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LII

THOMAS EVERNDEN¹ to GEORGE FOX. *Anamessicks*,
I.iii.1685.

Very dear G.F.

The salutation of my love is to y^e in y^e lord whō in this day of his love hath appeared . . . I cannot doe less y^a write to y^e to signifie to the how it is with me & how things are hear in thes parts: I was at y^e 8th mo meeting at y^e Estarnshoar² wher I met with Christophar Tailor & Roger Longworth & on[e] Johne: from pensilvania it was a very great meeting The lords presence was with & Amongst us: And his love And unity did Abound soe yt things wear wel thear Tho Huchensun³ I vnderstand hath condemned

¹ Thomas Evernden (originally of Canterbury, early convinced by Isaac Penington, still in England in 1683), in 1685 and 1687 (see LVI below) writes as a trusted and experienced Friend in the then troubled company of Friends in Maryland. He travelled in the Ministry in the colonies ranging from New England to Barbados. In 1685 he was appointed on the Commission of the peace in Somerset Co., Md., and in 1692 with other Friends was refused a seat in the Maryland Assembly because he would not take an oath. He died in 1710. (I. Penington, *Works*; Besse, *Sufferings*; *Piety Promoted First Day Meeting MS.*; Extracts from Md. Archives, by W. I. Hull, in Friends House Libr.; Letter LVI, below and MS. Port. 16, 29; Port. 4, 82.)

² Eastern shore.

³ Thomas Hutchinson, originally of Yorkshire, being one of the creditors of Edward Billing, joint founder of West New Jersey, was part proprietor of that colony. The reconciliation here mentioned was brought about during a severe illness which "brought him very low and made him repent." (Bowden: *Hist. of Fds in Amer.* I, 394; MS. Port. 16, 29.)

his out Runinge And hath given out a paper Against him selfe since y^e Meeting hear hat[h] ben A great Mortality in this Cuntry several good freinds are taken Away on ye Eastarn And westarn shoar as dear Thos: Tailor & his wife & brian omelia and sevrall oth^{rs} thear: Will Richardson^r hath bine very ile but recovered & many taken away thear is a dearth of Corn & deth of Catell in many places & a lose of thear tobaco by Mutch wet wether the hand of The Lord is Against y^m Manifested but thear are few y^e are sensible of it dear Georg it hath pleased y^e Lord to Give me dear Katheren Johnson to be my wife who is a Cumfort And Anasistance to Me in y^e testemony of truth: being not clear of North Carolina I think to goe up thear as the Lord maks way severall things hath hendared my going & do yet by Reson of sume Especialy on[e] who hath beine on[e] of ye longest Convinst in Acamac in Virginea who had a testimony in publike for truth for several years y^t brought disonour to truth to y^e grife of us all And I fear a stumbling to many y^t are weake dear georg lett me have thy prayers to god I may be presarved blameles & y^t wisdom may be given me to know how to behave my selfe in y^e Church of Christ: hear hath bine mutch hurte dun by Reason of unfaithfulnes in thes parts but sume Thear ar y^t have kep thear integrety: I am going up into Acamac tomorow; if ye Lord will soe dear Georg I bid the farwel who Am thy freind in ye truth

Tho Evernden

Anemesey the 1 of ye 3 mo. 1685

[addressed] To Georg Fox in London or Else Whear

[endorsed] 1685 Anamesse 1685 T. Everden to G.F.

LIII

JOSIAH COALE to GEORGE FOX. *Maryland*, 21.xi.1660.

Deare George

Whom my soule loveth and whom I honour in the Lorde, and who in y^e Life of Truth art deare and prescious to me, in which according to my measure which I have receved do I dearly salute and Embrace thee Deare George. As

^r William Richardson was also a correspondent of George Fox (MSS. Port. 4, 82; Port. 16, 29, and 118) discussing the difficulties of Md. Friends both spiritual and political.

