

## A. R. Barclay MSS.

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### XXXI

FRANCIS HOWGILL TO GEORGE FOX, 1655.

My welbeloved one who is hid from all eyes living.  
. . . [A letter of great devotion and affection, it ends with the following postscript]. I am returned from Scotland wher I stayed 10 weekes up & downe I passed and mad litle abod while I was att liberty, and few wher I could find anything to receve and watered that litle which was and broke downe the strife and left those that ownes in good order & setteled in quietnesse, butt it is a darke & an untoward nation & litle desire after god, & a false harted people & a blood thirsty, butt of it I am cleare butt of this more when I se the face to face.

[addressed] These for G.F.

[endorsed] From Francis Howgill.

[by George Fox] to G.F. 1655.

### XXXII

DOROTHY HOWGILL TO GEORGE FOX, 1652.

Deare brother nay I may call the father for so thou art,  
yea thou hast begotten me againe unto a lively hope. . . .

Thy deare deare friend,

Dorithy Howgill.

1652.

[A letter full of devotion and affection.]

[addressed] To her deare friend George Foxe at the house of Judge Felles or else were these d.d.

[endorsed] Dorothy Howgill in 1652.

[by George Fox] to G.F.

## XXXIII

FRANCIS HOWGILL TO GEORGE FOX.

*Burford*, 21.vii.1656.

Greatly Beloved of the lord, of me & of all the children of light. . . . I have passed through Oxfordshire worstershire herifordshire & some part of Wales: gloster shire sum part of wiltshire In the principall townes & cities I have had ptious service for god & at this present I am at a town called Burford<sup>1</sup> wher never meeting hath been before a market towne . . . my purpose was of returning towards London In sume short time but sume freinds coming to me from Bristol tould me of sume discord in sumersetshire, and that they had judged John moon, & one Rob Stare openly in a generall meting & since Tho: Briggs & further more have gone as far as wemouth, and declared John moor a Decever . . . & I have sent for Jasper Batt & Jame Else . . . & for moon & star and . . . Thomas Brigs to mete me at Bristoll the later end of this weeke and my purpose is if the lord give liberty to be att Bristoll the next First day & further . . . my dearest love to E.B. & A.P. if they be their.

F.H.

[addressed] For F.G. thease.

[endorsed by George Fox] f h to GF.

## XXXIV

FRANCIS HOWGILL &amp; EDWARD BURROUGH TO GEORGE FOX. 21.i.1656.

Deare Brother who art one with the father, who hath over come the world. . . . [After a passage in similar terms of exaltation, continues] heare is a dayly ading & the publicke place is so wilde that its the mighty power of god yt doth pserve us & then the care & burdin of freinds Is so great on every hand, that we can hardly gitt any settelment among them: deare heart lett Alix come a season, to help us least our nett breake & we sufer loose for treuly thou knows we have lanced into the deep: we have heard from J. Stubes att Dover & from reading we shall send the the letters thou may heare them read because I know it refreshes

<sup>1</sup> W. Oxfordshire, 19 m. from Oxford.

thy life to heare that the worke of the lord prospers: we receve letters from all quarters of the affayres of the churches every wheare we send the a letter from Tho: Tayler out of lestershire, no more but wee are thy sonnes begotten by the Imortal word of life. FH: & EB

Alix our love salutes the with all them that wayte for the redemption of Isarell: we send the some letters which cam to us: 21 1 month 1656.

[addressed] For F.G: thease.

[endorsed] From Francis Howgill and Edward Burrough to G:F: 1656.

## XXXV

UNSIGNED, TO EDWARD BURROUGH. *Bristol*,  
13.iv.1657.

E.B.

deare brother who in my harte is written, & also sealed, dearely doe I Embrace thee, with the Salluateation of true love, wch in thee hath a beinge . . . [expresses exultant faith in the power of the Spirit] I receaved thy letter from lond<sup>a</sup> dated the 9th present: & I am refreshed to heare from thee, [gives tentative plans for travel] towards the weste a little . . . if thou writte to mee I shall have itt by T:G: yesterday Jo: Scaffie passed towards readinge its likes he may come to london, if hee should hee may bee sarvissable to thresh a while att thee rough: . . . GF is into walles, & R: hub: with him, if Thou writt to deare F.H. our beloved brother: Sallute mee to the deare and faithfull freinds there . . . I rest with thee, thy deare brother In the love wch abids.

