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AND FROM

PHILADELPHIA *to* ENGLAND,

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BY

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Companion in TRAVEL with the Reverend
Mr. GEORGE WHITEFIELD.

I count all Things but Loss for the Excellency of the Knowledge of CHRIST JESUS my Lord; for whom I have suffer'd the Loss of all Things, and do count them but Dung, that may will CHRIST.

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*T*HE following JOURNAL was wrote without any Views of its present Publication; but at my Arrival I shew'd it to a particular Friend, for his private Information only, who, after he had read it, desired me by all Means to publish it. This I thought not sufficient, 'till I had submitted it to the Judgment of Persons of superior Parts and Learning; accordingly, it has pass'd the Examination of Three Gentlemen, who are Friends to the Cause of JESUS CHRIST, and of whose Judgment, Integrity, and Impartiality, I had no Reason to doubt; these all made their several Remarks, and concurr'd in desiring its Publication. If any one should think, that my publishing this JOURNAL will supersede and interfere with those Journals already publish'd, or which shall
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hereafter be publish'd by Mr. WHITEFIELD, I desire they will consider, that Mr. WHITEFIELD's last Journal ought to be read before this, by those who are willing to know the Rise and Progress of the great Work now carrying on in America. Besides, Mr. WHITEFIELD's last Journal ends at our Arrival in Georgia in January, and this begins in April, and contains only one Fortnight's Transactions of what pass'd while I was with him in Pensilvania, and the Jerseys; and of those I don't know that Mr. WHITEFIELD ever saw one Word of my Remarks, for I always thought his Time too precious, and my own Performances too mean to trouble him with. I had no Thoughts of coming to England when I left Savannah, so that my former JOURNAL which I was enabled to keep from the Time I went abroad, and which is very long and particular, is now at Georgia, and may hereafter be publish'd, if I find a proper call for it, and that any Good is done by this. And because mine should be as different as might be from Mr. WHITEFIELD's; I purposely avoided looking into his, lest I should be led into the same Thoughts and Remarks. If any Doctrines, contain'd in this JOURNAL, shall appear in a different Light to others, to what they do to me, I desire they will not be offended, but search the Scriptures, and see whether the Things advanced are so, or not, I also desire it may be observed, that nothing is here advanced with a View to raise a Controversy, or doubtful Disputations, which I utterly abhor. I am perswaded myself of the Truth of those Things which I have written, but I desire no one to pin their

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their Faith on my Sleeve, but would have All go to the Law and to the Testimony: And above all, let everyone, learned or unlearned, apply to JESUS CHRIST by earnest Prayer to open their Understandings, that they may understand the Scriptures; without which Application, tho' they may be able to read the written Word in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, I am sure, their learned Explications will be Foolishness in the Sight of GOD. I confess I understand but little of either, tho' I was Seven Years at a Grammar-School, my Talent lying another Way, as most of my old Acquaintances know; so that many of them may be apt to say, How knoweth this Man Letters, having never learned? To which I answer, that I trust have been taught of GOD, which all will allow to be the best Teaching; not that I despise human Learning in its proper Place. How I came to be thus taught, and what Means the Holy Sovereign of the World was pleased to make use of to draw me from a vain Conversation, and by Degrees to wean me from the eager Pursuit I was for many Years engaged in, after the Profits, Pleasures, and Honours of this World, as my only Happiness, may possibly hereafter appear, if GOD shall think fit to assist me in that Work, and call me thereunto. Mean while, I publish this JOURNAL with much Fear and Trembling of Heart, lest the Cause if GOD should suffer thro' the Weakness of the Instrument engaged therein. Therefore all I have to add, is earnestly to entreat all Persons to consider more what is written, than the Person by whom it was wrote. If any one poor Soul shall receive Benefit hereby, my
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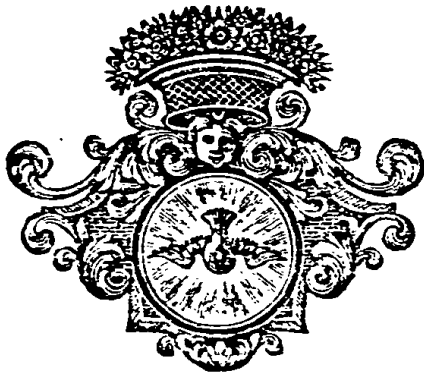
End will be answer'd; and I desire they will give all Praise and Glory to GOD, to whom alone all Praise is due, and I desire they will bless GOD for me, and be earnest at the Throne of Grace, that He who hath begun the good Work would carry it on, and enable me to finish my Course with Joy; that having put my Hand to the Plough, I may never look back, but that I may endure to the End, and be saved; that I may not be of the Number of those who draw back unto Perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the Soul; and in Return to their Prayers, they may be assured, as the Lord shall assist they will be remember'd by

Their unworthy Servant in CHRIST,

LONDON.

July 24, 1740.

William Seward.



Mr. SEWARD'S
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SAVANNAH, April 2, 1740.

TOOK Leave of out Friends, some of whom came on board our Sloop, and sail'd with us Fifteen Miles. Read the Life of Mr. *Henry Jessey*,—a holy, godly Man,—with the Marks of a true Christian, and a great Labourer in the Lord's Vineyard.—*May we be Followers if such, as they were of Christ.*

On Board the Savannah.

April 8. For there Five Days past I kept my Bed with Indisposition, and had every Day *sweet Communion with my dear Lord Jesus*, who filled me with his Fullness; and made me earnest in my Supplications for the Church of God in general, for my Friends in particular, and for preparing our Way before us in *Pensilvania* and *New York*.

Read and heard several Sermons of Mr. *Trail*, upon our Lord's Prayer in the 11th of *St. John*, wherein he displays the exceeding Happiness of *Believers* in being with *Jesus Christ*, and beholding, his Glory.—The transient Views we have of it here, *cover'd with a Veil*, and seen as thro' a Glass darkly, are yet so ravishing, that all the Glory of this World are as *Dung and Dross* in Comparison of it. What then must it be when we see him Face to Face? And yet he has *no Form or Comeliness* to an unbelieving carnal World; who can see *no Beauty in him*, that they should desire him,—and as they reject him now, they shall be rejected by him at the last Day, when they shall call on the Rocks to fall on them, and the Hills to cover them from the Wrath of the Lamb, whose Glory shall appear to them as a consuming

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Fire, instead of a burning Love.—O that *Unbelievers* would consider this in Time, and *flee from the Wrath* to come.

Read Dr. *Owen* on the Assistance of the Holy Spirit in Prayer.—It seems full of Learning, as well as solid Experience.—O that we may daily *grow and improve in this, as well as every other Christian Grace*.—

April 9. Yesterday and to Day wrote Letters for *England*; but behold, what a Moment may bring forth! while I was writing to my *Honoured Mother*, Mr. *Whitefield* came and proposed my going to *England* with *Brother G*—, upon several important Affairs relating to the *Church of God*.—Particularly and chiefly to bring over *Brother Hutchins*, to take Care of the *Orphan-House* in his Absence, to acquaint the *Trustees of Georgia* with the State of the *Colony*, and the Means, under God, for the better Establishment thereof, it being now upheld almost wholly by the *Soldiery and Orphan-House*, most of the People who are unconcern'd in either, being gone or going.—The proper Means, under God, of establishing the *Colony*, are principally Three, 1. An Allowance of Negroes; 2. A free Title to the Lands; and, 3. An Independent Magistracy, *viz.* such as are able and willing to serve without *Fee or Reward*. My Business with the Trustees will be, farther, to bring over the Money lodg'd in their Hands for building the *Church at Savannah*. I am, moreover, to collect Subscriptions for a *Negroe School in Pensilvania*, where our *Brother Whitefield* proposes to take up Land, in order to settle a *Town* for the Reception of such *English Friends* whose Hearts God shall incline to come and settle there.—O that the Lord may prepare and prosper our Way before us, and give us Favour in the Eyes of those to whom we are sent, that we may do a great deal of Business in a little Time, with a Single Eye to his Glory; and that we may quickly return to our dear Friends at *Savannah*, with Answers of Peace, and sure Tokens that God was with us of a Truth in every Step.—Amen, even so dear Lord Jesus, and let all the Brethren say, Amen.

April 10. Wrote Letters to my dear Brethren at *Savannah*. Read a brief Account of the Revd. Mr. *Browning's* Ministry at *Rowel*, and perceive in him as plain and clear Conceptions of the free Grace of GOD in Christ to poor Sinners, and of his *Eternal and Electing Love* to them, as I ever read in any Author; nor did that Holy Man abuse that Grace, but appears to have *lived the Life, and*

and have died the Death of the Righteous. The Lord grant that my *Life and latter End may be like his*. Amen. Read some Account of the Life of Mr. *Richard Davis*, wrote by *Mathias Maurice*, (who was likewise the Author of Mr. *Browning's* Life, mention'd above) which proves him to have been Partaker of the same Spirit, even that of *Jesus Christ*:—Both were like St. *Paul*, true Labourers in the Lord's Vineyard, and Mr. *Davis*, in particular, underwent the Scoffs and Reproaches of *Unbelievers* in Conformity to his blessed Master, and all the dear Children of God.

DELAWARE BAY.

April 12. 1740. Yesterday I was again visited with Sickness, and kept my Bed, which *my Dear Jesus* made sweet to me, and shewed me it proceeded from his loving, tender, and *Fatherly Hand*. O that may always be in *Subjection to the Father of Spirits, and live; and as ready to suffer as to do his Will*.

DELAWARE RIVER.

April 13. 1740. Wrote Letters Yesterday and this Morning, besides Meditation, Singing, and Prayer; and found *the Lord had led me by his Spirit, and had been with me of a Truth*.—Our dear *Pastor* gave us the Comfortable Sacrament of our *dear Lord*, the Memorial of his *Redeeming Blood*, to prepare us for going abroad into a naughty World, that we may be kept from the *Evil* of it. Landed at *Newcastle*, where Mr. *Grafton*, with whom we lodged before, kindly received us, and the Lord was pleased immediately to open a Door for preaching his Gospel, for the Minister was Ill, and gladly granted his Pulpit both Morning and Afternoon. I got a Horse, and rode to *Christian Bridge* and *Whitely Creek*; gave Notice to several I met on the Road and brought the Revd. Mr. *Charles Tennant*, Dr. *Jones*, and *Lewis Howel*, with Two or Three Hundred Horse, from Mr. *Tennant's* Meeting, to hear the afternoon Sermon, which was on the Conversion of *Zaccheus*. After this, Dr. *Jones*, Mr. *Howel*, and Mr. *Tennant* accompanied us to *Willings Town*, where our Brother appointed to preach the next Day.—At our Arrival, several Friends came to visit us, with whom we had much Talk of the Things concerning our *Lord Jesus Christ, and the Coming of his Kingdom*.—Mr. *Tennant* informed us of the
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great Success which had attended our Brother *Whitefield* Preaching, when here last. For some Time a general Silence was fixed by the Lord on People's Minds, and many began seriously to think on what Foundation they stood.—A general outward Reformation has been visible. Many Ministers have been quicken'd in their Zeal to *preach the Word in Season, and out of Season*.—Congregations are increased, and some few, 'tis hoped, will be brought, thro' their Convictions, into a *sound and saving Conversion*.—All Glory be to GOD alone!

PHILADELPHIA.

April 14. Last Night, and this Morning, our Souls were again feasted with Accounts of the *Coming of our Lord's Kingdom, and the Fall of Satan's*.—Some Thousands came to hear the Word, tho' the Notice was so short; and our Brother preach'd out of the Balcony of the House where we lodged, with great Enlargement; shewing, that *the Kingdom of God, or the Kingdom of Grace in the Heart of a Believer, is not Meat and Drink, nor any outward Thing whatsoever, but Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost*. We had Hourly Experience of the Blessed Fruits and Effects of our Brother's former Labours. It is impossible to express the Affection of the People, and their eager *Hungrings and Thirstings after the sincere Milk of the Word*. Here the Lord begin to shew us, that his Disciples might *go without Purse Dr Scrip, and lack nothing*; for neither at *Newcastle, here, or at Chester*, had we any Thing to pay.—Many met us on the Road, and an universal Joy was spread at our Arrival. The *War with Spain* happen'd to be this Day proclaim'd;—but tho' our Message is from the *Prince of Peace*, yet we have an *Enemy* to engage with, who will not, cannot make *Peace* with us.—O may we *resist him even unto Blood*, and never think of making even a *Truce* with that grand *Deceiver and Enemy* to poor Souls, *Satan*, or any of his accursed *Emmissaries*.

At our Arrival, tho' late, many Friends came to see us; particularly Mr. *Jones* the Baptist Minister, who told us of Two other Ministers, Mr. *Treat* and Mr. *Morgan*, who were so affected with our Brother *Whitefield's* Spirit, that the latter had gone forth *preaching the glad Tidings of Salvation* towards the Sea Coast in the *Jerseys*, and many other Places which *lay in Darkness and the Shadow of Death*.—The former told his Congregation, that he had been hither-

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to *deceiving* himself and them, and that he could not preach to them at present, but desired they'd join in Prayer with him.—O that all carnal, formal, dead Preachers were thus *convicted*, and then we might hope many would be truly *converted*, and become *obedient to the Faith*.

GOD was pleased to *manifest himself* much to our Souls, and *fill us with great Joy* at hearing of these *glad Tidings*; so that we were drawn out much to praise and adore the holy Name of our dear Redeemer for all the Tokens of his Loving-kindness towards us. O that our Hearts may be hereby established and confirmed in the Faith; for otherwise we shall surely be as *inexcusable* as the unbelieving *Jews* in the Wilderness.

April 15. We were inform'd that an *Indian Trader* was so affected with Brother *Whitefield's* Doctrine, that he is gone to teach the *Indians* with whom he used to Trade.

This Morning we waited on the *Proprietor, Governor, and Minister*: The Two former received us kindly, the latter was cold, and refused the use of the *Church*, because of Mr. *Whitefield's* writing against *Archbishop Tillotson*.—Whereupon GOD was pleased to *open a more effectual Door*; for our Brother preached from the same Balcony which he did when he preached his Farewell Sermon here in *November*, to about Ten Thousand People, and his Text was, *And they cast him out*; whereby he had an Opportunity to shew that our *Clergy* were actuated by the same Spirit which ruled in the *Scribes and Pharisees* when they *cast out* the Blind Man, whose *Spiritual* as well as *Natural Eyes* our dear Redeemer had open'd.—O *may all Blind Leaders of the Blind be thus detected!*

One of our *London Brethren*, who providentially came over with us, and whom we left here, as not thinking him fit to be employ'd in the *Orphan-House*, took some imprudent Steps in order to set up a *Society*, which, after meeting Two or Three Times, was put a Stop to; since which, Seven or Eight Men, and about the like Number of Women, meet together separately, to sing and pray, and confer about holy Things, and I hope God will bring some Good out of it. But our aforesaid Brother has given Offence in several other Particulars, for which I *check'd* and *reprov'd* him, as I hope, *in the Spirit of Meekness*.—O that we may never run before the Lamb, but blindfold follow Him.—The Disciples of *Christ*, especially those who pretend to teach others, ought to be exceeding close and exact in their Walk with

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GOD, lest they betray his Cause, and bring a Reproach on his holy Name.

April 16, 1740. This Morning Two of the *Society* aforesaid came for *spiritual advice* to our Brother *Whitefield*. One of them was a *Negroe*, the other a young Man full of sweet Experience in the Spiritual Life.—This, I think, is a Token for Good in Behalf of our *London Brother* aforesaid, and proves that Christ will own the weakest Endeavours in his Service, tho' attended with many Infirmities, provided the Heart be sincere and upright.

A free *Negroe* Woman came to Mr. *Whitefield*, who was touched by the *free Grace of God* when he expounded in the *Prison* at his first Coming, and is a good Omen that God intends Salvation for the *Negroes*, while he passes by their Despisers, and worse than *Egyptian Task-Masters*.—*Oh that many of them may be pricked to the Heart, and feelingly enquire after the dear Lord Jesus.*

Our Brother preached this Morning from a Scaffold built on *Society Hill*, to about Five Thousand People; inviting *weary and heavy laden Sinners* to come to JESUS CHRIST. *Weary* with their *Original Sin*, *weary* with their *actual Sins*, and above all, *weary* of the Sin of *Unbelief*, that Sin which condemns the World.—*Oh that every one who names the Name of Christ were duly convicted of this one Sin, and then they would soon depart from all Iniquity.*

In the Afternoon our Brother preached from the Balcony on *Society-Hill*, to the largest Congregation we have yet had in *America*, computed at Ten or Twelve Thousand People, upon *Persecution*, which he shew'd *everyone must necessarily suffer, who will live Godly in Christ Jesus*. A Friend came in and told us, that some Gentlemen threaten'd to Cane me for having taken away the Keys of the *Assembly-Room, Dancing-School, and Musick-Meeting*, which the Owner delivered me on my Promise to pay for any Damage he should sustain thereby. May the Lord strengthen me to carry on this Battle against one of Satan's strongest Holds in this City, supported in Part too by the *Proprietor*, whose Father bore a noble Testimony against those Devilish Diversions,—which shews us how dangerous a Snare it is to our Children, to leave them *rich in this Worlds Goods, and not rich in Faith.*

Came at Night to Mr. *Leech's* Plantation, Nine Miles from Town, and were kindly received.—*May the Lord reward them at the Great Day.*

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Wrote my *Journal*, *interceded for the Church of Christ*, and went to Rest, full of a Sense of the Divine Goodness.

April 17. Made Intercession again as soon as I was up.—A Gentleman, Landlord of the House where the *Assembly* is kept, came and inform'd us, that a great Stir was made about my taking away the *Keys*; and others *told* us they had broken open the Door, tho' it was not their Night of meeting.—What a Hurry *Satan* puts his *Servants* into, when their darling *Idols* are opposed—*O that we could learn of them to be as zealous for our Master, who will give us Eternal Life, whereas Satan's Wages is Eternal Death.*

Mr. *Whitefield* preached near Mr. *Treat's* Meeting-House at *Abingdon* from a Horse-Block, to about Three Thousand People, on *Christ's being made unto us if God, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption*; and the Word came with much Sweetness.

Our Brother baptized a Child, and then came to Town, and preached to about Ten Thousand People, on the *poor Woman with the Bloody Issue*, wherewith many were greatly affected, especially when our Brother invited the poor *Negroes to touch Jesus Christ by Faith*, whereby they would gain *Freedom* from the *Slavery* of Sin and Satan.

Farther says our Brother, *and will none of you touch Jesus Christ by Faith this Night? O take Example by this Woman, and you shall be healed of all the Plagues that are now in your Hearts.*

Wrote Letters to *Christian Bridge, Whitely Creek, Virginia, North and South Carolina.*

Wrote my *Journal*, made Intercession, and went to Rest in the Arms of my Lord *Jesus*.

April 18. This Day was published our Brother *Whitefield's* Letter to the Inhabitants of *Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina*, about their Abuse of the poor *Negroes*.

Visited a *Negroe*, and pray'd with her, and found her Heart touched by Divine Grace. Praised be the Lord, methinks one *Negroe* brought to *Jesus Christ* is peculiarly sweet to my Soul. *O may the Lord make his Power to be known among them.* Heard of a Child of Twelve Years old turn'd out of a *Boarding-School*, because she would not learn to *Dance*. Heard of a Master who had put his *Servant* in the *Work-house* for going to hear our Brother.

Heard of a *Drinking Club* (whereof a *Clergyman* was a Member) that had a *Negroe Boy* attending them, who used

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to mimick People for their Diversion. The Gentlemen bid him mimick our Brother *Whitefield*; which he was very unwilling to do; but they insisting upon it, he stood up and said—*I speak the Truth in Christ, I lie not, unless you repent, you'll all be damned.*—This unexpected Speech broke up the Club; which has not met since.

Went to *Whitemarsh*, where our Brother preached to about Three Thousand, and pressed *Believers* to plead for their *full Privileges*, not only for *Righteousness* and *Peace*, but *Joy in the Holy Ghost*; and I believe the Power of the Lord was present to heal many Sin-sick Souls.

Came to *German Town*, where our Brother preach'd to about Four Thousand, and was very pressing to call poor Sinners to *Jesus Christ* by the Promise of the Comforter, who is to convince us of Sin, particularly of the Sin of *Unbelief*; of *Righteousness*, particularly the *Righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ*; and of *Judgment*, particularly of that solid Peace which flows from an Assurance that *Satan* is judged, condemned, and cast out of our Hearts.

Notice, was given of a New Lecture at *German Town* every *Thursday*; by Four Ministers.—Glory be to God for raising, up Ministers to water what his own Right Hand hath planted—Return'd to *Philadelphia* with great Joy, after visiting a Quaker, at whose House our Brother gave a close Exhortation. By the Way I exhorted some young People to prepare for Trials and Temptations, lest they Should be offended when *Tribulation for Persecution arises because of the Word*. Visited a poor Woman who is under grievous Darkness and Temptation: Our Brother *Whitefield* pray'd with her, and exhorted the spectators to look up by Faith unto *Jesus Christ*, as a sure Physician to heal every wounded Conscience.—Sung a Hymn, and our Brother used, Family Prayer.—I pray'd with Brother *Grant*, wrote my *Journal*, and went to Rest, *admiring at the free Grace and Goodness of God to me a poor weak rebellious Worm*.

April 19. Rose and made Intercession for an Hour. Agreed to go to *England* in the *George*, about a Month hence, with Brother G——. O may the Lord sanctify our Voyage. Our Brother preached on Ministers *corrupting the Word of God*, by denying *Original Sin*, the *Divinity of Christ*, *Justification by Faith alone*, and by making the Light of Nature sufficient to bring us to *Jesus Christ*; whereas he shewed them we were in a State of *Death by Nature*, and must be *raised to a Spiritual Life by the quickening*

ning Spirit of Jesus Christ, whose Merits must be applied to us by Faith, which Faith is the Gift of God, and is not possible to be attain'd by the Light of Nature, but must be revealed to us from above.

Visited some holy Women who ate liegitihing a Society. Exhorted them, and after that we pray'd and sung a Hymn. In the Evening Mr. Whitefield preached on our Saviour's calling out the Devil which the Disciples could not, and most of the Sermon was sweet Food for the newly awaken'd Converts, but Nonsense to the Natural Man. Our Brother warn'd them much of Opposition and Persecution, that when it comes they may not be surprized.—Spoke with two Wise Virgins who were awaken'd by our Brother's Preaching, when here before, on the Lord our Righteousness, and their Hearts were much broke and melted down.

Visited a young Society of Women, and our Brother exhorted and pray'd with them.

Visited a Person they said was mad, and found it only such a Madness as St. Paul's when he was three Days praying, and neither did eat or drink; so this Man has been about five Days with very little if any Sleep, and said he could not close his Eyes till JESUS CHRIST had assured him that his Sins were forgiven. He said, GOD had struck him down some Time ago with Concictions, as it were a Light from Heaven, but falling into Sin again, he lost the Influences of Grace which GOD in his Mercy was now showering upon him. O that all the World were thus mad, then should we have a Heaven upon Earth.,

Supped at an old Friend's Houset who follow'd us to Maryland, but since grew shy. O may the Lord bring him on again, heal his Backslidings, and love him freely.

Sunday, April 20. Rose about Five; and pray'd with Mr. Grant. Our Brother preach'd at Seven on Zaccheus, after which we collected 150l. 10s. Currency, which is near 90l. Sterling, and is more than ever we had at once.—Our Friend mention'd above came and collected for us. O may the Lord enable him to suffer Reproacb for Christ's Sake.—Went to Church Morning and Evening, and heard the Commissary preach against Justification by Faith alone. O ye blind Guides, you'll be condemn'd out of your own Mouths; for since you'll have no other Saviour but your Works, by your Works you shall be judged and condemned; for I know of no Works you do, but Works of Darkness.

Went to a private House and received the Blessed Sacrament. In the Evening our Brother preached on the same Text as the *Commissary* did, *viz.* *James* ii. 18. wherein he proved the Doctrine of free Justification as clear as the Sun, and shew'd the Errors of the contrary Doctrine, and answered all the *Commissary's* Objections; after which we collected 83*l.* Currency, which is near 50*l.* Sterling, for the *Orphan-House*. Visited a *Society* of young Persons, awaken'd by our Brother's Preaching. *O may the Lord increase it, tho' small now, till it becomes a great Tree, and fills the Land.*

Related my *Experiences* to our Family, with whom I had sweet Communion. Wrote my *Journal*, made Intercession, and gave Thanks for all the Mercies GOD had shewn us this Day.