Concerning passages here, all is quiett as yet in relating to truth and meetings are precious and y^e Lord manifests his precious presence, and Love amongst us in our assembly and persecution doth not yett appeare in this province of Maryland ; But y^e spirit therof is Chayned down for a season that y^e Babes may renew theyr strength, for att my first Coming amongst frends here, A greate weakness was over many, and greate Confusion, and distraction was amongst them^r [the people], soe y^t y^e sence or feelling of Life was Even Lost amongst many. Chifly ocasioned by theyr Judging on[e] another, for Som run out into words without Life, and others judged raishly with A firey spirit ; and them y^t Sought to rule amongst them, was Lifted up in pride, and many who ware Simple harted, Could not bow to that Spirit. Soe that they were much in Confusion, and Litle unity felt with them. But now theas things are well over, and Life ariseth over it all, and truly it is y^e rich Love of y^e Lord to them to stay y^e hand of persecution for A season, for A greater tim of weaknes was not amongst them, since they knew y^e truth. I have been amongst them about ten weeks, and have at present well nigh cleared my selfe in this province, and am upon passing down into verginia, to visitt y^e remnant that is there, and to Sound forth gods mighty day amongst y^e heathen ; And as way is made I shall pass to Barbados, and from thence to New England for soe it is upon mee.

Deare George, as Concerning frends Bying A peece of Land of the Sussquahana Indians I have spoken of it to them, and tould them what thou sayd Concerning but theyr answer was, that ther is noe Land that is habittable, or fitt for Cittuation beyond baltimores Liberty, tell they come to (or neare) the susquahanas forte, and besides william Fuller, who was y^e Chiff man amongst frends with y^e Indians, by reason hee was Latt Governor amongst y^e English, hee is withdrawn at present, for thes are of them who are in present authoryty that seecks his Life with much Greedynes, for some ould Matter that they had against him, and theyr Envey is stired up A fresh by reason hee had A hand in y^e Changing of y^e Goverment y^e Last yeare, when they tooke away y^e Authoryty from Baltimore which hath much stired up theyr rage against him, soe that without him ther Can Litle bee don at present with y^e Indians, and besides these

^r erased, and the next added over by George Fox.

Indians are at warr with A nother nation of Indians, who are verye Numerous, and its doubted by som that in A Litle space they will bee soe destroyed that they will not bee A people, for them selves have spoken to y^e English already, that If theyr men are kiled, that they will receve theyr wives and Children, and give them food for theyr Labour, And one of them sayde farther, that if they were beaten (which they never was yeat because they never undertooke a bad Cause) then they would Com Amongst theyr Children (y^e English) and If they would not receve them as men then they should receve them as slaves. Soe that ther is nothing Like to bee don in it at present but If it may bee, its Like it will bee seen y^e next somer, soe deare george all things amongst frends is att present prety well and som heare is aded since my Coming, Soe haveing noe more at present, but to desier thy prayers for mee, I Remyne

Thyne in the truth

Josiah Coale

Glad in y^e Lord should I bee to receve a Line or toe from thee at Barbados it would be the joy of my [life?] [partly illegible]

Thes
For the hands
of G.F.

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wher he is

[endorsed] J. Coale to G.F.

[by George Fox] from Merreland 1660

LIV

RICHARD JOHNS¹ to GEORGE FOX. *Maryland*,
28.i.1688.

Deare G.F.

Whome I truly love and honnour in the truth of god of w^{ch} the lord have bin pleased to Raise thee up an Instrument

¹ Richard Johns, lived at Cliffs, Calvert Co., Md. He was born at Bristol in 1645, convinced by George Fox on his visit to America in 1671, and after the death of Wm. Richardson was the leading Friend in Md. He was clerk of the Y.M. there for many years, d. 1717. (Janney, *Hist. of Fds.* III, 190.)

in his hand to open the under Standings of thousands glory to god for Ever & Poore America have heard the joyfull sound of it and the lords Comfortable presents is felt and Enjoyed amongst his faithfull people Every whare and Such as in this Inocent life doe abide Can Say of a truth god gives them power and dominion over all their Enimies boath Inwardly & outwardly. Deare G.F. I was very much Comforted & Refreshed in thy Company when I had the oppertunity to Speak wth thee once or twice in London and Could have bin glad to have had more Conferrance wth thee but when thou was gone into the Country I was then almost uncapable to vissit thee being altogether a stranger to those parts Soe y^t without a guide it was hard for mee to finde the way y^t my businesse led mee about in London I did acquaint Some freinds in London y^t I had a desire to See thee before I went to Maryland but I perceived their occasions Could not permitt their goeing just at y^t time : yett once I gott a pylate to Edward Manns Country house where I hoped to meet thee but thou was gone from thence :

