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LXI

FRANCIS HOWGILL to GEORGE FOX and JAMES NAYLOR. *Corke*, 18.xii.1655.

Deare bretheren : and Fathers, whome I love & honour in the Lord our strength & keeper for ever. I owe unto you my life and am subjecte unto you in the Lord, as unto fathers who takes care of all the familie of God and layes up for the children and guides for them every one their portion in deue season, and brings it out of the everlasting treasure house in deue season. . . .

Much of the love and power of the lord have we seen since we came into this desolate land, which is altogether a refuge of lies : and the arme of the Lord hath been with us in much power else we had faynted. Through much labour & travill have we pased & in great peralls and dangers, yet trouly nought at all hath fayled which the Lord hath spoken: as of our cominge hither and since I went from my deare E[dward] B[urrough]. In the cross acording to the motion of the Lord at present the spirite of the Lord hath been dubbed upon us ; and all hath been as a playne before us : acording to the Lord's promise : and them that hath withstode us hath been many but in the wisdome of the Lord we have been preserved and they have been all confounded they themselves being judges and hath been cutt downe as grasse by the moier, glory for ever. But now they seeke our life and acuses us for Jesuites and sayth they will sweare it agaynst us. But we rest in peace in his armes, who caries us under the shadow of his wings into secrette places of holinese, wheir we rest under the shadow of the almighty glory. . . .

Heare is a remnante that is found worthy to receive the testimony of the lambe & mighty hath the Lord's hand been with us in preserving us thus longe to sow the seed. And the word of the Lord we have sowne all along about 100 [&] 20 miles In the principall townes and cities; from Dublin west and in the hearte of the nation; and much is done in so litle a time. And truely Bretheren lett your heartes be enlarged with prayse to our God in our behalfe. . . . And there is some in Dublin metes together and grows, and att another citie caled Kilkeneey another meting, and att anothor citie caled Waterford many prety people, att Youghall a sea porte towne their is a few that metes, att the citie of Corke wheir I am at present their is many will hear. I have had great liberty often in publicke, and great contests with baptists and the head of beaste: and heare is many pretiouse and is moved in the Lord's power to beare witnese dayly agaynst the prestes. . . .

The Gouvvrner is a moderate man and his familie is prety; many captans and majors & oficers hath heard and doth dayly. Att Bandon Bridge, another markett towne, their is a constant meting of sume pretiouse; at Kingsayle the Gouvvrner is loveing and divers their is convinsed and sum souilders. I have had many meetings In the garison; and the prestes are all on a rage and postes up and downe with lies and informers against the oficers who have received us and all is on fire. And they rode 100 mile: and gatt an order from the Counsayle at Dublin, the eleventh month, to examin me and send me bound up to Dublin; but the Justeses unto whom it was derveded sent for me to Corke in love. And after a weeke time I went as I was moved, but notheing they will doe in it, and the prestes hath sent up agayne to inform against them; and so it is expected to comand us all up to before their judgment seate.

E[dward] B[urrough] is at Waterford. I was moved to write to him to come to me with speed and so, if we have our liberty, to passe to another citie caled Limbricke within the nation. And I hope the Lord will limite the devill till then, and so a sound is over all this parte of the nation, their is 6 in preson at Dublin, James Lancaster, E. Morgan, Robert Ward, Rich: Stiricke, and tow Dublin freinds. E. Fletcher is at Youghall with E. Smith, deare hearts and pretiouse. Deare bretheren pray for us, that if the Lord

give us that favour to see your faces, it may be with Joy. Its now 5 monthes or aboute it since I saw E[dward] B[urrough]. And since the face of an Isarellite had been pretiouse, as you are fre lett us heare from you ; glad I am with a holy rejoycing : at the prosperity of the Lords worke in that citie and over the nation. In England, the garden of God, although many wild beasts be in it, salute me to all the bretheren their and to all the beloved familie of God in that citie. . . .

Your Deare Brother In the worke of the Lord acording to my mesure. In this blessed seed time.

Francis Howgill

Corke In the Province
of Munster : the 18 of 12 month

(55)

[addressed] For the hands of my Deare Bre: G: F: or
J:N: to be delivered to both or ither of them
In London or else where in England : with
care.

