

A. R. Barclay MSS

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CXLIX

ROBERT BARROW to THOMAS LANGHORNE. *Kendall,*
31. x. 1681.

T: L:

Whom my soule loves & with whom my unitye stands in the blessed faith & fellowship of the saints in light . . .

Well deare Thomas wee have received many good & acceptable letter from thee sence thou came to London, by which wee are sencesible of thy dilligent care, travill & exercise every waye; all which is verrye weightye.

In thy last letter to Kendall as alsoe in another to J: B[Blaykling]: thou gives us a full account of the procedure of Freinds with the king & counsell, the result of which consisteth in procureing certificats from the well affected gentlemen of the countrie or cittye where Friends resideth. & whereas thou intimates something of Friends goeing to Fleming & Phillipson to gett certificats from under there [their] hands, John Thompson & Tho: Williamson hath beene with them, &¹ desired that they would certifie under there hands that wee were peaceable men & noe disturbers of the Government, & withall tould them yt the earle of Carlisle² had given a certificate to that purpose. & there Answere was that if they saw itt they would subscribe the

¹ "&" repeated at the beginning of a new line.

² Charles Howard, 1st earl of Carlisle.

same certificate that hee did, but they would not make another over his heade, or words to that purpose. Soe if itt will not be past time to stay will you have sent a coppie of that certificate & itt be returned to you againe, without soe doeing wee shall gett nothing from them.

And deare Thomas as in relation to thy former letter in which was incerted the queryes to Jo: Wilkinson concerning W: R's¹ booke, which queryes wee coppied forth & subscribed with six freinds hands; & Bryan [Lancaster] & I gave itt to him, & desired his answeere in 8th dayes time, & he said, well well. And this answeere wee expected from him this daye at longest, but he came not to towne; neither have wee heard of him. But tomorrow B: L: goes to the meeting att Sedbridg with Thomas Gilpin & William Bingley, too [two] Oxfordshire Friends: & he intends to call for J.W.'s Answeere. I have spoken to Roger Baccus askeing him if he owned W: R's booke, either in the history parte or doctrine parte. He said he had read Rogers booke & he had read our answeere to itt, the booke from the 2d dayes meeting,² & saith he: I shall lett them both allone, & you shall never be wiser from me nor have further answeere of that matter.

There was one freind of our towne asked James Moore if he owned W: R's booke, & he said, Yes, he owned itt; but if I should aske him such a question, he would not answeere me positively, but with shiftes and evasions, however I found to trye him. Soe when wee have gott J: W's answeere, then I shall send such an account as I can gett from them, but I perceive itt will be mixt with shifts & mudlement, for they have lost there [their] currage & manhood as men.

This weeke was Edmond Newbye of Hutton burryed, he being formerly one of the Seperat Subscribers. In the time of his weakenesse, when his distemper being a consumption & when death semed to draw neare, itt pleased god to give him a penitent heart to bemoane his former negligence & carlesnesse concerning truth; in which state he opened his heart to me, sayeing that though he had subscribed with J: S: & J: Wilkinson, yett he never appeared against us in any other of there [their] proceedings, he thanked god in

¹ William Rogers, *The Christian-Quaker*.

² *The Accuser of our Brethren cast down*, 1681.

much tenderness, who had preserved him. & he did not like J: W's proceedings especially of late times, with much to this purpose. & he hath given 31: pounds to the use of our Freinds, & hath in his will given itt positively to Bryan Lancaster & me without any other if or and or proviso, & hath given us private direction how to imploye itt, or leave it to our discretion. & this his doeing hath given Wilkinson & his partye another stroake, which is comed upon them suddenly & unexpectedly. However, the hand of the lord is against them, but they are soe darkened and hardened that they will not see nor consider; but wee know & alwayes doth beleve that all things shall worke together for good to them that love god & is called according to his purpose.

Deare Thomas, I was att your meeting att Greate Strickland, it will be two weeks tomorrow, where wee had a sweete & heavenly meeteing, & alsoe att Shapp in the evening, because of which evening meeting I could not well goe to see thy familly, onely heard of thy litle deare Sarahs being ill. & this day weeke I heard by John Ayrey of Shapp that she was verry weake. I have heard nothing since. Doubtlesse thou hath an account of itt more fully then I can give thee, onely I doe greatly pittie thy wifes deepe exercise, but I hope the lord will beare up her head, & bring through the many troubles.