Deare G.F. I wd not have trouble thee wth these matters but y^t I was not Clearly Satisfied in my owne minde y^t I did not See thee againe before I went the ship goeing Something Sooner then Expected I did wright a few lines to thee w^{ch} in thy letter to us thou Signifies thee did Receive ; but as to the Memorandum y^t thee left & now have lent us concer[n]ing the booke I doe not Rememb^r y^t I ever Saw it untill I see it here in Maryland : but however as it happened I did pretty well Comply wth it for Some of thy primers I Carried and Severall books of the Statutes in Breviates and for answers to the Dirty books wright ag freinds I doe think most freinds in these parts have of them and I doe not Remember y^t I Ever heard of any of them Dirty books y^t Ever was brought into these parts (except one of Rogers) and y^t was kept Soe Close y^t freinds Could never gett it although [] Sought for it to destroy it : thus Deare G.F. I haue given thee a short acc^o how how it was that I did not See thee againe.

Our freinds have Rec^d thy Severall Letters sent this yeare wth the Inclosed Condemnations Epistles, & acc^o of proceedings in our behalfe wth y^e L^d Baltimore & thy last wth the Kings order to the Mayor of London wee are in hopes

it will be of Service here our last Mo Meeting have apoynted Some freinds to goe & Discourse those y^t are Cheife in Authority here and to lay our Conditions of Suffering once more before them & to lett them See as many of those Inclosed papers thou sent us as may be for y^t Service and when wee have Rec^d their answere & Resolution thou may Expect freinds here will give thee a full acc^o of all their proceeding Deare G.F. I have this to add that thy Care & labour for our Inward & outward prosperity is acknowlegd amongst & by us all god will Reward thy labour of Love and Care for his people in thy owne bosome Deare G.F. y^t God may continue thy years long and many amongst his people I know is the desier of many thousands and of him who am thy friend & in my measure of gods Everlasting truth doe my Soule dearly salute thee & bid thee farewell

Richd Johns

[addressed] For Geo: Fox These

[endorsed] A letter from Mary Land to G.F. in 1688.

[A copy in the hand of Mark Swanner or Ellis Hookes]

LV

GEORGE ROFE to GEORGE FOX. *Amsterdam,*
23.iv.1659.

Deare George: my Love is unto thee in the truth where I desiere in my harte to be kept in Life & power of God . . . things heard Cheifely through holland are in good order, & meetings are for the most part pretty quiett, here is every first day a publique meetinge at this house, which is neare or aboute 3 quarters of a mille out of Amsterdam, & of Late there hath come severall greate men & have bene very quiet & moderat, & the truth hath a greater fame in this Contrie, as it hath had formerly, yett dare not much apeare openly to owne it, and in other Citties and places where frinds are things are in Like manner as heare amongst them well and many Inquerers and Some Lattely Convinced, who doth apeare in owninge the truth, [But Ann Gargill doth some mischief]¹ . . . this day came a

¹ these words struck through.

Letter out of Jermamy from W. Ames, hee writtes that frinds are in a good Condition there & have a good authoritie in the truth & that hee & John Higgins were with the prince of the contirie who semed to be very friendly to them & tooke it kindly that they came to see him & give him Such a present to witt Severall books of frinds, printed in the dutch tounge & bound up to gether, & that hee (William) is aboute Cominge away and Leaveing John Higgins there for a tyme amongst frinds. William Caton is at or aboute Rotterdam, he writts that things are well there, hee hath beine gone from this citty aboute a weeke, & about that time he went I came from rotterdam & other places that way where I was 2 or 3 weekes, much more I have not to writte only I thinke shippinge will very shortly be ready to goe from this Citty for America with which I hope to goe, and I shoulde be glad to heare from thee before I go if I could

Thyn in my measuer Geo: Rofe

Neare Amsterdam ye
23.4m. (1659).

[endorsed] G. Rofe to G.F. 1659.

LVI

MARYLAND FRIENDS to GEORGE FOX. *West River in Maryland*, 5.i.1686/7.

Deare George Fox

With our very deare Loves wee Dearly Sallute the whome we truly Love, & wee Receved thy Letter two Dayes sence baring date London ye 22th of ye 7th m^o 1686 with ye Inclosed Sertivicett from friends att Malburrow Concerning Benjamin Lawrence.

