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CXVIII

FRANCIS HOWGILL to MARGARET FELL, *Dublin*,
3.vii.1655

M F.

Everlastingly beloved sister in the infinite fountane of love which flowes forth from the bosome of eternall love. . . .

After we parted with the[e] att Swarthmore, we passed downe to Warington that first day, and their was an exeding great metting from olmes church¹ and neare leaverpole divers but we weare presed to goe on and make noe stay & so came to Chester, & viseted the prisoners and stayd in towne all night, and on the morow Tho. Bridges² & Jam: Mires³ went towards london & cared our horses. & on the next day we came to the sea but the winde was contrary and so having made sure a shipe, we pased up into Cheshire to a metting & downe to the sea agayne. & the wind being Contrary we gotte horses and rode 15 miles on the first day wheare freinds had apoynted a metting where none had been befor, wheare freinds had been much persecuted: and so cam to the metting and so all was chayned and we passed, and on the morow the winde blew fayre. & so we cam and entered into a shipe with Eliz: Fletcher and so we passed, but few knew E.B.⁴ & I: and their was many pasengers wilde but we vinicated the quackers att a distance, & so they knew us not till we cam over. & the wind blew butt softly and so we weare two dayes & two nightes on the sea. & on the 4 day of the weeke weeke [*sic*] we came to Dublin and on the 5 day we had a metting att one Capt Riche,⁵ and on the first day att one

¹ Ormskirk?

² Thomas Briggs.

³ For James Myers see G. F. Nuttall's *Early Quaker letters*.

⁴ Edward Burrough.

⁵ Stephen Rich, see *Journal F.H.S.*, xlviij, 34.

Captan Alands¹ house and many people came, and all calme, they are loveing, the Captans, but their is not much in them and so e: b: went up to the deputies house wheare was a metting of baptistes & hath been their 3 times and spoke with Flettwood himselfe who was moderate: much like O.C. but the offecers hath bowed downe to the idoll baptisme for promotion, for it grew in great fashon a while heare but now it withers and so att the baptistes mettinges we have gone and spoken but they harden.

We have been heare about 3 weekes & we have pretty mettings on the first day but they are a carlesse desolut proud people. Yett we have been moderatt, and so they are calme to us and it grows of sum better reporte then it hath been, the treuth: this weeke E.B. & I went out of the citie 20 miles to a towne caled Tradarth²; we had a litle metting att a Justis house and stayed two nightes in the towne. & mett with some officers who was moderate and so we cam to Dublin agayne. And so E.B. went up to the Phenix³: & I stayed att the mettinge & it was pretty large and calme, and their is pretty desires in many.

But now Oh my dear hearte my beloved yockeffellow and I now must parte who hath borne the yock so longe together which was pretiouse one to the other as our one lives. The Crose is greate in so strange & barboriouse a nation, yett it is nott so greate, as if any other had parted us: my very life I have with him whose bow, sword and speare never returned emptie from the slayne of the mighty, and often we have sunge together att the deviding of the spoyle. But in the will of god is peace: I ame moved to goe a hundered miles west in the nation towards Corke, their is a service and a people that way to be gatherd and Kingsayle and Bandon Brige at the

¹ Perhaps Captain Henry Alland in Colonel Pretty's regiment, who was assigned land in Waterford. According to the *Calendars of State Papers (Ireland)*, 1660/62, p. 617 (1905): 10 Nov. 1662—Henry Aland, Captain in the late usurper's army, committed to the Serjeant-at-Arms, having been taken at a conventicle near Dublin, Sunday, 9 Nov. 1662. (Information from Olive C. Goodbody.)

² Drogheda.

³ The Phoenix was a manor house situated on Thomas Hill in Phoenix Park, where now stands the Old Magazine Fort used by the Ordnance Survey Department. It was built in 1611 by Sir Edward Fisher, who in 1618 sold it to the Government who used it as a viceregal residence. In 1654 it would have been the house of Henry Cromwell, and must be the one alluded to by Friends who went to see the Deputy about "two miles outside the city and waited till he came forth in his carriage". (Olive Goodbody.)

end of the land. & E:B: must stay heare, for this citie we canott leave yett, but I am given up to lay downe all for him who hath made me a conqueror glory unto him for evermore.