Well deare Thomas, noe more but with unfained love & heavenly affection in the pretious truth, I desire to rest & remaine with the

thy friend Robert Barrow

My love dearely to deare Francis Dove & his famillye, to John Vaughton & Freinds who enquires after me.

From Kendall the last
daye of the 10th month 1681

[address]

For

Thomas Langhorne

These

Leave this with Francis/Dove Tallo chandler/
att his house att the signe/of the plough in
Shando/Streete neare Coven/Garden these
deliver/in London

[endorsed inside by G.F.]

& j wilksson & j st death/11 mo 1681

[seal]

R.B.

CL

THOMAS ROBERTSON to GEORGE FOX.

Deare Geo: whom I love and salute in the Lord Jesus Christ, praying for thy health & welfare with long continuance among ye churche if it be ye will of God. Deare Geo. I was with Tho. Lawson lately and I asked him what he had done in order to ye Booke and ye Instructions ye gavest him, and he said yt he had done something, and did intend to come up to ye, but as yet I have not heard whether he is come or not.

I w[as] in Bishopricke about ye begining of ye last winter, and was at the quarterly meeting; it was a dainty meeting, and many substantial men was their [there]. Yt county is very well. R. Watson¹ was their and² in ye meeting, but I beckoned to him and desired him to stay forth of ye meeting till he was caled. & so he did, but what he hath done I know not. I went to ye Bishop of Durham with Jo. Langstaffe and Jo. Bouldron [Bowron]. He was acquainted with ym, but me he said he knew not, and I told him yt I was at London when we made aplication to him for our freinds in this county and received help and kindenes from him, and now I being in ye countrey was willing to give ye acknowledgement of it to him. He said I was very welcome and furthur said yt I indeed received order from King Ch: to breake up yor meetings, and I sent to my neighbour Tonstall and wished him not to meet so neare me, but he would not, but they kept it in their usuall place, and so their goods was distreined (but sais he) N[one] but he yt knowes ye secrets of all hearts knowes ye tribulation yt I [am] in. So when he had done, I spoke yt ye apostle saith tribulation [wor]keth experience & experience hope, and hope makes not ashamed, and so it is good for every one yt findes trouble for their evill deeds to breake it of, and this is repentance Yn he said yt he was bredd up in a religious family, and his mother was a puritan, and yr were no swearing nor curseing used amongst ym, but now I am lookt upon as one yt would destroy religion &c. And when he had done I answered to ye first of his matter, and said yt Paul writes to T[imothy] his owne son, and he said yt ye faith dwelt in thy Grandmother Lois and in thy mother Eunice, which faith

¹ Richard Watson.

² Incomplete line, one word wanting, "entering" or "sat"?

dwells in ye. So their is a blessing to childeren and childerens childeren, if they do well and abide in ye faith. So then I was willing to be gone, but he would not let us, but sent for a botle of wine and we drinkt & came our way, but what is become of him I know not.

Things is very well indeed in yt county. I was in ye fels and where about Paul Hobson lived, and missed not any place in yt county yt I know of. I had thought to have gone to Scotland this summer, but I beleive their [there] will be hardly any travelling, but I shall leave it. I have bene at Liverpoole and ye Field [Fylde], and along by ye sea in Lancashire, & purposeth to Chester, and so into Cheshire about in ye countrey, and so purposeth into Westmorland.

Countreys is very open & quiet and peaceable everywhere.

W.P. [William Penn] it is well for all freinds and foes yt he hath his liberty, he haveing so many enemyes.

No more but my love to John and all yt may inquire

And rests thine in Christ Jesus,

Tho: Roberson.

[address] For deare George Fox

this

To be Read in the 2d Dayes Morning Meeting.

[endorsed] Tho: Robtson/to G.F:

CLI

THOMAS ROBERTSON TO GEORGE FOX. *Bristol.*
2.xii.1686.

Deare G.F.

In ye heavenly fellowship of life & salvation doth my love reach unto the[e], and to all of ye same faith & family. Deare, this may give ye to understand as to ye afares of truth here this faire time. All things are well, onely Tho. Kent hath taken upon himselfe to preach, & nether by law not gospel authorised he hath made 2 long sermons, but he doth not stay here. Their [there] is few or none yt likes him yt I heare on. He also tooke upon him to pray, but friends kept on their hats, excepting some. They are not like to have a seperation here for any thing yt I can see. Wm. Rogers was at ye meeting, but was quiet, so were they all. Here is a tender harted people yt weighes downe ye loose careles envious company. Litle of envy appeares now, to what it

hath in former time; and things in generall is better yn I did expect . . .