[Continues in complaint of B.L. who is "loose & vain" & is one of "Margaret Lynam's separate meeting" as at Malborrow, "burds of a fether flock together And in ye aire they fley". On 27.xii.'86/7, First-day, M.L. and Thomas Thurston came to a peaceable meeting at W^m Richardson's where M.L. spoke some hours, T.T., "in great Rage & Pashon in Kaines nature," disturbed a Friend speaking. Regrets having to report this "trash"

about the meeting at John Lynam's and also the conduct of T. Thurston which threatens brings a public scandal upon Friends, unless he can be cleared concerning his alleged marriage, or else denied by Friends; he "hath for a Long time Roulled & Roufed from Place to Place & from Contry to Contry Vaggabond Licke . . . & abused Friends boath in England Barbados & in Maryland & Else wheare" Thinks Friends at London should issue a public testimony against him & those of his spirit. . . . Denies Maryland Friends owe Andrew Sole for printing, having paid him £10 sterling and later sent tobacco at current price to Ellis Hookes, for two consignments of books. For the future they will take George Fox's advice and pay for things through their London trading agents Hope that the letter will clear the matter up before Yearly Meeting & hope to hear from the Friends concerned].

In treu & tender Love wee Rest thy truly Loving Friends

Thomas Everndon
W^m Richardson
W^m Bary
Rich. Harrisson

Edward Talbott
Samll Gallaway
Frances Ballinglay

[addressed] For George Fox in London or Elsewhere,
these wth care

[endorsed] frends from Maryland to G.F. 1st mo.
1686/7. Read this in y^e 2^d dayes meeting.
Done 6.4mo.87.

LVII

RICHARD WALLER to MARGARET FELL. *Waterford Gaol*, 10.vi.1657.

Deare & tender nurseinge Mother often thou art in my rememberance my love unto thee in writinge I cannot expres who at first did beegit mee by the Imortall word of Life . . . let Thy prayers be for us y^t in the power & wisdome & Councill of the Lord we may be kept Continually . . . our testimony heare is not yeat finished, yeat it appeares to mee that our freedome is not farr of.

[Speaks of a paper written which raises doubts in the mind of the sheriff as to legality of their imprisonment, without even a mittimus. They have been kept from meeting, and in close prison three weeks, are now permitted to go to meetings, controversy with Baptists by word and writings, read at a meeting at Kilkenny. Friends grow in Waterford.

At a meeting at Kilkenny after opposers heard], in the power dread and authority of the Lord I stood up and spoke a few words & they weare all silent upon a suden, many younge freinds wondred at it, the power is a strange thinge amongst them in many parts of this nation, & I see it is not words but power y^t stops the Mouthes of Gaynesayers So deare heart let thy prayers be for all who are faithfull laborers in the Lords vineyard, y^t in the power of the Lord we may be kept the witnes in all to reach the seed to rayse for many are so tormented y^t they desire the hills to cover them from the presence of the Lord & yeat their honour & plesures keepes them yt they come not into the obedience of the truth. And many was convinced in this nation And freinds not stayinge with them they comeinge to silent meetings many is famished for want of words & soe they not willinge to wayt in the silence are turned backe & so causeth the truth to be evill spoken of . . . Strengthen my wife in my absence . . . William Shawe is gone towards Corke & Elizeabeth Morgan Elizabeth Fletcher is yet in this towne, Shee intends to goe towards Corke this weeke I doe not hear of any y^t is in the north now but William Edmundson. The North is often in mee, when I was at Dublin & somethinge in me would gladly have gone to Englande to have seene George Fox but I was made subject to come here with Richard into this part of the nation. A few lines from thee would refresh mee, I desire to heare wheare G. F. is, salute mee to the Church in thy house, farewell. My yoke fellow salutes thee /

Thy babe who is a sufferer in bonds in the citty Gaole of Waterford.

Richard Waller

From the Citty Gaile in

Waterford this 10th of the 6th moneth 1657

[endorsed] From Rich Waller to M.F.

[by George Fox] 1657 Ierland

LVIII

JAMES PARNEL to FRANCIS HOWGILL and EDWARD
BURROUGH. *Brestoll*, 2.v.1655.

F.H. & E.B.

deare & Eternally beloved bretheren in the infinite Love & life of god which doth abound to us & is mullteplyed in us : in the pure love & life in which you dwell doe I dearely sallute you my deare & neere & wellbeloved . . . deare ones now I [am ?] at this citty well Every way in great Sarvise the greatest is no[] that I have seene niver such a meeteing for many as was yester-day in the orchatt & the power of the lord was made manefeste & all was still & in good order : but the heathens rage & Consulte together & I see they are laying sners for the inocente they Even goe downe into hell to take councell & into the darke to consulte : but the Lord will bring every worke to Judgement & Every Seckeret thing.