My deare heart: as thou art moved pray for us that we may be preserved from the creualty of the heathen, and in his power to treade the wine presse and as thou are fre write to me: to Dublin & it will Come to my hand, by post write to London so their comes a post to Dublin often. Salute me in the lord to all thy childeren and all the church thearaways: & as thou art fre write a word to my wife. So the everlasting arme of god preserve us in his power, that if it be his will we may se one another face: that we may reioyse together in the lord.

Thy deare Brother in the unchangable
life of god

Francis Howgill

Dublin 3 of the 7 moneth

[address] For the hands of my deare
Freind Margett Fell att
Swarthmore theese

[endorsed] From Francis Howgill to M. F.
1655 from jerland
read over

CXIX

JOHN STORY to RICHARD FARNSWORTH, GEORGE
WHITEHEAD & JOSIAH COALE.

Kendall the 5th of the 3 Month 1666

R.F. G.W. & J.C.

My deare and welbeloved Brethren in the infinite fulnes of that devine love & truth which wee have received of God I most kindly Salute you all. . . .

Deare J.C. I received thine with the kinde acceptation of thy love therin and am truely glad to hear that thou & the brethren their are well, but of being with you att the time thou speakes of in thine I see noe freedom but rether the Contrary, for which I am sorry to Louse such an opportunity in which wee might be a comefort and benifit to each other.¹ However my heart is with you in yt blessed unity of Gods Spirit and in that I can say amen to whatsoever hee shall put

¹ A meeting of ministers was convened in London and issued an epistle on the subject of discipline in the church, dated iii. 1666. (Portfolio 41.94; printed *Letters, &c., of early Friends*, 1841, pp. 318-324).

in to your hearts for the benifit & good order among his people yt the profeshom of his glorious truth may bee with [out?] blame & honorable in the sight of all men. I did likewise communicate thy letter to the brethren hear & left it to their consideration. I have had a preicious oppertunity thus fare to visit friends hear & the Lord doth inlarge the borders of his sanctuary blessed bee his name for evermore. Seveurall hear rem[ember] their love to you all which I forbear to mention in perticuler. Rem. my love very dearly to A P [Alexander Parker] or any other of the Brethren that may be their, and to G.R. [Gerrard Roberts] & his wife & to Ould & young Re. Travis¹ Rem. my love very dearly, & to Margery² att the Bull and Mouth rem. my love, & to Jo. Boulton, & to all that be faithfull in that city Love doth truely reach, & the desire of my soull to the Lord for them all is that through his arme & power [they] all may be preserved with an everlasting preservation in righteousnes to the end. I haveing litle more att presant I bid you all farwell your true bro:

Jo: Story

[address] Leave this with Garrad Roberts
Merchant att the Sign of ye
Flower deluce in Thomas Apostle
London

To be given to J.C. or
R.F. with Care

[endorsed] John Story's letter
to R.F. G.W. & J.C.

[in a later hand] 1656

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THOMAS STACY to GEORGE FOX. *Sinderhill*, 23.xi
[1654?]

My deare bro: before thy letter came to me I was gone

¹ Rebecca Travers (1609-1688), and her daughter Rebecca (Travers) Osgood, m. John Osgood, linendraper of Bartholomew Close, London, 14.ix.1667.

² Probably Margery, wife of William, Browne (d. 6.iii.1707, aged 84), of Martins le Grand (London Registers). She is mentioned in Beck & Ball: *London Friends' meetings*, p. 130. William Browne had some duties at the Bull and Mouth and is mentioned in an article by George W. Edwards on "The Bull and Mouth Meeting House, its site and environs", in *Friends' Quarterly*, 1955, p. 78.