I came through Surey, & had good meetings. & yn into Hampshire, where I had ye like. & came to Reading, where Thos. Curtis kept himselfe and freinds out of ye meeting house, making himselfe like Esops dogg yt would not lett ye ox eat hay nor eat none himselfe, but charges ye oxe by ye gods yt [] of which he makes a morall &c.¹

Here I had a go[o]d time in ye meeting before T. Kent. We were at ye meeting for buesyne, vizt. J. Parke & I. Their mariages now goes before ye women, which formerly before freinds was in prison was published in ye meeting house, and yt is liked on very well now. Ye women hath kept their meetings all this time pretty well. Wm. Rogers hath not given the money yt belongs to poor freinds; they say it is ^aabout 300: pounds. Here is severall things yt might be amended, and^a it is a very seasonable time, for none of ye Seperat Company comes to ye meetings for buesyne now. Ye lord I pray yt he may give ye strength in thy body yt ye things that are behinde you may sett in order when ye comes. & it were wel if some men & women came with ye. It will be shortly a good time of ye yeare, & friends will be glad to see ye at Reading, Newbury, Marleburrough, Calne & Chipinham.

At J. Dunnes in Newbury I mett with T. Curtis, and he fawned upon me very much, & said he would be glad to see me at Bristol.² I expected him with T. Kent, but he did not come. I beleive ye lord stands in his way. Here was Ar. Ismaide [Arthur Ismeade], but he was silent & came late to meetings, & came noe day yet, but one 1st day; but Kent preached a long time. But T. Curtis & I had many words together. He clamoured against orders, & I asked him what orders, he said Womens meetings, & limitation of mariages for one yeare after decease of husband or wife. He said we had noe law for it. I told him yt King Canutus made a law against it &c. & ye apostle said ye gentiles did by nature ye things contained in ye law; and ye world doth condemne it now as unnaturall. But he said, 'I and my wife and many others be old and if we should stay a yeare, nature might be

¹ Quoted in Braithwaite, *Second period of Quakerism*, 472.

^a . . . ^a words between these letters are underlined in the manuscript.

² *i.e.* at St. Paul's Fair, Jan. 25 and following days.

decayed yt we could not raise up seed to our estates.' I said, 'Tho: ye and thy wife I hope hath lived in love & concord amongst thy neighbours, and if she should dye how could ye take another wife into thy bosome within a yeare, but thy neighbours would condemne ye for it, and might it not be said yt you headed a party of pedlers & tinkers and Westminster Mariages and other ill mariages.' I said prety much to him, & he concluded with me saying he intended to be at Bristol. He said nothing to me of my paper, which was sent to him before. I hope ye hast had writ to John Bye to bring it or send it to ye.

I purpose after some time to goe to Cirencester and Gloster, and freinds [] beene in long sufferings. I have little more, but would be glad to see ye if ye Lord will, or to heare from ye.

Noe more, but rests thine in Christ Jesus.

Tho: Roberson.

Bristol this 2d

of ye 12 m

1686

Edward Martindale hath served Wm. Rogers in Chancery, and Wm. seekes to have it ended. Mary Wall hath bene put to a deale of charge in order to goe to law with Martindale, but I heare it is ended, but enmity remaines. They are cryed against by many for cheates or worse.

[address] To George Fox
leave this with Martha Fisher
to be given as abovesaid.

[endorsed G.F.]

thomas robsones
leter to gf & read it
in your secondes dayes moring
Meeting

[in another hand] wth ye Inclosed

[G.F.] read this you may read in youver
2 days moring meeting & then lay it
vp for mee

[in another hand]

12th 86/7

Thomas Robertsons letter

21 1 m. 86/7

read by particulars

CLII

MARY COMBERFORD to GEORGE FOX. *Stafford.*
19th 2d mth [1690].

Deare Friend,

My dear love in the everlasting truth dearly salutes thee whom the lord hath made as an overseer in his Church and family . . .