April 21. Rose and made Intercession by myself, and also with Two of my Brethren.—Took Water, and went to *Gloucester County* in the *Jerseys*, where our Brother preached twice, and *divers came from far*; also many Boats frnm *Philadelphia*.—Horses were provided for us, and we sung often going and coming.—After the Morning Sermon I withdrew, and had sweet Communion with my dear JESUS.

At our Return, we heard many had abused our Brother for preaching against Justification by Works, *contradicting and blaspheming the Doctrine of GOD's free Grace*.—Father forgivè them, and convert them, for they know not what they do.

Interceded with Two of my Brethren, and went to Rest in the Arms of my sweet Saviour.

Tuesday, April 22. Wrote Letters to *Savannah, Charles-Town, and Frederica, Virginia, Cape Fear, New Brunswick, and New York*. Inclosed our Brother's Letters against Archbishop *Tillotson*, and about the *Negroes*, and also sundry News-Papers. Wrote *Paragraphs* for the News, where our Brother was to preach and had preached. Visited the House where the *Assembly* was kept; pray'd with the Family, who were much threaten'd on Account of *their Design to lay it down, and of their sending their two Daughters to Georgia*. Agreed with Mr. Allen for *Five Thousand Acres of Land on the Forks of Delaware*, at 2200 *l.* Sterling; the Conveyance to be made to Mr. *Whitefield*, and after that assign'd to me as Security for my advancing the Money. Pray'd for a Blessing on the same.—Visited the *Society* of young Men,
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Exhorted them, pray'd with them, and gave them something towards their Expenees. One of this *Society* is a *Negroe*.

Mr. *Whitefield* proposes to give Orders for building the *Negroe School* on the purchased Land before he leaves the *Province*. O may the Lord bless and prosper it.

Our Brother preached to Two large Auditories, who were very much melted. He was very plain and powerful against the *Quakers erroneous Tenets*, so that many of them are fallen away, *but some cleave unto us, among which is our dear Friend Benezet*, with whom we lodge, who said with Tears, that he was convinced of the Truth, and that most of their *Teachers and People* were in a *carnal Security*.

The Numbers who apply for *Spiritual Advice* daily increase. O how sweet is it to see poor Souls come crying out, *What shall we do to be saved?* Many desire to go to *Georgia*, and some I believe Mr. *Whitefield* will take, but most of them he puts off, designing to employ them in the *Negroe School*, or settle them in Societies in *Philadelphia*.

April 23. Left *Philadelphia*, and came to *Ne Chamine*, where our Brother preached to about Five Thousand, upon the absolute Necessity of being *weary and heavy laden with a Sense of our Original and Actual Sins*, before we can possibly

come to a *saving Closure* with CHRIST, and thereby enjoy the *Rest of GOD* in our Souls. He was very weak in Body, but so filled with the *Holy Ghost*, that I never heard more *gracious Words proceed out of his mouth*. O how sweetly did he invite poor Sinners to come to CHRIST for Rest. Surely 'twas enough to melt the hardest Heart, for the Smiles of a *Cherubim* were in his Countenance.

I was inform'd there was about sixty awaken'd Sinners out of one Congregation, who were there to hear him.

Several godly Ministers came to meet us, particularly Mr. *Croft* and Mr. *Campbel*, who were pressing for our Brother to come and preach to their People.—The latter told me he was endeavouring to bring some (*who had a floating Joy*) back to *Convictions* again, and that he had prevail'd with One or Two.—O blessed and happy are those Souls, who are willing to be led by the Spirit into the *Wilderness*, to be tempted of the Devil, even after they have received the Holy Ghost; and if such have need thereof, how much more those who have only received the *Word with Joy*, without ever having been under the Spirit of Bondage? Certainly, unless the *Fallow Ground* is plow'd up, and the *Stony* taken

from our Hearts, in Time of Tribulation, or Persecution we shall sadly fall away.

In last Nights Sermon, Mr. *Whitefield*, from the *Beatitudes*, shewed the Progress of the Spirit in every *Believer's* Heart, and then warn'd those who had *believed*, to arm themselves against a *Day of Trial and Persecution*, which will certainly come, in some Way or other, upon every one that *will live Godly in Christ Jesus*.—Had sweet Converse and Unity with old Mr. *Tennant* and his Spouse, and with their young *Disciples of Jesus Christ*. O what a Slur did this cast on all Human Learning! when a little *Logg House* has produced more *Godly Ministers* within these Ten Years, than both the Universities of *Oxon* and *Cambridge*, excepting those of our Brother *Whitfield* and *Wesley's* Society.—Mr. *Whitefield* and I gave each of us something towards the Support of this *Seminary*, which may justly be called a *School of the Prophets*. I doubt not, if our polite Students were to come and see them, they would look on them as a Parcel of *poor Idiots*.—O let us *thank our Heavenly Father* that he has hid these Things from the *Wise and Prudent*, and has reveal'd them unto *Babes*; even so, *Father*, for so it seemed good in thy Sight: For *God hath chosen the foolish Things of the World to confound the Wise*, and *God hath chosen the weak Things of the World to confound the mighty*, and *base Things of the World, and Things which are despised, hath God chosen*; yee, and *Things which are not, to bring to nought Things that are, that no Flesh should glory in his Presence*.

Came to *John Bartholamew's* at *Montgomery*, and were kindly entertain'd. *The Lord commandeth Persons every where to provide for us, what Need therefore have we to take Thought for the Morrow, what we shall eat or what we shall drink*; no, I always find, that if I seek first the *Kingdom of God and his Righteousness*, all othet Things, necessary and convenient, are added unto me.—Nay more, I find good Measure, pressed down, and running over, *Men are willing to give into our Bosoms*, and that the Lord not only provides Food, but such Food as is convenient for us.

Copied several of Mr. *Whitfield's* Letters pray'd with those of the Family who sat up for me, and went to Rest in she Arms of my dear *Lord Jesus*

April 24. Rose at five, wrote my *Journal*, and dispatch'd several Letters for *Georgia*. Came to *Christopher Wigner's*

Wigner's Plantation in Skippack, where many *Dutch* People are settled, and where the famous Mr. *Spalemburg* resided lately.—It was surprizing to see such a Multitude of People gathered together in such a Wilderness Country, Thirty Miles distant from *Philadelphia*.—Nothing but the mighty Power of God could effect this. Our Brother was exceedingly carried out in his Sermon, to press *poor Sinners* to come to *Christ* by *Faith*, and claim all their *Priviledges*, viz. not only *Righteousness ana Peace*, but *Joy in the Holy Ghost*: and after he had done, our dear Friend, *Peter Boehler* preach'd in *Dutch* to those who could not understand our Brother in *English*. Came to *Henry Anti's Plantation in Frederick Township*, Ten Miles farther in the Country, where was also a Multitude equally surprizing with that we had in the Morning, and our Brother was equally carried out to press *poor Sinners to know God, and Jesus Christ whom God hath sent*.

There was much melting under both Sermons, but my Heart was too hard, which I was drawn to complain of to my dear *Jesus*, whose *Blood*, and nothing less, can soften it; and, for ever Blessed be his Name, he heard my Prayers, and spoke Peace to my troubled Soul.—

At Night I was drawn to sing and pray with our Brethren in the Fields.

Brother *Whitefield* was very weak in Body, but the *Lord Jehovah* was his Strength, and did indeed *magnify the same in his Weakness*, for I never heard him speak more clear and powerful.

They were *Germans* where we dined and supp'd, and they *pray'd* and *sung* in *Dutch*, as we did in *English*, before and after Eating.—O Heavenly Musick! how sweet and delightful it is to a New-Born Soul!—

Before our Brother left *Philadelphia*, he was desired to visit one who had kept her Bed some Days, under a deep sense of Sin, from hearing our Brother preach; and in praying with her, and about Twenty others, he was so carried beyond himself, that the whole Company seem'd to be *fill'd with the Holy Ghost, and magnified the God of Heaven*.

April 25. Rose at Three o' Clock, and tho' our Brother *Whitefield* was very weak in Body, yet the Lord enabled him to ride near Fifty Miles, and to preach to about Five Thousand People at *Amwell*, with the same *Power* as usual; and some were melted into Tears.—Mr. *Gilbert Tennant*, Mr. *Rowland*, Mr. *Wales*, and Mr. *Campbell*,

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Four godly Ministers, met us there, and Mr. *Tennant* came with us to Mr. *Henry's* at *Redins Town*, where we had sweet Converse together, about the Things of *Jesus Christ*.

Sung and Pray'd with Three of our Bretheren in the Fields, when of a sudden a Stranger accosted us, and seconded our Petitions, praying that our Lord's Promises might be fulfill'd in us. Mr. *Tennant* used Family Prayer, and after we had lain down to Sleep, we communed together about two Hours, so sweetly, that I grudged the Time of Sleeping. *Hasten the Time, O Lord, when we shall have an Eternal Day.*

April 26. Came to *New Brunswick*, and had much Discourse by the Way, concerning the Kingdom of our dear Lord *Jesus Christ*.

Mr. *Whitefield* preached in the Street, before Mr. *Tennant's* Meeting, to about three Thousand People, inviting weary and heavy laden Sinners to come to *Christ*, for none but such can or will come to him.—'Tis remarkable our Lord cured none but such *Sick and Diseased* Persons as came to him; and none that came to him were turn'd away. And so it is now; our Lord heals none but such as feel themselves sick of their *Original and Actual* Sins, and apply to *Jesus Christ*, by Faith, for Delivery from the Guilt and Power of them.

Pray'd with one who, from Mr. *Whitefield's* first preaching, found her self a *Foolish Virgin*. Blessed be *God*, I believe she is now a *Wise One*.—*O what a Lustre and Sweetness does Christianity put upon the Persons of those who are so happy as to receive and embrace it!*—Met Mr. *Noble* from *New York*, a zealous Promoter of our Lord's Kingdom, and was much refresh'd with some Letterswe received from *Savannah*, as also with the many Accounts he gave us of the spreading of the Gospel since we were here in *November*. He said, their Society, was increas'd at *New York* from Seventy to One Hundred and Seventy, and was daily increasing, and that Messieurs *Gilbert* and *William Tennants*, Mr. *Rowland*, and several others, were hard Labourers in our Lord's Vineyard. *Surely the Lord is tarrying on a great Work upon the Earth. O that every one who is wise to observe the Signs of the Times, could discern this Time, and this Hour of their Visitation!*—But alas! the World is as full of Fools, and of Blind, as it was when *Jesus Christ* came upon the Earth; and if they could not, or would

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not see the Signs of those Times, how should they see the Signs of these Times? The same *Blindness* and *Obsinacy* which possessed the *unbelieving Jews*, and made them persecute the *Lord of Glory*, will also make the *Scribes and Pharisees of this Generation*, (I mean the Learned Rabbies of the Church of *England*) persecute the Preachers and Followers of our Blessed Lord in these last Days: For, says *Christ*, if they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they call the Master of the House *Beelzebub*, how much more those of his Houshold?

Brother *Whitefield* retired early in much Weakness and inward Conflicts; and the Thoughts of parting with so dear a Companion and Friend moved me into *strong Cryings and Tears*, and nothing but a full Persuasion that it is the Will of GOD, can support me.—I could think of nothing but CHRIST's parting from his Disciples, and his telling them, *It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you;* and JESUS CHRIST was not worse than his Word. Perhaps they had too great a Dependance on his Bodily Presence, and therefore did not make that Progress they ought under his Ministry.—O that the *Comforter* may be sent unto me, as it was unto them, then shall I rejoice with exceeding great Joy. O that the Lord may *try* me and *purify* me in my *Voyage*, for I am ashamed to return to *England* more a *Weakling* in Grace than I came out; and I *fear and tremble* much, lest our dear Lord's Interest should suffer by my *Imprudences*, or too forward *Zeal*, on the one Hand, or by my *Timidity* and *Lukewarmness* on the other.—Behold, we go forth as *Lambs in the midst of Wolves*: How much therefore does it behove us to be *Wise as Serpents, and harmless as Doves*?—I believe I shall have many Prayers for this End, and so long as I know and *feel* the Communion of so many blessed *Saints*; and above all, so long as I know my *Saviour is making intercession for me*, I cannot fail: No, I shall then go on in the Strength of the Great GOD from Day to Day, 'till I have fulfilled my Race, and *finished the Work that is given me to do*.

Lay at Mr. *Tennant's* with dear Mr. *Noble*, and Brother *Clapham*.—Mr. *Tennant*, after a short Exhortation, read a Chapter, sung a Psalm, and then pray'd in the Family with great Enlargement, O how different are the *Breathings of a holy Saul* from that Lifeless dead Prayer which proceeds from an unsanctified Heart! Whether it be by a *formal* or

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an *extempore* Prayer, *either* are acceptable when the *Heart* is *pure*; but both are *Abomination*, and will not be heard while *Iniquity* is regarded in the *Heart*. 'Tis *Sin* keeps us from *Communion with GOD*, and is the Cause not only that *unregenerate Men* live *without GOD in the World*, but also of all the *Darkness, Deadness, and Numbness of the Children of GOD*. The Blessed *JESUS* in *Mercy* often hides his loving *Countenance* from us, that we may thereby see the deadly *Nature of Sin*, which he hates, and will punish in *Saints* as well as in *Reprobates*, with this *Difference*; that the former are the *Punishments of a tender Father*, the latter of an *angry Judge*.—O that we may therefore *hate Sin*; and *flee from it, as from the Face of a Serpent*; for tho' a *Child of GOD* is sure of *Pardon*, yet will it cost him many a *bitter Sigh and Groan*, as well as many a *Scourge and temparol Trouble*; witness *David*, and the *Experience of all Saints*.

April 27. Wrote Letters to *New York*.—Brother *Whitefield* preached on *Zaccheus* to about *Seven Thousand People*, under a *Tent* in the *Field*, and we collected *Morning and Evening 42l. 10s. Currency*, which is about *25 l. Sterling*.

In the *Afternoon*, Mr. *Tennant* preached first out of the first *Chapter of the Prophet Zachary*; *I will search Jerusalem with Candles, and punish them that are settled on their Lees*.—Then Mr. *Whitefield* shew'd the *Kingdom of GOD was not Meats and Drinks, but Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost*. Mr. *Tennant* endeavour'd earnestly to *persuade Men by the Terrors of the Lord*, and Mr. *Whitefield* chiefly by the *Love of the Lord JESUS CHRIST*, which melted down me, and many others, into most sweet *Tears of Joy*; but 'tis all free and *sovereign Grace*; for unless the *Lord* had accompanied the *Word* with his *Divine Power*, I should have gone away *unconcern'd*, as doubtless many did, and as I often do.—Surely we must by *Nature* be much worse than *Beasts and Devils*, for the former fear our *Whips*, and the latter tremble at the *Threats of Almighty Vengeance*; but *wretched Man* shall hear the most *awful Truths*, without the least saving *impression upon his Heart*: Happier for such *Men*, if they had been born in *Sodom, Tyre, or Turkey*. O how will they *escape, if they neglect this loud and loving Call*. Wrote *Paragraphs for the News*, of our *Brother's Preaching, &c.* particularly the following, to be published in *New York*.

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“We hear from *Philadelphia*, that since Mr. *Whitefield’s* “Preaching there, the Dancing-School and Concert-Room “have been shut up, as inconsistent with the Doctrines of “the Gospel, at which the Gentlemen engaged in them “were so enraged, that they broke open the Door; but ’tis “hoped, when their Passions are cool, they will be con- “vinced of their Error, and will be ashamed to uphold such “Entertainments, which are as *hateful* in the Sight of GOD, “and do as effectually *support the Kingdom of Satan as any* “*of the Heathen Idolatries*; and ’tis the more extraordinary “that such *Devilish Diversions* should be supported in *that* “*City* by some of *that very Sect*, whose *first Principles* are “an *utter Detestation* of them; as appears from the Writ- “ings of the late famous Mr. *William Penn*, Proprietor of “that *Province*, who we are inform’d in his Book call’d. “*No Cross no Crown*, says, *Every Step in a Dance is a Step* “*to Hell.*”

Lay at Mr. *Tennant’s*, with whom I had sweet Converse about the free Grace of GOD in JESUS CHRIST, and my Soul was fed with his Heavenly Experience: *We were of one Heart and of one Mind, ascribing the Glory of our Salvation intirely to the sovereign Good-will and Pleasure of GOD.*

April 28. After Prayer, and commending our selves to GOD, had a most affectionate parting with our dear Brother *Whitefield*, and our other Brethren. We fell upon each others Necks, and embraced each other, and wish’d for that happy *Time* when we shall never part more; but we must first finish the Work given us to do, and then we may with Comfort say, *Father, into thy Hands I commend my Spirit.*

Came to *Princes Town*, Eighteen Miles, and had sweet Communion with Brother G— by the Way. Pray’d and sung with him, and related some of my Experiences, so that methought the Way seem’d as Nothing, dined with Mr. B—, for some time a Follower of Mr. *Whitefield*, but sadly fallen away, so that he opposed the plain Doctrine of the Gospel.—Well may we say, *Many are called, but few are chosen*, for many are already *offended*, and how many more will be *offended*, as the Word prevails, and the *Power* of Religion insreases. *Lord, grant I may not be of the Number of those who fall back into Perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the Soul.*

Came to *New Town*, where we met Justice *Jones*, who conducted us to his House, and receiv’d us gladly. We

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had Family Prayer, and talk'd of such Things as concern'd the *Kingdom of JESUS CHRIST*. I trust GOD hath given us a Taste of his Love to Day, as an Earnest of future Blessings, and that *he will be with us of a Truth.*—*Even so Lord JESUS. Amen.*

Made Intercession, and praised GOD for the Mercies of the Day, and laid me down to Rest in the Arms of the *dear Lord JESUS*.

April 29. Rose at Five. Sung and pray'd with Brother G—. Mr. Jones, both at *Breakfast* and *Supper* pray'd in a very edifying Manner, and came with us part of the Way, which was exceeding pleasant. Surely GOD has been peculiarly favourable to this Land, which *flows with Milk and Honey*. Peace and Plenty reigns in every Part. It much exceeds most Part of *England*, for Wheat, which is the Staff of Life, and is at 1 s. 9 d. Sterling *per Bushel*. There is scarce such a Thing as a poor Man to be seen: And tho' the Cold is intense in Winter, and the Heat in Summer, yet the former is not so piercing as at *Boston*, nor the latter so sultry as at *Georgia*, or *Carolina*, and to recompense these Extremities, the Air is generally clear, so that I believe 'tis as healthy in general as *England*. Above all, here is great Liberty of Conscience, and I believe the *Power of Godliness* never prevail'd more with less *Persecution*, tho' doubtless the *Seed of the Serpent* will persecute the *Seed of the Woman* in all Places; at present I hear of little more than that of the *Tongue*. Some among the Presbyterians have been suspended Ordinances for following the pure Gospel of our Lord, and leaving those *Carnal Ministers*, who preach without *Power* or *Authority*.

Came to our dear and most kind Friend Mr. *Benezet's*; dispatch'd sundry Affairs, in order proceed on our Voyage. Wrote and examin'd sundry Things for the Press; particularly Mr. *Whitefield* Letter, containing a brief Account of the *Work of GOD in America*, and of the Reasons of my Voyage, *viz.* to bring over a Minister, to take Care of the *Orphan-House* in his absence, and to collect Subscriptions for the *Negroe-School*, &c.

April 30. Agreed with the Captain for our Passage, and Use of the *Cabbin*. Mention'd my Design of using daily Publick Prayers in the Ship, with the Captain's Leave, which was not only granted, but the Captain's *Father* order'd his *Son* to give me all the Assistance he could, by *ordering* the *Sailors* to attend, and said I might read Sermons,

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or expound the Scripture, if I pleased, and desired his Son would hearken to my Instruction: I told him my Books should any of them be at his Service, and should rejoice if my poor Endeavours might be any Means, under GOD, of doing the least Good either to him or others. *O that I may be taught of God how to behave myself; and for that End, may I be earnest at the Throne of Grace for Direction and Strength in every Step. O what a weak Worm am I to teach others, when I know Nothing yet myself, as I ought to know; but when I am weak, then am I strong.* Surely never was so weak a Wretch sent on such an important Errand: O that I may not betray my Master's Cause by *Timidity or Lukewarmness*, or bring an evil Report upon it by my *Imprudent Zeal for his Glory*. Methinks I would suffer any Contempt myself, so that my Master's Honour may be advanced.

One Mr. *White*, a good old Man, and a Baptist Teacher, being desirous to go with me to *England*, I obtain'd Leave for him to mess with us in the *Cabbin*, and I agreed to pay his Share of the Stock laid in.—Moreover, the Captain order'd it so, that he might lye in the *Cabbin*, to oblige me, and that I should have the State-Room for my own Use, and that my Chest should stand by me. Thus hath the Lord prevented my warmest Expectations by his *Temporal and Spiritual Provision*; O that I may make due Improvements of them.

Visited Mrs. *Bolton*, and pray'd with her.—Pray'd with some Friends of Mr. *Whitefield*, who desired my Company. Waited on the *P—*, and met the *G—*, and we talk'd much of our Brother *Whitefield*, and his Doctrine, but *the Natural Man receiveih not the Things of the Spirit of God*. I related some Account or my Conversion, which seem'd to affect them. Could I have reason'd as well as *St. Paul*, on *Righteousness, Temperance, and a Judgment to come*, I should probably have made them tremble.—Like all other wise Men of this World, they wanted to know what would become of the *Heathen*; I answer'd *God is no Respector of Persons, but in every Nation he that feareth GOD, and worketh Righteousness, is accepted with Him*. This they agreed to; but then when I came to tell them that *GOD would pour out his Indignatiion upon the Heathen*, even upon everyone *that doth not call upon his Name*; and that all the old World were damned, except *Noah*, and part of his family; then they began to ar-

rain the Justice and Goodness of GOD, as if in that Case he had made many Millions of Souls to be damned. Alas! there Men will set their carnal Reason against the Wisdom and Sovereignty of the most high GOD: *Has not the Potter Power over the Clay, to make one Vessel to Honour, and another to Dishonour?* Besides, if 'tis just with GOD to damn the Devils, or anyone Sinner amongst Men, 'tis equally just with him to damn Millions of Sinners.—And how will these Men wish they had been born in *China or Turkey*, when at the great Day of Judgment they will find it more tolerable for those Nations, than for them.

Let all the Followers of CHRIST learn to say, *We thank thee, Holy Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that thou hast hid these Things from the Wise and Prudent, and hast reveal'd them unto Babes; even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy Sight.* Went to the Presbyterian Meeting, and was much refresh'd with the Prayers and Psalms; but I thought the Preacher not so clear as he should have been about *Faith and good Works*, he said, the *former*, if true, must always be *accompanied* with the Latter.—I did not like the *Term*, because it may be taken in a bad Sense; for Good Works must *follow after*, and not *accompany* our *Faith*.—He took much Pains to press *good Works* as well as *Faith*: Now if we can once plant a *true, saving Faith* in the Soul, we are sure it will produce Good Works: But we may as well expect *Fruit* without *Planting*, or to *Reap* without *I Sowing*; as good Works without a Principle (implanted in the Soul by the mighty Power of God) to produce them.

Sup'd at Mrs. *Read's*, a gracious Woman, and we had sweet Communication about the Things of our sweetest Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; wrote my *Journal*, pray'd, and interceded for Self and Friends, and went to Rest in the Bosom of CHRIST.

May 1. Rose early, sung, and pray'd with Brother G—.—Paid Mr. *Allen* 2200*l.* for Five Thousand Acres of Land, on the Forks of *Delaware*. Left the Writings in Mr. *Benezet's* Hands. Wrote to Brother *Whitefield*, and when I was concluding, felt an inexpressible Love for him; and the Thoughts of taking my Leave for so long a Season, by Letter, as well as in Person, was ready to break my Heart, which vented itself in a Flood of Tears, so that I could write no more, till the Post was near going.

While my Heart was thus softened, I could have no Rest
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till I had open'd all that was in it to my Brother G—, and told him how busy *Satan* had been with me to make me entertain Prejudices against him.—O may we never be ignorant of his *Devices*, but resist him, stedfast in the Faith, and thereby quench all his fiery Darts; and gain Ground by every Step he takes to overset us, and thereby be more than Conquerors thro' him who hath loved us.

