

Hannah Penn to Thomas Story

London ye 4th of 7^{br} 1718.

Dear friend

Tho I fear my letters may be but troublesom to thee having had no answer to what I have wrot, yet being here on purpose to have proved the Will, & finding at last a Coveat Enterd against Mee, I trouble thee this once to Advice thee thereof, and also that, by aplying to Councell the Imperfections are more & more apprehended, And in short my troubles more & more apparent, the heir seems to think himself or nobody Intituled to the Govern^t & w^{ts} due therfrom, the Intended provision of 300 p. ann is thought Invalid for want of Witnesses the Personall Estate is to pay Depts but that hard to find ; all which makes me thoughtfull and on which I would begg thy advice but that being so hard to get I almost dispair & am therfore Loath to trouble thee. However was willing to give thee a hint of our state in which I desire thou will be seecret at least till fitt to be known, for fear of Increasing my Cares ; H. G.¹ just gone from me, & wishes it had been thy lot to be here ; he Gives the his Dear Love as does my son John, now by me.

I desire thee to put my Cousen Webb on searching if any Joynture Settlem^t of mine is to be found in my fathers secritore, otherwise to Desire Michaell Jones to Lett him or thy selfe see What Writings he has relating to the Irish settlement, for I believe my daughter has in her (?) own care got the part that secures me and for ought I know, I the part that belongs to her, but this ought to be Manag^d Cautiously of w^{ch} give my Cousen Hints, my Dear Love to him & her. And with the same to thy selfe, being glad to hear of thy welfare from other hands, I conclude in hast,

Thy aff^{te} and Obliged fr^d

H. PENN

I go for Ruscom
3^d day.

¹ Henry Gouldney.

[Addressed] For Thomas Story at Brice Webb's in Wine Street, Bristol.

[Thomas Story wrote on the same sheet :]

I have pus^d the Writings in y^e Widow Wades hands, & find they are the originall Agreem^{ts} between W^m Penn, Sen^r and W^m P. jun^r, Letitia Penn, Charles Jones jun^r & Mary Jones & relate only to y^e Marryage Settlem^t of 300^{li} p. Ann to M. Jones when her intended husband W. P. j^r should come of Age &c. A Counterpart whereof is in H. Penn's hands but relates nothing to her self. T. S.

9th 7^m 1718

Thomas Thompson, the donor of the letter, wrote ; 12 viii. 1842 :

"She is just embarking on the sea of litigation in consequence of difficulties in the execution of his [William Penn's] will, on which she was tossed with perplexities of many years duration."

From the Martha Spriggs Collection.

Ellis Hookes to George Fox, 1669

" . . . I have received thy letter and I have sent thee a primer by A. Clayton. I have sold but a few yet, but they are very much liked of all that see them. A. P. and G. W. say it will be serviceable and say there was never a more serviceable book printed in that kind, and it is well liked of everybody that sees it.

"There are 2 or 3 literal faults in the book escaped in the press."

A. P.=Alexander Parker. G. W.=George Whitehead.

Swarth. MSS. i. 386 in D.

Quaker Extracts from Yorkshire Parish Registers

CRAYKE

1664. Will. the son of Elizabeth Palling, a Quaker, was buried upon the 20th of June, 1664, in Christopher Thurnam's close.
1661. Sepul. Anne Temple, widow, sometimes wife of Thomas Temple, ye elder, was buried in y^e Quakers plott : August ye 12th, 1661.
1663. Memorandum their be diverse persons, of that damnable (though lately sprung up) Heresie called Quakers, whose names in this Register are not inserted, who wilfully separate themselves from the Church Communion and soe are thought unworthy of having their names Registered amongst true Christians : by

JO: HUME, *Rect: de Crake.*

August 1st, 1663.