And as for my self I thought good to mention something off to thee. Many have been the besetments of the enemy & the excercises that I have mett withall in my day, but blessed be the lord whose faithfullness hath never failed as my eye hath been kept to him, but hath delivored out of six troubles, & my beleife is will out of the seventh also, as one of old said, he that delivered me out of the paw of the lion & out of the paw of the beare will also deliver me from this un-circumsised Philistian . . .

Oh that I may bring forth fruit to his glory, through the vertue that I receive from the root which hath remained & doth remain as a dew upon my branches . . .

This is all; but dear love to thy wife & children from they friend in the¹ truth according to my measure

Mary Comberford²

[address] To George Fox
give this to Mary
Elson to deliver
as directed with
Care

[endorsed] Mary Comberford to G. F: Stafford
ye 19 2d mo. 90

Answered

CLIII

ELIZABETH HOOTON to GEORGE FOX.

Dear Georg

My love in the lord is to thee, and my hart is with thee and daylie before mee thou art. And som trialls wee know among freinds becaus they abide not in the measur they first received. Thou sent to Joseph [Nicholson?] and C.H.

¹ "in the" repeated at the beginning of the next line and deleted.

² Mary Cumberford, of the ford gate of Stafford Borough, buried at Stafford, 23.i.1700.

[Christopher Holder] a letter which was of gre[~~great?~~] concernment to mee concerninge them that was gone out into the outward things. Soe C. went amonge them a litle, a meetinge or 2 in a place¹ at Salem and other places, but gave not them war[n]inge in playnnes of speach concerninge the hatt, onlie uncoveringe himselfe in prayer, and soe cam his waie. Soe when I with An Burden went amonge them and dealt playnlie with them in obedience to god, then thay urged us yt C.H. of whom they said was a knowinge man, and by whom they wear first convincd, but not reproveinge them in words as wee did, they denied us both at Salem & Boston, but when Jane Nicholson com, wee went all 3 of us to Salem a[~~gain~~] to trie them whether they would owne or denie thee² or Jane . . .

Farther, being at Boston, I was moved to goe to the Court 4 times to plead for my libertie and my freinds, and to have libertie to buie a hous, but noe hous in Boston would they permitt, but in the cuntry I might. I alsoe laid before them how they had dealt with mee, my daughter, and othere friends in a barbarus waie. At which tim[e] they weare much chained down. At Jane Nicolsons boldnes and mine they wear somethinge smiten. But a nessesetie I fo[~~u~~]nd in my selfe to gett som house in Bostone for truthes sake for a meetinge house for freinds, for John Chamberlaine is got very up in J.P. [John Perrot's] deseit, but as it[~~yet~~] I cannot gett a house, but I wait what the word of the Lord is. But W.C. and G.P. beinge com is a strengtheninge to freinds in thes[e] parts.

I am at present at Road Iland . . .

My deare love is to Margret Fell and her household. I desiere to receve som bookes of thine and hers, Ed. B. [Burrough] and som others which thou thinketh, for sound books are taken out of the waie by bad people, and deceitfull [*torn*] brought in place to draw their minds after J.P. Soe my care is to doe the will of god.

Therefore deare G. forget me not in thy prayers, for I doe beleve that things wilbe well at last, and thos things wilbe brought downe. For I am over the persecutinge spirit heere, but that amongst freinds is hardest on us; for the old ranters prinsiple is now come up amongst them, although rotten

¹ "in a place" repeated, and struck through.

² "and" deleted.

and filthy yet is it heer of high esteem amongst som which strengthen themselves in it; but into the dust it must, and on it wee shall be and doe. Soe my dear love is to thee, for the presence of the Lord doth keepe mee, yea and thou art with mee, but I desiere the[e] to send to my Son Samuel and see how it is with him, and if hee or anie freindes be minded to com over the sea to New England. Will. Nicholson I sopose may bee like to come from England in a shipp, for its a hazard to com in som ships.

Wee heer not of John _____ of Long Iland as yet, nor that younge man that should have com with Jane Nicholsons. Soe I rest, thy indeared Sister in the lord,
Elizabeth Hooton

CLIV

FRANCES DANSON to GEORGE FOX.

Deare George Foox whom I love and reverance. It is in the feare of the Lord, and in obedience to his comands that I reverence thee. Therefore I beseeche thee to judg favourably of me. I have heard that many faulse reports hath been brought to thee against^r me sinse I was at London, such as I never knew nor never was reprovved for. But though the[y] have cast me out and forbid me to profisy in the nam of the lord, I have not sought for evill against them, nor hindred good for coming to them, though I might. But I trust the lord will plead my cause . . .

