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XXI

FRANCIS HOWGILL TO GEORGE FOX, 1654.

After greetings

. . . "greate hath the love & power of god been with us since we saw thy face. . . & the mighty power of god is broken forth in this citie & makes the heathen rage : butt Bristoll & about the galants people in the nation & multitudes that confounds the heathen but oh my deare Brother one thing hath falen out this very day that lieth upon my deare Brother & me, & in nakednesse & in the simplicite of my heart I write to the that if their bee any Deceite thou may lett me heare a line from [thee] as sone as thou canst."

Here are thirteen and a half lines heavily crossed out, which can just be read and are as follows :—

"E:B. & I was moved to goe to a frends house in the Citie who had receved the treuth and her daughter & a litle boy about 15 years of age being lame of his leg : as I was siting in the house I loked upon him & I was strucke to the heart & E:B also not speaking to one the other att all about 2 houres but way led & [a] burthen was greveious & the power of the lord cam upon me at last I beleved : & was movd to arise up & take the boy by the hand & to say in the name & power of god that raysed Jesus from the dead rise stand up & walke & if thou beleve thou art mad whole the boy stode up [as] he should have gone he fayled and sat downe agayne & then E:B. & I was troubled & yett the lord doth evedince to me still it was his word : but because of the heathen I am opresed down Dear Brother write a line as thou art fre thy deare Brother & sonn Francis Howgill."

Overleaf is a long passage in cipher.

[endorsed by George Fox] F. Hougell to G. F. in 1654.

XXII

ROGER HEBDEN TO GEORGE FOX. *From York Castle,*
27.ii.1654.

“ Dear Brother. The dealeinges of the Lord with [me] since I pted from thee at Balby, of my imprissonment and passages since with them called Justices, thou maist in this pap sent herewith by these bearers see in short ther dealeinges this pap written after the mittimus I was moved to write to the Justices itt was delivered to luke Robinson he ptds as I heare that hee would doe any favour for vs but still stands in his reason, att the sessions wher I was I cast itt to the Clerke desireing that he would give itt or Read itt to them Called Justices, but Robert Barwicke the great Adversary to truth waved itt sayinge hee had received divers pamphlets from me then I desired that them hee called soe, might be read but he would [not] but I was then moved I tould him they might Judge him eternally. This inclosed with the pap of these passages I desire the to gett them to my deare brother Will^m Dewsbury where he is.

My bro: Christopher Holliday was with mee this weeke and when hee came knew noe other but comeinge on to thee but waiteinge in the counsell of the lord att p^rsent hee found moveinges to returne back againe, itt was soe to mee likewise and some thinge as I told him as if hee might come the latter end of the next month and be att the generall meeteinge about Todcaster in the way but that I lefte to him. Ther is to be a generall meeteinge next first day att his outward beinge and greate is the worke of the lord in those dales above Kirbymoerside and as the lord workes soe the Adversary in some, soe that ther was a nesessity at t^rpsent for his Retourne.

. . . Deare bro: the love of god I finde in bringinge mee into thy condition. pray for mee.”

[addressed]

For my deare brother
or rather father in the truth
called of the world George
Fox this is, deliver itt
with care.

[endorsed by George Fox] From Yorke Roger Hepton
1654 is read.

XXIII

RICHARD WALLER AND RICHARD ROPER TO
M. FELL. *Waterford*, 14.ix.1657.¹

The next letter, XXIV, should be read first.

“ Dearly beeloved sister in the unchangeable covenant of Light & life & peace where our unity & fellowship stands for ever wee are bound & knit unto thee with yt which is stronger than death. O Love from the fountaine doth freely flow out unto thee & I can trully say our heartes are Ravised towards thee, O thy beauty & thy comlyness passes and exceeds many. . . .”

They thank her for a letter, the third, which has exceedingly Refreshed them, record their liberation from prison the same day, after appearing before the court.

“ The goaller had often said wee should never goe forth while wee had a breath in our bodies wthout hee had his fees. . . . He had hired an Attorney to plead his cause & the put out such men as was Chosen for the Jury y^t the thought would speake for us ; yet the Lord did so plead our cause yt something in our very enimies did witness for us & wee weare pmitted to declare our owne cause and the Jury brought in their verdict y^t wee owed the goaller nothing & wee might have had charges & damage given us . . . but we denied it in the open Court & soe wee bore our Testimony Amongst them & cleared our consciences & left them, soe deare hearte wee are now at Liberty & this day we are to pas out of this Citty to a towne called Ross. . . . friends heare hath beene exceeding free to us in ministring to our necessities while wee weare in prison they brought us victualls each one their weeke & divers would have given us money but wee weare not free to Receive any.”