[Continues with news of the publishing of truth, J.W. & J.S. were at "Cainesome" meeting yesterday, they go into Wiltshire. A.A. was at a meeting at Oulstone, she sends her love, J.W. is gone to Banbury ; the writer has heard from T.S. & M.H. at Exeter, They are well and "weanes over the ragge of the heathen" ; T.R. was at Exeter & intended for Plymouth ; Ambrose Rigge was here & went towards him by Taunton where there is said to be a "pretty people" ; A.A. & J.W. were there. Young Margaret Fell and Sarah Fell are at Bristol. Friends in the north grow.

The writer has been there and found much increase of love towards Friends. He has been with T.A. who was "hard and filthey," but Ann Wilson can relate] ; I spoke sharp tirable words to him & he . . . resested the word of the lord . . . but my conscience is cleared. M.F. dearely sallutts thee & many friends . . . I was at F.H. house, his wife is well & all he hath the blessing of god is upon. I had meetings in lancashire, as I cam and the preseners there I was with, they are well, & keep in patience & long forbearance. I had a great general meeting at Will Wandes . . . Thomas Law [Loe] one of Oxford is in prison at Oxford & is kept in much wisdom . . .

The work hastens on apace Eternal glory and Everlasting praises be unto our God for evermore. Dear ones Ann Willson can declare to you of the Condition of frends in Every pertickler in the north buteyfull & lovely they are & the god of peace is with them. Salute me dearely to dear J.N. my soule breathes after him . . . I am with you in pure love . . .

J.P.

I was with the prisoners, . . . I had a meeting at banbury, friends there are well . . . & the[y] goe much to the steeple house & all [] is on fire more then ever : one man of the towne is in prison . . .

[addressed] For Francis Howgill or Edward Burrough These in London.

[endorsed] J.P. to E.B. & F.H. 1655.

LIX

EDWARD BURROUGH to GEORGE FOX. *Warwickshire*, 30.i.1658.

Deare Bro :

My love is great unto thee. I feel thee and reacheth to thee with the kind salulation of the same love with which I am beloved, & thou art deare to me & sealed in my life . . . Since I came from thee I have had good service for the truth in Warington. I had a very large meeting the whole towne came together to hear & they heard the word of the Lord diligently. And there came one high priest out of Cheshire & opposed a little & uttered forth his darkenes, & his shame appeared to all & Confusion was upon him, to the sight of himself, & it was a day of very good service ; y^e next day I had a very good day I had a very great meeting in northwatch there was very many friends from all parts of y^e county, and many of y^e townes people came and many was reffreshed by y^e word of y^e Lord, And y^e first day I had a great Meeting in staffordshire at y^e same place where y^e dispute was when I came into y^e north & I find a galent effect of y^t dispute, for abundance was y^t day Convinced, & at this meeting there were some hundreds of people all sober, & thristing after y^e lord, & I percave there is a generall Convincement in all that Country & great desires, since y^t dispute & very good service

is in itt for any freind, and it is much upon me y^e if & when T. Robertson or any other come south, y^t he or any may take a meeting or tow, for it is in y^e way neigh. And at Newcastle under line there is great desires about 6 mile from the place againe I am now near Coventry & purposes to passe into Oxfordshire, & have some meetings there. My love is great to all freinds, there & everywhere, & ye truth is my life, & y^e Increase of itt my hearts delight, this was upon me to writt to thee who art of me eternally beloved.

E.B.

[addressed] For the hands of G.F. these

[endorsed] From Edward Borrow to G.F.

[and by George Fox] E.B. to G.F. 1658

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LX

FRANCIS HOWGILL to EDWARD BURROUGH.

[*Durham*, 1659.]

