

## George Fox to Friends, 1676

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der frends to whom is my love to all the feath full that quereth after mee in the seed of life & the lord god all mighty give you in his power dominion & that in it you may all strive to be of one mind hart & souell keeping the unety in the one spirit which is the bond of peace & drinking all into the one spirit by which you are corcomcised & baptisd in to one body to one heavenly spirituall head & now frends severall ships is goinge out to jamake & new yorke it would be well to send or to see that books be sent thether & epeeles & it would doe well if some frends did ofer up them selveses to the bishopes & prists or magrastates for ther breathren that be in presen to <sup>a</sup>lye In prison<sup>a</sup> a quarter of a yeare or a month or mor or les that the might that time have ther libarty soe that ouer breatheren may not perish in presen & soe that the blud of the inosent may not com upon them & their soules cry for vengeance against them & soe bring destruction upon them & theres : & this would bring the power of god over them that be the percuters if any should be moufed of the lord to doe soe & it is as freandes did formorly which brought the power of god over them whoe did ofer up them selveses for ther breathern & it did unight frends in the pouer & fealing in the living sence soe I shall leave it to the power & spirit of god in all frends in evary county & you may as you doe pas up & downe you may in forme frends & it would be well to <sup>b</sup>prepare<sup>b</sup> som thing of the suforings of frends against the siting of the next parlement & concerning oathes & of frendes ye (& nay) being taken, but to gather a fuller acount then they had the last parlement for it was very short & soe der wilam thou may read this in the 2 dayes morning(s) meeting & with my love to all frends that quoreth after mee.

& the trooth is over all thos in som places the ar bise but greater is hee that is in us then he that is in the world which will ourcom the world & this our belefe (ffor) he that is in the world is ther god & yet the belever which is borne of god is greater then he being In Xt whoe ouercometh him glory thanks & praeses be to the lord whoe lives & raines for ever

° & Christ whoe is on the head of him &° & his sauents in him  
 singes hallaluga prase the lord & soe in coreg all the menes  
 & wimens meetings in the gospell order the pouer of god  
 which hath brought life & imortalaty to light over him that  
 hath darkned them soe this order keepeth in life & immor-  
 talaty a hevenly & glorues order that lasteth for ever & in  
 it all ar fresh & green

& as for j. st : & j. wilkson they meet & keep up ther  
 separad meeting of such as the ar & it is like he is com in to  
 the south to gether more to him if he can but it had ben  
 better for him to a kept at home un till he ben reconsild  
 to frends in his one county & to give forth a condemnashon  
 & remane in a seprashon this is not the wisdom of god any  
 may see this that ar not willfull blind & it is to condamened  
 but one of them was with mee latly & I was trobled for by  
 ther sobscribing the can(n)ot goe to the menes meeting of ther  
 one nor to frends & soe the have brooght them into great  
 bondeg & the[y] beging to see & j doe pety the tender  
 among them & the lordes pouer & trouth is over this spirit  
 & its worke & it will com to nought & ther for keep youer  
 habationes & pashones in the seed of life & salvation that will  
 out last all that is out of it & is ouer it soe with my loue

gff

Swarthmor 2 day 8 mo 1676

The sheet measures 12" top to bottom and 13½" across, the writing down  
 the sheet is in lines of 7" and the rest of the letter is written across the  
 remainder of the sheet, all the writing save the endorsement is on one side  
 of the sheet. "R Read layde by: 177 F" appears at the top of the sheet  
 shewing that it has been considered with other manuscripts for question  
 of publication. The sheet has received some repair. Braces imply inter-  
 lineations, some of which were written by Thomas Lower.

Portions have appeared in modern form in Barclay's *Letters, etc.*

*From the Martha Spriggs Collection.*

. . . .<sup>a</sup> These words are inserted by Thomas Lower in place of  
 G. Fox's word "goe".

. . . .<sup>b</sup> This word is inserted by Thomas Lower in place of the  
 word "fit".

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" Priest Feak of Staindrop [Co. Durham] beat Christo. Atkinson, trailed  
 him at the horse side by the hair of the head by the high way, and his wife  
 behind him bunched him on the face."

BURROUGH, *A Word of Reproof*, 1659, p. 96.