Visited Mrs. Bolton, and paid her 15 l. Currency, and gave her an Order to receive the like Sum of our dear Friend and Brother *Benezet* every *Michaelmas* and *Lady-Day*. After this the Lord enabled me to pray, and to give a warm Exhortation to the Family to repent, and turn from dead Works to serve the Ever-living GOD.—Neither the Gentlemen of the *Assembly* or *Concert* have met this Week, so that I hope we have taken, *Satan's strongest Hold in this City*. While others are fighting against the *Spaniards*, if we can batter down the *Kingdom of Darkness*, and carry on the War between *Michael* and the *Dragon*, we shall reap Infinite Spoils.—

Went to write, but was restrain'd, and cast down for half an Hour before the Lord, and was unable to utter what was in my Heart, otherwise than by deep Sighs and Groans. After this Storm in my Breast, succeeded a sweet Peace, and unspeakable Joy in the Holy Ghost.—So that now I was as unable to express my Joy, as I was before unable to express my Grief. However, I wanted some of my dear Brethren to partake of it.—And I got between my dear Friend *Benezet* and Brother *Grant*, and sat up with them some Hours; and after Prayer, and singing Praises to GOD for what he had done for our Souls, we retired to Rest, wishing for the Time when we shall part no more for ever.

May 23. Wrote Letters to my dear Friends at *Savannah*; dispatch'd sundry Affairs to prepare for our Voyage; took Leave of several Friends; were visited by the Reverend Mr. *Morgan*, a faithful Minister of our dear Lord, who put it into my Heart to propose his Preaching in the Evening, which he did accordingly, to the great Comfort and Edification of many Souls; he sweetly applied the Righteousnes of CHRIST, and rightly divided the Word of Truth: His Discourse plainly shew'd there was Life in the Heart, from whence it flow'd.—Many People stood without the Door, tho' the Preacher was but little known, and very short Notice was given of the Meeting, which was indeed a precious one, and shews the Lord is working a great Work in this

this City, and he will surely provide *Pastors* who will go in and out before the Flock, and feed them with the sincere Milk of the Word, that they may grow thereby.

Had Power given me in Prayer with some Friends I went to take my Leave of.

“Call'd at Mr. *Franklin's* the Printer's, and met Mr. *P*— and several other Gentlemen of the *Assembly*, who accosted me very *roughly*, concerning a *Paragraph* I had put in the Papers, alledging it to be false. The Lord gave me great Sweetness and Calmness of Temper to answer their *Reproaches*.—I told them I was once as fond of *Balls* and *Assemblies* as they could be, and I pray'd the Lord to convince them of their Error, as he had done me of mine.

Mr. *P*— the chief Speaker, was the Person who opposed Mr. *Whitefield* in the Pulpit, and was formerly a Clergyman, but cast off the Gown for a Secular Employment.—

I told him, if he could prove that JESUS CHRIST, or his *Apostles*, or the *Primitive Christians*, approved of these Divisions, I would yield up the Point; but as they could not pretend to do that, I did insist they were as *odious in the Sight* if GOD, and did as effectually promote the *Kingdom of Satan* as any of the Heathen Idolatries.

They much insisted that my *Paragraph* insinuated as if the Gentlemen were convicted of their Error by Mr. *Whitefield's* preaching, which they abhorr'd. I told them, I thought no one would construe it so; but if they did, it was an Honour to them, for that I myself was formerly as fond of them as they could be, but, blessed be the Lord, that I was convinced to the contrary. Poor Men, tho' they boil'd with Rage when I came to ask to them of the *Truth as 'tis in JESUS*, they retired One by One, and left me alone excepting One Gentleman, who seem'd a little cooler than the rest.

Went to an *Organist* who loves our Lord JESUS CHRIST, heard him sing an Anthem, and join'd with him in a Psalm; after which, he pray'd for our safe Passage, &c.

Sung and Pray'd with our dear Friend *Benezet* and Family, and the Lord was pleased to assist me.

May 3. Rose at Three o' Clock; pray'd again with our dear Friend *Benezet* and Family, and was melted last Night and this Morning at the Thoughts of parting.

Came on board the Pilot Boat with two of my Brethren, and we had Freedom to open our Hearts, and confess our faults one to another and to pray for each other.—Surely the

the Lord is with us, and will bring us to himself, for indeed I was *wearry and heavy laden with the Burden of my Sins*, but the Lord JESUS CHRIST gave me Rest and Freedom; for ever praised and adored be his Holy Name.

Came on board the *George*, Capt. *Bell*, Junior, and the Lord, in Answer to my earnest Prayers, was indeed with us all the Day long; for we had Singing, and Prayer, and sweet Conversation with an old Servant of JESUS CHRIST, who goes over with us in the Ship. He is deep in the *Doctrine of GOD's Sovereignty, and Everlasting Love to his Elect*, and says, 'till Mr. *Whitefield* came, he had not heard the pure unmixed Gospel of JESUS CHRIST for many Years. He has been over Twenty Six Years, and in all that Time he had met with only Two or Three Ministers who had *preached the Truth as it is in JESUS, in the Life and Power of it*.

O what *Halcyon Days* are we born in, when the Things which have been *kept* as it were *secret* for many Years, are now *revealed* unto us, and *Ministers* sent forth to preach the same in the *Highways and Hedges, and to compel poor Sinners to come in*.

The Lord opened a Door for Publick Prayers, which was agreed to be at Seven in the Morning, and Eight at Night. O that the Lord may attend his own *Word with Power*, to the *Conviction and Conversion* of all that shall hear it.

Sunday, May 4. Sung and Pray'd with our dear Friends. that came down with us, and I was more than ordinary supplied with the sweet Influences of the Holy Spirit. *A Spirit of Grace as well as Supplication* was given me.—*Glory be to our dear Lord for the same*.

Went on Shore to *Newcastle*; wrote Letters to Mr. *Tenant*, and other Friends, to give Notice of a Collection at *Whitely Creek*; wrote my last Letter to dear Mr. *Whitefield*, and felt my Heart ready to break at the Thoughts of losing his Company and Correspondence for so long a Season.—O if the parting from a Friend be so bitter, what Agonies must that Soul feel who is deprived of the Sight and Communion of the *ever Blessed JESUS, the Fountain of Life and Happiness*? If the Absence of our Lord be to every Believer, tho' but for a Moment, as Hell itself, what a Hell null: it be to be deprived of him forever!

We went to Publick Service, and the Gospel for the Day* was exceeding applicable to our Circumstances, and

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* The Fourth *Sunday after Easter*.

comforted our Hearts, assuring ourselves that GOD would visit us with the plentiful *Effusions* of the *Holy Ghost*; and also that it was *expedient* for us to part with our dear Brother for a Season, that we might learn to depend only upon GOD, and not too much on the Instrument.—The Minister has hitherto been our Friend; and preached more of the Truth than I have heard any of his *unconverted* Brethren: He seems to *see Men, as Trees, walking*. O that he may see *all Things clearly*.

Sung and pray'd with our dear dear Friends several Times before we parted, both on Shore and in the Boat, and felt an inexpressible Love for Brother *Grant*, and the same for Brother *Benezet* and his Family, when I pray'd for them.—I am sure these are Earnests of *Everlasting Love*: Can GOD separate those forever who love each other so ardently for his Sake here?—*Carnal Love* is broken as often as the rotten Foundation on which it is built fails, but *Spiritual Love* being founded on the *Rock of Ages* CHRIST JESUS, on GOD's *Eternal Love to his Son, and for his Sake*, to the Elect bearing his Image, can never fail, but must be increasing to all Eternity.

Methinks I have such a Sense of CHRIST's Love on my Heart at writing of this, that if the Lord would make it my Duty, I could I trust, thro' his Assistance, for the Brethren's Sake, leap into a burning fiery Furnace, without Fear of the Flames, which would serve as a fiery Chariot to carry my Soul to GOD.

Came on board, and read Evening Prayers. One of our Company is a great Reasoner against the *Decrees* of GOD, *Justification by Faith alone*, and other fundamental Articles of our Holy Religion: And the Lessons, both Yesterday and to Day, being *Romans* ii. and iii. were so exceeding applicable to our Dispute, that my Arguments were superseded, and I might say, *Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my GOD*.—Agreeable to this was the Way whereby the Lord *open'd the Door* for reading his Holy Word; for upon warmly disputing on these Things the first Night, the Lord put: it into my Heart to say, *Let us go to Prayers, and let us hear what GOD shall say in his Holy Word, and let that decide our Dispute*; and the *Lessons* being unknown to me, exceedingly comforted my Heart, as did the *Gospel* beforementioned, which was likewise unknown to me, tho' the Substance of it was on my Heart all the Week. *O the Height, and Depth, and Breadth and Length of the Love of CHRIST; which passeth Knowledge.*

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Let us then *believe* and *adore* his Ways, which are past finding out, and yet, when *reveal'd* yield to every *Believer* unspeakable *Joy*; a *Joy* which the World can neither give or take away.—Methinks I *feel* myself so resign'd to the Will of GOD, that I could rejoice were the *Spaniards* now surrounding of us; *tho' I were in the Valley and Shadow of Death, yet, would I fear no Evil.*

Sung and Pray'd with Brother G—; open'd our Hearts to each other, and agreed to do the same every Evening at *Five*, and I, trust the *Blood of CHRIST* will by that Means be applied to *heal* all the *Diseases* of our *Sin-sick* Souls. I perceive the *Work of GOD* can no more go on in our Souls, than it can in a *City*, without strong Opposition from *Satan*, who is never let loose upon us but for our Good.—*Tho' Job* was a perfect and upright Man before his Afflictions, yet I am sure he never enjoy'd such sweet Communion with GOD before, as he did after. It was under his Afflictions that he could say, *I know that my Redeemer liveth*; and himself says, *He had only before heard of GOD by the Hearing of the Ear, but then his Eye saw him.*—In short, *Job*, before his Afflictions, was under the Spirit of Bondage; but 'till his Trials he never felt himself a lost undone *damned* Sinner; 'till then, *his own Righteousness* was, in some Sort, pleasing to him, but now he counts it as *filthy Rags*, and *ahhors himself in Dust and Ashes*. See *Job* xlii. 5, 6.—Thus *Cornelius*, one would think, had no Need of *Conversion*, when 'tis said *he was a devout Man, and one that feared GOD, with all his House, which gave much Alms to the People, and pray'd to GOD alway*; and yet we find he had not received the *Holy Ghost* to convince him of *Unbelief*; that he was lost and undone without *Faith in JESUS CHRIST*; and if such Men as *Job* and *Cornelius* could not have been saved by that *Righteousness* which they had before the Spirit of GOD came to convince them of their *damnable Condition by Nature*, Good GOD! What will become of those who extol the *Dignity of Man*, and cry up *Natural Religion*, and plead for *Justification by Works*, when they are as far from doing the Works which *Cornelius* and *Job* did (even before the Descent of the *Holy Ghost* upon the one, or the *Afflictions* of the other) as Light is from Darkness, Heaven from Hell.

Pray'd and interceded for Self and Friends, and went to Rest in the beloved Arms of my dear JESUS.

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Monday, May 5. Read publick Prayers.—Wrote my *Journal*, and was so fill'd with the Spirit in the writing of it, that I was carried beyond myself, and had such Things; *revealed* to me as I never had before.—O what am I, poor *vile Worm*, to be thus *highly favoured*? I must expect a *Thorn in the Flesh*, to humble me, lest I should be puffed up above Measure, and think of myself more highly than I ought to think. O that I may always be *vile in my own Eyes*, and *abhor myself in Dust and Ashes*, and lay all my Salvation at the Foot of Free Grace, *through the Redemption that is in JESUS CHRIST.*

I was this Day comforted for the Absence of Brother *Whitefield*, by this Text, *A little while and ye shall not see me, and again, a little while and ye shall see me.*

Read Part of the Book of *Job*, and am the more, confirm'd in the Truth of what GOD *reveal'd* to me as above; for 'tis plain, before *Job's* Afflictions he was *righteous in his own Eyes*, and justified himself rather than GOD, as we may see, *Job xxxii. 1, 2.* When GOD *put forth his Hand*, and *touched all that he had*, then *Job* was made to see that he was to sacrifice all he had to GOD, Reputation, Goods, and even Life itself: Before this, doubtless, *Job* had some Trust in the *Multitude of his Riches*, which he thought GOD had bestowed on him for his Righteousness sake, *Job xxxvi. and xix.* but now he *counts all his former Righteousness and Privileges, as Dung and Dross*, and says, *I am vile*, and s lays his Hand on his Mouth, *Job xl. 3, 4.* He is now willing to be saved in *GOD's own Way*, to accept Salvation as *GOD's Free Gift*, without Regard to any of his *Works past, present, or to come*; and yet do we think *Job* was less fruitful in *good Works* after than before his Affliction, GOD forbid,—No!—the Difference was, that whereas before they flow'd from a Principle rather of *Fear* than *Love*, now they flow'd rather from a Principle of *Love and Gratitude* than of *Fear, which was cast out by Love.* O how can we do enough to express our Gratitude for what GOD has done for our Souls!

As I noted in the Morning, the Trial came on this Evening.—GOD only knows the inexpressible Load which lay at my Heart; and while I was sighing out my Complaint, and could not speak a Word, the Lord set before me the Case of *Abraham* and *Lot*; which when I referr'd to, I found so exactly answer'd my Circumstances, that it greatly refreshed my Soul.

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The Three Captains being gone on Shore to buy Stock, and staying late, I read Prayers to about Ten of the Ship's Company, and the Lord assisted me to expound the second Lesson to them. O that any Word might touch their Hearts.

Before I could go to Rest, was exercised again with fore *Conflicts* before the Lord, *I pour'd out my Complaints before him, and shew'd him of my Trouble; I watered my Couch with my Tears, and I roar'd for the Disquietness of my Heart;* 'till at length the Lord gave me Rest.

May 6. Rare between Four and Five, and offered my Supplications again before the Lord; and after Prayers I shew'd my Brother G— the Passage of *Abraham and Lot*, and how the Lord had applied it to my Heart; and I trust it will be of Service to both. *Known unto GOD ore all his Works; let GOD be true, and every Man a Liar.* GOD forbid I should ever *charge the LORD foolishly*: Blessed be his Name, I have discovered some of *Satan's Devices*, and perceive now that he has often turn'd himself into an *Angel of Light*, made me think Brother *Whitefield's Zeal* was not so great as my own, and therefore kept me on the Reserve to him,—whereas, in Truth, he only fear'd I should do Hurt by my *Impetuosity*. However, the Lord turn'd every Thing for Good, as he did *Jacob's getting the Blessing, tho' by ill Means*.

The Lord was pleased to try me farther, blessed be his Name, and I had *Sweetness of Spirit* given me. After Prayers I was assisted to give an Exhortation to the Men, &c. against Swearing.—*Thus is the LORD fulfilling ml Prayers, by making a Way in the Ship for doing Good.*

May 7. Rose early, and after Publick Prayers, the Lord assisted me to expound the second Lesson. Blessed be his Name. O that I may set my Face as a Flint, and my Brow as Adamant, and speak with all Boldness what the LORD GOD shall say unto me.

Eat no Dinner, but was exercised with strong *inward Trials*, such as I never felt before.—Now I could feelingly use much of the Twenty second Psalm, and say, *Many Oxen are come about me, fat Bulls of Bashan close me in on every Side.* I could not pray for any of my Friends, being *violently assaulted with Temptations, and Satan darting in such horrid Thoughts, that had I heen told of them before, I should have said, Am I a Dog that I should think thus and thus?* I now find by Experience many Things true, which I only before

had from the Report of others. *Satan* has not yet tempted me to *worship him*, but as I find the *Head* and other *Members* have been thus tempted, I expect the like, but I fear it not, beause *Christ has already conquer'd with the Sword of the Spirit*, even with this Word of GOD, *Thou shalt worship, the LORD thy GOD, and him only shalt thou serve*, His Temptations were levell'd at my Brother G—, to make me entertain hard Thoughts of him, but the Lord assisted me to resist and fight the old Dragon by this, and many other Texts, *Let Brotherly Love continue*: However, it was so grievous for the Time, that there seemed a *Cloud of Evil Spirits hovering round me*, and brought my Soul to the *Depth of Hell* nor could I see any Deliverance for several Hours; at length I call'd for my Brother G—, told him all the Truth, and begg'd him to pray for me.—I now *felt* something of what I believe the *Publican felt*, when he said, *GOD be merciful to me a Sinner*, and I was drawn out into *strong Cryings and Tears*. When the *Agony* was over, I could feelingly say or sing the following Hymn.

I.

*With Joy we meditate the Grace
Of our High-Priest above,
His Heart is made of Tenderness,
His Bowels melt with Love.*

II.

*Touch'd with a Sympathy within,
He knows our feeble Frame;
He knows what fore Temptations mean,
Far He has felt the same.*

III.

*He in the Days of feeble Flesh,
Pour'd out his Cries and Tears,
And in his Measure feels afresh
What every Member hears.*

IV.

*He'll never quench the smoaing Flax,
But raise it to a Flame;
The bruised Reed he never breaks,
Nor scorns the meanest Name.*

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*Then let our humble Faith address
His Mercy, and his Power,
We shall obtain delivering Grace
In the distressing Hour.*

In the Evening found my Soul somewhat composed.—Read Prayers, but none of the Ship's Crew attending, did not expound. Sung with Brother G—. and went to Rest, assuredly gathering that the Lord would set me free, when the Work was done for which my Trial was sent, *viz. to humble me, and prove me, that he may do the Good at my latter End.*—The Lord grant I may never *speak Peace to my Soul when there's no Peace*, but let my dear JESUS speak Peace, and there shall be a *great Calm*.

May 8. Rose early; read Prayers; wrote Letters to send by the Pilot to my dear Friends at *Philadelphia*, Mr. *Whitefield*, &c. then laid me down, and felt a springing Love for my Brother G—. O my JESUS, I beseech thee shed thy Love abroad in my Heart; by thy Help I will not rest till I *feel* I could even die for my Brother, to do him Good. What, shall I love and pray for my Enemies, and shall I not do the same for my Friends and Brethren? It pierces my Soul to think I should bear the least Grudge against any one. *How can I commit such great Wickedness and Sin against GOD?* Read Evening Prayers; after which, had sweet Conversation with Mr. *White*. Reflected much on the Goodness of GOD to us, in giving us all Conveniencies; *fine Weather, fine Wind*; the *Cabbin* most of the Day to ourselves; the State Room to retire in; and above all, in suffering us to discourse in Love on the Things of GOD, without offending the two Captains that Mess with us, whom we labour to convince; but *the Natural Man receiveth not the Things of the Spirit of GOD*. 'Tis plain, the *Law of Nature* is to be *justified by Good Works*; and what is worst of all, produces nothing but *stinking Weeds*. Out of their own Mouths therefore will all Natural Men be condemn'd, as the slothful Servant was, for having nothing to produce but their *own Righteousness*, that will appear such *filthy Rags* as a Just and Holy GOD cannot away with.

*Be Living Faith my costly Dress,
And my best Robe Thy Righteousness.*

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Sung with Brother G—; wrote my *Journal*; was much in Intercession, even till Two in the Morning. Now I could say with *David*, *I cry in the Day Time, and in the Night Season also I take no Rest*; but, blessed be GOD, this he hath done for my Soul, *I called unto him with my Mouth, and he heard me, and I have given him Praises with my Tongue*. But this I find, *if I incline unto Wickedness with mine Heart, the Lord will not hear me; but GOD hath now heard me, and consider'd the Voice of my Prayer*. Praised be GOD, *who hath not cast out my Prayer, nor turned his Mercy from me*.

Lat. 38—11. Long. 3—14. *Friday, May 9*. Rose early; read Prayers; was much in Intercession, even till near Mid-Day. Wrote my dear Friend *Whitefield's* Letter over for the Press. Slept three Hours in the Afternoon in the Arms of my beloved *JESUS*.—Read Evening Prayer; disputed much with our fine Reasoner, who appeals to Scripture, and says he believes the Scriptures; but when we come to argue on those plain Texts which need no Comment, but *he that runs may read*, he then flies off, as all Natural Men do; and pleads the Mercy of GOD in Contradiction to his Truth and Justice; which shews who is *their Father*, because they believe him, and use his Arguments with which he deceived *Eve*, saying, *You shall not surely die*. In short, when you push them close, they do not believe one Word of Scripture, nor that one Soul will be *damm'd*; nor can they, till *the God of this World, who now blinds their Eyes*, is cast out of them, and *Jesus Christ* takes Possession of their Souls, which the Lord grant he may.

Sung with Brother G—, who pray'd, and then we went to Rest, full of a Sense of the Divine Goodness to such poor, weak, unworthy Wretches; admiring how gently the Lord deals with us, and pities and helps our poor Endeavours, publickly to have his Name adored in the Midst of his Enemies; and thus does he preserve the *Ark of the Testimony* in the Midst of the *Philistines*. We also *sail on the Wings of the Wind*, have Health and Strength, and *all Things richly to enjoy*. Praise the Lord, *O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his Holy Name*.

Many of GOD's People expect CHRIST to reign a Thousand Years upon Earth, when *Satan* will be bound, and after that, let loose again for a Season, before the general Judgment; and it seems plainer to me from *Revelations* xx. than ever I before perceived it; but as to the Wicked,

it will be as hid to them, and they'll no more believe it than the harden'd *Jews* believed CHRIST's Prediction of his first coming to the Destruction of *Jerusalem*.

Lat. 38-8. Long. 5-46. *May 10.* Rose early; read Prayers; sung and pray'd with Brother G—; copyed Mr. *Whitefield's* Letter to Mr. *Mason*; slept three Hours in the Arms of my LORD JESUS; pray'd and Interceded about as long for Self and Friends.—Read Evening Prayers, sung and pray'd with Brother G—, and went to Rest.

For some Days past have read Part of *Cole* on GOD's Sovereignty, and find it a sweet Soul-feeding Book to the Spiritual Man, tho' it must be a *Savour of Death* unto the Natural Man.

Lat. 38-25. Long. 7-20. *Sunday, May 11.* Rose early; sung and pray'd with Brother G—; read the Service, and Communion Service; sung the Hundredth Psalm, New Version; used the Collect, *Prevent us, O LORD, &c.* with the Lord's Prayer, and read Mr. *Whitefield's* Sermon on the Ten Virgins, and the Auditors were very attentive. When 'twas over, one of the Sailors ask'd me for one of Mr. *Whitefield's* Sermons, and I gave him the *Marks of the New Birth*. Read Part of Mr. *Mason's* Remains, a most useful judicious Book, and wrote by a Minister of the Church of *England*. *O how beautiful is Christianity! Wherever it appears, it enlivens the Wit, refreshes the Memory, enlightens the Understanding, influences the Will, regulates the Affections, sweetens the Temper, and in short, new moulds the whole Man, and fashions it into the Likeness of GOD.*

Read Evening Prayers about three, sung Part of the 106th Psalm, and used the Collect, *Prevent us, O Lord, &c.* with the Lord's Prayer, and then read the Sermon, *What think ye of CHRIST?* and concluded with some Collects. Gave some Sermons among the Sailors; visited and exhorted one that was sick, who seemed to receive the Word gladly, and said he had heard Mr. *Whitefield* twice. Observed most of the Men to read the *Sermons*, and I trust the Lord will answer my earnest Prayers that some Good may be done.—Sung and Pray'd with Brother G—, and went to Rest, full of a Sense of my own Vileness, and of the great Mercy and Goodness of GOD in dealing so gently with us.

Lat. 38-26. Long. 9-34. *Monday, May 12.* Wrote out, and determined to print in *London*, *Observations concerning*

cerning Mr. Whitefield, first printed at Boston in New-England, for the Benefit of the Orphan-House in Georgia.