[endorsed by George Fox] F. Hougell to G.F. & J.N.
1655.

LXII

GEORGE ROFE to RICHARD HUBBERTHORNE.
Barbados, 18.ix.1661.

Deare Bro: R.H.

Often have I felt my love flow towards thee since I saw thy face ; & thou hast been often in my remembrance as thou art at this time ; and though I have not written to thee in particular it was not for want of love & tenderness towards thee but some times want of oppertunity in sending, for my love is towards thee, which in me is an unfaillable Testimony that thou abides in thy Lamblyness & pretious service for the Lord. . . .

Deare bro: though I have not written to thee, yet I doubt not but thou hast hearde of y^e service of truth in these parts which I have bene exersized in, as at Bermudas to y^e convincing many & settling severall constant meetings which continues to this day. For there is a pretious seede in y^t people through which they have stood in y^e day of tryall & endured many tryalls, though noe one hath bene

with them ; in y^e ministry since I came away, which is above a yeare since. Y^e last winter I wintered in Maryland & Virginia in great service ; for y^e establishing many, & bringing others into the truth.

Many friends are in those parts in whom y^e pretious life is. From thence I saild in a small boate, with onely two friends, to New Nether Land, & soe to New England, haveing good service amongst both Dutch & English ; for I was in y^e cheife city of the Dutch, & gave a good sound ; but they forced me away, soe we got meetings through y^e ilands, in good service, & came in at Road Iland, & wee apoynted a genrall meeting for all friends in those parts, which was a very greate meetinge & very pretious & continued 4 dayes together. And y^e Lord was with his people & blessed them, & all departed in peace. There is a good seede in y^t people but y^e enemy keepes some under through their cruell persecution; yet their honesty preserves them, & the seede will arise, as way is made for y^e vissitation of y^e power of good to have free libberty amongst them.

From thence I came about 4 monthes agoe to this iland, where the truth hath good dominion ; and friends are very pretious, & growes in y^e feeling & senceableness of the the power of God, & the Lord is with them & all things are in good order here touching the truth, & this place growes as a fruitfull garden and a nursery to all places Round aboute it, & a dayly encrease here is of y^e number of y^e flock, whom God will bless and make ettenally happy.

Deare bro my life is with thee, & salluts thee & all y^e brethren whom I love in y^e truth, even as my owne life ; fare well I am in greate hast at present

Thy truely loveing bro. G. Rofe

Barbados 18 9th m. (61)

[addressed] For his deare Brother Richard Hubberthorne where he is
England

[endorsed
in another hand] G. Roff Letter severall Antient friends papers of Sufferings not Engrossed
in the great book

1661

Looked over.

*Cf ~~letters of Early Friends 1826, p. 2~~
Bowden's History I, p. 230.*

LXIII

JOSIAH COALE to GEORGE FOX. *Barbados*, 12.vi.1661.
G.F.

Deare and everlastingly beloved, in y^e Lord, whom I dearly love and honour in my soule, and y^e streams of my precious life reacheth unto thee ; and in the measure therof which from the Lord I have receved, doe I dearly and humbly salute thee whom y^e Lord God of Life hath made a nursing father unto his babes and children and truly deare George I feell thy Life in measure fresh in mee. . . .

And my spirit rejoyseth in y^e God of my salvation whos gloryous person is with mee, and by his power doth acomp- any mee in his worke, into which he hath caled mee, whos will I am freely given up to fullfill eyther by life or by death acording as his good will and pleasure shall bee, knowing that y^e recompence of reward is sure.

And now deare George, conserning pasayes heare, I wrote to the not long since therfor I have not much to say at present, only I was somewhat pressed in my spirit to write thes lines to thee. But what the end therof may bee I know not. But by this thou may know that our meettings heare are very presious and peacable and a great convinc- ment is in the harts of many and I doe beleeve that in y^e Lords time heare is much to bee brought forth yeat in this island, but it will bee through much laboure, friends are very fresh in y^e truth generally. Heare is of y^e Ministry on this island at present deare Robert Mayling and George Roff, and Jane Gore, Elizabeth Houton, and Joune Brock- sopp, and John Burden, and one more frend. They came about one weeke since conserning theyr being set free out of Boston prison. I believe they will give thee information, who can doe it more perfectly then I can ; therfor I shall leave it to them.