In the MS. the "Mouth" of Bull and Mouth is represented by a pictograph mouth, thus Bulan◡.

forth & have not beene negligent since my comeinge from thee, & have not beene 3 or 4 dayes at most at home. My passages & service too large to relate but it sufficeth in that I have beene serviceable, Yorke & Tadcaster that way & burton & Denby &c. There is to bee a great meetinge the 30 instant beioynd Knasbrough & I know nothings but to be there, I am somthinge pressed in my spirit to be there. My father is not in health but lyeth in bed & cannot stirr without help soe I shall stay with him till I goe to the meetinge at Knasbrough. & he is very willinge I should goe & patient in his paine. I need not write thou art & knowest it written in all our hartes. Thy remembrance is deare. I shall as the lord makes way com to thee as shortly as I can: let thy prayers (& yet I know thou art not unmindfull of us) be for us: All our loves to freinds

from Tho: Stacy

Sinderhill 23. 11. month

Wordes cannot express my love to thee. I am satisfied in that I love thee.

[address] To the hands of him who
is called by the name of
George Fox these.

[endorsed] From Tho Stacy to G.F. 1653.
Looked over.

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CXXII

THOMAS ALDAM to GEORGE FOX. *York Castle, 1654*
G F.

Deare Bro: in the eternall truth of god, my life is with thee, & all those liveinge stones hewen out of ye Rocke, who are founded uppon ye Rock Christ Jesus, who are with thee. . . . Now deare bro: to thee I am moved to let knowe, my condicon & how it is often with mee. I am often in spirit waiteinge; Att London att ye dores of Oliver Crombwels house without as if cloathed with sackcloath, standinge in sackcloath in bodie, & weepinge over a seede, which is in bonds in yt creature, overwhelmed with temptations. But when my spirit & my bodie appears as in presence, then is all ye powres of darkenesse bound up, & ye seede of god ownes

mee; & is even as ashamed of those adulterous spirits yt it hath joynd with. . . . Now is ye Lord purgeinge his sanctuary; & all is to bee tryed, blessed is hee yt continues to the end faithfull. The Beast & ye false Prophet is inventinge to gett a law to cutt of ye saints of ye most Highe god. Hee yt will save his life shall lose it. . . .

I have beene moved of ye Lord 4 severall times to offer up my bodie & soule unto ye Lord, & to let ye Lord doe with this outside what hee will to declare & beare testimonie of ye truth of god in this greate sodom in ye place called Minster of Yorke. & twice the Magistrates with ther consultation of ye Preists did cause mee to bee hailed out & to prison. I was sent with one of their servants, & by command of one Toppinge¹ called a justice of Yorke, who did Imprison mee in the cittie prison once beefore for declareinge ye eternall truth of god to ye conscience of people in the streets. But I did not continue in yt prison longe but was had beefore Topinge called Justice by ye Gaoler. & . . . hee desired mee to goe away out of his house; & make noe tumults in ye cittie. . . . Another time ye same Topinge did give command to keepe mee out of ye cittie at ye Barre, & sayd I deserved to bee had on with two men on to the gallows, & hanged, or tyed downe to a stacke & burned; & another time, hee came to mee in the Minster & sayd I did neither feare god nor man; & sayd they might goe up to London to gett a law from ye Lord Protector to take a course with mee. & now I have tryed their spirits as ye Lord did command mee, & by their words, & actions they are manifest, & now there is but one thinge wantinge which is to gett a law, & yt by this our law this man must dye, which they want to satisfie their blood thirstie mindes. They are in great rage in this cittie, & ye false prophets are goeinge up to London to gett powre to bee establisht in their horrible filthy spirittuall wickednesse. & ye true prophets of ye Lord is to goe up thither, to ley open their spirittuall wickednesse . . .

My love in the eternall unitie salutes you all who love not your lifes unto death. Deare Bro: G.F: with whome is my life & all with thee, who stand stedfast in the eternall freedome, tramplinge uppon all dust & earthlie spirits whose glorieinge is in the crosse of Christ with you all is in rejoyceinge thoughe

¹ The name Toppyn (Toppinge, Toppynge) appears in the York freemen's Registers.

in outward bonds, yet free throughe ye powre of god. O Hast, Hast, yow yt are chosen of ye Lord; & abide in your callinge yt you may save your lifes, & obtaine ye eternall inheritance, ye crowne of Life, ye eternall riches leyd up for yow in the Lord Jesus Christ, & offer up your bodies & soules a liveinge sacrifice unto the Lord, & yt hee may doe his will, in disposeinge of yow all, stand single in his will out of selfe will, & goe on in the name of ye Lord, your jurney. & ye Lord god of powre bee with you, & his powre goe beefore you & I am with you, you sons & daughters of ye liveinge god. Feare not what man can doe to you: ripp up all deceite & thresh it to dust.