When the[y] were angry and did watch over me malishously for evel, then did the lord apeare and speake coumfortably to me, that was a stay to my minde, and a confirmation of gods love, made knowne to me more then twenty yeares before that time, when I felt and tasted helth to my soule. Yet if I had not had soe great consolation from god in that time of my trouble when the[y] sent so many acusations against me, I thinck I could redyly have set my hand to any paper of condemnation that frinds in London should have required of me, though I knew not wherein I had doonn wrong. So I was at a great strayt: feareing to sin against god by condemning that which god had not condemned: and feareing to give ofense to frinds. . . .

^r "against" interlineated above "of", which has not been deleted.

I can trewly say that¹ so fur as I know my owne heart, that my love is greater toward trew frinds that are trewly of god then to any of my natural relations: and I had rather² dwel amongst such frinds and have sosiety with them while I am in this body then to have al[l] the tresures of this world without them, if it might seeme good in the sight of the lord. And I have with a very good wil to that purpas: but I know not what the lord wil bring to pas: hard things hath beene made eesy. So sum saueth [sayeth] the[y] wander how such things could be done, I being but a woman and of a weacke capacity. Many ^awise men have sout [sought] to^a have this and could not prevaile, for the[y] had not the Indions Jenaral and free consent. The Indions Kings, the[y] wil sel my frinds any land the[y] have. I have given many³ of the Kings and prinses a coat in earnest for the land and sum further dets the[y] owe me, which the[y] say shal be payed if I have not the land. One of the Kings said I did wel that I was not hasty for my debt, for if I had not the land, never ^ano Englishman^a should. For he sayd he⁴ heard that sum of ^athe greate^a men did thinck to hinder me of the land. One of them said, an Indion King speaketh but onse about land; that is to say the[y] doe not chang or falsifie their word conserning land.

Now, thoug it hath beene noted that where ever English men hath bought land of Indions and have payed them honestly for it, those plantations hath reseived no harme by Indions, neither in Mr [torn] tims nor other times. Now I think it nedful to send ^acopyes of the deeds^a for land and a conuance and a copy of Lord ^aCulpepers grant^a, and a description of the land, that thou and frinds may know how it is as wel as I can describe it. If frinds desir to do anything with the King about a peculier titel, then Lord Culpeper knoweth that the Indions did acknoledg to him and the counsel when he was governor at a genera[l] coart that the[y] was wiling to sel me that land for frinds. I reserved a titel in the conuaanse to myselfe because I might do funder in it. If need require, of the conuance be not wel made, the[y] may writ it beter, and I will set my hand to surrender it, how thou and the[y] shal thinck good, for I desire but a lot, as other friends

¹ "that" repeated at beginning of next line.

² "rather" interlineated.

³ "eight" deleted.

⁴ "he" repeated.

^a . . . ^a These words are underlined.

may have the licke. I intreat thee, be pleased to let me heare from the[e] as soone as convenient, and whether ^athou and frinds^a are wiling to be conserned ^awith this land^a, and what you would have me to doe conserning^r this land, or any other thing, I am willing to do as much as I am able.

I am a pore widow and a trew friend.

From my house at the westren branch of Nansymund in Virginia.

Franses Denson

Corrinal Joseph Bridger said he would have me to write to my frinds that he would sel them twelve thousand ackeers of land which he said I knew to be good, and I do know it to be very good land. I spack to tel frinds how that is.

[address] This ffor/George Fox att London/in England
At Mr Wm. Mead linen/Draper in fenchurch/
streete.

[endorsed] Widow Dansons/Lettr./not Answer'd.
Widow Dansons Lettr. to G.F./to be put with
G.F's Ansr. to her/which is laid aside.

CLV

EDWARD BURROUGH & FRANCIS HOWGILL to
GEORGE BAYLEY.

Deare Bro: who art called to be a wittnes for god by suffering under ye uniust & unrighteous wills of men, be faithfull in thy place. Stand in gods counsell, in ye light yt comprehendeth ye deceits of all spirits though goeing under severall appearances. Wait for wisdome, yt by ye power ye divell may be chained; & ye wittnes raised to condemne him. Be not hastie nor forward . . .

