

Notes and Queries

Some indication of the financial sacrifice that must have been involved in the liberation of slaves is given in the valuation of an estate in Jamaica in 1785. Out of a total value of about £12,500, land (236 acres), buildings, equipment and animals represented some £5,900 while 112 slaves were worth £6,600, well over half the total. *Penna. Magazine of History*, LVIII, 1934, 382-384.

In *The Peace and the Protestant Succession*, the third volume of *England under Queen Anne*, Longmans, 1934, Prof. G. M. Trevelyan, discussing the general election of 1713, tells us (p. 264) that "In the Sussex County Election nine Quakers voted for the Whig candidates and only one for the Tories; in the contest for Buckinghamshire fifty-three Quakers voted for the Whigs and only three for the Tories." At Minehead, however, where the right to vote had to be proved by the production of a certificate kept in the Parish Chest, the Vicar and one Joseph Alloway, a Quaker and Overseer of the Poor, produced only such certificates as were for their advantage, and in this way the Tory candidates were returned. The evidence for Sussex and Bucks is from the Poll Books (Bodleian MSS., Willis 54 and 56) where *affirmat* opposite a name shows that the voter was a Quaker, no one else having the right to

affirm in lieu of the oath of allegiance and supremacy. A study of other surviving poll books might cast some interesting light on the extent to which eighteenth century Friends exercised the franchise.

An eighteenth century recantation of Quakerism has been found by Margaret Sefton-Jones among MSS. in the British Museum, in *Burnham Terriers, 1643-1773*. Sarah Wordsworth on 15th June, 1769, renounced the errors of Quakerism. The document is in the handwriting of the vicar and was read by him in the parish church.

A Friend has given to the Library a photograph of a little document in his possession, measuring about 2 in. by 3½ in., which reads:

"Allow Francis T. King of Baltimore to pass with the English Friends, through our lines to North Carolina.
Oct. 25, 1864. A. LINCOLN."

The whole is in the handwriting of Abraham Lincoln. Who were the English Friends concerned and what was the occasion of the journey? Francis T. King (1819-1892) was a prominent Baltimore Friend, but reference to likely books, periodicals and MSS. at Friends House has not so far revealed any information about the incident.

Corrections

Jnl. F.H.S. xxx., 21, last line. For BURROUGH read BILLING.
" " xxx., 78, line 5 from foot, For J.F.H.S. xiii, 3 read xiii, 37.