

A. R. Barclay MSS

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RICHARD PINDAR to GEORGE FOX & GEORGE
WHITEHEAD

North Shields, 14th 3th mo 1684.

Dear G F & G W:

I Recevd yours of ye 5th Instantt and am not withoutt a sence of your Godly care in all respicts for ye good of ye truth and for ye churches peace. As for yt differance in Scotland which haith bene ye cause of soe much writinge and reflectins upon ye truth, we are in good hopes it may be now brought nigh a pearod. [Account of a dispute concerning a marriage, parties not named.]

Frinds heare aboutes is att presentt under some exercissise conserning somthinge that is falne outt att new Castell. Ye Cunstebeles with som outher offersers beinge to destrane for a fine (upon ye Convintectell Actt) upon John Arah and ye lude wicked infformer beinge with them they brocke open J.A. sope house dores and takeinge som goods away; and ye infformer takeinge outt som tapes outt of oyle caskes on purpuss to waist it, Jo Arahs sonn threw a dish full of ye sope lees in his fase and ye infformer is like to goe wholly blinde upon it. One of his eyes is clearely gon as a Freind tould me yt see him, and ye outher eye is in greatt dainger. J Arah son is about 20 years of aige. They have comited him prisnor and, the Justes who haith beine Frindes greatt persacuter takes ocation upon this to falle upon yt meteinge very severely, and we are affrayed they will be very hard upon ye yonge man thare beinge an Actt yt makes it felon, ye loss of a member. Frinds is under An exercsise in ye matter. My dear wiffe [blot] still in greatt weakenes [blot] she and Dority Burdon who lives att my [blot] desire to be derely rememberd to you both. Soe with my unalrabel Love [blot] to you Both

Remane your truly Lovinge Brother
R. Pinder

arbitration to see how his Fences was and what ye damage was, and he must not be judge and executioner in his owne matter nor any Man in such cases depending amongst neighbours. Therefore this thing must be referred to Men to judge and determine the matter. I am sorry to heare of such things for they are an ill example in your Island and will sett ye world over you and encourage them to doe the like actions and then say the Quakers lead them to itt.

And of such actions as these bee, with their hasty Marriages below ye world and falling into strife and contention about them, and loose the power of God which should keep you in virtue unity and Peace, have a care and take heed least the Lord doe bring the world over you in Government to chasetise you. & therefore lett all such things as these are be judged, for no Friends in Truth can owne them, and be att unity among your selves in the Lords Power both in your men and womens meetings and all other meetings. & lett Hen: Bull make restitution for ye horses according as men shall judge, both of his Fence and Trespasse, to stopp all such bad examples and as they shall judge what damage the horses did him, and soe cleer the Truth of his passion throughout the Iland for his doings are contrary both to ye Law of God and Man. & such actions brings a Reproach upon ye Government and ye Governors should take notice of such things & I am sorry that any such ill action should have been done in your Government in ye sight of professors and prophane whoe may glory and boast over you.

And I doe hear yt An Eason¹ soon after that Hen: Bulls wife was deceased that shee should be in Company with H.B. upon which a discourse about Marriage was raised, but I hope better thinges of her and Joshua Coxhall, that they will be wiser and have more reputation for the Truth and them selves. Not that I deny marriage but yt [they] may have patience and doe things to ye honour and glory of God in the sight of men.

And soe Remem: mee to Petter Eason and Jos. Nicholson and Robert Hodgson, and that ye may strive together to be all of one mind and that noe weaknesse may appear and what has been amisse lett it be forgiven with the seed of life that itt may be hea[r]d amongst you. Remem: mee alsoe to the Governor and to old Wm. Coddington and tell him I have

¹ Anne Easton, *née* Clayton, m. Henry Bull.

sent his Book to bee printed, and to all the Rest of Friends
yt Queries after mee mind my love to them and to Arthur
Cook if yett come into your Ieland; and my desire is that
you may all live in ye Power of God and that there may be
noe more strife amongst you but all strive for Peace and unity.
Soe with my dear love to thee I rest

G. F.

Alexr. Parker and Jo Burnyeat being present Rem: their dear
love to thee and to all Friends

[endorsed] G.F. to Christo:

Holder in the

15th 4mo 1677

in Road Iland.

