

A. R. Barclay MSS

Extracts. Continued from vol. xlviiii, p. 228

Notes are not supplied to Friends respecting whom notes appear in "The Journal of George Fox," Cambridge edition, 1911, or "The Short and Itinerary Journals," 1925. The use of capital letters has been reduced and the punctuation and paragraphing adapted where necessary in the interest of clarity. The A.R.B. MSS. are in the Library at Friends House, and also available on microfilm.

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CXLI-CXLIV form a small group of letters from Pieter Hendricks to George Fox, giving news concerning Dutch Friends, events at Danzig (where persecution threatened, and was never far away), and the distribution of some of George Fox's works in Latin at the Conference of Ambassadors at the Hague, 1690. 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.

CXLI

PETER HENDRICKS to GEORGE FOX. Amst[*erdam*],
II 5 mo. 1690

George Fox.

Deare and hartly beloved Friend!

I had hoped that John Hitchcock should be the bearer of the inclosed; but it came a littel to[o] late, beeing departed from Rotterdam: from whence it is again come to my hands. Since we have thine without datum, which was very acceptable unto us, and is readed upon our 14-days Meeting. We are very willing to communicate thy Latyn Bokes, which thou thaughts to send us by George Hyam, to the ambassadeurs gathered from severall Princes in the Hage, as also to send them to severall other places, and disperse them where we shall have occasion; but we kan do nothing before th[e]y are come to our hands, which is not yet, and therefore we shall expect them.

With Friends here and other places, for so much as I know is it pretti well, through the goodness of the Lord. But att Dantzigh, th[e]y begin there again to threaten Friends. The Burgemaster, Constantyn Ferber, did sent the 9. of the 4/mo. 3 messengers to their Meeting, which did say that th[e]y had ordres to bring some out of the midst of them to te Burgemaster. And soo th[e]y tooke with them

2 men that comes somtimes to the Meeting, and it seems that th[e]y are in measure convinced (saying of Nicolas Rust and Michel Mugge them two are us sure enough, we can have them when we please). When the 2 bevor mentioned men came before the Burgemaster; did he ask the one whose name is Claus Quire, of his trade—a Sayemaker. He did aske him from what generation he was; he did answer, of the Mennists, and that he was living not under his, but under another government; and so he let him alone, and was going away: And turned him to the other, Hans Slicher, being an Husbandman; and did ask him from what generation or out what religion he was, he did answer from Luther; whereover was seeming him self to amaze; saying, from Lutherus! and wilt thou go over to such a divilish faith! Saing further, if thou continest going ther, then I shall proceed after another way with thee and bring thee to a place which shall not be well pleased unto thee. And did further command to the messengers to be diligent in their inspection.

What now farther will come to pass there, wee must expect. I have since written to them. The Lord Almighty keep them faithfull to himself, and will be wit[h] them, to support them, to the glory of his great name, and their ouwn salvation: Amen.

Th[e]y have desired that their love should be remembred unto thee, and other Friends in England; and soo is our; and remember the same to all Friends, according to thy freedom; farewell; saith thy

very Loving Friend,
Pieter Hendrickes

Jan Claus, Jan Roelofs, B. van Tongeren, and Abraham Roosen, and their wifes and alsoo my wifes love is to thee and Friends

[address] For George Fox

CXLII

PETER HENDRICKS to GEORGE FOX. Amsterdam
the 29 7/mo: 89.

George Fox

Dear and truly beloved Friend, to whom my love flows forth, and that more then words can expresse. Thine dated Middelsex the 28 2/m: 89 i have received; which was very

acceptable to me and friends here, and have also send a copy to Friends at Dantsig, of that thou didst mention concerning them in that letter. But as to the letter to the magistrats themselves, seeing they were not going on with their hard persecution, we were more inclined to keep it back, till we see how things further will go, whether they their worke they have begonn will lett fall, or no. But if they had gone on therewith, we were resolved to send they[thy] letter to them, and perhaps have printed it also, and distributed amongst them and their citizens, etc. But to our comfort and our friends at Dantsig also, we heare that they quite have ceased of their persecution they have begonne to this time and not molesting Friends any more; but they enjoy their freedom as formerly, and their meetings peacebly, blessed be the Lord, and therefore we have not send thy letter to the magistrats at Dantsig, and we are right glad things were fallen out so that the Lord has limited that persecuting spirit, blessed be his name.