Lat. 39-19. Long. 11-28. *Tuesday May 13.* Was exercis'd Yesterday and this Day with inward Conflicts, which I know the LORD will make to work for my Good. My Heart is so proud and stubborn that it requires severe Trials to humble and break it. This the LORD knoweth, and therefore *of very Faithfulness he doth cause me to be troubled.*

Lat. 39-33. Long. 12-51. *Wednesday, May 14.* Was much exercised again with inward Conflicts all this Morning, and could not pray for my Friends, but only *sigh and groan before the Lord* to get my proud and hard Heart softened and broke.—At length the Lord gave me Freedom to unburden myself to Brother G—, and then I eat and drank, which I could not do before, nor could I before look upon any Portions of Scripture *but Job's, David's, and Jeremiah's Lamentations.* O let me always say, *Just and good is the LORD,* and lay my Hand on my Mouth, and say *I am vile, and abhor myself in Dust and Ashes.*

Reprov'd the Captain privately for swearing, and beating the Cabbin Boy, desiring he would give a good Example, and that we might live in Peace. He took my Reproofs in Love, and said he was a great Hearer of Mr. Whitefield in Philadelphia, but that his Passions overcame him. I told him nothing but *Grace* could restrain them, and for this End was all our Prayers and hearing the Word of GOD. The Captain said he never heard so little swearing on Board a Ship in his Life. I told him I hoped we should have less every Day. Blessed be GOD there seems a Seriousness among the Sailors, and a Willingness to hear the Word; we have generally some of them at Morning and Evening Prayers.

Sung and prayed with Brother G— as we do Night and Morning, and went to Rest full of a Sense of my own Nothingness, and *Sighing for the sweet Presence of my dear Lord JESUS.*

Lat. 39-59. Long. 14-45. *Thursday, May 15.* This being the Feast of the Ascension of our Blessed LORD, I read the full Service, Epistle and Gospel, &c. and sung Part of the 68th Psalm, New Version, beginning at the 17th Verse. Was enabled to intercede for *the Church of Christ,* and particular Friends, before I went to Rest. *Praised be the dear Lord JESUS who hath again lifted up the Light of his Countenance upon me.*

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Lat. 46-34. Long. 15-49. *Friday May 16.* Read more of *Cole* on *GOD's Sovereignty, &c.* and my Soul was fed therewith, as with Marrow and Fatness.—It is a most sound, deep Book for *Election, Predestination, and peculiar Redemption*, as well as *GOD's Sovereignty*, which I think are all clearly revealed in Scripture, and I firmly believe them: But then as I know holy pious godly Souls, *Men that are full of Faith and the Holy Ghost, and that hazard their Lives for the Lord JESUS*, who differ in some Points from that Author, I will not condemn them. For my Part I look upon *Election, &c.* as a Mystery, like the Trinity, to be firmly *believed*, tho' not fathom'd: for as *Election* is certain by *GOD's Word*; so it is as certain by the same Word, that the Almighty has no Pleasure in the Death of a Sinner; nay, and lest Men should think he had, he confirms it with an Oath, saying, “As I live, saith the Lord *GOD*, I have no “Pleasure in the Death of the Wicked, but that the Wicked “turn from his Way and live,” *Ezekiel xxxiii. 11.* and in many other Parts of that Prophet. And how pathetically does our dear Lord weep over *Jerusalem*, *Matth. xxiii. 37.* and *St. Peter* says in the second Epistle, Verse 34. that *the Lord is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to Repentance; and many other Places there are of the like Import, both in the Old and New Testament;* and yet our very Reason will tell us, if we consider the Attributes of *GOD*, that there are a certain Number of the *Elect, foreknown, fore-ordain'd, and predestinated before the Foundation of the World*, chosen in *CHRIST*, as the Purchase of his Death; and this but few, in Comparison of the Number that are lost, tho', when together, they will be a *Multitude which no Man can Number, even Ten Thousand times ten Thousand, and Thousands of Thousands.* Therefore as both these Truths are so plainly *Revealed*, I will believe both, tho' I cannot comprehend them fully; only this I am sure of, that *GOD is Holy, Just, and Good*, and will appear so in the *Damnation* of the *Wicked*, as well as in the *Salvation* of the *Righteous*, in the Great Day of Accounts, whatever Opinions Men may have to the contrary now.

If 'tis objected that to hold both these Opinions is inconsistent, then I stick close to the *Elect of GOD; chosen Vessels of Honour; precious Jewels; conform'd to the Image of CHRIST; a peculiar People, zealous of Good Works; a*

Holy Nation a Royal Priesthood; for whom Jesus Christ prays in the 17th of St. John, and for none else; that they may be with him, where he is to behold his Glory, and being Members of CHRIST's Mystical Body, nothing shall be able to pluck them out of his Hands, nor shall Life or Death, Hunger or Thirst, Famine or Pestilence, Things present or Things to come, ever separate them from the Love of GOD which is in CHRIST JESUS our Lord.

Lat. 40-55. Long. 18-29. Saturday, May 17. Was much exercis'd again to Day with *inward Conflicts against Sin*, which I was convinced was *rooted in my Nature*, and that Nothing but the *Blood of Christ savingly applied to my Soul* could remove it.

Read more of *Cole on GOD's Sovereignty, &c.* and am fully convinced that our Salvation is all of GOD; our natural Wills are directly opposite thereunto, but we are made willing in the Day of God's Power. Our Wills are wrought upon and *influenc'd* by the Divine Will; consequently, every *Believer* is a *New Creature of GOD's making*; and as the Works of GOD are all *foreknown* unto him, therefore *the Lord* must needs *know them that are his*, and not only so, but *he knows them by Name too*, and *their Names are all written in the Lamb's Book of Life*, which admits of *no Alteration or Addition*. But Woe be to those who shall infer from hence that we may live as we list; for such (as the Apostle says) *their Damnation is just*.

At Evening Prayer half the Men attended, as they are now order'd to do constantly. Blessed be GOD, I was assisted to speak a little on the Second Lesson, by Way of Exhortation. Glory be to GOD alone!

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—. Interceded for Self and Friends, and for the Church of GOD, and went to Rest in the Bosom of my Blessed Saviour.

Lat. 41-18. Long. 20-55. May 18. Was humbled again this Morning for *indwelling Sin and Corruption*, crying to my dear Lord JESUS for a *broken and contrite Heart*, without which we are liable to be taken Captive upon the least Assault. O the deadly Nature of Sin! The Poison of the old Serpent has so tainted us, that Nothing but the *Blood of JESUS CHRIST can cleanse us from all Sin*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—. Read the first Service, and sung Part of the Sixty Eighth psalm, beginning at the first Verse, and then read a searching Discourse of *William Dyer, on entring in at the Strait Gate, which so few*

few find, because wide is the Gate, and broad is the Way that leads to Destruction, and many there be that go in thereat: But the World believes the Devil, and not Jesus Christ; or push all Natural Men home with close Arguments from Scripture, and you'll bring them to conclude, that not one Soul shall be damned, at lest that they, and such as they, shall not.—Thus they make the God of Truth a Liar; and thus they believe not in God, but in the Devil, who is a Liar and the Father of Lies, and who tells them, they shall not surely die.

After Evening Service, and singing the Twenty Third Psalm, by the Captain's Leave, Mr. *White* beforemention'd, a *Baptist Preacher*, but an old Disciple and Minister of *CHRIST*, preached a close *Extempore Sermon* upon the *Vitals of Religion, viz. of our determining to know Nothing but JESUS CHRIST and him crucified*, without which *Resolution our Faith will be in vain, and we shall die in our Sins.*

Read the last Part of *Cole* on *GOD's Sovereignty*; and indeed 'tis a Book worth its Weight in Gold: May all true Believers receive that Comfort from it which I have had.

The Captain being in the *Cahbin*, reading one of Mr. *Whitefeld's* Sermons, and singing a Psalm, the Lord enabled me to sing and pray in his Presence. Blessed be his Holy Name. After this, the Lord enlarged my Heart in private *Intercession*, and I went to Rest, admiring at the Goodness of God to such a rebellious Worm. *O may I bless and praise him to all Eternity.*

Lat. 41-17. Long. 21-47. *Monday, May 19.* Was much humbled again this Day with a Sense of *Sin and Depravity*. I find nothing fills the Soul with true Grace so much as deep *Humiliation*, for *GOD resisteth the Proud, but giveth Grace to the Humble*: My Prayer therefore is, that God may *search, prove, and try me, and see what Way of wickedness is in me, and lead me in the Way everlasting.*

At Evening Prayer I was enabled to speak a Word of Exhortation from the second Lesson; in order to which, I omitted the first Lesson, *To GOD be all the Glory*. O that he may second his own Word with his Blessing.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, Morning and Night; after that I was enlarged in Prayer and *Intercession for Self and Friends and the Church of Christ*, till near Midnight, and then reposed my Head in the *Bosom of the Lord Jesus*.

Lat. 40-30. Long. 22-43. Tuesday, May 20. W⁴ much humbled at first rising, from a Sense of my own *Emp-tiness*. & I am sure the Lord is *faithful*, and will not lay upon me *more than he will enable me to bear*; for if he was to be always wroth, *the Spirits would fail before him*, therefore it is the Lord which doth *wound* and doth *heal*; and tho' he is *the High and lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity, yet his Delight is to dwell with the humble and contrite Heart, even with the Man that trembleth at his Word*. It is the Lord who comforts the *Mourners in Zion*. The Soul must feel the *Weight and Burden* of Sin before it is in a Capacity of finding solid *Rest* in Jesus Christ.

Read the Conclusion of Three Sermons on Justification by the Revd. Mr. *Blaer*, full of solid substantial Divinity The Author was bred under old Mr. *Tennant* aforementi-on'd, and is a choice Minister and Servant of Christ, and one of Mr. *Gilbert Tennant's* Associates, and settled in *Pen-silvania*, where the Harvest of Souls is exceeding great and therefore *I pray the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth more such Labourers into his Harvest*.

Read Part of the Church of Scotland's Confession of Faith particularly that of *GOD's Eternal Decree, concerning E-lection and Reprobation*. 'Tis no Wonder the Devil raises such an Outcry against this Doctrine, since it tends so much to destroy his Kingdom; and to those who have Eyes to see it, *the one is as clearly revealed as the other* as appears from *Jude iv.* where the Apostle, speaking of un-godly Men, says, they were of old *ordain'd* to this Condemnation: And *St. Peter*, in his first Epistle, Verse 8th of the second Chapter, speaking of *Unbelievers* and the *Disobedi-ent*, says, they were *appointed* thereunto; but to the *Be-lievers* he says, they were a *Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, an holy Nation, a peculiar People*: So that when Natural Men cry out against this Doctrine (nay, and some Spiritual Men, may the Lord enlighten them into it) and say, what! hath *GOD* *ordained* so many Millions of Men to be *damned*? and call it a *horrible Decree*, and so ar-raign the *Divine Justice*; we must answer in the Words of *St. Paul* to the *Romans*, Chap. ix. 20, 21. *Nay, but, O Man, who art thou that repliest against GOD? Shall the Thing form'd say unto him that form'd it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the Potter Power over the Clay of the same Lump, to make one Vessel unto Honour, and another unto Dishonour?*

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What if GOD, willing to shew his Wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering, the Vessels of Wrath FITTED to Destruction, shall we say then there is Unrighteousness with God? and so foolishly charge God with Injustice? GOD forbid.—No, those Men and Devils rage against it, still let his People say, *Righteous and true art thou, O Lord, and just are thy Judgments*, for thou hast Mercy on whom thou wilt have Mercy, and thou hast Compassion on whom thou wilt have Compassion, and whom thou wilt thou hardenest.—Let them also say, “We thank thee, Holy Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that thou hast hid these Things from the *wise and prudent*, and hast revealed them unto Babes; even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy Sight, *Math. xi. 25, 26.*”

You have your Master’s Example for it, who was so far from repining at his Father’s *Eternal Decree* in the *Damnation* of the *Wicked*, that he rejoiced in Spirit thereat; the Words above being spoken after he had been upbraiding the Cities *Chorozin* and *Capernaum*, wherein most of his *mighty Works* had been done, because they *repented not*, and after he had said, *it would be more tolerable for Tyre, Sidon, and Sodom, in the Day of Judgment, than for them.*

“Who will say that *Judas* was not appointed from *Eternity* to betray CHRIST? and *raised up* for that very Purpose, as much as *Pharaoh* was *raised up* to shew GOD’S *Power*, and that his *Name* might be declared throughout “all the Earth?”

Thus let GOD be true, and every Man a Liar, Rom. iii. 4. *Let the Potsherd strive with the Potsherd of the Earth, but Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker, Is. xlv. 9.*

Let no one infer from hence, that the Gospel is not to be preached to every Creature, since CHRIST has commanded it so to be; and since He and his Apostles preached to those that contradicted and blasphemed, as well as to those that believed, and why? doubtless to leave them without Excuse; and if CHRIST preached to All, tho’ he knew beforehand who would believe, and who would not, much more must his Ministers, who do not know.

After Dinner, talk’d with one of the Sailors about his Soul’s Concerns, and found him experienced in the Ways of Godliness; that God had awakened him by Sickness, and that he left his Native Place on purpose to break himself of wicked Company. He said, that both his wife and he Were much affected by Mr. *Whitfield’s* Preaching at *Philadelphia*,

delphia, and that he enter'd on board, thinking Mr. *Whitefield* was to have gone over. He inform'd me that the *Negroes* were much affected with Mr. *Whitefield's* praying for them, and offering JESUS CHRIST to their Souls. He told me of a *Negroe* Woman that came into a Shop where he was, and said, Mr. *Whitefield had been in a Trancee*; at first they did not understand her, but desiring her to explain herself, she said, JESUS CHRIST *had told him what to speak to the People, or else she was sure he could not speak as he did.*

The Sailor told me of a *Minister of the Church of England* at *West-Chester* (from whom he received the Sacrament in his Sickness) who made it his Business to visit his *Flock* for their Souls Good; not to seek *theirs*, but *them*, for that it was rare he would stay to eat or drink in their Houses; and that he held a *Society* in a *Hall* (beside his Service in the Church) for singing Psalms, and expounding the Scriptures.

Such a Behaviour as this is like a *Minister of CHRIST*, who with St. *Paul* determines to know nothing (among his Parishioners) but JESUS CHRIST, and him crucified.—The Sailor farther told me, that all the Ways of Godliness brought Peace to the Mind, and that all other Ways were grievous to him; and that he pray'd now from his Heart *without a Form*; and that he never read the *Bible*, or any other Religious Book, but he was affected with it.

He said, the Captain he came last from *England* with, read Prayers himself twice a Day in the Cabbin, and made all his Men attend, except one at the Helm, and one other, under a Penalty, nor would he suffer an Oath to be sworn.

Blessed be GOD, we live very quiet, and our good GOD seems to be opening a farther Door for doing Good every Day.

This Evening I was enabled to expound the third Chapter of St. *Paul's* First Epistle to the *Corinthians*; and tho' almost every Verse led me to level my Discourse against one of our Company who is a *polite Reasoner*, yet the Power of GOD is over all, and keeps him from being offended, at least in Appearance. O that I may always *speak boldly the Truths of GOD as I aught to speak*, without Fear of Man; for 'till my Work is done, nothing shall hurt me, and then if I shall be found *worthy* to suffer for *speaking the Truth as it is in JESUS*, happy shall I be.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—. Pray'd and interceded for Self and Friends, and the Church of GOD, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

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Lat. 41-38. Long. 23-18. *Wednesday, May 21.* Read Part of *John Bunyan's* Experiences and violent Temptations. and was much humbled thereby, and comforted withal, to find that other Saints of GOD have been most grievously tempted, and yet came off Conquerors. And here I think it proper to insert some of the manifold Temptations with which my poor Soul has been exercised since I came on board, and all to *humble me, and prove me, that the Lord may do me Good at my latter End.*

O the horrid Suggestions that *Satan* has, Day after Day, follow'd me with! He has endeavoured to cast a Cloud over all the *Manifestations* I have had of the Divine Favour; and tho' the Lord has a Thousand *Times* over told me that he had *loved me with an everlasting Love, and that with his loving Kindness he had drown me, and that he would never leave me, nor forsake me,* yet *Satan* had the Impudence, in the midst of my Prayers this Day, to suggest to me, that I was not one of GOD's *Elect*, and therefore my Prayers were an Abomination. He is generally so busy with me in Prayer, that my Time is chiefly spent in keeping him off; so that I am often Three Hours about those Intercessions, which might otherwise be offered in one Sixth Part of that space.

Because I was too full of myself before, and carried on sometimes with a most violent *Zeal*, now he tempts me much to cast off my *Confidence* in the Lord; sets before me the Case of *Judas, Saul, and Jehu*, with many others, to terrify me; and says I shall *betray* CHRIST at last.

The Lord having open'd to me his *absolute Sovereignty*, *Satan* took the Advantage, and told me, that GOD was on-making Use of me, as he had done many others, for his Church's Good, and that when GOD had served his Ends to me, I should be a *Cast-away*.

Thus has my poor Soul been *toss'd* as in a *Tempest*, till brought almost to *Despair*; but the Lord, who is *rich in Mercy*, will not *suffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear.*

Many *sweet Texts* were often brought to my Comfort in these Conflicts, particularly *Isaiah* lvii. 16. "For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth, for the Spirit should fail before me, and the Souls which I have made.

Thus the Lord pities our Weakness, but when I am able to bear them, I expect greater Trials, both inward and outward.

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I have found, during these Temptations, a general withdrawing of GOD's Spirit, so that the Fifty First Psalm has been almost my daily Prayer.

I could feel little or no Love for the *Soul*; of my Friends in Prayer, which was exceeding bitter to me: Nevertheless, I am persuaded *the Lord will again lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me, and restore unto me the Joy of his Salvation.*

The Lord is now fitting and preparing of me for the Work whereunto he hath sent me; nay, his Mercy has been so exceeding abundant, that had it not been for these Humiliations, my too forward Zeal would probably have marr'd the Good which the Lord hath enabled me to do already among the Ship's Company. *Glory he to his holy Name.*

One remarkable Temptation *Satan* made Use of, in order to slacken me in my Duty, was this. He knew that, thro' Grace, I had kept for many Years, a constant Course of Prayer, so that I have seldom above Five Hours Sleep; going to Bed at Midnight, and rising about Five; whereupon *Satan* terrified me with this Scripture, (for he is as ready at Scripture as the greatest Saint) "It is but lost Labour that you rise up early, and sit up late, and eat the Bread of Carefulness." Here he stopt; for he always perverts Scripture, and never applies it right. Blessed be GOD, I generally sleep in the Arms of my Beloved, but it was *Satan's* Business now to hide the latter Part of the Text from me.

Was enabled this Evening to speak a few Words of Exhortation on the second Lesson. Sung with Brother G—; pray'd and interceded for Self and Friends, and the Church of CHRIST, and went to Rest in the Arms of my Beloved.

Lat. 42-40. Long. 24-14. *Thursday, May 22.* Was much humbled again this Morning in Prayer.—*Satan* bid me worship him, or Stocks, or Stones, or any Thing but God. This Temptation rested not upon me, being assisted to ward it off with Indignation, as my blessed Lord did be fore me; and now he has shewed himself so plain, I trust my God will stand by me, and that I shall hereafter be *less ignorant of his Devices and Depths* of Iniquity, whereby he lies in wait with all manner of Deceiveableness to catch unwary Souls.

This Afternoon we saw an *Island of Ice*, white as Snow; about a League Distance it appeared as big as a small Hill, drove from the North Seas.

We also raw two Birds with long Necks, caned *Pen-gwins*, which they say cannot fly, and are always in Soundings; we being near or upon the Banks of *Newfoundland*, where they catch the Cod-Fish.

The Sailors also saw a *Grampus* go by to Day, about Twenty Five Foot long; and a few Days ago they took up a *Shark* about Seven Feet long. Thus do we see the Works of the Lord, and his Wonders in the Deep.

Read Prayers this Evening, and spoke upon the Second Lesson as the Spirit gave me Utterance. Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, made Intercession for about Two Hours, and went to Rest in Peace.

Lat. 49-9. Long: 26-43. *Friday, May 23.* Was much comforted to Day in Prayer and Meditation, and especially in reading Part of a Book call'd the *Mute Christian*, by *Thomas Brooks*, which the Lord was pleased to make so savoury to me, that it melted me into Tears. I have heretofore been much inclined to teach and expound the Scriptures, when I have had *no Call* thereto, and now the Lord has opened a Door for that Purpose, I find a Backwardness. O the wretched Heart of Man!—However, finding it my Duty to trust in the Strength of God, I laid me down at the Feet of JESUS, desiring he would open my Eyes, that I might see the Meaning of the Second Lesson, and that he would enable me to speak upon it, which he did accordingly; after which, I sung and pray'd with Brother G—; pray'd and made Intercession for Self and Friends, and the Church of CHRIST, and went to Rest in Peace. *Praised be the Lord.*

Lat. 43-40. Long. 30-19. *Saturday, May 24.* Was much humbled again to Day with *Temptations*, and could do little but sigh and groan out my Complaints in the Words of the Psalmist, in the Twenty-second and other penitential Psalms. *Luther* observes, that till he was *tempted and afflicted*, he could not understand the *Psalms*; and till he was *persecuted*, he could not understand the Gospel. Doubtless the *Whale's Belly* opened *Jonah's Spiritual Eyes* more than any other of the Lord's Dealings with him; and the *darker the Prison or Dungeon* is for CHRIST's Sake, the more will *the Light of the glorious Gospel shine in the Heart of every true Believer*. Our *Dross and Tin* is melted away in the *Furnace of Affliction*, and the *Trial of our Faith* is more precious than that. of *Gold*, which; I purified and tried *Seven Times in the Fire*.

Expounded Part of the Morning Lesson in much Weakness, but I find it my Duty to do the best I can, and to pray and trust in the Lord for his Assistance.

We now sail as it were on the Wings of the Wind, having gone near One Hundred Leagues the last Forty Eight Hours.—The Lord is merciful to us, in sending us sail Winds, we having got what they call a *Crank Ship*, being not fit for bad Weather, tho' she was never at Sea before. At this Instant, the Sea (running high) came into the Cabin thro' the Windows, and much surprized us; whereupon the Dead-Lights were immediately put up, and our Evening Prayers were not hindered, but I was assisted to expound the Second Lesson.—Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; pray'd, and made Intercession, as usual, and went to Rest in Peace. Blessed be GOD.

Lat. 43-47. Long. 33-34. Sunday, May 25. Last Night the Lord was pleased to *still the raging of the Sea and the Noise of the Waves*, and to send us a fine Day, so that we had full Service; and it being *Whitsunday*, I read the Sermon Mr. Whitefield preached last *Whitsunday* at Bexly Church, intitled, *The Indwilling of the Spirit the common Privilege of all Believers*, from *John* vii. 37, 38, 39. and I trust I *felt* something of that *Power* with which I heard it delivered. Praised be the Lord, we have gone Five Hundred Miles in the last Four Days, all in our right Course.—*O that we could learn of the Winds and Waves to obey the Orders of our Maker.*

Mr. White, our good Companion, preached after Evening Service upon these Words of our Saviour, *The Cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?* He observed that when the Soldiers (which came to apprehend CHRIST) were *fallen* to the Ground, they would never have *risen* again, had not CHRIST, by his Divine Power, willingly *raised* them.

At the Close of his Discourse, he exhorted us to *lay aside every Weight, and the Sin which doth so easily beset us*, particularly that *damning Sin of Unbelief*, the bitter Root and Spring of all others.

We sung Three Times, on the Captain of the Ship's own Motion, and it was a blessed Sabbath to our Souls, for the *Comforter* was with us of a Truth.

Our polite Reasoner is very civil, but continues stiffly to argue against the just *Decrees* of GOD, and will have it, that every Man has in himself a *Free Will* to do Good as
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well as Evil; and that every one may come to CHRIST, if he will; contrary to the Tenth Article of our Church, and to CHRIST's express Words, who tells the opposing, cavilling *Jews*,. that *no Man can come to him, except the Father draw him*, John vi. 44. and again he repeats it in the Sixty Fifth Verse,—*No Man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father*; and yet wretched Man will needs be his own Saviour, and reason himself into his own Damnation.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, made Intercession, and *felt* the Divine Presence with me, while I poured out my Prayers into the Bosom of my Saviour, and went to Rest, with a deep Sense of the Goodness of GOD to so unworthy a Wretch.

Lat. 44-24. Long. 36-14. *Monday, May 26.* It being *Monday* in *Whitsun* Week, read both Services, and rung a Psalm between them. In the Afternoon, was much humbled and oppressed by the *Hidings of my Beloved*; but lo! the goodness of our GOD! for *his Wrath endures but the twinkling of an Eye*; If he seems to *withdraw* for a *Moment*, 'tis only that his *Return* may be the sweeter.