Tho Aldam

From Yorke Castle

Wee are in health, & my fellowe Prisoners
Brethren, & sisters salutes you all, in ye Bonds of Love

[address] To My deare Brother
G.F. where hee is
these

[endorsed by G.F.] t aldom
1654

CXXIII

THOMAS KILLAM to GEORGE FOX. *Balby*, 8.xii.1654

Deare & Tender GF. A note I received by thee written & directed by the bearer to mee, my sister Margrett¹ & brother Tho: Aldam for to come up to thee. & this I have returned to give thee an account how wee are disposed of att present. My bro: is gone to London with speed, not havinge the tyme to see thee or come to thee. & as for my sister shee is gone to Yorke & I know not when shee may returne. & as for my selfe I am to bee att Lincolne there to meete James Naylor. & as shortly after my returne as in mee lyeth I intend to come if thou write or send word to mee, & I shall acquaint my sister att her returne, of thy sendinge for her. And as for Tho: Stacyes not cominge up to thee he hath beene mucche serviceable amongst frends in severall places since his departure from thee.² & his father is very weake upon the gout, & haveinge beene much from him, hee doth intend to come up

¹ Margaret (Aldam) Killam, d. 22.xi.1672.

² cf. A.R.B. CXX.

to thee as shortly as hee can without preiudice to his father, for hee was very badly I beinge latlie there. Soe I have given thee an account of our present orderings.

Therefore as thou art moved to lett us hear from thee, who art moore to us then I can in words expresse, with our dutyes to thee as a tender & carefull father who with all diligence tendernesse & care cares for us.

From Balbie this 8th
day of the 12th m.

(54)

[endorsed]

this letter came from
John Killam to f.g.
From Balby to G.F.
1654

Thine wee are

T.K: Jonee K: my mother
& Sister Aldam¹

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JOAN KILLAM to GEORGE FOX. *Balby*, 15.viii.1658

George

Deare heart, Great hath beene the day & is of tribulation amongst us, & a day of trouble, such as never was since the foundation of the world was laid, soe that the earth reeleth to and fro, & is often moved out of its place. My husband Thomas Killam hath his deare love remembred to thee & hath a desire that thou mayest know how it is with him, at present his trouble hath been exceedinge greate, soe that hee often cryeth out his sinne is gone over his head & his iniquitie is too heavie for him to beare. Hee refuseth the nourishment of the creatures, & saith why should hee take it in any more, soe that the outward man is very weake, & hath beene this two monthes, but it is little above three weekes since his inward trouble began. Sometimes hee saith hee hath a litle refreshment, but it tarryeth not, & then his trouble is greater, & his greife is great for the people of God least they should bee offended by him. My sister Margaret hath added much to his affliction.

¹ Thomas Killam (d. 1690) the writer; Joan (Aldam) Killam (d. 1681); Jane Killam (d. 1678)?; Mary, wife of Thomas Aldam (d. 1660).

Soe deare hearte, I have laid the thinge before thee & I desire thee (if thou findest freedome) that thou wouldst write a few lines unto him with as much speed as thou canst.

Thy Freind Joan Killam

Balbie the 15th of the 8th month (58)

[address]

For the handes of
George Fox these
with care & speed

d

[endorsed by G.F.]

Jone Kilam to gF.
1652 thomas aldames
suferinges at Yorke
& ingrosed

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THOMAS ALDAM to LIEUT.-GENERAL LAMBERT

To Leeue Tenant Generall Lamberd. *Yorke*, [1653 or later]

Dr Frend my love in our Lord Jesus Christ remembered to thee in the power of his truth. I am moved to write unto thee haveinge heard much of thee to bee one which doth owne the truthe as it is in Christ Jesus. I desire thou mayst prize his mercies and beware of selfe ends; & honors of the world for they blinde the eyes of the wise & prevents the words of the righteous; O bee valient for the truth uppon earth & treade uppon the deceite: O that his mercies may not bee forgott for his greate deliverance to this nation & turned into a dreame. O what hath beene promised to the libertie of the subiect, in takeinge of oppressions, the oppression in tythes, & oppression in your corrupt lawes, & divers abominable oppressions which still remaine. . . . [A long paper against the priests] they are greedie doggs, which can never have enoughe everye one lookeinge for his gaine from his quarter. They cry peace peace to them which put into their mouths, but they that doe not put into their mouths they prepare warr against them. Their example is pride, covetousness and oppression; teacheinge for filthie lucre & hire which the word forbids. . . .