Brestoll the 13th of the 4th mo 57.

[addressed] To Gerrard Roberts at ye Flower de Luce in Tho Apostles for E.B. thes dd in London.

## XXXVI

EDWARD BURROUGH TO GEORGE FOX. *London*,  
12.xii.1656.

Thou knowest y<sup>t</sup> I love thee, my heart is upright to y<sup>e</sup> lord & thee, & while I am, I am thine & y<sup>e</sup> lords . . .

[gives recent spiritual experiences, expressed in metaphors]  
 . . . trully some time I have been compassed about as  
 with bees, by Enimies ; The next first day y<sup>e</sup> generall meeting  
 is at Ware, I thinke to goe to itt, & leave Richard here, it  
 may be I may have some meeting in Esix, this little short  
 maide which Comes to thee, she have been this longe while  
 abroad, & in her there is little or noe service, as in the  
 ministry, it were well to be Laid on her to be a servant  
 some where, that is more her place, I leave it to thee, many  
 freinds where she hath been have been burdened by her as  
 by her ministry, & Cold not owne itt, & to some she was  
 an offence in bedfordshire in her Conversation.

Not any y<sup>t</sup> I heare is suffered to Come at J.N. not his  
 wife, he workes they say, my life is with thee.

Londõ 12th of 12 mo. 56.

E.B.

J. Audland is come to Bristoll & A. Parker as they say  
 is at reeding Comeing up to this place. The ship is not yet  
 gone y<sup>t</sup> Ester Bidle waited upon, & Gerard Cannot under-  
 stand by y<sup>e</sup> master y<sup>t</sup> he will Carry any women.

[addressed] For G. Fox.

these

[endorsed] From Edward Borrough to G.F.

[by George Fox] thes ar ingrosed london.

### XXXVII

EDWARD BURROUGH TO GEORGE FOX. *London,*  
 2.v.1655.

My dearest & eternall Brother with whom & in whom  
 my life dwells . . . we are now come to London, &  
 oure deare Brother J: Naylor is with us . . . it lies  
 much upon me to se thee, as also they tow J.N. & F.H. wold  
 see thee, we desire to know where we may come to thee  
 about a week hence . . . I must shortly see thee, that  
 if it be our father will . . . our deare love to Alex  
 Parker.

E.B.

Lon: 2 of 5 m. 55.

[addressed] For our deare

G.F. these.

[endorsed] From Edward Burrough to G.F.

## XXXVIII

RICHARD FARNSWORTH TO FRANCIS HOWGILL  
AND EDWARD BURROUGH. *Swarthmoor*, 4. viii.  
1656.

Deare bretheren F.H. & E.B. &c.

In the life that Doth Enduer . . . do I you salute.  
. . . [The writer is newly arrived at Swarthmoor, hears  
there is a word come for him to go to London with speed.  
He has however appointed meetings shortly at Sedbergh,  
Eldroth, Scalehouse, and Dr. Hodgson's. Intends returning  
shortly to Yorkshire in the business of the disorder occasioned  
by John Taylor in Lincolnshire; Robert Rich and John  
Killam are enquiring into it.]

A meeting should be appointed to Enquire into y<sup>e</sup> Things  
done, by the said John Taylor, that deceit may be  
Condemned & the truth Justified. And likewise before I  
come from Balby It was ordered (& word sent to give notice)  
that one of A Church (in Yorkshier, Lincolnshier, derbyshier,  
& notinghamshier) Approved Amongst them should there  
meet in the 9th month<sup>1</sup>; To Consider of such things as might  
(in the truths behalfe) be propounded unto them; And to  
Enquier into the Cause & matter of disorder, if any be,  
(According to G.F. his order or directions to mee &c.) that  
they being brought to light, An end of them or at Least A  
way might be proposed to the bringing them to An End  
&c. These things being thus as afforesaid I am as it  
were so Ingadged that I doe not see how I Can Come upp  
at this time: Therefore . . . this may Certifie you  
and my Deare Brother G.F. how I am at present disposed  
off. . . .

R.F.