Ye god of life preserve thee in wisdome & in his life, over ye world to raigne in lowlynes of mind & in humblenes of heart, yt all which wold be lifted up above ye Crosse may be kept in ye death by ye Crosse.

Our love to thee:

E.B. & F.H.

[address] For Geo Bayle
these in Newgate

[endorsed] G.B. Dyed in France.

^a . . . ^a These words are underlined.

^r "conserning" repeated.

CLVI

EDWARD BURROUGH & FRANCIS HOWGILL to
GEORGE FOX. *London*. 25.[vii.1654]

Dearely beloved one, in whom ye father is well pleased, & in whom ye god head dwells in ye spirit of ye father . . .

Trully deare bro. great is our care & charge & burden in this citty. We travell for ye seed & with itt & for itt we suffer. Our meetings are verie large. 3 dayes in ye weeke we have meetings. Here is few amonge soe many, & yet many which recaves our testemoney. Severall have tasted trully of ye power, & severall are under true judgement, & manie are eternally convinced by yt wittnesse of god in ye conscience.

We find little as yet of passinge from this place, but rather yt we may finish our fathers testemoney, whereunto we are called . . .

We have 2 times or more everie weeke letters from our deare yoakfellows Johns Cam & Audland. They are in great service at or neare about Bristolle. They are at this present (as they writt to us) at Hereford or neare about. They have had ye largest meetings yt ever yet was in this nation, & a large people gladly recaves their testemoney at & about Bristole.

Our deare Bro: Ric: Hubberthorne, with James Parnell & Anne Blaklinge continues in prison yet at Cambridge; they are well, kept above all ye world to reioyce. There is great desires, all yt countrie over, after truth. They writt to us yt some comes 20 mile to se[e] ym, with great desires yt they be sett at libbertie to come towards ym.

Great is this happie harvist day & ye labourers are but few . . .

Our Bro: Christo: Atkinson, & 2 women tooke watter towards France 6 dayes since¹ [*torn*] letters from everie parte where freinds are.

Tho: Holme is in prison in Chester, with 6 or more with him in yt countie.

Dearly Beloved let us heare from thee, for in thy life we are refreshed, & in thy strength we find comfort. Though our worke & labour be great, yet power from god is given

¹ See Braithwaite, *Beginnings of Quakerism*, 406n, and additional note in the 2nd ed., 1955, p. 576.

by which we are carried through in obedience to his comaunds,
& they are not greevous unto us. We are thy bre: & yu art
sealed in our hearts, never

[*parts of two lines gone*] shee was

London 25 of [torn]

Myles Halhead & James Lancaster was here 4 dayes.
They are at present at or towards Cambridge. Myles Halhead
was moved yt way.

[address] For our dearely
Beloved Brother called
George Fox these
in Yorkeshire or Elsewhere.

[endorsed] From Edward Borrough and Francis Howgill
to G.F.

CLVII

JOHN CAMM & JOHN AUDLAND to EDWARD
BURROUGH & FRANCIS HOWGILL. *Bristol.*
13.vii.[1654].¹

E.b: F.H.

Bristoll this 13 day of the 7 month: 4 day of weeke
Deare bredern in that which is & wose[was] & is to com . . .

Dear harts the feilds hear abouts is allready ripe unto
harvest, & the hervest is great & truly our labore is great,
& we labour truly & faithfully. God is ower witnes: & he is
our recompence of reward: & will reward us atanding to our
labor of love in the worke of the lord . . . & deare bredern
heare is the largest feilds yt ever I saw; all is full of clusters
of grapes, & they ar ripe for the winepresse.

We weare yesterday 3 milles out of the towne, whear we
had a gallant meeteinge, above ffive hundereth people as they
weare nomberd. & truly they weare very prety people as
ever I saw since I cam out of the north; the witness of god
was raised in manye of them, & much love did breath out
from them to usward. Our joy is great, so great yt we cannot
expresse it, soe yt it makes our labor to seeme light. But
truly bretheren our care is great, & our labor is much; for
day & night we labor & travall. We wath [wash?] & ffeed &
pluckes up & weeds up, & somtimes waters the plants,
though they be but ffew as yet, the lord is bringeing to birth;

¹ See Braithwaite, *Beginnings of Quakerism*, 165, 166 (with extract), 167.

for ther are many yt is with child, & thes the lord drives gentely by us . . .

