preachers. . . . To this it was answered that if it pleased God to call to His ministry persons of mean estate, the Church was not warranted to hinder it and let such suffer want." SEWEL, *History of the People called Quakers*, first edition published in English in 1722.