Very dearly and kindly I greete the in that which hath preserved & kept us above the world & hath given us dominion over it, which is our present refreshment In that which was befor all time, which god hath manifested and brought to Light in us. In which our present Joy & peace standeth & rest in the Lord, I have been a month & upward with J. A. in Northumberland Bishopricke & Cleveland wheir we have had very pretious service for the lord to the refreshing of god's Inheritance greatly which is very amiable & lovely in my sight & also many who weare Absents, have heard & have been Reached In Northumberland we had a fine meting wheir cam too prests one a prety high fellow, caled Bell that T. Turner hath had so much to do with. I was begun to declare before they came, I spoke 3 howers & keptt up the foundation of their deceite in doctrine & practise, they satt like dead men and their understanding was so confounded that they found not their hands at all, att last when I had cleared my selfe clearly I stode half a quarter of an hower, and not a word came from the priests : so that if one of their folowers had not asked a question I beleve they would have gone away & not opened their mouths : but then they gott a litle up & we desputed about an houre ; as for their Asertions, If I had time to relat them

unto the they would make the mery but in that I shall forbear at present, but they went away with shame: & left their people behind.

Att durham we had a great meting & att Darnton att Bowdon, Heighington, Shotton, Carlton, Stockdan. At Gisbrough a generall metting exeding Large, many freinds came of the woalds 40 or 50 miles and abundance of the world so that the towne was in Amasment & most of the prest people came & heard wilingly and a glorious day we had and many hartes truly made glad.

Att Northalerton we had a large meeting and at Richmond and yesterday we had a metting att Houghton in the Spring within 4 miles of Durham Itt lay upon us to cume backe to itt agayne: the prest & people is falen out, their was above a thousand people and we had made such a sound in the cuntry with meting that the Adversaries wher sore greved & the Comissioners had given order to breake the meting And the Asises being at Durham also, they sayd they were afrayed of sune Insurrection, & so their came a party of horse; we were Declaring and all was Calme & the power was over all: they stayed Calmely & heard 5 or 6 ho[u]res & so we broke up the meting in peace & Joy.

Humphrey N[orton] is Come into this County but only one day about 3 words, he is dark and subtill & bad so att or near our parting I spoke to him how I had receved letters from beyond sea & how [he] had done hurt, & bad him declare how things was If he was fre so he tould us all or most of your pasiges their We let him se his Fooly but he is hard & bad only he was under us & so we regarded him not He sayd he would be with us the last First day but he was not: but went into Cleveland, we being come out of it. His enmity is great against G.F. he said thou was more moderate to him in the end then thou was att the First, as though thou had repented of what thou had said to him, but he gathers things to keep up himselfe above Judgment.

I was att Anthony Pearsons one night, that sam[e] is growne a wicked lade & Is gone from all good into deceite. I pity Anthony their is a good thing in him. If he did keep out of the world's spirite, for that betrayes him & hurts him. However att present he is low & diligent at metings & bears a good stroke in the cuntry & if he did but keep in god's Dominion.

Heare is a greatt noyse in this cuntry of Rising but as yett all is quiete, but the prests hatches mischief into peoples minds. There is 5,000 up in Lankshire, which one Booth & Colonel Ireland heads by the instigation of the prests. They deny the Cavileares, and sayth they rise to defend the gospell agaynst seccts that is like to destroy it. Some of the Army is gone towards them. I shall now passe into westmorland being cleare heare Unto beloved G.F. greeete me whose love I prise at noe small rayte: His letter I receved with rejoyseing & thanksgiveing; unto beloved Geratt salute me most dearely & unto Edward Cooke whome thou knowes is well beloved of me. I received thy letter att Richmond in an acceptable time in the moment of my departure the later end of the weeke I shall be about Kendall I will expecte to hear from thee for upon the I doe depend as thou hast conveniency

My unfeigned love to all Freinds in the City who Inquears after me, A.P. is not forgotten of me, Farewell, Thine

F.H.

[the next follows on the same sheet.]

WILLIAM CATON to EDWARD BURROUGH. *Durham*,
8.vi.1659.

Dear E.B. This was put into my handes by dear F.H. to seale and send to thee, And he desired thee to send thy Letter by Yorkeshire to Darenton in Bishopricke to be sent to him from thence to Kendall The last six day I came well ashore at Sunderland and their I mett with our dear bretheren F.H. & J.A. with whom I have now even very lately parted They are gone towards Westmorland and I to stay in these parts some time before I passe to Swarthmore, where (& thereabouts) I doe intend (God willing) to stay some Certaine time, . . . I hope thou Received mine from Yarmouth whereby dear G.F. with thy selfe [may] know something of my Returne. Benj. Furley is yet here, his love is to thee . . . Vale Thy dear bro.

W.C.

[addressed] For Edward Burrough at Gerrard Robertts wine cooper in Thomas Apostles at the signe of the Flower deluce in London

[endorsed] 59 to Edw. B. 1659.