Deare Ann Clayton is heare alsoe and is intended for Boston as way is made for her. Her deare and unfeigned Love is to thee. Richard Pinder is expected heare dayly from New England. For my own part, I beegin to feell my selfe pretye cleare of this island, and as opertunity presents I expect to pass for Virginia wher I heare y^e rage of y^e enimyees of Gods truth is very greate ; and persecution

ther increaces. But that is litle to mee, for my life is not deare to mee to part with for the testimony which I have receved to beare forth in the midst of this adulterous generation.

And deare George heare is severall families of frends that intends to goe and setle at Jamayco, they intends to pass a long with R. M. For my part I have nothing agaynst it, and doe beleeve it may be for good if theyre minds bee kept out of earth which is like to bee the greatest snare. I shall heare inclous a paper which a frend wrote conserning theyr goeing. Hee is an inhabitant heare and one of y^e first men in the Island. He himselfe intends to goe [] or [] at [] over the rest in London to bee a stay to them []

Soe deare George lett thy prayers bee for me, that I may bee kept in y^e dreade and power of y^e Lord, that I may finish my testimomony with Joy, in thes part of ye world, that my retorne in y^e Lords time may be in peace which is the utmost that I expect or desire as a reward of all my labours, travels, and suferings, and soe in my quiett habitation in y^e Lords power I rest thyne

Josiah Coale

Deare John Rous doth dearly salute thee

Barbados this 12th of the 6th mo 1661

[addressed] Thes for the hands of deare G.F. to bee
Delivered with Care wher hee is

[Endorsed

by George Fox] Josia Coul
to G.F.
barbadus
1661

LXIV

JOSIAH COALE to GEORGE FOX. *The Darkehous in Lanston, [Cornwall].*

12.xi.1664.

Deare George

In y^e Covenant and powre of an endless life, in which our peace, and unity standeth with y^e Lord and one with another dooe I dearely reach unto thee. . . . But I dout not,

nor doe I question, but that thou hast a sence and knowledge of my love and state beyond all expresions, wherefore I shall omitt to enlarge on this pertikuler, And give thee hearby to understand y^t I am every way well in y^e worke and serviss of y^e Lord, which doth prosper, and y^e truth gayns ground dayly, and flourisheth in thes parts, and many have desires after it, and adhears to it.

In this county of Cornwell I have had figne serviss for y^e Lord, as alsoe all y^e way down from London, by way of Portsmouth, and Southampton, and Waymouth, and soe doune by y^e south sea. I know not y^t I left above one meeting unvisited between London, and y^e Lands end, but had every day a meeting or two: for severall weeks together, to y^e refreshing of frends. And great comfort, and satisfaction I have had in my Journy heathertoe, and was upon leaving this county, being returned as farr as Lanston, wher I had this small Company together on y^e second day last of this weeke, being y^e 9th instant, at which time y^e mayor of the town with his oficers, and others, cam in, and tooke us prisoners and that night comited us to the town prison caled y^e darkehous. And on y^e morow caled me alone to y^e town hall, before y^e Mayor, and y^e rest of y^e majestrats, and examined mee of my place of abode and of my busnes heare, to which I gave them answer acordingly, and tould them my busnes heare was to vissit my frends, &c. Soe they tould me I was a very dangerous person, and suspisious, and caused my pockets to be searched in y^e opne coart, and found in it a paper y^t was written by thee, to y^e Ministers, and prophets, and angels, to sound y^e tru[m]pte of y^e Lord, &c. ; about which they made a great stirr, askeing mee if I knew thee &c. Soe after above an hours discours, they sett mee by and caled Ben: Laurence, who travels with mee for company, and examined him in like maner, and then caled y^e rest of frends together and comited them (for refusing to pay 40^s apees figne), tell they shall be delivered by due cours of law.

