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CXXXII

THOMAS SALTHOUSE to GEORGE FOX. Austle in Cornwall the 25 of 7ber 1687

Deare G.F.

Thou hast beene unto mee as an orackle From^f the Begining and thy words have beine as goads and as nayls fastned by the Masters of Asemblys. And that I write soe seldem to thee is more for want of confidence then for any other reason, for I have honered thee as a father and esteemed thee as the First borne amonge many faithfull brethren that have labered in the word and doctrine from the begining . . .

Dearly beloved in the lord, after I received thy blesing at my departur from thee at Edward Mans house, I had a comfortable jurney in to Lancashire, where I visited our good Friends and had many presious opertunitys amongst them to exersise spirituall gifts in a liveing testimony in their generall and pertucler Meetings, and I was often at Swarthmore and Marshgrainge, and there I found both famalys as well as ever, and the Lords powerfull presence is manifested frequently amonge them by a heavenly hermony accompanied with a voyce of joy and salvation, and many liveing testimonys in their assemblys. I frequented all their Meetings and ended my intended outward afairs in Fornis in a months time, and from Lancaster I traveled as fare as Banbury southward with deare G. Whithead, who can give thee an account of our servis and travels together.

From Banbury I traveled west to Bristoll, where I stayd one full weeke and had 4 good meetings in the City, and I spent about a month in Somerset and Devonshire where I had many presious peaceable and large Meetings, as I had in citys and contrys this last jurney which I began the 29 of the

2 mo. and traveled 951 miles, and came home to this place the 20th of this month. Soe in all it is 22 weeks; and now I purpes to visit the meetings in this County as the lord maks way. And this with the rememberance of mine and my wifs¹ deare love to thee is from thy loveing Friend in the Truth

Tho. Salthouse

pray send the inclosed to the post house

[addressed] To George Fox

these

att Beniman Andrewbus
his house Lining draper
att the Plow and Harrow
Cheapside
London

CXXXIII

LEICESTERSHIRE & WARWICKSHIRE WOMEN'S MEETING to GEORGE FOX. 10.xi.1674

Dere frind Georg Fox, her hath bene som frinds with ous to setell a wommans meting amongst ous at Badgly [Baddesley Ensor], and wee do acknoleg thy love and have thee in esteme for thy work sake, as a fathfull labraer amongst ous, soe desiering the Lord to givf an increas. Wee rest in much love to thee

Mary Salsbury³

Mary Silvester

Rebecka Silvester

Isabell Dixon

Shusan Harris

Jane Halle⁶

Sarah Harris²

Joane Balle

Margrett Swinfield

Hanah Barfutt⁴

Ann Baker

Elizabeth Sidens⁵

Elizabeth Marshall⁷

¹ Anne Salthouse, died 5.v.1695 at St. Austell.

² The names of Sarah Harris, Margret Barfoote, Ann Moore, Mary Falkner and Mary Holmes are not in the same hand as the rest of the document.

³ Mary (Brian) Salisbury, wife of Richard Salisbury of Badgley Ensor.

⁴ Perhaps the Hannah Barford of Bageley Ensor, who married John More of Griff, Chilvers Coton (1674), and died a widow in 1700; or the Hannah Barfoote of Griff who married Thomas Page of Badgley Ensor (1684).

⁵ Elizabeth, wife of Henry Siddon of Badgley Ensor, died 1681.

⁶ Jane (Elton) Hall, wife of Henry Hall of Atherstone (married 1668). There is a letter from her to Daniel and Rachel Abraham, dated Broughton, 19.vi.1686, in Spence MSS. III, 189-90.

⁷ Probably Elizabeth (Smith) Marshall, wife of Thomas Marshall, of Sibleby.

Anne Harris¹
Sarah Taylor²

Ann Asbery
Elizabeth Holmes
Margret Barfoote
Ann Moore³
Mary Falkner
Mary Holmes

The 10th of ye 11th
month 1674
Warcksheire

[endorsed] From ye womens
Meetinges in leistershere
Warwiksheere to
G.F.
1674

this is copied in a bok

CXXXIV

GILBERT MOLLESON to GEORGE FOX. Urie ye 4 of
8 mo. 1690

Dear Friend G.F.

to whome is my deare love, and in the same doe much respect thee, who art for thy faithfull labour in Gods vinyard blessed with ye best of blesseings and worthy of tru honor from thoss who has heard of thy constant and faithfull service therein.