In my Distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard me.—I desired him to shew me the true Meaning of the Second Lesson; and tho' weak and empty in my self, yet the Lord enabled me to speak more powerfully thereon than I have hitherto done.—O that I may trust him forever. Had sweet Conversation with Mr. *White*, about the Inheritance prepared for us in the Country to which we are going. Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; interceded 'till Midnight, and laid me down in Peace. Blessed be GOD.

Lat. 44-55. Long. 37-24. *Tuesday, May 27.* This being *Tuesday* in *Whitsun* Week, I read both Services, and sung between them as Yesterday. In the Evening, sung again after the Second Lesson, which the Lord enabled me to speak upon more *home* and *plain* than I had done before; whereupon our *polite Disputer* was much offended, and express'd his Uneasiness after Prayers; said my Doctrine tended to bring People into Despair, and that I debased the *Dignity of Man* too much.—He confess'd he did not *feel* that *working of the Spirit* which I talk'd of, and wanted to have it explain'd to him.—I told him I wanted to bring all Men into a Despair of being saved, without *feeling* the *Holy Spirit* within them; that it was impossible for me to debase *fallen Man* more than the Scripture did; and that if *Nico-*

demus understood not JESUS CHRIST himself, when talking of the *Necessity* of being *born of the Spirit*, it was no Wonder if I could not be understood by the Natural Man, when talking of the same Subject.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; made Intercession, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 45-52. Long. 38-16. *Wednesday, May 28.* Sung and pray'd with Brother G—. Saw several Sail of Ships, which put the People in a Hurry to get their Guns in Order, lest we should meet with, an Enemy; so that I did not lead Prayers 'till Noon, and then only to the Captains in the Cabbin, with whom I sung a Psalm.

Last Night our *polite Reasoner* talk'd of opposing me, if I expounded again to the Sailors in the Manner I did before, so that I was dubious how to act; but in the Afternoon, the *Spirit of GOD came upon me*, and put Thoughts into my Heart, *what I should say, and what I should speak*; whereupon, after giving a brief Exposition of the Second Lesson, which I had also before pray'd the Lord to open to me, I told the Sailors, it was for their Sakes that I had attempted to expound, and that I understood some of them were offended at the Doctrine, as if it tended to drive them to Despair. One Sort of *Despair* (I said) I wish'd they and all the World were in, which was a *Despair of being saved, without being Born again; a Despair of being saved by our own Righteousness; a Despair of being saved, without feeling the Holy Spirit working in our Souls; a Despair of being saved, without having the Righteousness of JESUS CHRIST applied to our Souls, &c.*

It being said, I *debased* Man too much, by making them *Beasts and Devils*, I proved from Scripture, that it was impossible for me to describe, had I a Thousand Tongues, the *Blackness and Darkness of Hell*, that is by Nature in every one of our Souls.—I told them, 'twas no Wonder this gave Offence to the Natural Man, how else should *the Scripture be fulfilled*, which says, *The Time shall come when Men will not bear sound Doctrine*; that many polite Ladies did not like such and such Preachers, because they preached so much of Hell and Damnation to them; but they liked to be won to their Duty: Alas! said I, 'tis by *prophesying smooth Things (those silken Cords)* that Thousands are daily *led Captive by the Devil into Hell*.

I told them I could have *no other End but the Good of their Souls* in what I had spoken, for that in a few Days or Weeks

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Owe should be separated, and probably never meet again, 'till we met at *the Judgment Seat of JESUS CHRIST*; where if what I had said was false, I desired they would rejoice in my Damnation; but if true, and they wilfully rejected it, I should be *a swift Witness against them*, that at such a Time, in such a Ship, I had *given them Warning*, and *told them the Truth*, but they would not believe it.

After Prayers, we had much disputing again with our *polite Reosoner*, who argued exactly as the *opposing Jews* did against JESUS CHRIST in the Ninth of St. *John*; and he pressed me so close, that at length I told him the Truth, and that I did apply those Texts to him which CHRIST applied to the *Jews*, when he condemn'd them as *Children of the Devil*, and *Unbelievers*; nevertheless, the *Power of God* was over all, and kept us in Peace and good Behaviour.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; made Intercession, and went to Rest in the Arms of my Saviour, rejoicing in these fresh Tokens he had given me of his Love.

Lat. 46. Long. 38—38. *Thursday, May 29*. This being the *Anniversary of King Charles's Restoration*, I read Part of the Service appointed on that Occasion; not without some Doubts on Account of the *Persecution* which follow'd and continued all *that Reign* upon the real Professors of Christianity (the *Puritans*) as they were call'd; and also upon Account of that *fatal Lethargy* which has attended the *Members of the Church of England* ever since, inasmuch that the *Scarlet Whore of Babylon* is not more corrupt, either in Principle or Practice. But, blessed be GOD, the Tide is turning, and *Light is sprung up again out of Darkness* tho' *the Darkness comprehendeth it not*: So that I doubt not but many Sons and Daughters of *the Church of England*, as well as of *other Professions*, will be brought under her *primitive Purity*, and thereby become not only *formal* but *real* Members of CHRIST's *Mystical Body*, and of his *Spiritual Kingdom*.

Wrote my *Journal*, and a Letter to the *Religious Society at Cardiff*, which the Lord made me an Instrument of reviving about Two Years ago, *viz. August, 1738*.—I exhorted them to *follow on to know the Lord* more and more, and to *walk worthy of that Holy Vocation* wherewith we are called; not *fashioning ourselves according to the Course of this World*, but daily growing in *Grace*, and in the *Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST*, by whose
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Blood we are *redeemed from the Power of the Devil, and from our former vain Conversation*. I thanked my GOD that he had sent them our dear Brother *Wesley* from *Bristol* to *Water* what his own *Right Hand* had planted (by our Brother *Whitefield*.) I hoped our dear Brother *Howel Harris* did visit them sometimes; and I did beseech them to regard such *good Soldiers of JESUS CHRIST, and esteem them very highly in Love, for their Works Sake*.

Inclosed them Mr. *Whitefield's* Letters about the *Negroes* and *Archbishop Tillotson*, that they might avoid such *false Apostles* and *blind Guides*, Which *corrupt the pure Word of God, and the glorious Gospel of JESUS CHRIST*.

At Evening Prayer, after giving a brief Exposition of th Second Lesson, instead of making many Observations of my own, I read Part of a glorious Book intituled, *Instructions for a right comforting afflicted Consciences*, by *Robert Bolton*, B. D. a Divine of our own Church, which contains as severe Doctrine against *secure, carnal Professors*, and *polite Reasoners* as any I had spoke, tho' wrote above a Hundred Years ago; which shews, that the Doctrine of CHRIST is the same in all Ages.

But if an *Angel from Heaven* was to come and. preach to *carnal Men*, unless God Almighty attended the Word with his sweet Influences, it could not *change* the Heart, but *harden* it the more. However, we must speak, *whether Persons will hear, or whether they will forbear*, and I trust thereby I shall be daily learning the Apostle's Lesson, *Not to strive, but in Meekness to instruct those that oppose them selves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the Snare of the Devil, who are taken Captive by him at his Will*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; made Intercession 'till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 46-5. Long. 39-13. *Friday, May 30*. Read Prayers, and after the Second Lesson, read more out of *Bolton*, after making an Observation or two upon the Lesson. We also sung a *Psalm*, as we now generally do.

Wrote my *Journal*, and several Letters, particularly one to the *Religious Society in Badsey in Worcestershire, my Native Place*; which Society I have a more than ordinary Concern for, is being a kind of *First Fruits* of my Labours in the *Lord's Vineyard*.—Not unto me, not unto me, but to

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GOD be all the Glory; it being by his Power alone working in me, that I was enabled to do that or any Thing else acceptable in his Sight. Nay, farther to encourage all to put forth their utmost Strength in CHRIST'S Service, I can truly say that I am astonished as often as I look back and reflect what a wonderful Blessing the Lord hath given to every Thing he enabled me to undertake, and that he should bring to pass such mighty Works by, so *weak*, so *mean*, so *vile*, so *nothing* an Instrument. It can be resolved into nothing but this, that GOD is an Absolute Sovereign Being; that his Wisdom is unsearchable, and his Ways past finding out; only this we know, because he has reveal'd it to us, that he works by the *meanest Instruments*, that *no Flesh should glory in his Presence*; and that the Power may appear to be *not of Man, but of GOD*.

I can truly say, that ever since He *drew me* to seek after and serve him, *not one Thing* has fail'd me, either *Temporally* or *Spiritually*; but from the *first Day* which was in the Year 1728, *until now*, tho' I have met with *continual opposition*, both from the *World without*, and my *own Corrupt Heart within*, yet out of every Trouble the LORD deliver'd me, yea, and will deliver me, and all others that *trust* in him. It is well known how the LORD carried me thro' all Difficulties, and rais'd up others to assist me in *reviving Hackney Charity-School*, and in less than Three Years to raise a Fund of 300 *l. Sterling* upwards of 100 *l. per Annum* annual Subscriptions, and about 50 *l. per Annum* by Charity Sermons; and all this in Opposition to the Minier, Churchwardens, and Vestry Men of the Parith.

What less than the Power of GOD could effect this by so poor an Instrument as me, who am naturally timorous and fearful, and less than the least of all Saints. I might mention what the Lord wrought by me in *Langbourn Ward*, where is the like Fund and Provision, or better than at *Hackney*; as also at *Castle-Baynard Ward*, *Billingsgate Ward*, *Vintry Ward*, and in the *Parish of St. George the Martyr*; but I forbear least I should boast of other Mens Labours, or least I should seem to commend myself; for not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the LORD commendeth.—GOD forbid therefore that I should glory in any Thing which the LORD hath not wrought by me, or in any Thing, save in the Cross of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, whereby the World is crucified unto me, and I unto the World.—Nay farther, I desire to count all my former and present Righteousness

teousness as filthy Raggs or as Dung, that I may win Christ and be found in him. Not that I *despise the Day of small Things*; for tho' the Schools beforemention'd are all in Matters of Religion on the *Legal Foundation*, yet with Respect to me the LORD made the Law my *School-Master to bring me to CHRIST*, and what I did then was according to the Knowledge GOD had then given me, and as it was *the Lord's doing* I am persuaded *Good* will come out of it, and I trust many of the *Trustees and Children* belonging to those *Schools* may hereafter be brought, *by the preaching of the Word*, savingly to believe on the *LORD JESUS*, whom they have only now Head-Knowledge of. The LORD knows my Heart, both Trustees and Children have often my Prayers for that Purpose. At *Evening Prayers* read more out of *Bolton*, but still 'tis too hash for *polite Ears*. O may the LORD enable me to *set my Face as a Flint*, and teach me what I shall say, and what I shall do.—Our polite Reasoner says my reading or speaking makes him so uneasy he can't attend to the Prayers, therefore what I do he desires I'll do when they are over, that he may the more decently withdraw if he don't like it; for that what I read is more offensive to him than *Rochester's Poems*, (and so they would to any lewd Man whatever.) Good GOD! what a *Devil* is Man!—Thus did the *Devils* desire *our Lord* not to torment them before the Time.

Blessed be GOD the Time is coming when the Wicked will cease from troubling; and a Separation will be made and our Souls shall enjoy an Eternal Rest with the Spirits of Just Men made perfect, and with GOD the Judge of all and with JESUS the Mediator of the New Covenant, and with the General Assembly and Church of the First-Born which are written in Heaven, and with an innumerable Company of Angels, with whom we shall behold the Glory of GOD in the Face of JESUS CHRIST, and so be forever with the LORD, while the Wicked will be Eternally confined to their beloved Company, not to triumph, as they do now, over the Children of GOD, but to torment each other for ever and ever in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone prepared for the Devil and his Angels, with whom will be Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth.

Saw two Sail of Ships, but did not speak with them Sung and pray'd with Brother G—. Interceded till midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the LORD.

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Lat. 46-42. Long. 41-31. *Saturday; May 31.* Sung and pray'd with Brother C—. Read Morning Prayer, and sung after the second Lesson. Wrote my Journal, and after Evening Prayer, I told the Sailors the Reason why I did not read or speak after the second Lesson was this, that was thought by some to hinder and interrupt their Prayers, because what was read or spoken made them uneasy, and that those who did not like to stay might withdraw.—I told them if I had read or said any Thing which could give just Cause of Offence to anyone, I was ready to ask Pardon; but that if anyone was offended with what was read or spoken agreeable to Scripture, and the pure Word of GOD, I must in such a Case say, as my Master did. *It is impossible but such Offences must come; but Woe be to that Man by whom the Offence cometh, good were it for him if he had never been horn,* for that without Repentance he should surely perish everlastingly. I said farther, that what I had done since I came on Board was not out of a vain-glorious Desire to set up for a Teacher, for that I wanted to be taught myself; but purely for *the Glory of GOD*, to satisfy the dictates of my *Conscience*, and for *the good of their precious and immortal Souls*: Therefore if any of them fled away, they would *fly from their own Mercies*, and render themselves inexcusable if they perished.

I said, if I spoke at all, I must speak the Truth without respect of Persons, and depend on GOD to stand by his *own Word*, and protect it. I told them my View in reading Prayers was not merely out of Form, as *the Papists* say their *Ave-Marys*, and therefore I alter'd them as I thought would tend most to the Use of Edifying. When I had done, our polite Reasoner answer'd and said, he supposed my Speech was chiefly hinted at him, and then he endeavour'd to confute my Doctrine by the Mercy of GOD, and pleaded for *Justification by Works*, as well as *Faith*: He also complain'd of my not keeping strictly to the Form of Prayer.

Thus the *Pharisees* found faulty with *Christ's Disciples* for Transgressing the Tradition of the Elders, tho' they themselves transgressed the Command of God by their Traditions; and thus the *Pharisees* of our Times daily break the *Cannons* and *Rubricks* of the *Church* by *Laziness* or *Covetousness*, but if a *poor Christian* for Conscience-Sake or Edification go a Step out of the *beaten Track*, presently they are offended, and cry out of Innovations, saying, *The Temple of be Lord, The Temple of the Lord*, The Church is in Danger.

Blessed be God, it will soon be seen who were the Churches best Friends, those who lived up to the Rules of it, and follow'd it as far as their Conscience allowed them; or those who only eat of its Bread, and fed themselves, but not their *Flocks*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—. Interceded as usual, and went to Rest, feeling much Sweetness of Soul Thus our Enemies and Opposers are *unwillingly* our best Friends. *The Wrath of Man shall turn to the Praise of GOD, and the Remainder of it shall he restrain.*

Lat. 47-27. Long. 42-23. *Sunday, June 1.* Read Prayers, rung twice; and read a Sermon out of the same Author as last *Sunday*, being *A Call to Sinners, or GOD's Voice to London*, preach'd soon after the *Plague*, and it was very plain and *searching*. At the Close, I observed the 'twas preached Sixty Years ago, it was equally needful now especially as God's Judgments were gone abroad in the Earth by *Wars and Rumours of Wars*. I observ'd that all the Christians were saved in the Grand Destruction of *Jerusalem*; so if any Calamity befall our Land, woe be to all those who shall not obey this Blessed Call of the Gospel for a Way will probably be made for the Safeguard of *true Believers*, and for none else; or however, if they died with the rest, they would be translated only so much the sooner where their Treasure is already laid up.

In the Afternoon our good Friend Mr. *White* preach'd and we sung three Times; then I wrote my *Journal*, and several Letters, fung and pray'd with Brother G; mad Intercession, and praised GOD for giving us so Blessed a *Sabbath*.

Lat. 47-41. Long. 44-31. *Monday, June 2.* Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, read Prayers and sung after the second, *Lessen*; wrote six Letters to *Scotland, Yorkshire, Wales, and other Places*; particularly to those *faithful Labourers in the Lord's Vineyard*, Mr. *Ralph Erskine of Dunfirmling in Scotland*, and Mr. *Benjamin Ingham, of Ossett, near Wakefield in Yorkshire*; giving them an Account how the *Work of GOD* went on in *America*, and desiring to hear of the *same Work* in their respective Districts.

After Evening Prayer, gave an Exhortation on the *Love of our dear Lord JESUS CHRIST*, from the *Anathema of Curse* in the second Lesson, denounced against those that love him not; endeavouring to shew the exceeding great Love of our dear Lord to his *Elect*, in dying for them, tho' they

they had been his *Betrayers and Murderers*; that we are all equally guilty with those *Three Thousand converted by St. Peter*, who had just before imbrued their Hands in his *Blood*, and had *preferr'd a Murderer before him the Prince of Life*, when *Pilate was determin'd to let him go*: Nay, that we were equally guilty with the *Soldiers that pierc'd his sacred Side*, those who *crown'd him with Thorns*, or that *nail'd him to the Cross*; every *Sin* of ours being a *Nail* in his *Foot*, a *Spear* in his *Side*, and a *Thorn* in his *Temples*.—Then I have some *Marks*, by Men's thinking and talking of those Things which they most delighted in, whereby we might perceive whether we had any *Love for JESUS CHRIST, the Lord of Glory, or not*, that so, we might not deceive ourselves, and fall under the extreme *Malediction* of the *Law*, which would consign us to *Everlasting Fire*, but *lay hold on the Righteousness of JESUS CHRIST*, which would bring us to *Life Eternal*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; interceded till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace and Joy. Praised be the LORD.

Lat. 47-59. Long. 47-31. *Tuesday, June 3.* Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; read Prayers; wrote my *Journal*, and several Letters, to *Gloucester, Bristol, &c.* giving an Account of the *Work of GOD in America*, and the Occasion of my coming over; particularly one to Brother *Hutchins*, desiring him to meet me in *London*, for the better dispatching our Lord's Business, and to take sweet Counsel together thereupon, especially for making more effectual the Collection for the poor *Negroes*.

Also one to that famous *Boanerges* in the *Work of the Gospel*, the Reverend Mr. *Rowland* of *Kangeitho* in *Cardiganshire*, where he has had Seven Hundred Communicants, and *opens his Mouth boldly, to make known the Mystery of the Gospel*.

After Morning Prayer, the Lord enabled me to give a brief Exhortation to the People, not to come and eat and drink in *CHRIST'S* Presence, and presently go out and *betray him*, by profaning his Holy Name, or by other *Wickedness*, left their *Prayers become an Abomination*; and, blessed be *GOD*, I trust at least, much Sin has been prevented and restrain'd, for *we enjoy great quietness, and eat our Bread with Gladness*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; pray'd and interceded till past Midnight for Self and Friends, and the

Church of CHRIST, and went to Rest with Joy and Gladness. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 48-27. Long. 47-56. *Wednesday, June 4*: Read Prayers, and sung a Psalm. At the Close was assisted to give a brief Exposition of the second Lesson, shewing that the *Devils* cast out by our *Blessed Saviour* well represents the *Influence the Devil hath on every one of us by Nature*, tho' we don't know it, or rather are wilfully ignorant of it, and till we do actually feel ourselves oppressed with the *Devil*, CHRIST will never heal us.

It being the 5th of *St. Mark*, where the Woman was cured of the *Bloody Issue*. I told them it was a lively Representation of a Person under the Spirit of Bondage, who after trying all other Methods of Salvation, and finding them ineffectual, at last comes to CHRIST as the only *Physician* to heal the Plague of our Hearts.

I told them farther that the Death of the *Ruler of the Synagogue's Daughter* represented the State of all our Souls by Nature, which lie dead in *Trespases and Sins* till CHRIST quicken us by his *Blessed Spirit*.

Wrote a Letter to the *Trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia*, giving them an Account of the Business I had to transact with them, and the proper Means under GOD for settling the said *Colony* as mention'd in the beginning of my *Journal*: Mention'd Two Persons, viz. Brother *Brownfield* and Mr. *Woodroff*, who I believed would accept of the Office of a *Magistrate* without *Fee* or *Rnvard*, tho' they were ignorant of my Proposal.

I told them I had (thro' Grace) given up myself and Fortune to assist Mr. *Whitefield* in his generous Undertaking for the Good of Mankind, and therefore I could have no other View (as the LORD knee my Heart) but the Glory of God and the Good of the *Colony*; that I design'd to take over my *Daughter*, by the Will of GOD, to be educated in the *Orphan-House*; and that I would take up 500 Acres adjoining to it, provided I could have a *clear Title and Liberty* for me or my *Heirs* to leave it to the *Orphan-House*, if we thought fit.

That I had assisted Mr. *Whitefield* to take up 5000 Acres of Land in *Pensylvania* in order to erect a *Negroe-School*, and to settle our *English Friends*, where they might worship GOD in their own Way, without being thought *Enthusiasts* for so doing; and as they might do the same in *Georgia*, I did not doubt, but if the *Obstacles*, which now hindred, were removed,

removed, and the *Colony* put upon an equal footing with the other Provinces, many Persons would take over their *Families* and *Fortunes*, which till then they would not do. I concluded with praying GOD to direct their Consultations. And indeed, my constant Prayer is, that GOD, *who has the Hearts of all Men in his Hands*, would incline them to do whatever he in his infinite Wisdom and Counsel has before appointed to be done for the Benefit of the said *Colony*; and tho' carnal Reason looks no farther than second Causes, yet *the Almighty Governour of the World* has so order'd it, that *He will be found in the Use of proper Means, by those who wait upon him*; whereas *He infatuates the Counsels of Men, and makes all their Devices to be of none Effect, when they look not to him for Direction*: For however the *Wise Men of this World* may flatter themselves in high Conceits of their own Wisdom and Policy, there is no *true Wisdom* but in *JESUS CHRIST*, and in the *Father thro' him*; so true is it, that *except the Lord build the House, their Labour is but lost that build it, and except the Lord keep the City, the Watchman waketh but in vain*.

Wrote sundry other Letters to my *London Friends*, and to my *Daughter* and her *Governess*, to advise them of my coming, and to desire them to rejoice and give Thanks for the many Mercies and *abundant Grace bestow'd upon us* since I saw them; in preserving us in travelling about 1400 Miles by *Land*, and about 10,000 by *Water*; and *delivering us out of all Perils*, and still making *our Strength equal to our Day*. Above all, in making us *to triumph in CHRIST*, and in making *manifest the Savour of his Knowledge by our Brother Whitefield, in every Place*.

I also desired their Prayers, that I might have good Success in every Thing committed to my Charge.—That I had *many Things to say, but would not with Pen and Ink write, trusting in the Lord Jesus to see them shortly, and speak Face to Face, that our Joy might be full*.

Wrote to Brother *Abbot*, that the Lord was bringing *Salvation* to the poor *Negroes*, many of whom attended the *Word*; and that the *Light of the glorious Gospel of JESUS CHRIST* had shined into the Hearts of some; and that by *Means* of the design'd *School* I trusted *that People* would become the *Lord's People*.—That surely this was the *Day of the Lord's Power*.—While *Nation is rising against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom, the Lord would carry on the War between Michael and the Dragon*.—That I hoped, by
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the Power of GOD, we had demolish'd *Satan's strongest Hold in Philadelphia*, viz. the *Dancing-School, Assembly, and Musick-Meeting*, those *Houses of Baal*.

In the Afternoon, going upon Deck, and finding they went greatly out of the Way, I was moved to desire them to put the Ship about, (as the most likely Means for GOD to favour us with a Wind), which they did accordingly, and then we steer'd within Two Points of our Course; whereas before we were Eleven Points off it. Indeed there was but little Wind; but I mention this to shew that *GOD will be found in the Use of Means*, and that the smallest are not to be neglected, as diligent Sailors know very well; and whereas *such usually watch every Breath of Wind* to improve it, so should the *spiritual Sailor* watch every Motion and Breathing of the Spirit upon his Soul, in order to improve it to the utmost, towards carrying him to the Haven where he would be.

After Evening Prayer I was enabled to speak briefly on the second Lesson, shewing the Difficulty of keeping a Medium between two Extrems: For whereas, in the first Epistle, St. Paul had reprov'd the *Corinthians* for not using Discipline against the scandalous *Fornicator*, in this second Epistle he reprov'd them for *too great Severity* against him, and advises them (seeing he had given sufficient Tokens of Repentance) to *receive him into the Church again*, and comfort him, lest, says he, *such a one be swallow'd up of over-much Sorrow, and so Satan get the Advantage of us*: For says the Apostle, *we are not ignorant of his Devices*; it being *Satan's Business*, when we are convinced of an Error, to drive us to the contrary Extreme. Thus he dealt with Mr. Wathen of Bristol, who being perhaps rather too eager of teaching others, and receiving Reproofs for it of his Friends, of a sudden cast away his Confidence, as if all the Work of God in his Soul had been *Delusion*; but I still trust the Lord will bring him back, *heal his Backslidings, and love him freely*. For my Part, I was always moved to encourage Mr. Wathen, thro' a Desire that *Good might be done, and the Work carried on*, let the Instruments be ever so weak. And tho' I have been *too forward* myself, yet the Lord has had *Mercy on me*, and has helped me *not to cast of my Confidence*, but to trust in Him, who looks on the *Security of the Heart* more than on the *outside Performance*.