And they tould Ben: and I that they proceeded agaynst us by y^e law made in the 13 of Charles the (2^d) agaynst Quakers, and figned us 5 lb a peece for being at meeting and intended to have takne away our horsess for y^e figne and to send us away with a pass. Which when frends understood, they conveyed our horsess out of towne whill I was

before y^e majestrates. And when they saw our horsess was gon (for y^e preest went to looke for them as is suposed to bye them, but not finding them) theyr rage was soe kindled agaynst us, viz Ben, and I: that they sent us away alone to y^e darkehous, with out any mitimas and gave strict charge y^e non must com at us but only to bring in our victuels, and y^e keeper must hear what wee say, and see y^t wee do not write (though way is made for this contrary to theyr knowledge). And ye prison wee are confined to doth not aford us the benefite of a chinny, nor a hous office, which is som anoyance.

But y^e powre of y^e Lord God almighty is above it all, and over all, in which we are well, content, and are at peace, and rest, and this prison is to mee as a palass of plesure. Though wee are as haveing nothing, yeat possessing all things through him that hath loved us and gave him selfe for us, by whos bloud we are ransomed to serve y^e Lord in y^e new covenant of life forever, glory be unto the Lord God almighty forever.

And now deare George, what they may be permitted to doe farther with us, I doe not yeat know, though this I know the rage of some of them is very great and are bent to doe wickedly they talked to us of y^e oath, but if they can finde our horsess, I suposs they will take them, and send us out of town, but if not, I cannot tell (neyther doe I believe are they yeat resolved) what they will doe with us, but however much is stiring in y^e minds of most people, agaynst theyr soe cruell and inhuman dealing with us to put us soe clouse in such a could smokey place, att such a season of y^e yeare, for they will not alow us to be in a room where a chinny is though it be not otherways made use of, but lyes voyde over our heads.

I heard y^t one of y^e Majestrats of the town did profer y^e mayor to be bound body for body for us y^t we might be at som chamber in the town fitt for men, but it would not be accepted. But wee are content, and well over it; I had intentions and desires to have seen thee, after short time, had I not ben on this wiss hindered, but I cannot tell now how longe it may be. Nevertheless if thou write anything to mee, and convey it to Margery Chipsham for mee, shee will be carfull to send it to mee. and indeed I should be glad to heare from thee, and I desire thee to salut mee

kindly in the Lord to M[argaret] F[ell] and y^e rest of thy
felow prisoners ; and in y^e love, and peace of God I remayne

Thine to serve thee
Josiah Coale

Loveday Hambly and her sisters with Tho. Lower and his
mother desired me to give the salutation of theyre love unto
thee, alsoe Ben: Laurens saluts thee dearly.

Heare is a town clarke that is y^e mayne caus of theyre
present rage and hee stirs them up, and even keep them all
in awe, but yesterday night after they had held counsell
about us, one who is a present captayne som way fell out
with him and asked him if hee could not lett his neybour
live quittly by him, and hewed and wounded him and beat
him till, they say, hee is almost kild, soe hee hath a part
of his reward, which I sayd hee should receive.

[addressed] To his frend Thomas Greene thes with
Care at his shopp.
In Lanckester
For George Fox thes with Care deliver
without any farther opening
Lanckester Prison

[endorsed
by George Fox] Josia Cole
to G.F. from
Lanson 1664

Cf letters of Early Friends 1836 p. 95.

LXV

FRANCIS HOWGILL to MARGARET FELL. *Bandon.*
1655.

Oh virgine daughter of Zion, who hath layd downe thy
crowne at the fette of the lambe and hath folowed him
through tribulation . . . long have I wayted in
patience to heare from the and now the desire of my hearte
is come and I am refreshed as with new wine : and I am
as fresh as one anoynted with oyle in this desolate ile
of Pathmos, wher I cannot but say the Lord hath taken