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THOMAS ELLIS to PHILIP FORD

Dublin 13th 4 m 85

My dear & fatherly friend

In whom the tender love of my God & Compassionate
bowells of Mercy hath appeared to my soul beyond what I
can expresse. . . .

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GEORGE FOX to GEORGE WHITEHEAD

[not autograph]

South Street ye 9th 3d mo: 86:

Dear G:W:

With my Love to thee & thy wife in ye holy truth that is
over all & that Changes not & to ye Rest of frinds yt query
after me, I received thy Letter yesterday & thou didst very
well to give me an account & I am sorry that you have noe
more help to assist Concerning Looking through the Certifi-
cates & the Sufferings to See what frinds Can be set at
Liberty which have Long Laid in prison. I am Sorry that
frinds Should be backward or wanting in Soe good a work &
if any be out of ye way you must speak to Some others to
draw up a List of every County that Can be set at Liberty by
a warrant but if you Can get ye Kings Warrant suddenly yt
will reach more of them then they may Come out together,

And if you Could have gott into ye Warrant them that Lye upon Contempts & not swearing to their Answers & other wise, And as I take it many lye upon Capass' for not paying tyths a way of Contempt, and if frinds Come out upon fines for meeting I think there is a matter of 20 will Come out at Lancaster which were fined by Gefferyes¹ £20 apeece, and if thee Seest W: Pen & Robt. Barkley I gave them a Letter concerning Swearing when R:B: doth Speak again to ye King &c that he might put him in mind how many friends Lyes in Goal because for tenderness of Conscience they dare not swear to their Answers, And alsoe many young men that honestly & truly served their Apprentice ships in Cittyes & Corporations & because they dare not take ye formality of an oath & swear Lest they should be disobeyers of Christ many Cannot have ye freedome of the Cittyes & Corporations to open their Shops; these things thou mayest put ym in mind of when thou Seest them yt they may Speak to ye King as they have an oportunity. I have not been very well since I came into ye Country soe ye Lord in his eternall power give you dominion & in his wisdome preserve you in it. Amen.

G. F.

[address]

This

For Geo: Whitehead
if he be not at
whom Carry it to Mark
Swanner at 3 King
Courte in Lombard
Street

In

London

Middlesex

[endorsed]

G Fs Letter to G.W.
about the discharge of
ye rest of prisoners in
ye Counties.

Meet. Suff: 21 3 mo 1686
not for Record

This letter is numbered 4,70H in Henry J. Cadbury's *Annual catalogue of George Fox's papers* (1939).

For George Whitehead's activity in securing the release of Friends under the General Pardon of March 1686, see his *Christian Progress*, 587-591; W. C. Braithwaite, *Second Period*, 125

¹ Judge Jeffreys.

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JOHN AUDLAND to EDWARD BURROUGH

Bristol, 12.iii.1656

E.B.

Deare & well beloved Brother in the unitey unchangable am I with thee. & in the life eternall doe I embrace thee, my deare & sweete companion in the worke of the lord, my love abids with thee & with my dearely beloved F.H[owgill]. when thou sees him or writtes to him sallute mee to him in the pure love & unitey.

Deare brother, the thinge I did enquire after, as touching the bookes which was sente for Ireland: & as farr as I heare the vessell they wente in was loste, & all the goods that was in it: but there was other books sente to another place which went saffe: these which was loste Eliz: Marshall¹ sente them with some other goods: made up for Watterford according as she had derection, it may bee Mar: Blanch Can tell thee of it: deare harte A.A. [Anne Audland] her deare love is to thee she wente towards gF laste 5 day: many friends are gone & goeing that way: Jane Waugh was freed out of prison: out of the north I heard & friends are pretty well there: Milles [Hubbersty] & Tho: [Salthouse] are Continued and Lenerd Fell & little Mills Bateman was taken priseners at Totnes: & kepte aboute 5 dayes: & then got free, but Milles hath not beene well, and so was lefte Sicke at Execeter & I heard since that hee recovered. Eliz: F[letcher] & Eliz. S[mith]: is gone this day towards gF. & some other friends.

Deare harte remember mee to friends as thou art free: my deare love is to thee & with thee: I recaved one from thee & one from my deare bro: F: H: Since I writte to thee.

I am bound to you with Cords of love, & reste with you in the fould of Eterenall peace: thy dear brother

J.A.