[addressed] For Ed: Borough  
or Francis Howgill  
or both of them  
These are

[endorsed] For E.B. or F.H. 1656.

<sup>1</sup> The meeting here forecast was to issue the earliest corporate  
advice on Christian practice in the history of the Society. See  
Braithwaite: *Beginnings*, 310-14.

## XXXIX

JOHN CAMM AND FRANCIS HOWGILL TO GEORGE  
FOX. endorsed 1653.

Deare Brother in the eternall everlastinge treuth . . . .  
[The non receipt of two previous letters is attributed to the failure of the post. The writers have despatched their "so weighty business" in the city and returned from "so great a journey", and hope to give an account in person in a few days.]<sup>2</sup> . . . . "Salute our deare sister Margaret and all the familie in our names. Farewell Dearly Eternally Beloved.

Thy owne Offspringe, Joh. Cam, Francis Howgill.

[addressed] For the hand of our deare Brother Geo. Fox  
these

[endorsed] 1653 : [by George Fox] F. hougeell to G.F.

Postscript in another hand:—To the Light in all conciencis  
doe I speake, . . . and bring to repentance and to  
amend.

## XL

EDWARD BURROUGH TO FRANCIS HOWGILL.

*London, 24.vii.1658.*

My deare Bro: in ye life of righteousness, my true love  
salutes thee. . . . I have but had one letter from thee  
since thou went hence neither have I at all written to thee  
before this . . . as to truth all things here is very well  
& our meetings of late very quiett . . . & now in  
westminster we have a great place as bigg as Bull & mouth  
neare ye Abbe & on ye first dayes have meetings, & truth  
spreads & growes, ye Earle of Pembro<sup>3</sup>: have with us, here

<sup>2</sup> The reference is probably to the visit of these two from Westmorland to London early in 1654 to interview Oliver Cromwell. See *Memory of the Righteous Revived*, 1689, and W. C. Braithwaite: *Beginnings of Quakerism*.

<sup>3</sup> Philip Herbert, 5th Earl Pembroke, 1619-69, was a member of the council of state and president of it for a short time in 1652. He supported the Restoration.

is a principle of god stirring in him & this night at wood-sockes att y<sup>e</sup> meeting was y<sup>e</sup> earle of Newporte<sup>4</sup> & is trully loveing to us, all things as to y<sup>e</sup> outward in Citty is very quiett & y<sup>e</sup> sufferings are laid before this new pro[tektor]: & he Carries faire ; divers here have been with him, a large letter I was moved to writ to him & something in his Counsell (who is now as y<sup>e</sup> Cheife actors of all things) is in Aggitation as to release all our freinds a list of above a hundred is given in. [Will Caton is gone into Kent, Thomas Robertson into Hants, Richard Hubberthorne about Newcastle for Scotland, William Dewsbury in London] nothing more about my Busyness at Kingstone<sup>5</sup> . . . E.C.<sup>6</sup> is here yett . . . y<sup>e</sup> old man & old woman my father & mother according to y<sup>e</sup> flesh is both departed this world ten days one after y<sup>e</sup> other, & I am sent for downe, but trully I cannot goe it is onlly pertaining to Outwards & I feele noe freedome to it at present . . . I remaine in some hast thine.

E.B.

Salute me dearely to all freinds in & about Bristoll as thou art free. E.C. dearely salutes thee—he is very sarvicable with us in drawing up things in writting.

[addressed] For the hands of his deare Friend  
Francis Howgill these.

endorsed] F.h. to g.F. & others  
letters, 1658.

<sup>4</sup> Mountjoy Blount, Earl of Newport, 1597-1665, was a half-hearted Parliamentarian who was committed to the Tower in 1655 on suspicion of treason.

<sup>5</sup> This was E.B.'s arrest and imprisonment at Kingston-on-Thames for refusing the oath of abjuration and for preaching to the people in church after the sermon, for which the priest claimed £200 damages. See a long letter to George Fox in Swarthmore MSS. (Trans. I, 305-8) and W. C. Braithwaite: *Beginnings*, 358.

<sup>6</sup> Probably Edward Cooke of Ireland who issued two pamphlets on Edward Burrough's trial at this time. Smith: *Cata.* I, 447.