O bee faithfull in the Lords worke & beware of lookeinge out after selfe ends & earthlie vaneties & seekeinge after earthlie honours, & bee valiant in the Lords worke least thou

be cast out with the sloathfull servant, the Lord will have
noe loytrers in his vineyards.

Tho: Aldam

A Prisoner of the Lord att
Yorke Castle

[endorsed by G.F.]

t aldem to
john lambard
1652 a presen
er

whoe died in the
the trouth agood
minster

Letters & papers of Tho:
Aldams & some others
Frends in Yorkeshire

london.

CXXVI

WILLIAM AMES to MARGARET FELL. *Amsterdam*,
12.vi.[1661?].¹

Dear Margaret

although I have long forborn toe write toe thee, yet it is
not because thy love and tendernes is by me forgotten. . . .

Remembre my deare and unfeined love toe all friends
about thee

thy dear brother

Wm Ames

Amsterdam 12th 6th moneth
[address] Margerett Fell
at Swarthmoor in Lanca-
shiere with speed.

CXXVII

FRANCIS HOWGILL & JOHN CAMM to GEORGE FOX.
London, 27.i.1654.²

Deare brother thy owne seed, begoten by the[e], runes
out to thee and salutes the[e] in the lord. We are in the Citie

¹ This letter is printed in William I. Hull's *The Rise of Quakerism in Amsterdam* (1938), p. 88, lines 5-16, and p. 79, lines 7-15. The opening portion of the letter appears on p. 88 and the final paragraph is printed following the marks of omission on p. 79, line 7, being there printed as if it were part of another letter.

² Compare this letter with that of equal date from Camm and Howgill to Margaret Fell (ARB MS. 20; extract printed *Journal F.H.S.*, xxviii (1931), pp. 54-55): see Braithwaite, *Beginnings*, 156.

and many dayes we wayted in exeding greate feare and under a great weight lest the gloriouse name of our god should be deshonered & least the word of the lord should be strangled in the wombe. At last we found movinges to write to him, a gentell soft letter to him.¹ A copey we have sent thee. And longe it was befor we had any admitence. We wayted eleven dayes, some time great trouble fell upon us that we weare no more burdined. Sumtime a great weight layd on our speirts, but loe, but the exeding love of god to us, for if the burdin had been great so many dayes, who could have borne it, but the presence and the love of god hath been exeding great to us, and power liftinge us up continually, all prayses to him. & on the tweulth day, or the day they call Easter Monday,² we wayted much of the day, & towards the eveninge we went up, & the lord did give us corage & bouldnesse, & wisdome, and my deare brother John Cam spoke a few soft words under him, and he replied in much of the serpents wisdome exedinly: at last I was moved to speake a few playne words in life and power, the very condition how he had beene wheare he was. & I was mad[e] to charge him by the lord to take away all those lawes by which the people of god was imbondaged, or else the same power that had broken all his enemies should breake him to peces & he should goe downe with them, to which he spoke very much. & we weare mad[e] to bear [with] him much. It [is] a cuninge suddell fox & a serpent is in him, that we could gite nothing [f]³astened upon his conscence : but he did say the light in his conscence tould him their was no such law now that any tender conscences was imbondaged by. & so [we] weare fre & tould him of Maries acte⁴: and he vlicated it much, but he would [co]ntinue all to exalt his horne. About an hore we stayed with him: and he [beg]an to grow highe, yett we bore him, and he desired that we would leave him, he [was] weary. He profered us money or any thing we would; we denied him and [bad?] him a day. He desired us to come agayne: we shall cleare our conscences to him [?whe]ther he will heare or forbear . . .