Brestoll the 12th day of 3d Month 1656

[address] For my deare
Brother: Edward
Burrough These

¹ Elizabeth Marshall, widow, of Bristol, was mother of Charles Marshall; she joined Friends in 1654 and was imprisoned for disturbing ministers (Ralph Farmer at St. Nicholas church, John Knowles at the cathedral) before the end of the year; *The Cry of Blood* (1656), 16-17, 19-21, 48-50; John Latimer, *Annals of Bristol in the 17th century*, 240-1. In 1673 Elizabeth Marshall married Ulysses Taunton, of Wells, Somerset.

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 London.
 [endorsed] severall letters of
 frds minist
 deceased
 1656.

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ROBERT SANDILANDS to JOHN FIELD

Reading 22d 4th mo 87

Deare Frd

Last first day I was at Windsor where W. P[enn]. & R. B[arclay]. were also & wee had very good & large Meettings, & many people of divers sorts flocked in, & were sober & well affected ye power of truth & life being over in dominion; now ye occasione of my writing to thee is, seing (as Ben: Antrobus may remember when he was there, about a month agoe I happened to be there then too) there is a considerable number of people yt comes frequently to Windsor meeting ye 1st day. It would be very serviceable (& some Friends of Windser desyred me to acquaint you with it) if your 2 days meeting tooke it into consideratione yt there might be a Constant supply by one Frd or other at Windsor especially during ye tyme of Courts being there; which I leave to thyn & Frds further serious thoughts. With my dear love to them to thy selfe & wife is all at present from thy Affectionat Frd

R Sandilands

I hope thee hast minded or will mind my Epistle¹ & let me heare by my Cusing when he writes from whom I expect shortly to heare.

[address] To John Feild
 at ye Bull & Mouth
 neere Aldersgate
 in London

These

[endorsed] 27. 4 mo 87 read
 Rt Sandilands in behalf
 of Winsor Frds.

¹ Printed, 1688, *A Salutation of endeared Love . . . to the Called and Chosen of the Lord*. Robert Sandilands was convinced by Robert Barclay when a student at Aberdeen; he later joined George Keith in his separation.

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THOMAS ROBERTSON to SARAH MEADE

Newgate, Bristol 29.vii.1682

Sarah Meade

And deare freind whom I salute in ye truth and in ye life of Jesus which is made manyfest through death and through sufferings and many tribulations . . .

As to this place sufferings is much what as formerly at ye meetings abroad in ye Citty and kept up by a few, their¹ being many in prison, and ym of ye great booke party² comes very litle now of late some hath come to meeting and was tooke [prisoner] but they goe presently out againe and sometimes by meanes yt ye truth Cannot allow of, so yt in prison we are generally of one hart & minde. Here is Nathaniells Dayes wife³ whose Certifycat is in ye booke Concer[ni]ng thy fathers goeing out of ye meeting at Bristol, but she saith yt she did not know but yt all freinds was satisfyed with it his goeing out and she did not know yt they would have made yt use of it yt they did and if she had so knowne yt they would she would not have soe said to ym, but I suppose they partly extorted and drew it out of her yet she was Corupted by ym and hurt. Their are some yt are and have bene kept from meetings in this suffering time by one temptation or other yt [*two or three words torn away*] death hath over-tooke, and one in her sicknes hath caused her needles things in her Kitchin to be taken downe, and was very much under Judgment for severall things, but at length came to be eased and well satisfyed and now a dying woman. One yongue man is come to prison at ye first meeting yt he was at but one, he was tooke and sent hither and ye power of ye lord is stirring in severall which will bring downe ye power of darknes. They threaten freinds much what they will doe hereafter as to persecution, saying yt it is but small there sufferings yt hath

¹ In this letter the writer uses the spelling "their" for "there".

² Supporters of William Rogers, author of *The Christian-Quaker*.