At the End of the Lesson, I show'd them the *different Effects the preaching of the Gospel* had on different Persons;

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to some 'twas a *Savour of Death unto Death*~ to others a *Savour of Life unto Life*, and warned them against being found in the Number of the former, especially *in this Day of GOD's Visitation*, when, if 'twas not their own Faults, they might, in *England and America*, hear the *Gospel preached with Power*, and in its *Purity*; and that if they did not obey it, it would turn to their *Condemnation*, which I pray'd the Lord to prevent.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G— in the Middle of the Day, as well as at Night, and *the Presence of the Lord was with us*. Interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 48-39. Long. 49-45. *Thursday, June 5*. Read Prayers, and was assisted to expound Part of the Second Lesson, being the Sixth of *St. John*, shewing the Prejudices Persons take against the *Ministers of Christ*, by Reason of the *Meanness* of their *Appearance, Birth, or Education*, not considering the *Wisdom, Spirit, and Power* by which they speak.

From the Example of *Herod*, I told them, Persons might, hear a *Minister of CHRIST* gladly, and do many Things thereupon, by way of *Reformation*, and yet be still as far from the *Kingdom of God* as the most common *Harlot*, for want of a *total Renovation and Change of Heart*, to enable them to part with the most darling *Herodias*, the most beloved *Lust*, tho' as dear as a *Right Hand or a Right Eye*; or that to *offend thus in one Point, a Man lies under the Curse of the whole Law*, which nothing but the *Blood of CHRIST* can *redeem* us from. I told them, from the *Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes*, not to be afraid of *CHRIST's Service*, on Account of *Difficulties*, but obey *CHRIST's present Commands*, as the *Disciples did*, when they made the *Multitude* sit down on the Grass, tho' they knew not how they were to be fed. Had *CHRIST* multiplied the Loaves into a sufficient Quantity first, there had not been so much Room for *Faith* in the *Disciples* or the *Multitude*; but multiplying them as they were given out, there was Room for *Faith* in both.

Thus when we have any *Work to do for CHRIST* (as we have daily) and, *in Comparison to the Work*, we find in ourselves as little Ability to do it as the *Disciples* found Ability in themselves to feed Five Thousand with Five Loaves; yet if we use the *little* we have, and depend on *CHRIST* for Supply, we shall as surely succeed as they did, and shall be

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amazed at the Power of God in us; but then if our Grace is weak, or however to keep the Balance, lest we should be pushed up after great Enlargements or Visitations, CHRIST often seems to withdraw from us, as he did from the Disciples, and by and by a Storm succeeds, and we think our poor Souls are in Jeopardy, 'till our sweet JESUS again shows his lovely Face, and we hear his harmonious Voice sounding in our Ears, and saying, *Be of good Cheer, it is I, be not afraid.* At the Close, I told them this was Encouragement to come to JESUS CHRIST, and exhorted them to seek an Interest in him, otherwise these would be dark Sayings to them, and they would be apt to say of Persons who talk in this Manner, as the Pharisees did of CHRIST, *The Man is mad, and has a Devil, Why hear ye him?*

Wrote sundry Letters for Town and Country, to give an Account of our coming over, and of our Business, and on the Work of God in America, desiring Answers to know how the same Work goes on in England. *O may the Lord hasten the Coming of his Kingdom, that we may see Jerusalem in Prosperity all our Life long.*

After Evening Prayer I was enabled to give a brief Exposition on the second Lesson., viz. the third Chapter of the second Epistle to the Corinthians; shewing, that if we look'd no farther than the Letter of Scripture, it would be only a killing, dead Letter to us; that as CHRIST was the Treasure hid in the Old Testament from the carnal JESUS, so is his true Doctrine as much now hid in the New, from all carnal Professors of Christianity. I warned them to flee from under the Law, not from it as a Rule of Action, but as a Covenant of Works, which would administer nothing but Condemnation, because it says, *Cursed is every one that continueth not in all Things that are written in the Law, to do them;* and I press'd them to lay hold on the Righteousness of JESUS CHRIST, who has redeemed his Elect from the Curse of the Law, being made a Curse for them, and thereby they would have the Scales removed from their Eyes, and the Veil from their Hearts; which Veil is as much over our Hearts (by Nature) when we read the Gospel, as it was over the unconverted Jews when they read the Law; and that nothing but JESUS CHRIST could move it. I show'd them the Liberty of a Christian was not a Liberty to sin, but a glorious Freedom from the Slavery of Sin, and from Bigotry to this or that peculiar Form of Worship, where the Differences were not essential; told them we must look for the Glory
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of CHRIST in the *Mysteries of the Gospel*, which was as a *Glass*, to shew them unto us, and hereby we were to get a *Conformity to the Image of CHRIST*, and be *changed from one Degree of Glory to another*; but *all by the Spirit and Power of the Everlasting GOD*, without which they would remain just as they were, *poor and miserable, and blind and naked*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; made Intercession till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 48–51. Long. 53–45. *Friday, June 6.* Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, Morning and Evening. Read Prayers, and sung Psalms, Morning and Evening, but did not expound, because I understood the *Sailors* were backward in coming to Prayers on that Account: So as I had often *told them the Truth*, given them *Warning*, and *delivered my Soul*, I found *no Freedom* to proceed any farther in that Way; but thought it best *to leave them to God and his own Word*, which they daily hear in the Chapters and Psalms, and *if they believe not them, neither will they be perswaded tho' one rose from the Dead*.

Wrote several Letters, particularly one to that choice Servant of CHRIST, Mrs. *Ann Dutton*, of *Great Gransden* in *Huntingdonshire*, to whom I mentioned my Doubts and Fears, in order to receive Comfort from her precious Answers. I told her I much fear'd I should return more a *Weakling* in Grace than I came out; that I generally *drove my Chariot Wheels heavily*, and that I was afraid of always continuing *an Infant in Grace*; that sometimes I thought I had *joint Faith*, at other Times I was ready to think I had *none*, especially upon reading some searching *New-England Books*, &c. that when I read the *Experiences* of other Christians, and found not the same in myself, I was apt to be cast down, but that I durst not cast off *my Confidence in God*, who has so marvellously brought me *hitherto*, and of whose *Eternal, Everlasting, Electing Love* to my Soul I have had so many sweet *Experiences*.

When I had finished the Letter, I providentially read one I had from her in *May, 1739.* full of such *Comforts* and *direct Answers* to what I had been writing, that it filled my *Eyes with Tears of Joy*. O how sweet is the *Balm of Gilead* to a *wounded Soul!* 'tis like the *Oil and Wine* of the good *Samaritan*, when the poor Soul has *fell*

among Thieves, which have wounded him, and left him half dead.—O sweet JESUS! Thou art the good Samaritan, who wilt not only comfort us under present Tribulations, but wilt order the Heavenly Host to take Care of us, and keep our Feet from falling; and whatever is expended by Angels or Men upon us, thou wilt repay it.

Interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 48—52. Long. 57—57. Saturday, June 7. Sung and pray'd with Brother G— Morning and Evening. Read Prayers, and sung Psalms twice. Wrote several Letters, particularly to the Religious Societies at Basingstoke and Cheltenham, exhorting them to examine themselves, and see whether they were in the Faith; which Faith being the Gift of God, nothing less than his Almighty Power can work it in the Heart; wherefore I besought them to strive earnestly for this saving Faith in their Souls, whereby they would overcome the World, and trample over all the Power of the Enemy, subdue the Kingdom of Darkness in their Souls, lay hold on the Righteousness of CHRIST, and all the Promises of the Gospel.

I told them, this Faith, if true, would work by Love to JESUS CHRIST, and bring into Captivity every Thought to the Obedience of CHRIST. It would cast down Imaginations, and every high Thing that exalteth itself in our Hearts against the Knowledge of GOD. It would stop the Mouth of the roaring Lion in our Souls, and quench the Fire of Lust in our Members. It would produce Strength out of Weakness; and all this it would do, by turning its Eye upon the Lord JESUS CHRIST, either as he hung upon the Cross, or as he is now exalted at the Right Hand of God.

Told them, in order to find this Faith, they must first be convinced of Sin. That unless the Comforter is sent by JESUS CHRIST into our Hearts from the Father, to convince us of Sin, particularly of that damning Sin of Unbelief, we shall never be clothed with the Righteousness of JESUS CHRIST, nor will the Prince of this World ever be judged and cast out of our Hearts, for his Goods are in Peace, while he keeps the Soul under the Power of that one Sin of unbelief which is the Spring, the Root and Fountain from whence all other Sins proceed, as Faith or Believing is the Spring from whence all Graces of the Holy Spirit flow.

I exhorted them to *search the Scriptures* daily, as for *hid Treasure*, and for the *Pearl of great Price*; to *live in Love and Peace*, and the *God of Peace should be with them*.

After Evening Prayer, I told the People I had thought, several Reasons not to speak any more upon the *Lesson*, partly from my own *Inability*, and partly from the *Offence* I found it gave; that I had often told them the *Truth out of Love to their Souls*, and for the rest *I must leave it to God and their own Consciences*; I mean as to what Effect it may have upon them. I told them the Lesson was so winning, being the Fifth of the Second of *Corinthians*, that it moved me to speak thus much, as *knowing that we must all shortly appear before the Judgment Seat of JESUS CHRIST*, every one to receive the *Things done in his Body*, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. That knowing therefore this *Terror of the Lord*, I was constrain'd by the *Love of CHRIST to persuade them to be reconciled to God*.

I besought them to refrain from *Swearing*, and that we might *live in Peace, in Love and quietness*, which, blessed be *GOD*, we have hitherto done.

Interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 48-58. Long. 61-46. *Sunday, June 8*. Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; Morning and Evening, read both Services in the Morning; sung Psalms twice, and then read Mr. *Whitefield's Sermon on the Power of Christ's Resurrection*.—In the Afternoon read Prayers, and sung Psalms three Times, and our good Friend Mr. *White* preach'd on the *penitent Thief*, who said, "*And we indeed justly, for we receive the due Reward of our Deeds, but this Man hath done nothing amiss.*"

Shewing, that the most *severe Dispensations* we can meet with in this Life, are only the *due Reward of our Deeds*, nay *infinitely less than our Sins deserve*, which required an *infinite Ransom* to be paid for them.

He shew'd the *Rareness of the Penitent's Faith*, who relied on *CHRIST*, and own'd him, when *one Disciple had just betray'd him*, another *denied him*, and *all had forsook him*, when the *chief Priests*, were deriding him, the *Soldiers mocking him*, and his fellow *Prisoner railing on him*. Thus did the *penitent Thief* shew his *Faith by his Works*. *Such Works as none before or since ever did or can perform*. Therefore let none presume to delay their *Repentance on his Account*, but let us *strive to imitate his Faith*

in the best Manner we can, and then we shall be Sharers in his Happiness, viz. by owning the Doctrine and Ways of CHRIST, and walking in them, tho' all the World forsakes them, and tho' we should lay down our Lives for so doing.

Wrote several Letters, particularly one to a Relation, whom I invited to come to CHRIST, from the *Amiability of his Person, and Sweetness of his Ways.*—I shew'd her that He was *the Rose of Sharon, the Lilly of the Valleys, the Lily among Thorns; that he was fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, and the Chief among Ten Thousand; that he was the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth. The Spouse in the Canticles says, How much better is his Love than Wine! and the Smell of his Ointment than all Spices! He is a Well of Living Water springing up to eternal Life; he is more precious than Rubies, and all the Things we can desire are not to be compared unto him: Heaven is no Heaven without him, and Hell is no Hell with him.*—Come then, (I said) *dear Cousin, and eat of his pleasant Fruits.*—O taste and see how gracious he is! How fair and how pleasant he is for Delights! He is sweeter than Honey and the Honey Comb.—Since then the dear Lord Jesus Christ is altogether lovely, and a Thousand Times more than I can express, make haste and come to him, and give him your whole Heart. Don't you think he deserves it? I am sure you do.—Lay your self then at his Feet, water them with your Tears, and wipe them with the Hairs of your Head, and then you'll see his Everlasting, Eternal, Unchangeable Love to your Soul. You'll then see that he gave himself, and all his glory, for you; And does not this deserve some Returns of Love? Was your Heart once fired with his Love, you'd find it stronger than Death; you'd wish for a Thousand Tongues to speak for him, and a Thousand Lives to lay down for him: Your Feet would he (like Hart's Feet) swift to run after him; you'd count all Things but Dung and Dross in Comparison of him; you'd gladly spend and be spent for him, and not count even your Life dear unto yourself, so that you might finish your Course with Joy. I told her he was now gathering his Summer Fruits, and counting up his Jewels, and pray'd that she might be precious in his Sight.

Wrote to my beloved Brother William Wynn, at Bristol, among other Things, as follows. "Help me by your
"Prayers, that I may have a prosperous Journey to you by
"the

“the Will of GOD, that I may be filled with your sweet
 “Company, refresh’d in my Spirit, and that we may rejoice
 “together for what GOD has done for our Souls; and for his
 “dear Church and People. O my dear Brother! My
 “Heart is enlarg’d towards you, my Bowels yern upon you;
 “very pleasant have your Letters been to me, they have been
 “an Odour of a sweet Smell; because you have kept close to
 “the Side of your dear Jesus; you have learnt to Foot it in
 “his Paths, and to follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.
 “Tell me, my dear Brother, Is not your Beloved as the
 “Apple-Tree among the Trees of the Wood? Have you not
 “sat under his Shadow with great Delight? And has not his
 “Fruit been sweet to your Taste? Has he not often said, My
 “Beloved is mine, and I am his? Has he not often whisper’d
 “in your Ear by his still small Voice, saying, I have lov’d
 “thee with an everlasting Love, therefore with Loving-kind-
 “ness have I drawn thee; I will never leave thee, nor for-
 “sake thee? These, and all other the exceeding great and
 “precious Promises, scatter’d up and down the sacred Ora-
 “cles are, I trust, your Portion, and you have a Right to
 “by hold of them, for JESUS CHRIST has purchased them,
 “and left them as so many Legacies to his Church; they
 “are what every Believer daily lives upon; he can no
 “more live without his Promise, than a Miser without
 “his Interest.”

Interceded till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace.
 Blessed be GOD.

Lat. 49-29. Long. 64-24. Monday, June 9. Sung
 and pray’d with Brother G—, and read Prayers, and
 sung Psalms twice, Morning and Evening.

Wrote several Letters. Observed in one, “that GOD
 “had greatly blessed our Brother’s Labours in America, and
 “that the more Man opposed, the more the Work goes on;
 “that our Enemies, like the Canaanites, seem to have no
 “Spirit left in them, but fail every where because of us;
 “asham’d as it were to shew their guilty Heads. That at
 “Charles Town there was a Free-will Baptist Teacher,
 “named Heywood, openly opposed the Doctrines of Grace,
 “like Foster, but the Congregation, where he preach’d, re-
 “fused him the Use of their Meeting since. That the
 “High-Priest (the Commissary of Charles-Town) turn’d us
 “out of his House, upon our Brother’s telling him he should
 “exclaim against him for approving and allowing Balls and
 “Assemblies. That at Philadelphia, I trusted in the Lord
 “JESUS,

“JESUS, we had *demolish'd Satan's strongest Hold*, viz. *the Dancing, Assembly and Musick Room*, they being all *shut up* the Week we came away, and had *no Meeting* for Two Nights before. But what is most of all pleasing is, that *the Lord is bringing Salvation* to the *poor despised Negroes*; many of them attend the *Word*, and some in *Philadelphia* have actually *toiled the good Word of Life*, and felt the *Powers of the World to come*, and by Means of the intended *School* (which is *actually order'd to be built*, and which I doubted not his Assistance in promoting, as *GOD* should enable him, among his Friends) I did believe *GOD would prepare a Way for the Salvation of many of them*.—I told him, *some few of the Clergy* admitted our Brother into *their Pulpits*, but that most of them were *violent Opposers*, especially since our Brother has so openly condemned *Archbishop Tillotson*: that, *blessed be GOD*, that Deceiver was at last *discover'd*, and *our Age* must have been *grossly wicked*, or his Works could never have *passed thus long for current Gospel*; but that *I trusted in the Lord JESUS*, he was about to deliver his Church from such *blind Guides*.

“I told him, that most of the *Dissenting Clergy* (excepting *Mr. Tennants* and their *godly Associates*) were I feared also against us in their *Hearts*, tho' at present they were *outwardly civil*; nay, *some pretend to water what is planted by the Power of GOD*, and have set up *Lectures*, but I feared they would *dawn with untemper'd Mortar*, and build *Wood, Hay, Stubble*; for I was inform'd one of them *preach'd against the Necessity of giving an Account of our Conversion*, and that I heard the *same Person* approach very near to *Justification by Works*, but that *GOD would remove such Builders out of his Church, who corrupt the Word of GOD, and do not preach the Truth as it is in JESUS*.”

In another Letter, I noted “*Mr. Whitefield's Design*, by *the Will of God*, to have a *Town* upon our *Land* in *Pennsylvania*, and to call it *English Town*.—Concerning *Archbishop Tillotson*, I observed that our Brother had wrote a *second Letter against him*, which I believed would surprise most People, to see that such *base Coin* should *pass current* for so many Years, but that, *blessed be God*, the *Traitor* was *discover'd*.—*Judas sold his Lord for Thirty Pieces of Silver*, the *Archbishop* got a *better Price*, perhaps *Thirty Bags of Gold*, or more, that's all the Difference;

“rence; for the *Archbishop* was actually bred in the *Schools*
 “of the *Prophets*, was joined with many (as I believe)
 “faithful *Ministers* in the *Morning Lecture* at *Cripplegate*,
 “before the *Restoration*; and I saw a *Sermon* of his at *Sa-*
 “*vannah*, bound up with the rest of those preached at that
 “*Lecture*.—It was not on a *fundamental Point*, but I dare
 “say, he would not have been admitted in those *Lectures*,
 “had he preached the *Doctrine* he did when *Archbishop*.—
 “But the *Love of Money is the Root of all Evil*, and he
 “chose his good *Things* here, a *Temporal* rather than an
 “*Eternal Crown*. I pray’d that he and I might avoid this
 “*Rock*, and count all *Things* but *Dung and Dross*, so that
 “we might win *CHRIST*.

Writing to a rich *Friend*, I told him, “if the *Lord*
 “should incline him, out of *Love* to him, to contribute to the
 “*Negroe-School*, I believed it would be an *Odour of a sweet*
 “*Smell*; that I had wrote to him freely in my last, in pure
 “*Love* to his precious *Soul*, being *jealous* over him with a
 “*Godly Jealousy*, knowing how hard it is for a rich *Man*
 “to enter the *Kingdom of Heaven*; that ’twas a hard *Mat-*
 “*ter* to sell all for *CHRIST*, and unless we sold all our *Sins*
 “absolutely, and our *Riches in Affection*, I was sure we could
 “not close with a *crucified Redeemer*, who had not where
 “to lay his *Head*. Wrote another *Friend*, that our *Bro-*
 “*ther* was to go next *Month*, or in *August*, by the will of
 “*God*, to *Boston*, and to lodge at the *House* of *Mr. Wil-*
 “*lard*, *Secretary of the Province*, where is great *Expecta-*
 “*tion* of him, so I hoped the *Lord* had much *People* in
 “that *City*. By all *Accounts*, tho’ they have a strict out-
 “*ward Discipline*, yet the *Power of Godliness* is extreme-
 “ly sunk, not only among the *People*, but among the
 “*Pastors and Teachers*, who, I fear (*Jeshurun-like*) are
 “waxed fat, and kick against *CHRIST*.—Many, I be-
 “lieve, hold the *Truth in Unrighteousness*, and I trust in
 “the *Lord JESUS*, they will either be *convicted* or con-
 “*founded* by our dear *Brother’s Ministry*. The false *Bot-*
 “*toms* of many in *New-York*, *Pensilvania*, and *New Jersey*,
 “are already *discovered*, and, *blessed be God*, the *Word*
 “has been to some *Ministers*, as well as *People*, a *Savour of*
 “*Life unto Life*. There were, before we came, about
 “*Eight or Nine Godly Ministers*, who, (like the *Mr. Er-*
 “*skines*, and their *Associates* in *Scotland*) were opposed by
 “the *carnal Synod*; these all immediately joined us, and
 “upon our *Brother’s* coming, *Four or Five* are added to
 “their

“their Number, who are quickened and strengthen'd to go about doing Good, and to preach the Everlasting Gospel in the Lanes and Streets. Thus is the Lord daily sending his Servants to seek out the lost Sheep of our Israel, and by Means of the Negroe-School, I trust a Way is making for them to become the Lord's People, which were not his People.—I believe the Lord is working a great Work upon the Earth, and who knows but we are come to the Dawnings of the Glory of the latter Day?—tho' the Work is very great for the Time, and the mighty Hand of God is seen therein; yet I believe 'tis but as a Grain of Mustard-seed, to what it will be. Satan has triumph'd a long Time, and the Lord is now laying bare his Almighty Arm, to crush the haughty Foe. Happy those who are listed in Christ's Service to carry on the War against Sin and Satan, while Nation is rising against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom.

Interceded 'till Midnight; and after then, laid me down in Peace. Blessed be the Name of my dear Lord JESUS.

Lat. 49-42. Long. 67-54. Tuesday, June 10. Sung and pray'd with Brother G—; read Prayers and sung Psalms Twice Morning and Evening. Wrote my Journal, and Two Letters to Two Ladies, to excite them to assist in the Contribution to the Negroe School, as *Fruit that might abound to their Account*.—This Morning the Ship-men deemed they drew near Land, and sounded, but found no Ground.—In the Evening they sounded again, and found it 75 Fathom. We also spoke with a French Ship bound from *St. Domingo* to *Havre de Grace*, and were well pleased to find she was no Enemy.

Interceded 'till past Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace Blessed be God.

Lat. 49-35. Long. 70. Wednesday, June 11. Read Part of a Book intitled, *Baxterianism Barefaced*; wherein are the following Account of Christian Paradoxes, taken from Mr. *Herbert Palmer*, B. D. M. of *Queen's College, Cambridge*.

1. A Christian is one who believes what his Reason can not comprehend.

2. Who hopes for that which neither he or any Man alive ever saw.

3. He labours for that he knows he can never attain thereby.

4. Yet,

4. Yet in the Issue his *Belief* appears not to have been false; his *Hope* makes him not ashamed, and his *Labour* is not in vain.

5. He believes *three* to be *one*, and *one* to be *three*; a *Father* not to be elder than his *Son*, and the *Son* to be equal with the *Father*, and *one* proceeding from *both*, to be fully equal to *Both*.

6. He believes in *one Nature* three Persons, and in *one Person* two *Natures*.

7. He believes a *Virgin* to be a *Mother*, and her *Son* to be her *Maker*.

8. He believes *Him* to be born in *Time* who was from *Everlasting*; and to be shut up in a *narrow Room*, whom *Heaven* and *Earth* could never contain.

9. He believes *Him* to have been a *weak Child* carried in Arms, who is the *Almighty*; and him to have *died*, who only hath *Life* and *Immortality* in himself.

10. He believes *the GOD of all Grace* to have been angry with one who never offended him; and *the GOD that hates all sin* to be reconciled to *himself*, tho' *sinning* continually, and never making or being able to make *Satisfaction*.

11. He believes the *most high GOD* to have *punish'd* a most *innocent Person*; and to have *justified himself*, tho' a most *ungodly Sinner*.

12. He believes *himself* freely *pardon'd*, and yet that a sufficient *Satisfaction* was paid for him.

13. He believes *himself* to be precious in *GOD's Sight*, yet loaths *himself* in his *own Sight*.

14. He dares not *justify himself*, even in those Things wherein he knows *no Fault* in himself: Yet he believes *GOD* accepts those *Services* wherein himself is able to find *many Faults*.

15. He *praiseth GOD* for his *Justice*, and *fears* him for his *Mercies*.

16. He is so *ashamed*, that he dares not open his mouth *before GOD*, yet comes with *Boldness* to *GOD*, and asks *any Thing* he needs.

