

vpon this Acount to Apeare at the next sescions if he bee free, since which hee hath taken A wife heare in w^{ch} thing he hath bee[n] some what to forward and not waiteing for wisdome hath but done the thing rawly: yett J hope the truth cannot outerdly suffer thereby J have not seene his face yett for before J came hither hee was gone into Stafordshire darbyshire and Leastershire to minister which Comes very neare mee J knowing y^t many snares are in his way this J Lay bee fore the y^t if thou see him before me thou may acording to thee wisdome given thee warne him of the danger for it is much vpon me y^t hee should settle in his caling this J Comit in to thy bosome in hast

JOH WHITEHEAD

from manchester
the 24 of the 7 month, 1658

[Direction]

To Will: dewsbery
at Wakefeeld give
this safely

From a manuscript in the possession of J. Ernest Grubb.

"A Soft Answer . . ."

In xxiii. 24, we printed an extract giving an account of the rescue, by a ruse, of a Pennsylvanian home from British troops during the Revolutionary War. We here narrate another rescue on a different line:

"A member of the Greene family met a British attack in a characteristic Quaker way. Some American 'rebels' had annoyed the British vessels from the east shore of Conanicut by discharging firearms. Captain Wallace sent an officer with a squad of men to burn the culprits' houses. The husband of Abby Greene, who lived in the old Joseph Greene house (recently standing north of East Ferry), was a sympathiser, and his home also was marked for destruction. Mrs. Abigail Greene persuaded her excitable husband to keep in the background, and from the doorway addressed the officer: 'I hope you have not come to do us any harm. Come in, and I will get you something to eat.' A moment's pause, and the officer said: 'Dear old Mother, we won't hurt a hair of your head.' Stamping out the brand he held in his hand, he came in with all his men and had a cup of tea."

Quoted from T. R. Hazard, "Recollections of Old Times," in *The Quaker in the Forum*, by A. M. Gummere, 1910, p. 306.