Yet the landlord of the meeting house, which is a kind to the magistrats has told the friend that lives in the house to he must¹ remove against the winter, and says also that he hath lett the house allready to another, and, if so, friends think it will be hard for them to gett another house to meet in. But we and they hope the Lord will prepare an opening for them against that time. Friends there often desire their dear love to be remembred to thee and other faithfull friends in Engeland as it comes to passe.

Some dayes ago we have also received thy printed letter of the yearly meeting at London, and also a book of thine called *The antiquity of our faith, hope, way and gospel etc.*² and one of Wm Catons journal³ which we were glad off. And if it comes to pass, we should be glad to have some few more of Wm Catons journal, with one or other opportunity. And as concerning the free giff of our brethren at London, in remitting of the 50 lb. stl.[sterling] to the relieff of our poor friends at Dantsig, we were also very glad of, and we hope also to take care in time to come, that there be no want amongst them. They acknowledge also very much

¹ "he must" interlineated; "to" has not been deleted.

² *Concerning the Antiquity of the People of God, called Quakers* (1689).

³ Published 1689. See W. I. Hull, *The Rise of Quakerism in Amsterdam*, 1938, 175.

the tender care and love of the Englisch and Holl. friends concerning them. About 5 weeks ago we have had our jearly meeting here, and friends were very much refreshed amongst one another, being all in good unity and love one to another, departed whith good satisfaction, being comforted one with another; blessed be his holy name.

Whith Friends here in Holland, Friesland, Hamborough, Frederikstatt and Embden it is generally wel, by the goodness of the Lord. John Claus father in law at Embden is latly deceased, and in his sickness he gave now and then a good testimony for the Truth and Friends, expressing sometimes his inclination to friends remarkably. Friends there enjoy still their meetings peacebly and the magistrats remain still affected to friends, desiring that more friends did come to dwell there.

Be pleased to remember my unfeigned love to dear Wm. Penn, and when he is freed from his arrest, we desire to hear of with the first opportunity, and if it does consist with his freedom, to write a letter himself to us, we should be very glad of . . . The love of many friends, and in particular of my wife is also to thee, and remember the same to other friends also according to thy freedom; and [*torn*] remain thy loving friend

Pieter Hendricks

[address] To/William Crouch/Marchant/ Liveing in Grace Church Street. Crowne Court/London

For/ G: Fox.

[endorsed] Peter Hendricks to/ G: F: from Amsterdam/ Concerning Passidges/ ye 29th 7: mo: 89

Answered

This to bee Read in the/Second Dayes Meeting/ & Meeting for Sufferings

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in a $\frac{\quad}{30}$
circle]

CXLIII

PETER HENDRICKS TO GEORGE FOX. Amsterdam the
4. of the 11. month 1690

G. Fox.

Dear & well beloved Friend.

Thine of the 1. of the 8. month by George Hyam is well come to my hands. Since I hoope that thou has received mine

letter in which I give thee an account of the distribution of thy Latyn Bookes in the Hage to the Ambassadors, and since it is done to severall others of their number; as alsoe to the Earle of Berca the Ambassador of the Emperor; and we hoope to do our best to disperse them further wheresoever we shall find an occasion or have an oportunity. According to thy desire I do send some of thy bookes, which we have cased to be reprinted, by George Hyam unto thee.

Friends here in the generall are pretty well, through the goodness & mercy of the Lord, as alsoo in Friesland, and other places. Mathew Hutchinson¹ is gone to Friesland with Jacob Claus to visite Friends there in the love of the Lord; & we do expect them again the next weeke, to remaine for a time by us, and here about by Friens in Holland, and alsoo we hoope to have a meeting at Hooren & Twisk.

Dear Friend we are every time very glad to hear from thee; be pleased to remember us in thy prayers before the Lord. And soo with the remembrance of hartely & unfeigned love to thee and Friends there that know us: my wifs love is alsoo to thee, as alsoo dear John Roelofs, John Claus, B: V: Tongeren, Abraham Roosen, & their wives, and more other Friends, their love is to thee and Friend, and so farewell.

I remaine thy very loving Friend

Pieter Hendericks

[address] To/George Fox/at/London.
 [endorsed] Peter Hendricks/to G.F. from/Amsterdam the/
 4th 11th mo: 90:
 Answered

CXLIV

PETER HENDRICKS to GEORGE FOX. Amsterd[am].
 ye 17th ye 10 mo. 1690 [N.S.]²

G.F. dearely beloved Friend

I have signified unto thee by my last yt I did hope to have an opportunity to give thee a farther account concerning thy Latin books. We have reprinted it, and if thou desirest 50 or more of ym, they maye be sent unto thee. We under-

¹ Probably Matthew Hutchinson of Cotherstone, N.R. Yorks, who died 9.xi.1703 (Darlington M.M.).