Pr[a]y for us deare Geo: that [we] may trample upon all, for now I se the lord hath given to his people the depest

¹ Oliver Cromwell.

² 27 March, 1654.

³ The edge of the letter is cut away. Missing portions of words are supplied.

⁴ 1 Mar. st. 2, cap. 3, punished malicious disturbance of church services.

[an]gwish, prayse to him for ever. Thy former Answer to Edon was in the prise already. We cam their: but a shett or tow was but printed, so we take it out & put [t]hat [which] we caried with us, and most of the papers we caried we have put in [t]he presse. & that paper consering London is in print.

This Citie, oh abominable, [abom]inable deseite & prid & filthines abounds, heare is nothing but great words, [nothing] but filthie deseite.

Salute us to our deare Bretheren. Oh deare, oh deare are [?ye] to us. The eternall god of power keep them. Our unite is with you. Farwell

on March 27th 1644: Francis Howgill: John Camme
[endorsed by G.F.] To G.F. frome

F.H. & J:A. 1644

[in a later hand] F. Howgill &/J. Camme/to/G.F./1644

CXXVIII

ROBERT BARWICK

At Yorke Assize there held the fift Month called July 18 day 1654.

Passages concerneinge Robert Barwicke, who was called to bee a jurye man at Yorke Assis there to doe service.

Account of the appearances in court before Judge Newdigate [Sir Richard Newdigate, baronet, 1602-78, *Dict. Nat. Biog.*] and before Judge Windham [Sir Hugh Wyndham, 1603-84, *Dict. Nat. Biog.*] of Robert Barwick, of Kelk (d. 28.i.1661).¹ Robert Barwick was committed to jail, 22.v, for refusing to take his hat off in court and refusing to take the oath of a jury man; released 24.v.

[endorsed] Passages concerneing a Frend Robert* Barwicke returned a jury man, who was imprisoned two dayes because hee denyed sweareing & doffinge his hatt beefore the Judges But sett free out of prison now.

Concerneing Robt. Barwick 1654 Yorkshire

[endorsed by G F] abovght
the svferings
frinds in Yorke
in grosed
to gF.

1652

Yorke suff

¹ Correct the note in *Cambridge Journal*, ii, 404 accordingly. Robert Barwick was once a cornet under General John Lambert; *F.P.T.* 297 and note. See also Besse, *Sufferings*, II, 99, 100; *F.P.T.* 294. Robert's widow, Grace Barwick, married Joseph Helmsley, 31.xi.1664, at Kelk.

CXXIX¹

JOHN WHITEHEAD & MARMADUKE STORR to
GEORGE FOX. *Wellingborough*, 17.i.1655 [17 March 1654/5].

Deare brother in the eternall Light of Christ, I am with thee in my measure, and do salute thee in yt love which from my father doth flow into my soull, yt doth refresh and stay mee in his councell, in his wisdome yt doth comprehend and confound the world. Praisess, praises for ever more bee unto the liveing god.

On the 5th day of this weeke² I was at a meetinge in this towne and there came in to aprehend mee two constables with some other men who caryed mee before Thomas Pentlow called Justice, who after neare an houres examination, he tould mee yt hee did wish mee to goe home to my wife and if I would ingage to goe towards her in the morning and goe to her and stay with her I should have my liberty, which was by mee denyed. Then hee gave the constable charge of mee till further orders, who kept mee untill this day, and about the ninth houre carryed mee beefore him againe, and Marmeduke Storr beeing come up to see his brother Joseph³ and mee, and beeing with mee, hearing that they caryed mee under thee name of a vagrant, was moved to goe with mee to witnessse the contrary and was by Thomas Pentlow admitted into his house, who after hee was come in they did seek ocasion against him, but no breach of law nor pretence of a breach could they prove against him, nether could the[y] prouve any breach of law against mee; but after about 8 houres examination and consultation with two preests yt was there, Thomas Pentlow and one Browne of Ketterin who is allso called Justise, did make a mitemus in there wills to send us both to the gaole, which is entended to bee done on the second day of the next weeke in the morning . . .

