

I much account of that Offer & Thy Kindness & that of the other Friends toward me. Wherefore I am as much as possible obliged to You for the Favor you would have done me. Nor will it ever be with me a Matter to be lightly esteemed but always recollected with a grateful Mind.

As to what Thou writest of the Death of thy very good Son Springet<sup>1</sup> & of thy second Marriage—As I heartily congratulate Thee on the latter so not without sensible Grief I learned the former some Weeks ago. But it needs must be a very great Comfort to Thee in thy sorrow that though his Death might seem premature it was accompanied with a safe & glorious departure. For such an end I long & pray for thee & me when we have to leave behind this earthly house.

Fare well dearly loved friend, with thy Wife, whom I salute, as also the Bristol Friends & thy Brother Pennington. Continue to love in return thy very respectful

WILLIAM SEWEL.

Amsterdam 2nd 6 mon. 1696

<sup>1</sup> *The Gentleman's Magazine*, 1785, printed a letter from Sewel to Springett Penn, but without date (*Jnl.* xv. 65).

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## Anecdotes of William Penn

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A process-server walked briskly to the door of William Penn, one day, and asked : " Is Mr. Penn at home ? " The janitor, the faithful Obadiah, inquired his business. " Oh ! I have called to see Mr. Penn." " My master hath seen thee and does not like thee," added Obadiah, and the man walked away, surprised.

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A humble Friend journeyed with the Governor, and when he found that the small room had only one bed, he was prepared to sleep in a chair before the fire. Penn, who was in bed, invited his humble companion to join him, but he would not share the bed with the Governor of Pennsylvania, saying : " I am a great snorer, and would disturb thee." Penn replied : " Just thee give me ten minutes' start, and no snoring will wake me." He had a start, and the story goes that the other remained awake all night.