me often up in the spirite in this his day: . . . yett all bosting is excluded: what we are we are unto him & in him. . . . From Dublin a 100 [miles] west through most parte we have sounded & dread and feere; and all the hoastes runes togither agayne us: but wee march in his power and breakes not our rankes all though they shutt hard at us. . . . Heare is a few who are found worthy to receve his testimony, att Dublin a few, att Kilkenee a few, att Waterford many will heare. My nouble yoke fellow E. B: is their & I beleve their will be a prety many att a towne caled Youghall by the sea. I rode from this parte, and sume freinds with me, their is a few will heare. Att the citie of Corke their will many heare, and is convinced, I have had greate fredome in publicke and private their to declare the counsayle of our God and his liveing word. but now their rage begines to be high, baptistes and all maner joynes in. . . . Their was sum asesers, Colenells and Captans and Majors often heard me, was moderate. I stouped to them as low as I could and not dishonor the royall ofspring. The Governer is a moderate man, I wrote to him, he receved it kindly. his wife and divers of his familey will heare wilingly. A Major of the towne came to me att Youghall who is gone for England: and desired me to make bould at his house. he is loveing but darke. Their hath been divers metings their and these things are of go[o]ld reporte. Their is many convinced and will mett a prety many when I am not their, in silence, att Kingsayle a good porte towne. Major Stoding the governer of the forte is loving. I have been much their, but he is full of corapt knowledg. All his soulders and some of the towne will heare, but we preach the Crose; and them that cannot owne us their we lay noe hand on. Att Bandon a great marktett towne heare is not many, but they are pretiouse. One Cornett Cooke and his wife, the most emenent house in the towne: and they are of the treue seed. She was a baptiste & they cast her out for heresy: as they say; a nouble woman: she is, the declared agaynst the prest in publicke and was moved to declar agayne the baptistes and one Day, the marktett day, take a load of books of the higest prestes in the nation and burnett them in the streett. And these things are a good smell. Many more is moved to thresh the prestes glory for ever. . . . their is arived att

Dublin 7 freinds out of England, 2 from London, galant women and some other I know not, 4 of them is gone towards the north, the desire of my soule is come ; I long wayted to hear some was moved thither we have the land before us Babilon shall be taken at both ends Lord hasten it : that our king may reign in the nation which hath been a place for dragons. Within the nation their is nothing, but only one citie caled Limbricke ; and if the Lord give me my deare E[dward] B[urrough] we shall beseige the Philistians their. But in God's dread and counsayle I stand single. And in our parting we have lost noe ground nor noe time and I beleive it is so with us both; our spirite is dabled, which was spoken to me when we parted. Elisabeth Fletcher I brought downe hither from Youghall and one Elisabeth Smith, neare Bristoll, who is prety and ministers unto thee others weaknesse. Yett she is well as I have seen her long without. And their is great fredome, heare att Bandon and freinds is pretiouse in this little time, glory unto the Lord for ever. But oh my deare ; it was above a quarter of a yeare before I heard one word, but one letter from London, since I came from E.B. And the face of an Isarelite I could not se for all was gigantes wheir I past but God acording to his everlasting love comforted me by the Coming of Will Simpson which was in the later end of the 10 monthe who showed me of the prosperity of you all every wheir and brought me a litle note from George Fox which refreshed me not a litle and showed me the afayres of the gospel in the regens of England the gardin of God. . . . Glory be to the Lord who hath comforted my hearte and mad me to rejoyse to heare of you all, & of London, the glory of it. Thy 2 letters I received both at once, which was that time the heathens call Christmas, which I was glad of, yea more glad then of the Gould of opher. . . .

Thy deare brother in the Lords worke, in the Lords house wheir we keep holy day and his sonns rejoyse together

Francis Howgill

Since I wrote this leter hell hath conspired together agaynst me, and a company of prestes hath gone up : and, procured a warant or an order from Dublin and sent it to

the governor of Kingsayle and another to Colonel Phayr governor of Corke and sent downe divers questions to aske me. And the order was generall to take up all Quakers; and send them to Dublin: which is 100 [and] 20 mile of wheir I was. And I was att Kinsayle at one of the governors houses when it came; and the governor of Corke sent a leter privatly to come thither, seing he judged the order had been into all partes of the nation. I am at this citie at present but none I thinke will medle unto whome the comission was sent, Mayor Stoding is turned out of comission of peace upon this acount, and itt is like they will doe so with Colonel Phair, but he is nouble and sayth more is done by the Quakers then all prestes in the County hath done a 100 yeare: and now many is moved dayly to beare witness agaynst the prests and the worke of the lord is great, glory for ever. E[lizabeth] Fletcher is heare but goes to another town if the[y] send us not up. E[dward] B[urrough] I have nott heard of this 6 weke. I hear they impresen all at Dublin, but I know not who their is. For ever farwell, whether I am bound or free: E.B. is yet at liberty, glory for ever. We are preserved yett. James Lancaster, R[], E. Morgan, R. Ward, and 2 of Dublin frends is in preson at Dublin.