17. He is so *humble* as to acknowledge himself to *deserve* nothing but *Evil*, yet so *confident* as to believe *GOD* means him all *good*.

18. He is one that *fears always*, yet is as *bold as a Lion*.

19. He is often *sorrowful* yet always *rejoicing*; Often *complaining*, yet always *giving of Thanks*.

20. He is most *lowly minded*, yet the *greatest Aspirer*; most *contented*, yet *ever craving*.

21. He bears a *lofty Spirit*, in a *mean Condition*; and when he is *aloft* thinks *meanly* of himself.

22. He is *rich in Poverty*, and *poor* in the midst of *Riches*.

23. He believes all *the World* to be his, yet dares take *nothing* without *special Leave*.

24. He *covenants* with GOD for *nothing*, yet looks for the *greatest Reward*.

25. He *looses* his *Life*, and *gains* by it, and even while he *looses* it, he *saves* it.

26. He lives not to *himself*, yet of all others is most wise *for himself*.

27. He *denies* himself often; yet no Man that most *pleases* himself, loves himself so well.

28. He is the most *reproached* and most *honoured*.

29. He hath the most *Afflictions* and most *Comfort*.

30. The more *Injuries* his *Enemies* do to him, the more *Advantage* he gets by them.

31. The more he himself *forsakes* of *worldly Things*, the more he enjoys of them.

32. He is most *temperate* of all Men, yet fares most *deliciously*.

33. He *lends* and *gives* most *freely*, yet is the *greatest Usurer*.

34. He is *meeke* towards all Men, yet *inexorable* by Men.

35. He is the best *Child*, *Brother*, *Husband*, *Friend*, yet hates *Father* and *Mother*, *Wife* and *Brethren*, &c.

36. He *loves* all Men as himself, yet *hates* some Men with perfect *Hatred*.

37. He desires to have *more Grace* than *any* hath in the *World*, yet he is truly sorry when he sees any Man have *less* than himself.

38. He *knows* no Man after the *Flesh*, yet gives to all Men their *due Respects*.

39. He knows if he *pleases Men*, he is *not the Servant of CHRIST*, yet for *CHRIST's Sake* he *pleases all Men in all Things*.

40. He is a *Peace-Maker*, yet continually, *fighting*, and an *irreconcilable Enemy*.

41. He believes him to be *worse than an Infidel* who *provides not for his Family*, yet he himself lives and dies without *Care*.

42. He

42. He is *severe* to his Children, because he *loves* them; and being *favourable* to his *Enemies*, revenges himself upon them.

43. He counts all his *Inferiors* his *Fellows*, yet stands strictly upon his *Authority*.

44. He believes the *Angels* to be more *excellent Creatures* than himself, and yet counts *them* his *Servants*.

45. He believes he receives many good Turns *by their Means*, yet he never *prays* their Assistance, nor *craves their Prayers*, nor offers them *Thanks*, which yet he doth not disdain to do to *the meanest Christian*.

46. He believes himself to be a *King*, how *mean* soever he be; and how *great* soever he be, that he is not too good to be *Servant* to the poorest *Saint*.

47. He *receives not Honour from Men*, yet highly prizes a *good Name*.

48. He believes GOD hath *hidden* every Man that *doth him Good*, to do so; yet he, *of all other Men*, is the most thankful to them that do ought for him.

49. He would *lay down his Life* to save the *Soul* of his Enemy, yet will not *venture upon one Sin* to save his *Life* that hath saved his.

50. He believes CHRIST to have *no need of any Thing* he doth, yet makes Account he relieves CHRIST in all his *Members*.

51. He knows he can *do nothing of himself*, yet labour; *to work out his own Salvation*.

52. He confesses he *can do nothing*, yet as truly professes *he ton do all Things*.

53. He knows that *Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God*, yet believes *he shall go to Heaven Body and Soul*.

54. He *trembles at God's Word*, yet counts it *sweeter to him than Honey and the Honey Comb*, and *dearer than Thousands of Gold and Silver*.

55. He believes that GOD will never *damn* him; and yet he *fears him* for being *able to cast him into Hell*.

56. He knows he shall not be *saved* by his Works, and yet *doth all the good Works he can*, and believes he shall not be saved *without* them.

57. He knows *God's Providence* orders all Things, yet is *so diligent in his Business*, as if he were *to cut out his own Fortune*.

58. He believes before-hand GOD hath purposed what shall be, and that nothing can make him alter his Purpose; yet *prays* and *endeavours* as if he would *force* GOD to satisfy him *however*.

59. He *prays* and *labours* for what he *believes* GOD means to *give* him; and the more *assured* he is, the more *earnest*.

60. He prays with all his Heart not to be *led into Temptation*, yet *rejoices* when he is *fallen into it*.

61. He believes his Prayers to be *heard* even when they are *denied*, and gives Thanks for that which he *pray'd against*.

62. He hath within him *Flesh and Spirit*, yet is, not a *double-minded Man*.

63. He is often *led away Captive by the Law of Sin*, yet it never gets the *Dominion over him*.

64. He *cannot sin*, yet he can do nothing without *Sin*.

65. He *wavers* and *doubts*, and yet *obtains*: He is often *toss'd and shaken*, yet like *Mount Zion*.

66. He is a *Serpent* and a *Dove*, a *Lamb* and a *Lion*, a *Reed* and a *Cedar*.

67. He thinks sometimes GOD hath *no Mercy* for him, and yet *resolves to die in the Pursuit if it*.

68. He *wrestles with God*, and *prevails*; and tho' yielding himself *unworthy of the least Blessing he enjoys already*, yet, *Jacob-like*, will not let GOD go without a *new Blessing*.

69. He sometimes thinks himself to have *no Grace at all*, and yet how poor and afflicted soever he be betides, he would not change Conditions with the most prosperous upon Earth, that is a *manifest Worldling*.

70. He thinks sometimes the Ordinances of GOD do him *no Good* at all, and yet he would rather *part with his Life* than be *deprived* of them.

71. He was *born dead*, and yet so as it had been *Murder* to have taken his Life away.

72. When *Life* was first put into him, is sometimes unknown; with *some* not until they had learned to *speak*, with others, not until they were grown up to the *Stature of a Man*; and with others, not till they were ready to drop into their Graves for *Age*.

73. After he begins to *live*, he is ever *dying*; and tho' he has an *Eternal Life* begun in him, yet he makes Account he hath a *Death* to pass through.

74. He

74. He counts *Self-Murder* a most heinous Sin, yet he is continually busied in *crucifying his Flesh*, and putting to *Death his Earthly Members*.

75. He believes that his Soul and Body shall be as full of Glory as theirs that have more, and not more full than theirs that have less.

76. He lives *invisibly* to those that *see* him, and those that *knew him best* do but *guess at him*; yet they sometimes *go farther into him*, and *judge more truly* of him than himself doth.

77. In fine, his *Death* makes not an *End* of him: His *Soul*, which was *created for his Body*, and is not to be perfected *without his Body*, is *more happy* when it is *separated from it* than it was all the while it was *united to it*; and his *Body*, tho' torn in Pieces, burnt to Ashes, ground to Powder, or turn'd into Rottenness, shall be no Loser. His *Advocate*, his *Surety* shall be his *Judge*, his *mortal Part* shall become *immortal*, and what was *sown in Corruption* shall be raised in *Incorruption and Glory*; and his *spiritual Part*, tho' it had a *Beginning*, shall have no *End*, and himself a *finite Creature*, shall be possess'd of an *infinite Happiness*. Thus far Mr. *Palmer*, with very little Alteration. And I would add, that,

78. He sometimes finds *Nature* so strongly oppose *Grace*, that he wonders there is a Christian in the World; at other Times, when *Grace* is *triumphant*, he wonders *all the World* are not *Christians*.

79. He is *rich and poor*, *wise and unwise*, *swift and slow*; *sober*, yet *beside himself*; *weak and strong*; *blind*, and yet *can see*; *deaf*, and yet *can hear*; *lame*, and yet *can walk*; *naked*, and yet *cloathed*; *dumb*, and yet *can speak*; *filthy*, and yet *clean*; *black as Hell*, yet *white as Snow*; a *Slave*, and yet *redeem'd*; a *Servant*, yet at *Liberty*; a *Bondsman*, and yet a *Freeman*; *married*, and yet *single*.

80. He thinks the *Time long*, and yet no onethinks it *passes away so fast*; he is *full*, and yet *hungry*; he has a *Fountain of living Water* within him, and yet he is *thirsty*; he calls nothing *his own*, nor any Place *his Home*, yet counts *every place his*, that the *Sole of his Foot shall tread upon*; he is *dead*, and yet *alive*; he was a *Child of Wrath*, and *Heir of Hell*, yet is now a *Child of Grace* and *Heir of Glory*; he is the most careful of any Man to provide for *Futurity*, yet he takes no Thought for the *Morrow*.

Sung

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, Morning and Evening. This being his *Majesty's Accession*, read the Office and sung Psalms proper for that Occasion. Wrote *Journal*, and sundry Letters, to give my Friends an Account of the *Work of GOD*, and of my *Business in England*, condescending with *Exhortations* to them to lay hold on the *Promises of the Gospel*, which are the *Portion of all true Believers*, and earnestly besought them not to cease *wrestling with GOD*, 'till they were *applied*, and *set home* upon their Souls, especially those *sweet Words of CHRIST's*, which he whispers in the Ears of all the *Elect*, viz. "*Son or Daughter, be of good cheer thy Sins be forgiven thee; I have loved thee with an everlasting Love, and with Loving-Kindness have drawn thee, &c.*"

Interceded 'till Midnight, and laid me down in Peace. Blessed be the LORD.

Lat. 49-50. *Thursday, June 12.* Last Night the Ship men sounded, and found it sixty five Fathom. This Morning at Two o' Clock, they sounded, and found it sixty Fathom. Seven Days ago I remark'd my desiring the Captain to *tack* the Ship, because she went a great Way from her *Course*, and that was the most likely Method for GOD to send us a *fair Wind*, which they were wishing for, accordingly, they turn'd the Ship about, and in Two Hours Wind came *fair*, and continued 'till this Morning six o' Clock, in which Time we sail'd 976 Miles.

Spoke with a *Dutch Ship*, bound from *Amsterdam Naples*, who told us we were near the *Rocks of Scilly*, which we saw presently after, but could not *Weather them*, so we turn'd about, and stood to the Westward.—O that we were as careful to avoid *Rocks* in our *Spiritual Course*; but the *Children of this World are wiser in this Generation than the Children of Light.*

Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, and read Prayers, Morning and Evening.

Wrote several Letters. Observ'd in one, that GOD hath greatly blessed our Brother's Labours in *America*, and been pleased to *make manifest the Savour of his Knowledge* by him in *every Place*. *Hell* trembles before him, and the *Kingdom of Darkness* totters, and is shaken; the LORD is now *raising the fallen Tabernacle of David*, and is gathering together his *lost Sheep*. *The People which sat in Darkness have seen a great Light, and to those which sat in the Region*
and

and Shadow of Death, Light is sprung up.—The poor Negroes attend the Word, and some of them have been reached by the Power thereof, and have felt the Saviour stirring in their Hearts; and by Means of the intended School, (which is actually order'd to be built) the LORD will probably bring Salvation among them, and make them his People, which were not his People, and be found of them that fought him not, and be made manifest to them that asked not after him. And thus will the Lord, by this Means, provoke to Jealousy the Masters of our Israel; and by a foolish Nation will he anger them. For this let us thank our Heavenly Father, that he has hid these Things from the Wise and Prudent, and has revealed them unto Babes, for so it seemed good in his Sight. Desired he would also help me to give Thanks for the many Mercies, and abundant Grace bestow'd on us since we left England. The LORD has carried us thro' Eight Provinces in Winter-Time, in all about 1400 Miles by Land, and 10000 by Water; and tho' in many Perils, yet out of all the LORD delivered us, yea and will deliver those that trust in him.

Inclosed I sent him our Brother's Letters against that plausible Deceiver Archbishop Tillotson, whose Books have so long bewitch'd the World.—Blessed be GOD, the Imposture is discover'd; nevertheless, for this our Brother expects to suffer for many Things, and to be fet at nought by the Rabbies of our Church, and perhaps at last be killed by them.

Exhorted some other Friends, on this Occasion, to put the whole Armour of GOD, that we may be able to stand the Evil Day and having done all to stand.

Wrote to the Church at Bath, that I was by the Will of GOD to pass thro' Worcestershire and Gloster to Bristol, but whether it be his Will I should come to them I knew not yet; however I desired whether I come to see them or else were absent, I might hear of their Affairs, that they stood fast in one Spirit, with one Mind, striving together for the Faith of the Gospel; and in nothing Terrified by their Adversaries which was to them an evident Token of Perdition; but to you of Salvation and that of GOD.

After Evening Prayer, told the Sailors that I had observed more Swearing among them the last Week than I had done all the Voyage; and tho' I thought those present less guilty than others, yet I told them, if they did not reprove it, when they heard it, they were, in some measure, Partakers of the Guilt.—Exhorted them against it, from the Consideration,

ration, that if *we must give an Account for every idle Word, much more for every Oath*, which are every one register'd in the *Book of Remembrance*, and would every one be brought out against them at the *Day of Judgment*, unless washed away in the mean time by the *Blood of JESUS CHRIST*.—That tho' *Peter* was once overtaken in that *grievous Crime*, yet that no Person living *habitually* in any *one Sin* (much less an *habitual Swearer*) could possibly be in a State of *Salvation*.

Lat. 49—52. *Friday, June 13.* Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, and read Prayers and sung Psalms Morning and Evening. Wrote several Letters, was enlarged in Intercession, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Lat. 49—21. *Saturday, June 14.* Writing to a rich Friend, I mention'd the Largeness of our Collections in *America*, which I told him I did to *provoke him by the Forwardness of others, not that I desired a Gift, because I was to be the Messenger of it, but desired Fruit that might abound to his Account.* I added as follows. *St. Paul* tells *Timothy* to charge them who are rich in this World, that they be ready to give, glad to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in Store for themselves a good Foundation against the Time to come, that they may hold on *Eternal Life*; not trusting in uncertain Riches, but in the *Living God*, who giveth us all Things richly to enjoy. My dear Brother, do not you count all Things *Dung and Dross* for the Excellency of the Knowledge of *CHRIST*? And are not you content to suffer the Loss of all Things, to that you may win *CHRIST*? Verily, you will not repent your *Bargain*.—I write thus freely out of *pure Love*, nor do I doubt your ready Mind, only I thought meet to stir you up by way of Remembrance. Salute your dear Spouse, who I shall be glad to hear is become a *Wise Virgin*, and a *Follower of CHRIST*, like *Mary Magdalene*, and *Mary the Mother of James and Joses*, and the *Mother of Zebedee's Children*, and also *Joanna*, and other Women, who followed *JESUS* from *Galilee*, and ministred unto him of their Substance; and why may not your Spouse be as *holy, zealous, and pious* as they? For verily they were Persons of like *Passions and Frailties with ourselves*.

Wrote to Brother Oxley thus:

To

To my dearly beloved Brother in CHRIST, and to all, the Saints in CHRIST that are with you, Partakers of the Heavenly Gift, of the HOLY GHOST which is shed abroad in your Hearts; Grace, Mercy, and Peace from GOD our Father, and the Lord JESUS CHRIST.

Beloved,

“I am coming over with Brother G—, as an unworthy Messenger of the Churches from our dear Brother Whitefield, &c.—O my dear Friends, my Heart is enlarged towards you, my Bowels yern upon you, my Spirit has been with you when remaining in the broad Sea, with Winds and Waves around me, when passing thro’ the lonely Wilderness, and when surrounding the Throne of my dear Redeemer. Surely the Glory of the latter Day is coming on, when Satan will be bound, and CHRIST reign in Righteousness; for ’tis impossible to express with what Power the Kingdom of CHRIST is coming in America. Hell trembles before our Brother wherever he comes, and Vice sculks its guilty Head, and retires to secret Corners. Praise GOD for this, Praise GOD from whom all Blessings flow. Help me by your Prayers, that I may fulfil my Business, and return quickly to our Friends at Georgia with Joy; because the sooner we return to them, the sooner you’ll probably see our dear Brother.—Peace be with all that love our dear Lord JESUS.”

Wrote Mrs. Vaughans thus:

My dear Sisters,

“The Lord has done great Things for us since we saw you; help us to give Thanks for the abundant Mercies and Grace bestow’d on us.—We have been preserved from Perils by Land, and from Perils by Water. Our GOD has appeared for us wherever we went; made our Adversaries ashamed, and got himself the Victory in every Place; in Savannah, in Charles Town, in Philadelphia, and other Parts of Pensilvania, in New Jersey and New York; above all, the poor Negroes are like to become the Lord’s People; you know the Lord chuses the base Things of the World to confound the Mighty and Strong; even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy Sight.

“O my dear Sisters, I trust e’er now the Love of GOD is shed abroad upon your Hearts, and that you walk in Truth and Love, as we have received a Commandment from the Father.

“*Herein is Love; not that we loved GOD, but that he lov'd us, and sent his Son to be the Propitiation for our Sins: If then GOD so loved us, we ought also to love one another. If we love one another, GOD dwelleth in us, his Love is perfected in us; for GOD is Love, and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in GOD, and GOD in him. I have many Things to say, but will not with Pen and Ink write, trusting in the Lord JESUS to see you shortly, and speak Face to Face. Mean while, greet each other with a Kiss of Charity, and greet the Friends by Name.*”

Wrote to a rich Quaker thus:

“If GOD shall incline you, for Love to his dear Son, to contribute to the *Negroe-School*, I believe it will be an *acceptable Service* to JESUS CHRIST. I had an *Opportunity*, going over, to read both Volumes of *G. Fox's Journal*, and Part of *Seawell's History*, and I believe no *People* ever suffer'd for *Conscience-sake* more than your *Friends*; but I am sorry to say I found but *little of the same Spirit* among the *present Professors*: You know all *are not Israelites that are of Israel*; and the *Seed of the Serpent*, let it be in what *Profession* it will, *must persecute the Seed of the Woman*; as it was formerly with the *Apostles*, so it is now, Part of your *Friends held with us*, and Part *with our Adversaries*; for wherever the *Gospel* is *preached with Demonstration of the Spirit, and with Power*, it presently makes a *Division among the People*, One *against Two*, and *Two against Three*; the *Father against the Son*, and the *Son-in-Law against the Father-in-Law*; and a *Man's Foes are those of his own House*. 'Tis the *Cross of CHRIST* which *natural, carnal, worldly Men stumble at*. My *Prayer* for you and yours, dear Sir, is, that you may be *rich in good Works, rich in Faith*.—Pardon my *Freedom*, I think it proceeds *from Love* to our dear Lord JESUS, not because I am to be the *Messenger of this Ministration for the poor Negroes* do I desire a *Gift*, but I desire *Fruit that may abound to your Account*. Salute my dear Friend *Fowler*, and all that love the Lord JESUS. From, &c.”

Wrote to my Brother, the Clergyman, thus:

“I wrote you many Letters before I left *England*.—O that I may hear you are become a *despised Follower of a crucified Redeemer!* Believe me, I should rejoice more
“than

“than to hear *your Corn and Wine and Oil is increased*. If
 “*Prayers* can prevail to pull you from a *carnal World*,
 “they have not, they shall not (thro’ Grace) be wanting.
 “O how often have I wished for you, to have pleaded with
 “you! Methinks I could have brought Argument upon
 “Argument, *Lime upon Line, Precept upon Precept*.—But
 “perhaps my *Letters* are troublesome; perhaps my *Company*
 “would be more so.—If you are still of *the World*, I fear
 “I must complain with *Job, My Friends scorn me, he hath,*
 “*put my Brethren far from me, and my Acquaintance are,*
 “*verily estranged from me; my Kinsfolk have failed, and*
 “*my familiar Friends have forgotten me; all my inward*
 “*Friends abhorred me, and they whom I lov’d are turned*
 “*against me: Or with the Psalmist, I am become a Stran-*
 “*ger to my Brethren, and an Aiien to my Mother’s Children;*
 “*my Lovers and my Friends hast thou put away from me,*
 “*and bid mine Acquaintance out if my Sight*.—I am a *Re-*
 “*proach among my Neighbours, and a Fear to my Aquain-*
 “*tance; they that did see me without, fled from me. GOD*
 “forbid my dear Brother should help to fulfil there *Scrip-*
 “*tures in me, rather could I wish they were fulfilled in*
 “*you; for surely you would not be ashamed to suffer with*
 “*such Company as Job and David, much less should you*
 “*be ashamed to suffer with CHRIST; for if you suffer, you*
 “*shall reign with him*.—O my dear Brother, *break with*
 “*the World at once, and come away to CHRIST*.—Come
 “and join with Brother Benjamin and me.—*Lift in Christ’s*
 “*Service; count all Things Dung and Dross for the Excel-*
 “*lency of the Knowledge of CHRIST*.—Be content to suffer
 “*the Loss of all Things, so you may win him. Verily, you*
 “*will not repent your Bargain; for he is more precious than*
 “*Rubies, and on the Things you can desire are not to be*
 “*compared unto him*.—Dear Brother, O come upon
 “*CHRIST’s Side, for you cannot stand neuter: He that is*
 “*not for CHRIST is against him; the War is begun be-*
 “*tween Michael and the Dragon, and which do you think.*
 “*will get the Victory?*”

Sung and pray’d with Brother G— Morning and Even-
 ing.—Read Prayers, and sung Psalms in the Morning.—
 Read Prayers, and gave a brief Exhortation to the Sailors,
 in the Evening.—Interceded ’till near One o’ Clock, and
 went to Rest in the Arms of my dear Saviour. Praised be
 his Holy Name for ever.

Sunday,

Sunday, June 15. Saw the Land this Morning, being on the Coast of *Devonshire*, near the *Start Point*. Thanked GOD for the Sight of our Native Country. Pray'd that we might be prepared for going into a *naughty World*, and that tho' we were in the *World*, we might not be of it, but kept from the *Evil of it*.