It hath pleased God to take my dear Brother Robert Barclay (after eight dayes sickeness in a feaver) into ye full fruition of that which ye earnest of hee found cause to prefer beyond all ye world, and (as thee knoweth) has been thereby made to declare unto ye world ye pretiusness of it, ye inward sence and enjoyment of which does now in this time of greatest neede consolate his most affectionat Wife to ye joy of ye senceable and ye admiration of others.

Her eldest sonn with three more of her children are now sick of the feaver, they are as hopefull plants (by ye observation of many) as is in this nation, or elcewhere; ye travell of ther dear mother is that they may in the truth and liveing sense thereof prosper cheifly.⁴ O lett thy acceptable prayers

¹ Anne (Nicholls) Harris, wife of George Harris of Warwick; b. 1645, married 1672, d. 1717, aged 72 years, 4 months, 12 days.

² Sarah, wife of Ralph Taylor of Wastehill, parish of Grindon?

³ Perhaps Ann Moore of Griff, Chilvers Coton who married Thomas Barfoote (or Barford) of Baddesley Ensor in 1674.

⁴ Christian (Molleson) Barclay (d. 1723, aged 76) survived her husband over thirty years. The children alive at Robert Barclay's death (with dates of birth) were: Robert, 1672; Patience, 1676; Katherine, 1678; Christian, 1680; David, 1682; Jean, 1684; John, 1687.

goe up to ye Liveing God for her and them, that they may more & more prosper therein soe as to bear a faithfull testimony thereof in this contrey and finish ye same with joy.

Last first day wee had here a large Meeting which is once in ye six weeke, where was honest James Dickeson.¹ Hee has been further North, visiteing friends here; other friends here are generally well. This with ye remembrance of dear love to thee from thy reall Friend

Gilbert Molleson²

My dear sister his widow desaires to have her dear love minded to thee and earnestly also desaires thee will as often as God shall encline thy mynde, travell in spirite for her and her seaven fatherless & lovely children.

[address] For/George Fox
[endorsed] For ye Meeting for
Sufferings & the
Morning Meeting

Read at Meeting for Sufferings 24th 8 mo. 1690
& at Morning Meeting 27th ditto.

CXXXV

JOHN RAUNCE to GEORGE FOX. *Wickham*, 30.iii.1680.

George Fox

As to a Friend & brother are these, to let thee know (as from me) that which I hope thou hast heard from som other brethren before this time, viz. How that William Rogers a Friend & brother (who is no stranger to thee) hath many thinges against thee, to charge thee with, as thinges acted by thee, reproachfull to trueth; even such thinges as thou thy own selfe hast condemned in others, etc. And for which (as he sayeth) thou hast beene dealt with in a Gospell method; & as yet thou hast refused to give that satisfaction which trueth requireth; which hath occasioned him to prepare a manuscript; to manifest the trueth of what he doth assert of thinges acted by thee, as thinges contrary to trueth, or

¹ James Dickinson (1659-1741). Perhaps this visit to Scotland in 1690 witnessed the events recorded in the "Account of an extraordinary occurrence by James Dickinson and Jane Fearon showing divine guidance and protection" (MS. copies at Friends House) and printed in L. V. Holdsworth, *Romance of the Inward Light*, 1932, pp. 160-79.

² Gilbert Molleson (1659-1730); married in 1692, Margery Watt (d. 1698); in 1715, Sarah Curtis, widow (d. 1728). See W. F. Miller's "Dictionary of Scotch Friends" (MS. at Friends House), pp. 206-7.

out off trueth. The which he hath signified to many brethren, by telling ye Church (because thou hast hitherto refused to answere) that so the church may call ye matter to tryall, by which he will abide before an equall choyce of Friends, as members of the church, such as you two shall equally choose; thee one halfe and hee the other, of men feareing God to heare the matters betwen you. That thinges being thus heard whereon the controversie doth depende, a finall end may be made, of all bad businesses, wherein thou art conserved, before thou go to thy grave, which is not farr from thee.

And now I shall conclude with the words of William Rogers concerning thee George Fox. viz. That since I charge him to be guilty of thinges reproachfull to the trueth, it is but just and resonable that he should submit to a heareing thereoff before Friends in trueth; to the end if guilty he may condemn the same, if not, he may be justified; and I condemned for accuseing wrongfully.¹ This being that he so much desireth, I hope thou wilt not refuse a heareing with him before Friends in trueth as is mentioned; which the ages to com will say is equall, honest, just and according to trueth, which shall prevaile; in which my love is to thee as thy Friend and brother from Wickham the 30. of the 3d month 1680.