³ Anne Day (wife of Nathaniel Day, hosier, of Bristol Bridge, later of Castle Precincts, d. 1691) signed a certificate concerning George Fox's leaving Broadmead meeting in 1662. The certificate is printed in William Rogers, *The Christian-Quaker* (1680) part V, p. 62; see also *Antichristian treachery*, 143; Thomas Ellwood, *Antidote* (1682) 223ff; George Whitehead, *The Accuser of our Brethren* (1681) 157-9, 238. It was used by Rogers to reflect on Fox as one who fled in time of persecution; see W. C. Braithwaite, *Second Period*, 219-20. Anne Day was a sufferer in 1664, 1682 and 1683; *Relation of the inhumane and barbarous sufferings . . . Bristol* (1665) 109, 118, 122; Besse, *Sufferings* (1753) i. 66, 68.

bene Inflicted as yet to yt which will now befall freinds a new Mayor now being come into place and Sheriffes¹, and they prosecute freinds for not Coming to Church as they call it, and for 20 li a month² for 12d. a Sunday they tell of, for refuseing ye Oath of abiuration and ye oath of Alegeance excommunications they are forward in with severall, and they drive one as furious as is posible, but I hope god will preserve his people in ye midst of all their afflictions. I was had before ye Court ye last sesions and ye Towne Clarke³ saith yt I might have bene released had not ye Bishop⁴ bene their they were willing it semes to release me, severall of ym of ye Bench, but ye Bishop he points with his finger at me and soe he would have had ym to tender me ye oath againe⁵, but they did not but ordered me to be kept to ye next sesions, and ye Towne Clarke saith now when ye Goale is delivered up he will leave me out of ye Kalendar, and so I am in some likelihood to be released; but I am very well Content in ye will of god however things be. So haveing litle more at present, but if thy father be in towne you may let him heare this with my love to him and to thy husband and to thy deare sister Margaret [Rous] and her husband for I heare they are come to live at London. Noe more but fare ye well and so I rest thine in Christ Jesus.

Tho: Robertson

Bristol, Newgate this
29 of ye 7ber 82.

And at ye meeting house in ye fryers which they have in possession, which the[y] have taken from freinds, they comonly take freinds their on ye first dayes and comes to ym as if they had authority through ye great house; and freinds being talking at ye door they aske freinds what they doe their and so fales on e[i]ther to beating ym or to take ym to prison, so yt if freinds had ye posesion of ye house they had more authority yn now they have. And I have spoken to severall on this wise, but Wm Rogers hath ye writings and

¹ 29 September 1682: Thomas Eston, merchant became mayor of Bristol, and George Hart and John Combes sheriffs.

² Besse, *Sufferings* (1753), 68-70, has a long list of Bristol convictions on this account.

³ John Romsey.

⁴ William Gulston.

⁵ Thomas Robertson had been in prison since January 1682 for refusing to take the oath of allegiance; *Distressed case* (1682) 7.

will not give ym up to freinds unles freinds will give him 80 li which he saith he hath laid out to ye building of ye meeting houses in Bristol and yt ye writeings could be had as aforesaid. Charles Harford saith yt he would stand to ye owneing of ye meeting house so this money will be very hard to be raised. T. Gouldney is not willing to pay any part towards it & ye rest of ym. G[ouldney] is or was lately in London and if thy father had an oportunity to speake to him it might doe well¹ vale.

[address]

To Sarah Meade
at the signe of ye
Shipp in fanchurch
Street London
D.

[endorsed by G.F.]

Thomas robson to
sara mead 1682

The Midgley Library, Manchester

A Quaker Research Collection in the North of England

EARLIER this year the books and bookcase of the Midgley Library, housed for the last ninety years in the Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, were removed on permanent loan to the John Rylands Library, Deansgate, Manchester.

The Midgley Library consists of 221 volumes, representing a total of some 1,200 different items. Dates of publication range from the middle of the seventeenth to the middle of the nineteenth century. About 1050 of the volumes and pamphlets—the vast majority of the whole—form a valuable collection of early Quaker works from the seventeenth century. To put this into proper perspective, it may be remembered that the output of Friends' works of the seventeenth century has been estimated at 6,000. The Midgley Library contains more than one in six of these. Approximately one-third of the works

¹ See W. C. Braithwaite, *Second Period*, 104. Thomas Callowhill held the counterparts of the Friars Meeting House deeds, but Friends did not resume possession of the keys until 1686; Bristol Men's Meeting minutes, 16 & 30. viii. 1682; 27.vii.1686. Charles Harford already owned Temple Street Meeting House, Bristol's smaller meeting-house across Bristol Bridge, on the Somerset side of the Avon (for him see *Jnl. F.H.S.*, xliii, 77).