But George Lathem,² a Friend, of Dublin, visited them and brought 10/- from public stock and they also received 1/6 from James Sicklemore,³ whose “ outward beeing ” is 40 miles from Waterford. A woman Friend of the city

¹ See also Besse : *Sufferings*, ii, 462-3.

² He was of Youghal, had been a captain, and wrote a tract addressed to the inhabitants of Youghal, 1657. Smith : Catalogue II, 574.

³ Of Polegate, Dublin. The first meeting was settled at his house.

provided waistcoats. “ This is as prety A meeting of friends in this city as any is in Ireland.”

[addressed]

For the handes of Margret Fell at Swarthmore in Lancashire in Eingland this with Care dd.

[endorsed by George Fox] 1657 Ierland.

XXIV

RICHARD WALLER AND RICHARD ROPER TO M. F.

From the city gaol in Waterford, 4.vii.1657.

After a long opening expressive of the writers' feelings towards M.F. and a longing to hear from her, they describe a visit from the Sheriff who “ passed away very loveing”. Then comes a reference to the visit of Lettice Shaine, “ an ould woman, a deare friend—she hath done much service for the truth is goeing amongst the great ones of the earth to lay friends sufferings before them, both in England & Ireland. She hath beene one of Oliver P[rotector's] hous.¹ . . . shee is a very ould woman & very weake & sickly in body & trully one should scarsly beelieve if shee weare able to travill either on Foote or horsback soe fare as betwixt Dubline & this place for it is 60 milles but even yt the power of the lord doth cary her on ” . . . They send a book in MS. by the bearer to be printed if thought fit.

“ We weare at a meeting in this Cittie . . . and there was a man come from about Limerick, his name is John Browne.² He is an inhabiter of this nation & it seemes he goes vp & downe amongst freinds & speakes words, but is ignorant of the power, he delt exceedingly tretcherously with us for he seemed to be loueinge to vs & came to the prison to vs to visit vs & then went away into the Counterey & tould freinds that there weare two deceivers come out of Eingland of James Naylers followers & he write letters to severall meetings in this Nation to this purpose & writ to them to take heed of vs & writt to them that freinds might one write to another, & soe he thought to have spred this thing thorow

¹ The presence of Friends in Cromwell's household is mentioned (1654) in *Journal of George Fox* (Camb.), i, 170.

² Besse: *Sufferings*, ii, 463.

the nation, but providence ordered it soe y^t Elizabeth Morgen¹ met with one of his Letters at a freinds house where she was in the country & soe she Cleared our Inocency & tould freinds he knew vs not & shee sent to freinds & stopped his letters, after this shee met with this John Browne at a Meetinge & reprovved him openly & . . . he was ashamed & had nothings to say for himselfe. . . . truly we have beene in pills by se & perills by Land, & in pills by false bretheren, & truly this is the hardest to beare of any but we dwell in that which beareth all things suffereth all things indureth all things & thinketh no ill. . . .

“ John Craven y^t wee met with at Dublin y^t we writ to thee of is come to Charles Collins to live. I hope it will be good for him if he keepe in silence Untill the life speake.” C.C. and Robert Turner² visited them en route for England. “ Charles Collins is one y^t is great in the outward, his wife also came to see us, shee is a dear & tender Lamb.”

[addressed]

For the handes of Margret Fell at Swarthmore in Furnes in Lancashire in Eingland this with care.

[endorsed by George Fox] Ierland 1657.

XXV

RICHARD WALLER TO MARGARET FELL. *From Cartmell, 24.i.1656.*

While at Staveley, waiting to speak to the people about to come out of church, he was set upon by John Knipe who “ forceably got me vp in his armes & threw me over the wall into the high way & layd violent hands vpon me againe & abused me . . . another time I was at Cartmell & he hayled me to the Stockes & threw me backward over them insomuch he might have slayne me . . . the last first-day I was at Francis Bensons & truly the are prety freinds

¹ Of Chester, she is mentioned in *First Publishers of Truth* under Cheshire and Gloucestershire.

² Born in 1635 at Royston, Herts. He was the founder of the meeting at Grange, Co. Armagh, 1657, and travelled preaching in Ireland. He shared with Penn and others in the purchase of East Jersey, migrated in 1683 and became one of the leading men in Pennsylvania, d. 1700. Ruddy: *History of Friends in Ireland*; Myers: *Immigration of Irish Quakers to Pennsylvania*.

the have apoynted the meetinge the next first day at a place called the fell end & the expect Leonard Fell there.”

[addressed]

For the handes of Margret Fell at Swarthmore this with care.

[endorsed by George Fox] 1656.

XXVI

RICHARD WALLER TO HIS WIFE. 1654.