John Raunce

[address]

For

George Fox

[endorsed]

john ronse vel rons to G F
& severall other papers answerd
John Raunses false prophecy

CXXXVI

JOHN RAUNCE to GEORGE FOX. *Wickham*, 29.iv.1680.

G. Fox.

As being contentiously conserved that peace may be in the Church and that it may be well with thee now and here-

¹ By this time William Rogers was becoming less interested in a meeting with George Fox, the 1676 Drawwell meetings and the 1678 Bristol meetings having failed to end the Wilkinson-Story controversy. He began to print *The Christian Quaker* a couple of months later (George Whitehead, *The Accuser of our Brethren*, 23). See W. C. Braithwaite, *Second Period*, 319.

after was ye cause of those Conferrances about persons and things betwene thee and me formerly, which need not now be mentioned but as in these to let thee know that on the 30th of the month before this I sent thee a few lines (by Thomas Hill of Winterburne to be delivered to thee by his own hand) aboute matters of conscern etc.

What use thou hast or doest intend to make there off is mostly known to thy own selfe. Yet let me tell thee in a few plaine honest words (what ever thou may thinke or others flatter thee or themselves), it will be thy best way to make that good use as is therin desired. And I do herein once more beseech thee for the Lords sake (which is with me infinitely more to be vallued than many greate words or a slighting and scornfull carriage) to submitt to a heareing with William Rogers before Friends in trueth to that honourable end, if thou be guilty of doeing anything contrary to the trueth thou may condemn the same, but if thou be not guilty thou may be justified. And if W: Rogers hath wrongfully accused thee, then he to bare his own condemnation according to his own words. Thus considering the present state of thinges amongst us, what can be more reasonable than what has beene so conscientiously layed before thee.

And I pray thee for the sake of the ever blessed trueth, which shall in ye end prevaile over all: Let it have such place with thee as may answer Gods wittness in all his people, amongst whom I am, with my love to thee, thy Friend and brother in the trueth as it is in the holy Jesus our Lord
J. Raunce

Wickham 19th of
the 4th month 1680.

[address]

For George Fox.

[endorsed]

John Raunce to G:F:

CXXXVII

JOHN ROUS to GEORGE FOX. Sunderland ye 27th of
ye 4th month 1689.

Dear Father

Whom I dearly love & honour in the truth, because of that great worke the Lord hath called thee to, & wherin he hath made thee an instrument of his glorie; wherfore

ages to come shall blesse thee. I have by two letters given my wife an account of my service in my journey to Yorke, & that I had 8 meetings in 8 daies in my going thither, which through the Lords assistance I was carried throw with great satisfaction both to freinds & my selfe. . .

I came to Yorke the evening before the yearly meeting. & next day after I had cleared my selfe among men freinds, I had something upon me to the women; among ym there was a very heavenly & blessed appearance of the Lord, it being taken notice of by some of the elder women, that divers young women were getting into new fangled fashions, concerning which they spoake to severall, who received their reproofe in love & altered their dresse before they went out of towne. There were two very large meetings the first day, one of men & the other of women & they very much follow the method of the yearly meeting at London in calling over their severall monthly meetings, & enquiring into all things that concerne truth. & if there be any difficult case or difference between one freind & another which cannot be easily determined it is brought to that meeting, & persons most likely are appointed to hear & determine such things. About the 6th hour in the morning the second day of the meeting, freinds in the ministry had a meeting, where were present about 30 yt have testimonies, where were many living testimonies borne to the Everlasting truth. & I having something upon my spirit to propound to the meeting which there was not time then to determine, by reason the meetin for busines had not finished what they had to doe, & the great meeting for worship was to be that day, soe I desired freinds to appoint another meeting, which they did next morning at the 5th hour. The generall meeting for worship was a very blessed & heavenly meeting, wherin neer 20 freinds spoake & freinds generally were very much comforted & refreshed one in another, and Freinds said they thought it was the best meeting they ever had.

The next morning when freinds in the ministry were gathered together, I laid before them what was upon me, which was to desire that there might be a settlement of that meeting, & that such as went forth to minister to others & had not a living testimonie, or were not in unitie with freinds might be spoken to from yt meeting; if they would harken to freinds, it was well, if not, that freinds might

be advised not to receive them nor their testimonie. & I told them they ought to have Gospell order as well as others, & it might please the Lord they might be gained & brought into the unitie of freinds. Soe they have settled a meeting of freinds in the ministry every quarterly meeting, & have put downe the names of severall that goe abroad & are not in unitie with freinds, & appointed severall to speake to them to come to the next meeting. John Taylour & his wife are very servicable. John is very ready on all accounts to serve the truth, & ye Lord is with him in his service.