¹ Reports the examination and commitment to prison of John Whitehead and Marmaduke Storr, of which a fuller account appears in *The Written Gospel-Labours of . . . John Whitehead* (1704), 29-32. The two were examined before Thomas Pentlow of Wilby, Northants, and John Browne of Kettering (see Northants Record Society, i, 252). The two priests were Thomas Andrewes and John Boddington (see H. I. Longden, *Northamptonshire and Rutland clergy from 1500*, i, 1938).

² 15 March 1655.

³ Joseph Storr, of Owstwick, buried 5.iii.1657 (Yorks. registers).

The Lord hath a presious people theare awayes, and the enemy seekes to devoure them and dishearten them; if thou find freedom to send any faithfull frend amongst them it will bee in greate servise for the stablishing of them, but persecution is likely to atend them yt comes.

My deare brother pray for us, yt wee may be kept faithfull wetnesses for god to his praise and glory, who is blessed for ever

John Whitehead
Marmeduke Storr

Wellingburrow

this 17th day of

the 1 month 1655

[address] to George Foxx or Thomas

Aldam give this with care

[endorsed] From John/Whitehead and/Marmeduke Storre,
to G. F./or Tho; Aldam/1655

[endorsed by G.F.] in norhamton/sher

CXXX

EDWARD BOURNE to GEORGE FOX. *Worcester*, 23d
6 mo: 90

Deare G.F.

Whom I dearely love in the Blessed Truth; whose prayers for mee I believe the Lord hath heard, & graciously answered in preserveing mee in his dominion . . .

I tooke severall meetinge before mee when I left London to come homewards to Worcester, as Jordans, & Ammersom [Amersham] & A[d]derbury, & Shipstone [Shipston-on-Stour], where I had some friends with mee who labour in the service of Truth, as Rich: Needham¹ in Ammesom, John Thornton² of Hempstead now I think, formerly of Alesbury, who travailed with mee from Alesbury to Aderbury in Oxfordshire, & to the men & womens monthly meeting att

¹ Richard Needham, of Southwark, d. 10.v.1721, aged 73; Joseph Smith, *Descriptive Catalogue of Friends' Books*, II, 235.

² John Thornton, successively of Newport Pagnell (1681), Sherington (1681-84), Aylesbury (1686-89), and Hemel Hempstead (from 1690), hatter (1681) and salesman (1686, 1687), married Ann Hunt of Sherington, 5.iii.1681; there are records of several of their children in the Buckinghamshire registers. John Thornton wrote a testimony to Elizabeth Stirredge, printed (signature B1b-2a) in her *Strength in Weakness* (1711).

Hook Norton & to a monthly meeting in Banbury also in Oxfordshire, where wee parted. & since I came to Worcester wee have had oppertunityes att our meetings as att the meetings above mention, which were very sweet & pretious, praised bee the most High God therefore for ever. & also att Tewxbury, & Droytwich, & Grafton Flyford, I have had good oppertunityes with friends since my returne to Worcester, where I have knowne the Lord to bee with mee to my great comfort & refreshment, who is with mee & will bee with mee I trust, and bee my God for ever. Soe bee it.

Here was here & in these parts att meetings Will: Brigley [Bingley] & Will Robinson¹ of London with other friends lately. & I hope things were well in other places, even as they were here, where they have been. The yearely meeting paper was read in our monthly meeting here since I came home, to friends great satisfaction & comfort & is to bee read the next week att our quarterly meeting in Pershore.

I was willing thus far to give thee an account of things since I parted with thee here, & where I have been, & doe hope thou art well, & injoyest thy health; with my deare love & wife's unto thee & many friends more here, praying for thy welfare, with deare love to all the faithfull with thee, I take leave & remaine

Thine in the pure Truth

Edw. Bourne

[endorsed] Edward Bourne/to G.F./
Worster 23:6:mo:90.

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WILLIAM BINGLEY to GEORGE FOX. *Whitby*, 16.v.1688
Deare G.F.

Whom I love and honour in ye Lord as one whom he hath made a father of many fathers and a worthy in Israell to whom duple honnour belongs, and many have cause with my soule to bless ye Lord on thy behalfe. Deare George it is in my hart to give thee some account how things are wheare I have beene. . . .