[addressed] For my deare sister Margrett Fell att Swarthmore in the County of Lancaster In England, theese d.d.

[endorsed] From Frances Howgill to M.F.

1655

Cf "Letters of Early Friends" 1836, p. 107.

LXVI

WILLIAM BAYLY. n.d.

This is for them that doe nourish up . . . and blasphemed y^e Lord who is King . . . the whole earth before whom all Nations tremble. . . .

[This consists of six and a half folios of very small handwriting, much of it now illegible; apparently a paper of warning to the wicked.]

LXVII

JAMES PARKE to GEORGE FOX. *Kings Lynn,*
19.vii.1687

Deare G.F.

My deare love is to thee ; and in that which never doth change but is the same for ever do I greatly esteeme and honner thee ; truly remembering thy works for God and thy constant service for his truth and amongst his people, and to the world that they might be gathered to God and come to have life by his sonn Christ Jesus.

This may let thee knowe that since I left the city I have passed through Hartfordshire and Cambridgshire where I had many good meetings and good service for the Lord in divers places where noe publick freind hath been for many months, and many come in to heare, and apeare tender in meetings. I came to Well in Northfolk last 5 day and had a larg meeting in a barne ; and people have desires in most places to heare the truth and the Lord hath been with me in his power and presence, all along to fitt me for the work he caled me unto, and hath made my service in this Journey successfull for the good and benefitt of many, to him be glory for ever.

I found Tho. Lecock in A very dangerous condition as to his health by reason of a fall down a pere of stayres, where his life was in great jepardy. Itt was att a Justices house where he used much to be and some think to much. His kidneys are bruised and itt said his bladder is broke ; but he was some what better and remembred his deare love to thee. His wife hath much lost her condition that once she had but they were both loving to me and glad to see me, and indeed soe are freinds everywhere where I have come. Yesterday I had tow very good meetings in this towne, which was larg. Many of the world's people came to them and were open and reached with the word of life preached amongst them and to them.

To-day I hory off to goe to Stoake to a meeting there tomorrow, the 4 day at Snare hill and so on towards Norwich, where I do intend to be next first day if God permitt. And should be very glad of a few lines from thee or deare G[eorge] W[hitehead] or A[lexander] P[arker] whom my deare love

is too. And direct to Anthony Alexander's house, a Tanner in Norwich for me. If any of you visit next 5th day or the 7th next itt may reach me there and truly I do long to heare of your affayres and the wellfare of friends there, that all may be preserved to God in righteousness and true holynesse, that peace may be within our walls and that truth may prosper every where where itt is made knowne, that all may live and walk in itt. My deare love is to Benjamin Antrobus, and his wife & Abigail his sister. I desire Benjamin would go and see my wife whom I left som what distressed for want of trade. We have felt some lack of thee in towne upon that acount, and my deare love is to her and the children which at present is all.

From thy constant true freind

JA. PARKE

Linn the 19th of : 7^{oo} : in th : 87.

I purpuss to return through Suffolk and Essex and my deare love is to dear [Stephen] C[risp] and all the brethren. Freinds heare remember there deare love to thee, and was glad to heare of thy wellfare.

[addressed] For deare G.F. this To be left at Benjamin Antrobus house Linnin draper at the signe of the Plowe and harrow in Cheape side to be given as above
London

[endorsed] Ja Parks letter to be read in 2^d days Morning Meeting.

read 3.8^{mo}, 87.

LXVIII

JOHN ARCHDALE to GEORGE FOX. *North Carolina*, 25.i.1686.

Deare & Highly esteemed Friend

I have written unto y^{ee} formerly but as yett have received no answer, which makes me doubt y^e miscarriage of mine. And indeed for y^e present wee have not immediate opportunities to send to England by reason there is no settled trade thither, which notwithstanding may conveniently bee effected in its proper season, here being commodities as

Tobaccoe, Oyle, Hides & Tallow to transport thither. And Hollands Busses may come in safely of about 150 Tunn drawing about 9 foot water. The Cuntry produces plentifully, with as little labour as any I have knowne, all things necessary for y^e life of man. It wants only industrious people fearing God.