Reported his release in his last letter. Had trouble about jailers' fees. "Will: West sent yesterday for me to his chamber & was very loueinge & tould me he would take Care about it shortly," i.e. about the jailers' fees.

[endorsed by George Fox] 1654.

XXVII

RICHARD WALLER TO MARGARET FELL. c. 1654.

"Deare Nursing mother . . . Upon the last Sixt day I was Called to the barr & stayed there aboute two howeres then will West Red My Mittimus, none spake one word agt me, the Preests dreew neare some neare to the Judge, and one Altum ye preist Crept in at the Litle dore & stood beehind mee amongst the transgressors. I was kept low in silence, the Priests was famished & Confounded & went away. I was kept there untill the Judge did Rise, then I was moved to speake a few wordes in tendernes & in the spirit of meekenes unto him & Layd the unjust dealinge of Robert Hyde upon him. Robert Hyde was there present I was made to thresh him beefore the Judge & High Sherife . . . last second day Will West sent me a discharge. I let Thomas Hardy see it, & he says I shall never goe without fees whilst he hath power, so I went to John Hunter with it & he spooke very loveingly to mee & bid mee give him what I would but a fee he said he would have. I could not give him one peny, so he gave me the discharge againe. Mary Howgill came to me & said it came to her I might take my things with me & goe away & see if the would stay me." This he declined to do.

“ My deare love to Margret & Bridget & the Rest of thy Litle ones, my deare love to all frends, farewell, thy babe

Richard Waller.”

[addressed]

For Margret Fell at Swarthmore dd this with care
& speed

[endorsed by George Fox] about 1654.

XXVIII

JOHN AUDLAND TO JOHN WILKINSON AND JOHN STORY. *From Bristol, 1.ii.1655.*

“ deare & wellbeloved bretheren in the Eternall infinite love of God in w^{ch} we are bound vp in an Eternall bond.
. . . . I cam to this Citty yesternight I cam from G F. the 5th day I lefte him in bedfordshire at Justice Crooks house.”
. . . . G.F. may be in London by this time, John Cam and his wife and others are gone towards him from Bristol. “ He would have you go vp to London to him with Speed. You may Enquire at London to Gilles Callvert shop at the black spred Eagle at the Weste End of Paulls & there you will be derected to Rob: drings in more fields.” They were asked to call en route at Reading and enquire for “ Capt Thomas Curtisse at the Sine of the George, wolling draper. . . . Heare is 10 shillings w^{ch} I brought for you from London from F. H: & E: b: doe you sallutte mee dearely to them. it is like this may suply you till you come at London. Ann Audland is at banbury & Jane Waugh is with her.”

[addressed]

for John Wilkinson & John Storey with speed.

XXIX

JAMES PARNELL TO EDWARD BURROUGH. *From Cambridge, 18.iii.[1655].¹*

After a passage of greetings “ in the unchangeable covenant of Love and Light ”, etc., he acknowledges letters and describes meetings he had at Ely, in which “ was I Caried forth to the binding & Cheaning of the heathen ”, at Littleport about sixty meet, “ one was moved to go naked & to

¹ See Callaway : *Memoir of James Parnell*, 1846, pp. 56 ff.

goe soe to A Captaynes house an Independent professor ” ;
 “ at Soam within 3 miles of Collon: Rusells,” he spoke to a
 great throng till Justice Robert Hamand advised removal.
 At another meeting “ there was severall of ye people y^t
 belonged to those people at Chipnam & there was A man y^t
 was moved to Come from littleport & stand naked among ye
 people in ye meeting as there was of all sortes but I knew
 nothing of it untill it was dunne, & many of ye world stumbled,
 & ye enimy gotte some advantage there.” He was
 imprisoned in Cambridge but liberated by justice Blackley.¹
 Met Ann Blakley² and Dorothy Waugh. “ jolly³ ye scoller
 is Come to ye Towne, but hee is in litle Servisse hee is come
 to see about some meanes y^t is due to him in ye College,
 for they have not yet put him out & hee hath gotten some
 monies of them

James Parnell.

I shall be glad to heare from George or any of you.”

[addressed]

For my deare & Faythfull Bretheren Edward
 Burrough or Francis Howgill These are.

XXX

DOROTHY HOWGILL TO GEORGE FOX, 1652.

Descriptive of her spiritual experiences (half a page
 foolscap).

[endorsed by George Fox] dorothy hougeell to gF 1652
 the first wife of Fh.

¹ Alderman James Blackley. *First Publishers*, under Cambridge.

² Of Sedbergh. *First Publishers*.

³ James Jollie of Trinity College. A letter, n.d., by him in the Library
 Portfo. 36, 154, printed in *J.F.H.S.* XXV, 54, protests against the claim to
 educate men for ministers of religion and offers to share his substance with
 the poor.