

were Nathaniel Day,<sup>1</sup> Erasmus Dole,<sup>2</sup> Charles Harford,<sup>3</sup> Charles Jones senior and William Rogers. The matter appears to have been brought to the notice of the government before Barbara Blagdon's letter to the king (dated Bristol September 11 [1686])<sup>4</sup>, with unknown success, but little was done in the matter after that summer.

These little known incidents do not appear in Besse's *Sufferings* since they were not concerned with Friends' meeting together; but they provide good illustration of the temper of city authorities and the difficult paths into which Friends' testimony against oaths could lead them before the era of toleration.

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<sup>1</sup> Nathaniel Day, hosier, of Bristol Bridge, later of Castle Precincts, d. 1691.

<sup>2</sup> Erasmus Dole, pewterer, of St. Thomas's parish, later of Temple Street, and Clifton, d. 1717. Freeman of the city, 1660.

<sup>3</sup> Charles Harford, soapmaker and merchant, of St. Peter's parish, later of St. Philip's parish. b. 1631, d. 1709. Member of the Bristol Corporation of the Poor, and Treasurer for one year. Member of the Society for the Reformation of Manners, 1700.

<sup>4</sup> Friends House. Portfolio I, 44.

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## Additions to the Library

### A FRANCIS BUGG TRACT

THE Library has recently purchased a single sheet folio item by Francis Bugg. It is headed "An Abstract of the Quakers present Principles, Humbly laid before the Honourable, the House of Commons, Assembled in Parliament." London, Printed for the Author, and Sold (with others of his Books) at the Kings-head, Crown, and Green-dragon, in St. Paul's Church-Yard. 1709. (Joseph Smith: *Catalogue of Friends' Books*. I, 344.)

The principles are listed under ten heads, followed by three proofs. The author says he believes some Quakers, if "convinced of the errors of their Teachers would forsake them. And I knowing of no better Method, than an Examination by the Government, have, once more (as in Duty bound) endeavoured to unfold their Principles by this short Abstract, Submitting the Premises to Your Pious Consideration. Who am Your most Humble and most Obedient Servant, Francis Bugg."

## PAPERS CONCERNING ELIZABETH FRY

The library has also received a small collection of letters and papers concerning Elizabeth Fry and work among Newgate prisoners, the gift of Miss Margaret E. J. Taylor, of Englefield Green, Surrey, namely :

1. A statement about conditions for women in Newgate and their improvement. c.1817. 3 pp. Begins "Female convicts in Newgate. (From a correspondent.) The public attention having been lately called to an attempt now making by an association of persons to improve the condition of the female prisoners in Newgate . . ."

2. Minutes of the Committee of Alderman (London) concerning Elizabeth Fry's work in the Gaols, 3rd and 10th May 1817. 2 pp. Printed in the *Memoir of the Life of Elizabeth Fry* (1847), I. 280-1.

3. Maria Pothuary to Elizabeth Fry. Letter dated Blackheath, 16th October 1817. Suggestions for teaching women prisoners. 3 pp.

4. Mary Ann James to Mrs. Coventry. Letter dated Newgate Cell Sunday Evening. 2 pp. (Mary Ann James was executed for forgery, 17.ii.1818. (*Memoir*, I. 309) presumably wife of the writer of no 5. Miss Taylor, the donor, thinks Elizabeth (*née* Barton) wife of Michael Millis Coventry (m. 1798, left a widow 1821, d. 1867 aged nearly 96) is the Mrs. Coventry addressed.

5. Joseph James to Mrs. Coventry, 109 Upper Thames Street, London. Letter dated Norton, 17th Feby, 1818. Cannot come to see his wife. 2 pp.

6. Letter from Jane Williams; dated "New South Wales, 4 mo 10th 1820," and beginning "R Sir." Account of the voyage in the *Lord Wellington*, arrival in Sydney Cove January 20, of conditions in the country, and the importance of good conduct on the voyage in helping the transportee to a new start in life. 4 pp.

7. John and Sarah Foster to Mrs. Coventry, No. 109 Thames Street, London. Letter dated Leiheigh [U.S.A.], Sept. 17th 1820. Account of their experiences by two emigrants. 2 pp.

8. British Ladies' Society for promoting the Reformation of Female Prisoners. Minute on the death of Mrs. Fry. November 3rd, 1845. 4 pp. printed. (Mentioned, and part printed *Memoir*, II. 503-4; printed in Timpson: *Memoirs of Mrs. Elizabeth Fry*, 2nd ed. 1854, 306-313). With lithograph facsimile, and MS. copy of the letter dated Upton Lane, 1.xi.1844, printed in the body of the Minute. (Letter printed in *Memoir*, II. 492.)

9. Elizabeth Fry's letter, dated Ramsgate, 10.x.1845. 2 pp. MS. copy. (Printed in *Memoir*, II. 514-5).

10. Letter in the Bath Chronicle. Dated Nov. 4, 1845, and signed AN EYE-WITNESS OF, AND A SHARER IN, MRS. FRY'S EARLY LABOURS. 1 p. Reprint. Printed again in Timpson, *op. cit.* 299-305.

11. British Ladies' Society for promoting the Reformation of Female Prisoners. Printed appeal for funds. 1856? 2 pp.