

Relief for Quaker Schoolmaster

“ London y^e 17 of y^e 7 mo, 1704.

“ DEAR FRIEND

“ I communicated y^e Letter concerning W^m. Catrill to our meeting for Sufferrings by whose advice Nathaniel Markes hath wrote in favour of said Friend to y^e Bishope Secretary who is under particular obligation to N.M., and John ffield having also wrote [? to-day] to y^e ffriend himselfe, am therefor y^e briefer in this [word obliterated] perruse y^e lik Case herewith sent thee of a Friend neer this City who Keepeth a great school undisturbed, may expect that wherein I can be servisable to him I intende, this with y^e remembrance of my dear Love to thee and thy Wife with Ed. Borne, who am “ Thy true Friend, GILBERT MOLLISON.”

“ Many ffriends here are under great Sorrow at y^e Lose of Robert Langhorn, who was an honest friend and of y^e Ministry, being under great temptations and disorder of mynde cutt his own throate last night in the street.”

[Addressed] “ To William Pardo in Worcester.”

Copy of the case of Richard Scoryer, written for Benjamin Bealing at the clerk's office, is attached. The opinion of Councillor King is interesting in view of the numerous citations for school keeping by Friends. See *Jnl. F.H.S.*, iv. 311, xiv. 107, xix. 43.

“ Richard Scoryer's Case of Keeping School without a Licence at Wandsworth. 1699.

“ Theodor Eccleston and Rich^d Scoryer were with Peter King a Councillor of the Temple and shewed him y^e Citations and also the Lybel w^{ch} R. S. had demanded and Rec^d of y^e Spiritual Court (soe called).

“ The said Councillor upon view thereof said there was a good Ground of a suggestion in ord^r to obtain a Prohibition, because y^e objection ag^t Rich^d Chiefly was That he Taught school contrary to the Cannons of the Church w^{ch} y^e Councill. said was no Breach of Law in Rich^d he being a layeman & not in orders, and y^e Cannons not being of force ags^t any but y^e Clergye, unless confirmed by Parliam^t.

“ Whereupon he was desired and accordingly did move y^e Court of Kings Bench, and a Prohibition was obtained and 3 Coppyes of y^e order of Court served on the Judge of y^e Court viz^t Brampton and y^e Register and the Procktor or Prosecutor.”

From the Martha Spriggs Collection.

Two farmer-brothers Gray, of Kinmuck, Scotland, sat together, the only Friends at meeting. Once they had sold a cow to a widow, which soon died. After meeting the one said to the other, “ Brother, I've been thinking in meeting that we should let off the widow half the price of the cow.” The other said, “ I've been thinking that we should let her off the other half.”