. . .Hempsted and ye next day Henry Belley and I mete and went to Northampton and had a meeting in ye forenoone and

¹ William Robinson is described by Joseph Smith, *op. cit.*, II, 505, as of the County of Durham, afterwards of London.

at Hempsted in ye evening, and had good meetings at both places. We had a meeting in Rutlandshire where ye Lords power brok in in a wonderful manner, many ye worlds peopel came 10 12 and 14 mills to ye meeting, and ye Lords power broke many of them mouch in meetinge; and at Silbey [Sileby], Notingham and Neare ye Lady Rhodes¹ we had good meitings and things generally weare well amonest friends in all these places.

We red [rode] from thence to York to their general meeting, and ye Lords presence was with friends, and the[y] weare presarved in peace & unity one with another, and all things weare cared [carried] on very sweetly, and ye Lords power was over yt darke spirit yt has beene at work there. We had a disstinct meeting only of ministering freinds and ye Lord was with us in it and his counsell was sweetly opened amongst us, and friends was glad of ye opertunity and was comforted one in another; and I have sence yt meeting beene down about Wakefield and yt way and Pontefract and down on ye Loweland at Sike house [Sykehouse] and neare Houlden [?Howden] where John Hog² lives (and he was at a meeting wher I was but quiete).

In many of these places things are well with freinds, and in yt meeting to which John Hog belongs and Hull meeting there are prety many tender hearted frends amongst them yt sees throw ye workings of this mistrey of Inequity, and I hope will see it more and more and will be presarved out of it, though too many are hurt with it, and some have Leters³ in sowernes and ennemety against freind[s] and ye good order of truth. I desire ye Lord may work it out, if it be his will.

Freinds in Houldernes, Bridlington, Scarbrough and Whitebey are generally well. I and another freind yet came with me from York have beene in all these places (his name is John Beard) and we doe find an opennes amongst many

¹ Lady Rodes, *née* Martha Thornton, daughter of William Thornton of Grantham, wife of Sir Francis Rodes, 3rd baronet, and mother of Sir John Rodes, 4th baronet, of Barlborough Hall.

² Probably the John Hogg of Howden, whose daughter Anne married in 1698. At this time there were Hoggs in York, at Harrogate, at Kirby-moorside and elsewhere in Yorkshire. John Hogg of Harrogate, is stated by Joseph Smith, *op. cit.*, I, 962, to have been the separatist; he married in 1664 at Pannal, Isabel Waterhouse.

³ The sense here is obscure. The meaning may be that some have received letters written in sourness, or that some have let (letten) in sourness.

peopel and aground to receive ye testimony of truth. Friends in these parts are glad of a visit, ministering friends comes not very often amongst them. A great many friends heareaway are comforted in ye Rememberance of thee, and desires there deare loves to be Remembered to thee. We are now intending god willing to cross over the mores in to ye northwest parts of Yorkshire, and so over in to some parts of Lankeshire and through som parts of Cheshire, and then whomwards, if ye Lord will.

I bless god I have had a good and comfortable jorney, for though we have travelld hard yet ye Lord has beene with us and has given ability beyond our expecttation, blessed and prayed be his name for evermore.

My deare love is to G. Whitehead and A. Parker, and to friends as thou sees meete; so desiring thy prayers to ye Lord for me, I rest thy reall friend in ye truth.

John Beards love is
to thee and friends.

Wm Bingley

Whitbey ye 16th of ye 5th mo. 88.

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Expenditure				Receipts			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>Journal of Friends' Historical Society</i> , vol. 48, 2 parts	208	9	10	Balance brought forward	55	8	3
Braithwaite, "Thomas Rudyard"	51	16	0	Subscriptions	155	5	0
Stationery	9	8	2	Donations	111	16	6
Expenses, including post- age	13	0	0	Sales	40	2	5
Balance carried forward to 1957	83	10	2	Advertisements	3	12	0
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There is a Reserve Fund in the Post Office Savings Bank of £323 14s. 11d., representing Life Membership Subscriptions, £297; interest accrued (1950-1956), £26 14s. 11d.

Examined with the books of the Society and found correct.

25. ii. 1957.

(Signed) BASIL G. BURTON.