Wrote to Brother *Humphreys* thus: "GOD hath greatly "blessed our Brother's Labours in *America*; the success "which attends him is amazing and wonderful. At the "Orphan-House we have Seventy in Family, and are daily "increasing with Children, Tradesmen, Servants, Builders, "Labourers, &c. At *Charles-Town*, we have been Twice, "and the second Time collected 70 *l. Sterling*, at one Ser- "mon, for the *Orphan-House*.—At *Philadelphia* we have "been twice, and the second Time collected 140 *l. Sterling*, "on one Lord's Day in the Fields, where was, by "Computation, 15000 Auditors. At *New Brunswick*, a "small Town in *New Jersey*, we were Twice, and col- "lected 25 *l. Sterling* on one Lord's Day, besides Collecti- "ons which were to be made at our Brothers going the "second Time to *New York*, and other Places in *New Jersey* and *Pensilvania*.—By this you may judge some- "what of the Greatness of the *Work of GOD*, tho' 'tis im- "possible to express in few Words the Greatness of it. The "Lord is about to answer his People's Prayers, for more "Labourers to be sent into the *Harvest*; for Ministers have "been lately spirited up to go about doing Good, and to preach "the everlasting Gospel in the Lanes and Streets, besides "Eight or Nine faithful Pastors, who were seeking the lost "Sheep of CHRIST before we came, and who immediate- "ly join'd us, strengthen'd our Hands, gave us the Right "Hand of Fellowship, and have been themselves much "quick'ned and enliven'd by our coming. The said Minis- "ters are much like Mr. *Erskines*, and his Associates in "Scotland, and are in the same Manner opposed by the "idle Shepherds, their carnal Brethren of the Synod. How- "ever, at present, the Lord restrains them from openly "opposing of us; nay, some of them strike in with the "Current, and seeing which Way the Stream runs, pretend "to water what is planted by the Power of GOD; but I "fear they will dawn with untemper'd Mortar, and and build "Wood, Hay, Stubble, upon the Rock CHRIST JESUS, "However, the Foundation of GOD standeth sure, having
"this

“*this Seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His, and none*
 “*that are His can finally be deceived: But GOD, I trust,*
 “*will purge his Church of false Teachers, and Corrupters*
 “*of his Word.—Blessed be GOD, that grand Deceiver,*
 “*Archbishop Tillotson, is laid open and discover’d, as you’ll*
 “*see by the inclosed. Help me to give Thanks for the a-*
 “*bundant Grace bestowed on us, particularly for the Sal-*
 “*vation that is coming to the poor Negroes. I doubt not*
 “*your Readiness to assist in the Collection for them, if in*
 “*your Power; nay, and I am perswaded, beyond your Pow-*
 “*er, you are willing of your self; so that I need not say any*
 “*Thing farther. I have many Things to say, but I trust I*
 “*shall see you at Mr. Bray’s, Brasier, in Little-Brittain,*
 “*where, by the Will of GOD, I am to lodge; and till*
 “*you have convenient Time to come, pray write to me of*
 “*all your Affairs, and how the Work of GOD goes on at*
 “*your Society at Deptford, and also at Burford, Glouces-*
 “*tershire. I direct this to my dear Brother Kent, as well*
 “*as you, desiring, if one is absent, the Letter may be sent*
 “*to the other; and desiring also, that Brother Kent will let*
 “*me know how the Word prospers at Hertford, and whe-*
 “*ther there’s any visible Increase of the Seed sown. I am*
 “*to both,*

an unworthy Servant of the Lord JESUS,

W. Seward.

Sung and pray’d with Brother G—, Morning and
 Evening. Read Prayers, and sung Psalms in the Morning,
 and read a Sermon of Mr. *Whitefield’s*, intitled, *Worldly*
Business no Plea for the Neglect of Religion, on this Text,
Let the Dead bury their Dead.—After Evening Service,
 Mr. *White* gave a very moving Exhortation to excite our
 Thankfulness for the Mercies we had received in the Voyage;
 particularly, that we had such a regular Method for the
 Worship of GOD, not frequently to be met with at Sea, the
 more was the Pity. Then he pray’d very powerfully, and
 preach’d upon these, Words, in *John xix. 30.* “*It is fi-*
nished;” shewing, that JESUS CHRIST had *finished our*
Redemption on the Cross, had paid the Debt we owed, and
had open’d a new and living Way into the Holy of Holies, by
his own Blood; but then this Redemption is peculiar, and
reaches none but his Elect, which were given to him by the
Father from Eternity, and make up his mystical Body, with-
out whom his Human Nature would be imperfect, foras-
much as he is the Head of the Church, which is his Body;
 and

and we know the *Head*, tho' in all Things it hath the *Pre-eminence*, yet is *nothing* without the *Body*, and Jesus Christ is the *Saviour of the Body*, (*Eph. v. 23.*) that is, of his *Body the Church*, and of *none else*; for 'tis the *Members of Christ alone*, whose Names are written in Heaven in the *Book of Life*, as the Psalmist says, and in *thy Book were all my Members written*. CHRIST was *elected*, *If. xlii. 1.* *1 Pet. ii. 6.* the *Church was elected*, *1 Pet. v. 13.* the *Saints were elected*, the *Angels were elected*; and all was done *before the Foundation of the World*, even from *Eternity*. In short, all our *Salvation is according to the Election of Grace*, without which we could never have *obtained it*, but must have been *blinded*, as well as the *rest of Mankind*, (*Rom. xi. 7.*) who were also *appointed* (*1 Pet. ii. 8.*) and *ordained to their Condemnation*, (*Jude iv.*) as the *Elect to their Salvation*. But *all Men cannot receive this Saying, save they to whom it is given; he that is able to receive it, let him receive it.*

Wrote several Letters; interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Monday, June 16. This Day we passed by *Peveral Point, Dorsetshire*, and drew near *the Isle of Wight*.—Sung and pray'd with Brother G—, Morning and Evening.—Read Prayers, and sung Psalms in the Morning, and after Evening Prayers was moved to give the Sailors an Exhortation, from a Consideration that it might be, perhaps, the last Time I should have an Opportunity to speak to them for the Good of their Souls. I desired them to consider the great Mercies we had received in having so pleasant and safe a Passage. I appealed to their own Consciences, whether, upon a *Temporal View* only, it was not much preferable to live, as (blessed be GOD) we had done, in much Peace and Quietness, with a regular Attendance on the Worship and Service of GOD, than to be, as is most commonly the Case, in much Tumults, Swearings, Cursings, Debates, Strifes, Envyings, Stripes, Whippings, Brawlings, and every evil Work.

From a Text in the second Lesson, I was excited to press them to a due Examination of themselves, whether they were in *the Faith*, or not; to put themselves on the *Trial*, and *prove themselves*, by this Text, that *JESUS CHRIST must be in them*, that is, they must be *Partakers of the self-same Divine Nature* as he was, *unless we are Reprobates*. That there was no *Medium, one, or the other*, we must be. That if the *Gifted Church of Corinth* needed this Exhortation

ion from St. Paul, much more we, who have not those Gifts.—I told them, the *best Christians* had many *Doubts*, and often put themselves on this *Search*, which could do no *Harm*, whereas *much Damage* arose from a *Conceit* that we were in the *Faith*, because we were *baptized*, or had heard of such a Person as JESUS CHRIST, from our *Cradles*, or because we repeated our *Creed* every Lord's Day: And that 'twas a certain *Sign* that Person was not in the *Faith* who ever had look'd into his *Soul*, in order to be assured of it. I pray'd GOD to direct them in this *Search*, and so concluded.

Wrote as follows to Mr. *William Delamotte*.

"It much rejoiced me to bear at *Savannah*, that the
 "Lord had sent you forth to water, to plant, and to build
 "up.—O my dear Brother, 'tis an Honour to be a *Door-*
 "keeper in the House of GOD, much more to be a *Pillar*
 "in his Church. Go forth then, and be strong in the Lord,
 "and in the Power of his Might.—Pull down Satan's strong
 "Holds by the Arm of GOD's everlasting Strength.—May
 "the Lord JEHOVAH be your Supprrt, and the mighty
 "GOD of Jacob your Defender.—May he hide you in the
 "Shadow of his Hand, and make you a polished Shaft in his
 "Quiver.—May the Word in your Mouth be like a Fire
 "and Hammer, to melt the frozen, and break the rocky
 "Hearts of Sinners.—May you be a Boanerges, to awaken
 "a sleepy World with the Thunder of the Almighty's Power.
 "O my Brother, cry aloud, spare not, lift up your Voice
 "unto them; and when you have brought your Hearers to
 "Tremble and fear exceedingly, by the Mount Sinai Threat-
 "nings of a Sin-avenging GOD; when you have wound-
 "ded them to the Quick, by the two-edged Sword of his
 "fierce Wrath; when the Sroke of their Wound shall make
 "them cry out, Men and Brethren, what shall we do?
 "When you find them weep bitterly for Anguish of Soul,
 "and for Vexation of Spirit; then, and not 'till then, ap-
 "ply the precious Balm of Gilead, the healing Blood of a
 "redeeming Saviour; then, display the Riches of free Grace
 "abounding to the chief of Sinners; so shall you rightly di-
 "vide the Word of Truth, and you shall be a Workman
 "that need not be ashamed.—But hold, who am I writing
 "to? One that I want to learn of, and not to teach; for I
 "am but a Babe in CHRIST an Infant in Grace, not wean-
 "ed from the Breasts, but requiring daily to be born on the
 "Sides

“*Sides of my Saviour, and to be dandled on his Knees; and yet, feeble as I am, behold! (O 'tis all free sovereign Grace) I am now sent by our dear Brother Whitefield, O Messenger of the Churches, to transact several momentary Affairs, relating to the Kingdom of our dear Lord JESUS CHRIST.*”

I am to take over our dear Brother *Hutchins*, to supply our Brother *Whitefield's* Place, while he comes over himself in the Spring: Also to transact several Affairs with the *Trustees of Georgia*, and to raise Money to pay for Five Thousand Acres of Land we have bought in *Pensilvania*, in order to erect a *Negroe-School* upon, and to settle an *English-Town*, with such Friends whose Hearts GOD shall incline to go over next Year, in a Ship we are to buy for that Purpose, of which Brother G— is to be Commander, who comes over with me, and *salutes you in the Lord*. Pray for us, *that the Lord may send us good Speed, and prosper our Way.*

N. B. I am to make Collections with Brother *Hutchins* for the said *Negroe School*. I am

Your unworthy Servant in the Lord JESUS,

W. Seward

Made up, and seal'd about One Hundred Letters the LORD hath enabled me to write for *London* and the *Country*.—May the Lord *breathe upon them by his Holy Spirit*, and I rejoice the Hearts of those to whom they are directed, and may I be comforted by the Answers I shall receive, to hear *of the coming of the Kingdom of our dear Lord.*

Prepared our Things in Order for going on Shore.—Interceded with my *sweet JESUS* 'till past One o' Clock, and went to Rest with Joy. *Blessed and Praised be his Holy Name for ever.*

Tuesday, June 17. Wrote to Sister *Hopsons* as follows

My dear Sister in CHRIST,

“I wrote you a few Lines from Sea, and from *Savannah*, in Mr. *Whitefield's* Letters.—The Lord knows my Heart, when surrounding the Throne of my dear *JESUS*. Methinks I see each of you placed as bright *Seraphims* in the Mansions of Bliss.—*As one Star differeth from another Star in Glory*, so methinks you seem to *shine with a refulgent Splendor* above the rest of the *Heavenly Host*. My dear Sisters, I write not thus *to puff you up* with high Conceits of yourselves; contrariwise, how *should it abase and humble us in our own Sight!* to consi-
“der

“der that *the Great GOD of Heaven and Earth* should
 “thus exalt such *poor nothing Worms* as we are, to sit in
 “*Heavenly Places* in CHRIST.—What Reason can we
 “give for this? Truly, no other than *the Sovereign Eter-*
 “*nal Good-Will and Pleasure of our gracious GOD, the*
 “*Almighty Potter, who forms of the same Clay one Vessel* to
 “*Honour, and another to Dishonour.* How should this ex-
 “cite our Zeal for his Honour and Glory! Help me, my
 “Sisters, to give Thanks for the *abundant Grace* bestow’d
 “on me since I saw you, in preserving me from *Perils*
 “by *Land* and by *Water*; above all, for the many *gracious*
 “*Visits* he has vouchsafed me, and *Promises* he has made
 “me.—As the *Apple-Tree among the Trees of the Wood*, so
 “is my *Beloved among the Sons.* I have often sat down un-
 “der his *Shadow with great Delight, and his Fruit* has
 “been sweet to my *Taste.* But then, my Sisters, lest you
 “should think of me more highly than you ought to think, I
 “must tell you, that my corrupt Heart often, very often,
 “casts up *Mire and Dirt, a Mist and Darkness* between
 “me and my JESUS. I am perswaded, for my *Tens* you
 “have your *Hundreds*, and for my *Thousands* you have
 “your *Ten Thousands* of his gracious *Visits*; and I rejoice
 “in this, yea, and will rejoice, and pray that you both may
 “be *chaste Virgins* to CHRIST.—Pray for me, that I may
 “sit at your Feet, and behold *your Glory* reflected from the
 “*Throne of Glory.*—O my Sisters, what shall I say in so
 “small a *Compass*? I trust I shall see you, and speak *Face*
 “to *Face, that our Joy may be full.*—You’ll expect to hear
 “a Word or two concerning my *Business.* I am sent by
 “our dear Brother *Whitefield*, that’s enough. One or
 “other of the *Brethren* will tell you all at large in due
 “Time. I am to take over Brother *Hutchins*, to supply
 “our Brother’s Place, while he comes to *England* himself
 “in the Spring; and I am to collect *Subscriptions* for a
 “*Negroe-School* in *Pensilvania*; having bought Land there
 “to begin a little *Hernhoot* upon: with *English* Friends to go
 “over next Year with Brother *Whitefield* in a *Ship*, we
 “are to buy for that Purpose. Pray for our good Success.
 “Brother G— comes with me and greets you in the
 “Lord.

Wrote several other Letters.—Read Prayers, and sung
 Psalms in the Morning.—Read Prayers at Night, after the
 Lieutenant of a Man of War had press’d our Men. I was
 very sorry for *Edward Cook*, the Sailor mention’d before,

who I believe *fears GOD*; and I gave him several Sermons at his own Request. I also gave the *Lieutenant* a Sermon, and the Three Letters about *Archbishop Tillotson* and the *Negroes*.—Our polite Reasoner would fain have saved a Relation by several *specious Pretences*, but all would not do: For my Part, I was grieved to hear any Thing said that was not strictly true, but pleased to find that the Almighty GOD would not let Falshood prevail. Besides, the Person in whose Favour 'twas pleaded, seem'd fittest for such *Reprobate Company* as is usually on board *Men of War*, because he *hated to be reform'd*, and *justified himself* when I *reproved* him for *Swearing*, to which he seem'd more addicted than any, except the *Boatswain*.

The *Lieutenant* told me, my *Brother the Clergyman* had a Living of 400*l. per Annum* given him by Lord *Burlington* in *Derbyshire*. That since Lord *Charles Fitzroy's* Death, to whom he was *Tutor*, he had been *Chaplain* to a *Man of War*, commanded by Lord *Augustus Fitzroy*; which *Chaplainship* he had procured for a Friend.—I remember the Time when such News as this would have much *rejoiced my Heart*, when I had no other View but *Temporal Worldly Prosperity*.—And when the *Lieutenant* told me he knew a Gentleman of my Name and *profession*, a Spark of Hope darted into my Mind, that my *Brother* was *converted*; but when I found he thought me a *Clergyman*, my *Hopes* vanish'd and my *Fears* increased, lest this *new Accession of Worldly Grandeur* should set my *poor Brother farther from the Kingdom of God than he was before*. Be it so, *it is the Lord's doing, and his Will, not mine, be done*.—Nevertheless, *God forbid I should cease praying for him*; because tho' a *Rich Man's Conversion* is *impossible* in the Sight of *human Understanding*, yet not with *GOD, for with GOD all Things are possible*.

The Lord knoweth my Heart, it would rejoice me infinitely more to hear that my *Brother* had *suffered the Loss of all Things, that he might win CHRIST*, than to hear he was made *Archbishop of Canterbury*.

Sung and pray'd with *Brother G—*, and being a little indisposed, went to Rest in the Arms of the Lord *JESUS*.

Wednesday, June 18. Blessed be *GOD*, I had a sweet and refreshing Night's Sleep. Came up near *Beachy-Head*; sung and pray'd with *Brother G—*; read Prayers, and sung Psalms; Invited the *Man of War's Men*, but *they all with one Consent began to make Excuse*, so we perform'd our
Service

Service without them. My Indisposition continuing, I ate no Dinner, but retired, and had sweet Communion with my dear JESUS; after that, I was enabled to write the following Letter to Mrs. *Thornberry*, a *poor Woman of this World*, but one who is *rich in Faith*, and an *Heir of the Kingdom which GOD hath promised to them that love him*.

My dear Sister in CHRIST,

“I wrote you from Sea, as we went over to *Philadelphia*, since which the Lord hath mercifully preserved us “in passing thro’ Eight Provinces, about 1400 Miles by “Land, in everyone of which our Brother *Whitefield* “preached the Gospel of CHRIST.—GOD has greatly own’d “him every where; and tho’ we saw *great Things* in Eng- “land, yet in many Respects we have seen *grtater* in Ame- “rica, where the *Kingdom of CHRIST comes with infinite* “Power.”

After mentioning my Business, and the *Negroe-School*, I proceeded:

“Thus is the Lord bringing *Salvation* to the poor de- “spised *Negroes*, some of whom have already *felt the Sa-* “*viour stirring in their Hearts*.—O my dear Sister, surely “these are *Signs the LORD the Mighty GOD is about to* “*bring some great Thing to pass*; Who knows but this may “be the *Beginning of the Glory of the latter Day*? But the “*Saints* must first *bear their Testimony*, and follow their “*Captain to Mount Calvary*, and after that *they shall have* “*Part in the first Resurrection*, and they shall be *Priests of* “*GOD and of CHRIST*, and *shall live and reign with* “*him a Thousand Years*.—O my dear Sister, does not your “Heart burn within you to think of *the Glory of that Day*, “when *all Tears shall be wiped away*, and an *End* will be “put to *Sin, and to Corruption, and to Pain*; then shall “our *Adversary Satan*, and his *accursed Crew*, be bound in “*the Bottomless Pit*.—I have many Things to say, but will “not with *Paper and Ink* write unto you, *trusting* I shall “see you *Face to Face*, and be able to *administer* some “*Comfort* to you; mean while, I *commend you to GOD*, “*even the Father of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, the Father* “*of Mercies, and the GOD of all Comfort, who comforteth* “*us in all our Tribulation; for as the Sufferings of CHRIST* “*abound in you, so I am perswaded your Consolation also a-* “*boundeth by CHRIST, knowing that as you are Partaker*

*“of the Sufferings, so shall ye be also of the Consolation. Salute all the Saints in CHRIST JESUS, from
Your weak, but affectionate Brother in CHRIST,*

Wrote the following Letter to the Reverend Mr. Sparks.

Reverend and dear Sir,

“I am sure you will be glad to hear of our dear Brother
“*Whitefield's* Welfare, and of the *coming of the Kingdom*
“*of our dear Lord JESUS CHRIST. GOD* hath greatly
“bless'd our Brother's Labours at the *Orphan-House*, when
“we have about Forty Children, that were most of them
“miserable Objects. The Lord preserv'd us in travelling
“thro' Eight *Provinces*, from *New York thro' New Jer-*
“*sey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, North and South*
“*Carolina, to Georgia*; in all which Places our Brother
“*preach'd the Gospel of CHRIST*, especially in the Three
“first and Two last, with amazing Success.—*Vice skulk'd its*
“*guilty Head, and retired in secret Corners* wherever we
“came.—Our Brother's Labours are incessant in *America*,
“as they were in *England*. Tho' in many *Perils*, yet out
“of all the Lord delivered us, *yea, and will deliver those*
“*who trust in him: still as the Day was, so our Strength*
“*was; and by waiting on the Lord, our Strength was daily*
“*renewed.*—My dear Brother, I hope your Soul grows in
“*Grace*, and that you will be more enlightened to see the
“*Richness and Freeness of GOD's Grace to poor Sinners*;
“that *Love to our dear Lord JESUS CHRIST will con-*
“*strain you to layout yourself in his Service*, and make you
“willing to *spend and be spent for the Good of Souls*, and
“not Count even your *Life dear unto yourself*, so you may fi-
“nish your *Course with Joy.*—I pray the Almighty GOD to
“enable you *rightly to divide the Word of Truth*, so that
“you may be a *Workman, which need not be ashamed.*—O
“my dear Brother, my *Heart is enlarged towards you*, my
“*Bowels yern upon you*; and tho' I am *weak myself*, and
“*but a Babe in CHRIST*, yet this is my *Wish towards you*
“and my *Friends, even your Perfection.*—Now to him that
“is of *Power to stablish you, according to the Truth of the*
“*Gospel, and the preaching of JESUS CHRIST (even the*
“*Mystery which hath been hid from Ages and Generations,*
“*but now is made manifest to the Saints) to GOD only wise,*
“*be Glory, thro' JESUS CHRIST, for ever. Amen. I am*

Your unworthy Servant in CHRIST.

Wrote

Wrote other Letters.—Were boarded by three Tenders, (to see if our Hands were pressed. Had some of the new Company to Evening Prayers, when we sung Psalms, then sung and pray'd with Brother G—; and my Indisposition continuing, I went to *Rest*, by Faith, in the Arms of my dear JESUS.

Thursday, June 19. Wrote to Brother *Cennick* as follows.

“I am sent over, *by the Will of GOD, as an unworthy Messenger of the Churches*, to fetch our dear Brother *Hutchins*, if the Lord shall make him willing to obey the Call, to help our dear Brother *Whitefield*, in the great Work to which he is called, and to supply his Place at the *Orphan-House*, while he comes to *England* himself at our Return, which therefore must be as fall as possible, after I have fulfilled my *Business* which I have in Charge for our dear Lord's Sake; Part of which is, to collect Subscriptions to erect a *Negroe-School* in *Pensilvania*, where we have bought Land for that Intent, and for a *Refuge* to our *English Friends*, who may suffer *Persecution* at Home on Account of the Word. Brother G— is with me having left the Care of our little *Ark* to the *Mate*, whose Heart GOD has been graciously pleased to convert. Brother G— is to command a Ship we are to buy next Year, when our Brother *Whitefield* comes over, in order to carry such *Friends* to the said *Land* in *Pensilvania*, who shall be appointed thereto by the Father of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.—And now, my dear Brother, how shall I rehearse, in a little Compass, what GOD has done, and is daily doing, by our Brother in *America*, where, it seems probable, will be the greatest Scene of Action for him in his future Life. I believe the *Gospel* will spread thro' all *Nations*, but the *Instruments* thereof, you know are in GOD's Hands. Our Brother may visit *England*, as *St. Paul* did *Judea*, sometimes, but his Stay is always like to be short, for between the *Orphan-House* and *Negroe-School*, and a *Region* of 1500 Miles extent, from *New-England* to *Georgia*, he will have full Employment to preach the *Gospel* of CHRIST; for I suppose they will not bear his *Testimony* concerning CHRIST much longer in *England*. O my dear Brother, I beseech you to pray that the Lord may direct my way unto you, and that I may by you be refresh'd in my Spirit, for the Lord knoweth my Heart, you are very precious in my Sight, even to live
“and

“and die with you, if it were our Father's Will; but this World, you know, is not a Place of much Union in Presence, tho' in Heart the Lord knoweth how often I have borne you before him.—O that I was worthy to subscribe myself
Your affectionate Brother in CHRIST.

Wrote another Letter.—Sung and pray'd with Brother G——. Read Prayers, and sung Psalms in the Morning. A Boat coming off from *Hastings* in the Afternoon, Brother G—— ask'd me if I would go ashore, which I agreed to the *Wind being contrary*, we had desired the *Captain* to set us on Shore in the Morning, but he refusing, I was (blessed be GOD) resign'd to his Will, which now I thought *call'd me*, so we landed at *Hastings* about Seven, and set out with Post Horses about Nine, and reach'd Twenty Miles. Before we left the Ship, we *pray'd and gave Thanks*, and as soon as we came to both our Inns, we did the same. At *Hastings*, I left three Sermons with the Landlady, and three Letters about *Archbishop Tillotson* and the *Negroes*, for a *Dean*, and two other *neighbouring Clergymen*.—Was enabled to exhort the Men that *landed us*, and gave each of them a *Sermon*, as I did the *Man of War's Men*, before we left the Ship. Talk'd of the Things of CHRIST on the Road with Brother G——, and of the great Mercies we had in our *Voyage*, especially on Account of the Danger of the Ship which tho' *new*, was so ill built, that she could not have borne *bad weather*, nor *contrary Winds*; and we had neither *one* or the *other* (to speak of) all the Way.—One Night she was in Danger of sinking, when Brother G—— providentially waked and gave Orders to *pump her*, and take in her *Top-Sails* tho' the *Wind* was moderate. O what Thanks are due for these marvellous Mercies' *Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits*.

Was enabled to give a close Exhortation to our *Guide* and while I was talking, not minding my Horse, he fell and I fell off, but, blessed be GOD (who sent his Angel to preserve me) I had not the least Hurt, not so much as of my Foot against a Stone.

Went to Rest about Two o' Clock, with a deep Sense of GOD's Mercies, and my own Unworthiness.

I think I cannot conclude better than with the following Lines, being Part of my honoured Friend Mr. CHARLES WESLEY's *Life of Faith*, and taken out of the new Collection of HYMNS, just publish'd by him and his Brother.

I. *Obedient*

I.

*Obedient to his GOD's Command,
And influenc'd by Faith alone,
Abraham left his native Land,
Went out and sought a Place unknown.*

II.

*A Place he should possess at last,
When full four hundred Years were o'er,
Upon the Word himself he cast,
He follow'd GOD, and ask'd no more.*

III.

*As in a strange, tho' promis'd, Land,
(A Land his distant Heirs receiv'd,)
He, and his Sons in Tents remain'd;
He knew on whom he had believ'd.*

IV.

*A better Heritage he sought,
A City built by GOD on high,
Thither he rais'd his tow'ring thought,
He fix'd on Heaven his stedfast Eye.*

V.

*Whose firm Foundations never more,
Jerusalem was all his Care,
The new Jerusalem above;
His Treasure, and his Heart was there.*

VI.

*And shall not we the Call obey,
And haste where GOD commands, to go?
Despise these Tenements of Clay,
These Dreams of Happiness below?*

VII.

*Yes Lord; we hearken to thy Call,
As Sojourners o'er Earth we rove,
We have for Thee forsaken all,
And feel the Heaven of perfect Love.*

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