² New Style is indicated by the abbreviation: Hol. Act., meaning 'as accounted in Holland'.

stand of Koolhans¹ of Rott: he has bene at ye Hague, and left a parcel of them with his sisters son there, who is one of ye Congress of ye Ambassadors of ye confederate kings & princes, who has taken it upon him to distribute those bookes among ye Ambassadors and other greate ones at ye Hague, and has alsoe performed it for ye most part alreadye. We weare glad of soe good an opportunitie; & have alsoe sent of ym to Friends at Frederikstadt, who are willing to sende them as from thee to the King of Denmarck and Duke of Holstein & to ye magistrates at Frederikst. Some of ye bookes are likewise gone to Dantzik, to be spread there and to be sente to ye King of Pooland and his court; and to Friesland to be delivered to ye Prinse and his court and mother and sister; alsoo to Franeker, Harlingen, Groeningen, Leeuwarden, Embden, Hamborrow, Collen, Crevelt, Meurs, Haerlem, Alckmaer and other citties etc., & one to Galenus. And we are willing to spread them further as we shall meete with openeings thereunto.

After Nicolas Rust had bene at home again at Dantzik some fewe weekes, he is shut up into priuson againe, haveing now ye papists ye cheife hand in it as we perceive, of which and of a shameless mad monks discourses with ye Freind, I gave a relation to deare Steven Crisp last post. Ye lord keep him in his holy feare, & be a wall about him, yt he may be kept faithfull to his testimony, to ye salvation and happines of his immortall soule, & ye honour and magnifyeing of ye holy & worthy name of ye Lord.

Last fift daye we had our quarterly meeting. All was² well and Friends in love & unity. Unexpected we got a Friend in ye Ministry out of ye North of England amongst us two dayes before, in whose company we are refreshed. His name is Mathew Hudginson [Hutchinson], has bene amongst us once before, two years agoe; suffered shipwrack this time goeing from ye North towards London, upon Suffolk coast, and soe came hether in ye packet boat from Harwich; all ye men yt weare on board weare saved. He desires his love to be remembered to thee and Friends according to thy freedom. He intendes for Embden & Friesland and soe to come back to this place.

¹ For Tobias Ludwig Kohlhans, see W.I. Hull, *Benjamin Furly* (1941), 123-7.

² This word is repeated.

It is well still with Friends everywhere as to what we know, blessed be ye lord. Concluding deare Friend, our deare loves is to thee and Friends generally; it being desired by Friends and particularly my wife to signiffye unto thee, I am thy truely loveing Friend

Petter Hendrikes

[Postscript in the same hand, but signed Jan Claus. Printed in W.I. Hull, *Willem Sewel of Amsterdam*, (1933), 115-116.]

[address] To/William Mead/Marchant/
Liveing in Fan Church/Street/London
For G.F.

[endorsed] Peter Hendricks/& John Clauses/
Letter to G.F./From Amsterdam/
ye 17: 10: mo: 90/Answered.

Notes and Queries

CROMWELL AND FRIENDS

The French religious wars in English political thought, by J. H. M. Salmon (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1959) deals with the influence of the 16th century civil wars in France and the political theories thrown up at that time on English political theory and argument, from the time of Elizabeth I to after the Revolution of 1688.

The events of the English Civil War and Interregnum did not follow the pattern of the French wars a century earlier, and even the Calvinist Louis Du Moulin, writing in England in the 1650s, recognized that a division of authority between the ecclesiastical and civil magistrates was impossible. "The attitude of both the Presbyterian and new sects such as the Quakers compelled Cromwell, the inferior [*i.e.* the civil] magistrate, to

assume the position of the Politiques. He claimed no power to direct the consciences of Englishmen, but it was necessary for churches of all denominations to obey the civil magistrate in externals" (p. 108).

The Oxford dictionary definition of Politique, reads: "One of an opportunist and moderate party, which arose in France *c.* 1573, during the Huguenot wars, and regarded peace and political reform as more urgent than the decision by arms of the religious quarrel."

ISAAC PENINGTON

The *Friends' Quarterly* for October, 1959 (Vol. 13, No. 4) contains an article called "Early Influences in the Development of Isaac Penington," pp. 180-192, in which I attributed a pamphlet, *The Great and Sole Troubler of the Times Represented in a Mapp*