I was last 3d day¹ at the quarterly meeting at Durham, wher was a very good meeting. & having been at Darlington on first day I observed a great disorder in divers going out & in many times, & having taken notice of the like when I was here before at Durham & Stockton, it lay upon me to lay it before the quarterly meeting & desired them that something might goe forth from them to ye monthly meetings & from ym to the particuler meetings, wherby such disorders & hurts to meetings might be prevented; which divers freinds were glad of, having been much burdened therewith, & after made an order accordingly. & when I had cleared myselfe at the mens meeting, I went to the womens, where divers were going out & in disorderly, & would rise up & goe out of the meeting iust as a freind began to speake; soe I could not be clear without speaking to them of it, & in love laying before ym the disturbance & inconvenience that came thereby.

Yesterday I came to this place, where a meeting is to be this day, & tomorrow I am to be at a meeting at Sheilds, & on first day at Newcastle, & on 3d day at Durham, & on 4th day at Bishop Aukland, & on 6th day at Stockton & on first day at Gisborough in Cleaveland, & soe as the Lord makes way along the sea coast to Hull.

Many freinds enquire how thou dost & desire to have their dear love remembred to thee. I was very glad to hear by my wives letter that thou was something better as to thy health, which I desire the lord to encrease & continue, that thy daies may be multiplied among us to ye glorie of God & the comfort of his people. & with my dear love to thee, my wife & children & freinds, I rest

¹ 25.iv.1689.

Thy dear son in the truth
 [address] For George Fox
 at John Rous's
 This
 To be left with George
 Rowles at the Rose
 & crowne at Queen
 hive
 in
 London
 [endorsed] Read at ye Mo. Meeting
 ye 8. 5 mo. 1689
 John Rouses Letter
 of His Travills &c.

CXXXVIII

ROBERT BARROW to GEORGE FOX. *Kendal*, 6.viii.
 1682.

G.F.

beloved in the lord & in his blessed truth which is most
 pretious & for ever to be prysed. . . .

The 13th daye of the 7th month I was arreasted by
 a writt of qui tam for 120*l*, for not comeing to the steple-
 house, & since that time they have alsoe taken William Grave
 & Bryan Lancaster¹ upon the like account. Wee are yett att
 the bayliffs house in Kendall, but tomorrow itt is reported
 wee must goe to Apleby Goale. There is some more freinds
 in the same writt, as John Pearson & who else we know not.
 They have severall of the presbyterians in the same writt &
 it is served upon 3 of them, but they doe forwith put in
 appearance & then conforms with all speed & goes to the
 steplehouse.

Freinds in Apleby Goale unto whom wee must goe, they
 are all well, not onely in bodily health but alsoe in heavenly
 unitye & blessed fellowship in the light & life of righteous,
 which is matter of greate comfort to us all. . . .

And deare George pray for us that we may endure to
 the end & soe become a good savour to all. & our prayers
 to god is for thy health and long life, for gods children

¹ Perhaps Brian Lancaster, Stramongate, Kendal, d.1719.

& peoples sake . . . thou hath beene & still is a liveing blessed & faithfull instruement in the hand of the lord for the confirming & establishing his people under the government of Christ. . . . And though all maner of evill have beene spoaken of thee or against thee for gods names sake, yet thou arte blessed of the lord because thou arte of Abrahams faith & of Jacobs seed & Israells offspring, in whose princely power & liveing dominion the seed reignes over the power of darke-nesse, glory to god on high for ever.

Well blessed be the Lord, our meetings is as large as ever & truth prospers hitherto because of which the adversaryes thereof begins to be angrye, swell & breake forth now of late in our countye more then of late years.

Edward Wilson¹ called Justice hath of late sent his owne man servant with severall others to Preston [Patrick] meeting to become informers, & he hath made convictions thereof & given for warrants, & this last weeke they have destreaned goods on the 4th daye of the weeke & sould them on the 5th daye & brought in the kings part the 6th daye to the quarter sessions, 20 l. for the house & 20 l. for an unknowne preacher, which was laid upon the hearers besides there[their] perticular fines. Thomas Dockerye was him they called an unknowne preacher, & he hath beene severall times since with the said Justice to make himselfe knowne, telling him he had an estate of his owne & that none should suffer for him. And Thomas hath beene very nouble & cleared himselfe well & borne a good testimony or truth before him, telling him he was the first Justice he knew on in all England that had put this act a second time in execution.

