Establishment of the Meeting for Sufferings, 1676

First Settling of the Meeting for Sufferings in London & the Names of Friends who constituted it, in the 4th Month, 1676.

Counties.	London Friends.	Country Friends.	
Bedfordshire &	John Staploe	Edward Chester, Dunstable, for Bedford.	
Northampton	Francis Camfield	Dan ^l Wills, Physician, North- ampton.	
Berkshire &	John Osgood	Benjamin Coale, Reading.	
Bucks.	Thomas Zachary	Thomas Elwood, Hunger Hill.	
Cornwall	Thomas Taunton	Lawrence Growdon, St. Austle.	
&	Gilbert Latey	Arthur Cotton, Merchant,	
Devonshire	Edw. Brookes	Plymouth.	
Hampshire	Ellis Hooks	George Embree, Southampton.	
& Surrey	William Mackett	John Cooper, Guilford.	
Sussex	William Welch		
&	Walter Miers	Luke Howard, Shoe-maker,	
Kent	James Braines	Dover.	
Essex	Rich ^d . Whitpane	Solomon Formantel,	
&	Fra: Moore	Colchester.	
Suffolk	Thomas Yoakley	Rob ^t . Duncan, Tanner, nr. Mendlesham.	
Norfolk &	Thomas Cox	Sam ¹ . Duncan, Hosier, Norwich.	
Cambridge	Clement Plumstead	W ^m . Brassier, Shoe-maker, Cambridge.	
Ely &	George Watts	Sam ¹ . Cater.	
Lincolnshire	W ^m . Parker	Wm. Garland, Gainsborough.	
Yorkshire	Tho: Hart & Ra: Rudyard	John Hall, Monksgate, York.	
Durham &	Thomas Rudyard	John Ayrey, Soap-boiler,	
Northumb ^d	William Meade	New Castle for both Durham and Northumberland.	
Cumberland &	Wm. Laithwaite	James Collinson, Shopkeeper, Penrith.	
Westmorland	Francis Dove	Bryan Lancaster, Tanner, Kendal.	
Lancashire &	John West	Thomas Green, Shopkeeper, Lancaster.	
Cheshire	Thomas Mathews	Edw ^d Morgan, Shoe-maker, Chester.	
Staffordshire &	James Claypoole	William Fallowfield, Leek.	
Derbyshire	Tho: Rudyard	William Storrs, Shopkeeper, Chesterfield.	
Leicestershire	John Elson	Samuel Wilson, Baker,	
& Rutland &	Arthur Cooke	Leicester.	

At a Meeting of the aforesaid Friends & Others, assembled upon the account of Sufferings, held at James Claypoole's, the 12th day of the 4th Mo. 1676, agreed at followeth, which I omit copying, being only Rules

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for the good Government of said meeting. The following are the Names of Friends appointed for the immediate service, & to continue till the General Meeting, viz^t.

Meetings.	London Friends.	Meetings.	London Friends.
Westminster	Gilbert Latey	Southwark	William Shewen
,,	Francis Dove	,,	Henry Snook
Wheeler Street	Francis Moore	Peele	William Parker
,,	Francis Bellers	,,	John Elson
Ratcliffe	Arthur Cooke	London (Bull &	John Osgood
,,	Jas Braines	,, Mouth)	Tho: Rudyard
		Foreign Parts	Tho: Hart
			Jos: Scott

Early Wedding Certificates

1661

We whose names are here vnder written doe Beare witness in the prence of the Lord of Those two psons Mosess Breant of the pish of Naylsey husbandman And Mary Whiting Widdow of the same pish and Countie a fore said Beinge Joyned to geather in Marriage according to Church order this Tenth Day of fifte mounth called July in the thirteenth yeare of the Raigne of Kinge Charles the second in the Yeare of our Lord God one Thousand Six hundred Sixtie one.

ED: BEAKES. WILLIAM HOBBS. SAMUELL BULLOCK. THOMAS BROD. RICHARD CAMPLIN. JAMES CARTER. THOMAS EWENS. THOMAS MULGREY. GEORG HARRIS. THOMAS HARRIS.

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1663

Wee whose names are hearevnto subscribed doe heareby Certifie all whome it may Concerne, that John Playse of the pish of Portbury, And Joane Skidmore of the pish of Naylsy wid, Haveinge severall times formerly Guien notise of thire Intention of Marriage, did take each other to husband And wife, in the preents of vs, and severall other friends, the Two and Twentyeth day of yo second Moneth (caled Aprill) In yo yeare 1663.

> RICHARD HETHWAY. HENRY MOORE. DANILL BULLOCK. JOHN SPOORE. THOMAS MULGREY. EDMOD BEAKES

JAMES HARRIS.

JOHN COTTRELL

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