Wee at present have peace with all y^e nations of y^e Indians. And the great Hat King of y^e Tuskiroroes was not long since with me, haveing had an Indian slaine in these partes. Hee was informed it was by the English but upon inquiry I found out y^e murtherer who was A Chewan Indian, one of their great men's sons, whom I immediately ordered to be apprehended; but y^e Chewan Indians bought his life of y^e Tuskiroroes King for a great quantity of Wamp & Bage. This Tuskiroroe King was very desirous to cutt of a nation of Indians called y^e Matchepungoes, which I have at present prevented, & hope I shall leave y^e country att peace with all y^e Indians & one with another. Y^e people are very fearfull of falling in to some troubles againe if I should leave y^m before my Bro: Jothell returns which makes my stay y^e longer.

This Tuskiroroe King seems to be a very wise man as to naturall parts: some of y^e Indians neare me are so civilized as to come into English habits and have cattle of their owne, and I looke upon their outward civilizing as a good preperation for y^e Gospell which God in his season with out doubt will cause to dawne among them.

I wish all y^t had knowne itt had benn faithfull, then had y^e day broken forth in its spendor as itt began. I am sure God forsakes none butt the unfaithfull: who by disobedience are cutt of, wheras y^e obedient come to bee grafted into the true stocke through y^e growth of y^e holy seed in their minds and hearts. O y^t my spirit were throughly purged & established by y^e power which is y^e rocke of ages, y^e foundation of all generations. But blessed bee God I possess more yⁿ I have deserved, & desire patiently to waite for y^e accomplishment of his inward worke of regeneration, which is a word easily writt or expressed but hardly attained. What I writt unto y^{ee} in my former I cannot butt againe repeat, which is a desire to bee had in remembrance by y^{ee} haveing a faith in y^e power y^t was by y^{ee} in this last age of y^e world first preached, & convinced mee in y^e beginning & separated

mee from my fathers house, y^e sense of which love I desire may for ever dwell upon my spirit & in the end bring forth the true fruit of regeneration.

I wish these partes had binn more visited by friends if itt had binn y^e will of God. However y^e imediate sense & growth of y^e divine seed is encouragement to all y^t witness the same. Thus with my true & reall love to thee in my measure of y^e truth, I rest

thy Loveing Friend

JOHN ARCHDALE

North Carolina, 25.1mo.1686.

My love to all friends as thou findest freedome & to Geo: Keith whose booke of y^e way to y^e Citty of God hath binn very serviceable unto mee, my love also to Geo. Whitehead & William Mead.

[addressed] For George Fox.

[endorsed] From Carolina by John Archdale.

read 27 4mo. '86.

LXIX

PIETER HENDRIKS to GEORGE FOX. *Amsterdam*,
17.iv.1690.

George Fox

Dear and very Loving Friend. My unfeigned Love in the Truth does Salute thee very dearly. I could not wel omitt by this occasion to lett thee know the welbeing of Friends here ; we had the last week our quarterly meeting, and that to the comfort and refreshment of one another ; the Lord was with us, blessed be his name, all things were well, and in unity amongst us.

And as for the general, it is well with Friends, for as much I know, at Rotterdam, Haarlem, Alikmaar, Waterland, Vriesland, Emaden, Hamborough and Frederikstatt. At Dantzic have 3 friends laide down their bodies in some months time. They are as yet not molested by the Magistrates, blessed by the Lord.

Upon the last quarterly meeting is ordered, that a Letter of account should be send to the next yearly meeting at

London, etc, which I hope that in due time shall be done. Thy Letter concerning spreading of friends books, is again read in the meeting ; we have found out a way to send not only books to Switzerland, but hope to send also to Piemont amongst the Albigenes & waldenses. In a week [or] 2 or 3 we intend to send thither a good percel of Friends bookes in the french tongue which is most usual amongst them. I hope thou hast received a pack of german and Deens Fr: books, which I have send to S. Crisp, it seems they were taken by the searchers, but for as much we have heard, may books of other Languages, except in the English freely come in.