Wee found severall errors and illegall proceedings in there warrant, which might have occasioned & appeale upon good ground, but that the face of things looks very frowningly & our persecutors Judges in the matter, soe wee ly under itt.

The parish preist of Kendall² & the deputye shereffe hath beene & is the onely men for the stirring up these quitams & they have gott a simple ignorant man to be an informer.

William Grave hath an informer for his owne perticular,

¹ For an account of sufferings under Edward Wilson see Besse's *Collection* (1753) ii, 18-29.

² Michael Stanford, vicar of Kendal, d.1683; Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*; J. Peile, *Biographical register of Christ's College*, i.557-8.

as wee perceive itt is the same Shereffe Bayliffe that arreasted him, he hath kept him prisoner already eleven dayes now. What law this is that an informer may aprehend a man of 50^l land in the year & keepe him prisoner in the informers owne house & hitherto would never lett us see his warrant or mittimus. Wee perceive itt is because he himselfe is informer, for he shewed me my warrant when I was aprehended.

Our deare Friend being now in the towne & wee telling him thes passages, he hath tould us of an habeas corpus statute in which there is greate penaltyes against the goaler for such doeings, & wee have sent for the statute, wee shall have itt this daye.

Yesterdaye wee had a verry large & pretious quarterly meeting both of men & women. The lord is with us of a truth to our, his power & presence is still mighty, knowne & plentifully enioyed, because of which our heads is borne up, glory to god forever.

Fare the well my deare Freind & Faithfull Nursseing father in the truth, with whom my soule is knitt in the unitye of his heavenly spiritt & covenant of life, in which I desire to be knowne of thee whiles I have a beeing

Robert Barrowe

From our prison house in Kendall the 6th daye of the 8th month 1682

[endorsed by G.F.] robard barow of Kendel/ther sueferings
to g F/8 mo 6 day 1682

CXXXIX

JOHN BLAYKLING¹ to GEORGE FOX. Draw-well,
29 11 m. 1687/8.

Deare George:

With endeared love & very honorable best respectes doth my heart & soule most tenderly reach thee in a deare & heavenly remembrance, wherein I am often comforted & my heart mad glad. I received thyne yeasterday at Kendall which did me good in ye lord, whom I blesse in yt he is pleased yet to continue thee in ye body for his honorable truths sake & ye advantadge of his deare people. I have been lately (came home 4 dayes since) in ye county of Durham

¹ Some of the points raised in this letter are discussed by W. C. Braithwaite, *Second Period*, 409-10, where a considerable portion of the text of this manuscript is printed.

& in ye edge of Northumberland. & Friends are generally well, and a good care upon them in ye concernes of ye Monthly & Q. Meetings. I was at severall of ym and I was comforted therein, onely R.W.s¹ break is Freinds great exercyse & greife. All he hath any way I doubt will not pay halfe he owes; divers honest Freinds like to be almost ruined by him.

I was in Cumberland this summer & things are well there, blessed be lord. At Swarthmore & Marsh I was before I went to Durham, & very well sweet & comfortable they are; there I was reffreshed amongst ym finding all things well & amicable. . . . I am truely glad to heare of ye prosperity of truth everywhere, for which god shall have ye prayse: ye account whereof thou hast given mee. I am sorry for ye exercyse ocasioned through ye death of our Friends in Pensilvania, T[homas] L[anghorne]:² J. Ha: [James Harrison] yet they were men of corrupt foule bodyes. T. Lang[horne] looked upon here likely to be a man of a short life. I was something sorry to heare yt you should soe often beare upon the matter of Freinds death there, saying yt that Province had been a grave for many of ye lords servants, & in this instanceing such as have been taken away there in 5 or 6 yeares time, & telling Ro: Barrow under that consideration that it is was [sic] well or yt he may be glad he stayed at home. Deare George thou may beare me, its yt honourable respect I have for deare W. Pen: whom god hath honoured with ye knowledge of his blessed truth, & hath preserved him in: & yt tender liveing exercyse with many teares yt T. Langhorne was exercysed in, touching his goeing thither, which occasions me to think thou beares too hard up[on] those & other good men who have lived to god & are laid downe in peace. I am exercysed under ye thoughts of ye many worthy men in England, gods able ministers, in a few yeares yt were taken away in ye prime of their age: E[dward] B[urrough] R. Hubb[erthorne], W. Ca[ton], J. Aud[land], Jo. Camm, Jos. Coale, G. Harison, F. H[owgill]. And how these [?] bretheren were taken away in ye time of ye great plage in London in a shortt time. Great is ye wisdom of god, & secret his counsell & submission to him in all thinges is ye best state.