This day the peopll in this city who ar our frinds met together to seeke the lord as they call it. Ther wase many with the gloryousest words in prayer that ever I herd. Ther was the trimed harrlott glorously deckt, & we were by & herd them. & at lenckth we went in unto them, & we boor them long till the power of the lord toke hould upon us both, & I was fforst to cry out amongst them, my life suffered, & if I did not speak I should be an exampell amongst them. & in much tendernes I spokke unto them, & silence wase amongst them all, & much tendernes & brockennes. & it is a glrouse day. & the Lord will doe good unto them by this dayes meeting together . . .

Trully bredern we cannot expresse our labor & care & travells. For we travell in paine unto Christ be ffound in them. & we ar with them in feare & trembeling lest ther faith should stand in wisdom of words & not in power of god. For we ar with them from 6 in the morning (they will com to us befor we get up) & unto 11 or somtimes one at neight. They will never be ffrom us. Gou into the feilds, they will follow us; or goe into any house, the house will be ffelled full, so yt we cannot tell how we should get ffrom them. The lord hath subjected them all under us, & they ar as ffearfull to ofend us as a child is to offend its loveing father.

. . . We are one with you in all conditions: you may read us dayly.

Jo: Cam Jo: A.

Sallute us in the lord to dorathy dringe our sisster, to all in yt house, to Capt. Studard, to Simound, to barber & his house, to meery Errbury & her daughter, to all the rest. We have received the letters we wanted; they are found, & we are very glad. Many freinds heere doth dear[ly remem]ber ther love unto you both.

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Deare & presious brethren, our love & life is to you, & with you, & in you wee are bundled up together for evermore. The power of the lord is with us . . . Niver such sarvice wear we in. Night & day we even laber & travell continually. We came into this citty upon the 7 day of this mounth.¹ That night it was noysed in the citty & all was filled wheare we

¹ 7 Sept., 1654.

weare. We have every day a meeteing; yea, I may say every day is but a meeteing; & we can not helpe it, for let us goe wheare we will, all is full wheare we are, night & day. & as the worke is great, the power is greatest in us that ever wee knew in us. We are kepte in the pure eternall life & power of god: soe mightey great & tirable to all the heathen as I never knew before.

We had a great meeteing upon the first day the morneing.¹ The house & all was filled, & the streete. Soe the voyce went forth for a field, & one there, which was free, had a medow, & we wente to it like an army. My deare brother J: C: spoke; he is exceedingly growne since I saw you, we have pure unitey in the life. Then before he had done the word of the lord came to mee. & when he had done, I stood up, & all my bones smote together & I was like a drunken man because of the lord & because of the word of his holynesse. & I was made to cry like a womon in travell & to proclaime warr from the lord with all the inhabitants of the earth. & such a dreadfull voyce rann through me as I niver felte before: & the tirror of the lord toke hould upon many harts, & the trumpet sounded through the citty.

The afternoone we meet at the forte,² wheare soulders are: the greatest meeting that ever I saw. It farr exceded the greatest when I was with you. & all flesh was sillent & not one dog moved his toung.

A mighty meeteing we had in the Counterey 3 mille of[f].³ This day we had a meeting at a great house called red lodge,⁴ a gallent place for meeteing as we could desire. Theare was as many people as was at the forte. The mighty power of the lord uttered through us: & many harts trembled, & not one uttered one word.

We have pounted a meeting 3 mille off the citty in glostershire on the 6 day.⁵

They are such people as I niver saw: they will spare no paine; hundereds went out of the citty to the last meeteing 3 mille of.

We shall stay heare over the first day, & further we know

¹ 10 Sept., 1654.

² The Royal Fort.

³ 12 Sept., 1654.

⁴ The Red Lodge.

⁵ 15 Sept., 1654, at Filton.

not how. You my writte to us: to be heare the last day of the weeke.

Dear bre: our travell is great: & the mighty power of the lord is with us, & our reward is exceeding great. Deare & beloved ones in the life of god, pray for us: & soe for ever more we dwell with you & are your deare bretheren:

John Audland, John Camm.

After you have read this letter, inclose it & send it into the north to our deare wifes with thes 2 litel ons: inclose them all in one.

[address] for our lo: frend Gills
 Callvert att his shop at the
 blacke spred eagle at the
 West End of Pauls These
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[endorsed] A Letter of Salutation
 to E.B. & F.H. from
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