Many Friends have desired their dear Love to be remembered to thee, and so is also my and my dear wifes Love to thee ; and of B: v Tongeren, John Roelofs, John and Jacob Claus and their wives, our neighbour that carrys herself very friendly towards us, desired also to be remembered to thee. So dear Friend, finishing, I say with all my heart, farewell, be pleased to remember us in thy prayers ; Salute Friends that make enquiry of us.

From thy Loving Friend,

Pieter Handriks

[Addressed] For George Fox, London. .

[endorsed] Read in Meeting for Sufferings y^e 16 3/mo. 1690.

[endorsed] Read this in the Morning Meeting & Meeting for Sufferings :

LXX

THOMAS ALDAM to GEORGE FOX. 1652.

deare Bro. G. ff. thou art A father to y^e faithfull in heart, beefore whome noe iniquitie can stand. To thee who art in the ~~fa~~wise wisdome of God, by whose spirit thou art guided, of y^{ee} I ask Counsell. To y^t eternall spirit which in thee raignds, with which I am one, & doe apeale to judge of this thinge ; which hath beene of weight to mee, how : to order this thinge. These three who are now comed beefore thee : Agnes, Barbara & Nanne Nick have bought new cloathes. Agnes, hath bought A goone & she & y^e other two : did receive 20^s of Will Coltsworth ; & as they to mee doe declare

there was 23^s leyd out about y^e goune, & two wastcoates was Bought for the other. And they are all left at Judee Reyer house. Let mee here from thee ; what y^e spirit of wisdome doth derect to do in this matter, whether I shall give them to them three, or sell them, or other wayes despose of them. It is much of mee y^t I must see or heare, Will: Coltsworth to have his money againe, & soe turne dust & y^e lust together under the condemnation, wich y^e light cast out from y^e children of y^e Light, y^t y^t of God in all wee may have union with, & no thinge else. Let mee here from thee by Bossee [Boswell] Middleton who returns back to yorke.

T.A.

[no address.]

[endorsed] from Tho. Aldam to G.F. 1652.

LXXI

THOMAS ALDAM to GEORGE FOX. *no date.*

Geor: Fox

Deare Brother in the Eternall truth of the father, my Life is with thee ; I am drawne into thee in to that ever lastinge beinge of which thou art possess[ed] of. I am one with thee in the measure wherein I am growne up, one in the unities of that ever lastinge beinge which liveth out of the world, not known to the world, therefore hated of the world. Wee are rejoyceinge to gether, tramplinge uppon them like dust, which are noe other, and what the world feeds uppon, praises, praises bee unto him for ever & ever, who is heweinge downe all the tall cedars & highe okes of Bashan ; . . .

Deare brother pray forr mee that I may bee kept faithfull unto the end, that I may ever bee readie to give up this bodie to death rather than denie the Lord before man, for I am made to see throughe his Love to mee but what soever lookes forth for libertie of this outward flesh bringes the spirit of god into bondage, but standnige forth of this fleshlie bodie, as to give up to death, therein is my freedome in the Eternall Love of the Father which doth carry mee above the world or sense of sufferings. Deare brother salute mee to my deare brother in the Eternall truth Richard Farnsworth, & my brother James Nayler, if thou outwardly doe see them.

Wee are one though absent in the flesh, yet present written in one anothers hearts.

Deare brother I have sent up other four bookes which my deare brother Richard Farneworth did send to mee; I have sent them to London, & I doe expect some of them shortly & I would have thee to write as often as thou canst to mee for what bookes freinds would have. They are bookes which will bee & very servisable for weake frends & convinceinge the world. I have passed many bookes abroade in these parts; & they are very & servisable in convinceinge the world. My deare brother Roger Hepton of Marston, & divers Frends which was with us at the Assize doth salute thee. The power of the Lord doth abundantly appeare, in the breakeinge forth of his divine Love in divers places. My deare Freinds at Balby & my wife doth salute thee. All my fellowe prisoners doth salute thee in Love. Farewell, with whome is my Life, one & but one.

Tho: Aldam

[Endorsed] Tho Aldam to G.F.

„ in George Fox