¹ For Richard Watson's bankruptcy see also A. R. Barclay MS. lxxx, printed in *Journal F.H.S.*, xlv (1952), 22.

² Thomas Langhorne of Westmorland, emigrated to Pennsylvania, 1684; died 1687. See James Bowden, *History of the Society of Friends in America* (1854), ii, 109-110.

With respect to Amerika & Freinds removing from their native countryes and any way, wee are taught by ye various dealings of ye lord to be serious weighty & in abundance of feare to ye lord, that where ever our lott may fall our dayes may be comfortable to us & ye reffreshing of gods heritage, our latter end peace, & ye possession of life & glory our portion for ever.

I saw thy letter to Tho: Robertson, & touching T: Lawson whom in that thou mentions, hee is not a good man. He hath been ye weakening of Friends hands in every ex[ercise] these 20 yeares, & never any helpe to them yt any account can be given by [torn] meeting he belongs to, a great ocasioner of evell to be spoken of ye truth. . . . If thou write to him againe, I pray hurt not me in any mistak, yet certainly ye whole Meeting will awow what I say & more. I pittie ym, they are honest & true, & he is their exercyse & sorrow: I desyre he may see & repent.

Deare G: I am plaine & true, God, he knows, & those respects which in bowldness I ow to thee & ye lord on thy account, doth abundantly melt my heart at this time: in ye endeared love which comforts me. With ye remembrance of deare love from my wife & children to thee, letting thee know yt my Brother Francis Blaykling & two of oure Meeting more are gone to prisson for tythes & I am like to goe after this terme, unlesse ye lord beyound probabity prevent. I am in true subjection to god & best love to thee, wherein I rest

Thy tender & [*word illegible*] younger Bro:

Jo: Blaykling

[address]

To

Benjam Antrobus Linnin

Draper at the Harrow

In Cheapside these

For G.F.

London

[endorsed]

Jno Blaiklins Letter to G.F.

ye 29^o of 11^o mo. 1687

CXL

PETER HENDRICKS¹ to GEORGE FOX. Amst[erdam]
the 26 of this 5/mo 1690.

¹ There is a great deal of printed material on Pieter Hendricks in the volumes by W. I. Hull in the Swarthmore College monographs on Quaker history.

G. Fox

Dearly beloved Friend

Lately I did advise thee that the Burgemaster Constatin Faber hath begun to persecute Friends at Dantzic. Since my last he hath sent the 7. instance one of his elderst messingers in the meeting; saying to them that they must appear the nex day before the Bourgemaster, or otherwise he presently must take them with him. The other day then, when they did appear befor him, he did sent them away beneath the Stadhouse in Prison; amongst the evill-doeers; namely Nicolas Rust, Christian Puttel, Michiel Mugge, and Philip Philips de Veer. And the Burgemaster having understood that Nicolas Rust, before the persecution begun, his intention was to visit his mother, living about Frederickstad, and to visit also Friends here; after his being 4 days in prison and a Papist man, without his N. Rust knoledg having payed the fees, he is set at liberty, the other three Friends were still in Prison. Soe his intention was to go on in his journy. This I was willing to notifie thee. The Lord keepe them deare Friends faithfull to himself, to the honour of his ouwn great Name, and to the salvation of their immortal souls. Amen.

I did understand of dear S. Crisp that thy dear and beloved wife was come to thee, in and about London, remember my dear love to her; for I loved her severall years as a Mother in Israel, and I should be hartly glad to see her. Remember alsoe my love to her and thy children. My unfeigned love doth salute thee in thee [*sic*] in the Truth. I long to have thy bookes by G. Hyam, to doe with them according to thy orders. The love of my wife and Friends here is to thee and thy wife and children. Friends at Dantzic have desired that their love be remembred unto thee and the other Friends in England. Remember alsoe my and our love to Friends & according to thy freedom. Farewell from thy very loving Friend

Pieter Hendrickes

[address]

For G.F.

[endorsed]

Peter Hendricks

ye 26: of ye 5 mo: 1690

to G: F: