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Dear J. H [James Harrison]

Whom I Love in ye [the] truth wch [which] is pure & [and] unchangible [unchangeable] Therein do

I tenderly salute [^]thee [you] & [and] [~~illegible—strikethrough~~][^] wife thy [your] Dear wife [Ann Harrison] & [and] sonn [son] [Phineas Pemberton?] & [and] Daughter [Phebe Harrison] whose prosperity therein I heartlylie [heartily] desire with all ye [the] Rest of my ffaith full ffriends [Faithful Friends] in those parts as though perticularly [particularly] named My Endeared Brotherly Love flowes [flows] towards you all, In Christ Jesus our prince of unfaigned [unfeigned] Love Life & [and] sweet peace Truly you are often in my Remembrance & [and] my tender Breathings are unto our heavenly father on your [abbreviation—'ur' assumed] Behalfe [behalf] yt [that] you all may fflourish [Flourish] in Rightousness [Righteousness] in xt [Christ] ye [the] hevenly [heavenly] [armie? [army]] & [and] in him bring fourth [forth] much ffiruite [Fruit] to ye [the] praise of our heavenly father & [and] Remaine stedfast [remain steadfast] with him as his Inclosed [enclosed] Garden In that Willdenrness [wilderness] Land Even so bee itt [be it] Amen

Dear James [James Harrison] Thyne I Recd [your letter I received] about 6 weekes [six weeks] since I have itt [it] not now by mee [me] the Date I Remember not I was glad of itt [it] & [and] to hear of your [abbreviation—'ur' assumed] welfare [welfare] in ye [the] Lord for which prayes bee givein [praises be given] to him who is ye [the] god of all our Mercy & [and] in whom are all our fresh springs who keepes [keeps] us alive to him selfe [himself] & [and] in ye [the] Living & [and] truly Loveing [loving] Remembrance one of another I did Comuncate [communicate] the Remembrance of thy [your] Brotherly Love to ye [the] Anceit Bre [Ancient Brethren] at our Late yearly Meeting & [and] they wear [were] glad to hear of your [abbreviation—'ur' assumed] wellbeing whose true Love I know is not wanting to thee & ye [you and the] Rest of the faithfull [faithful]

Concerning ye [the] affairs of truth in this Land of our nativeaty [nativity?] J H [James Harrison?] is well with [^]the[^] sincere & [and] upright in heart & [and] so J H [James Harrison?] will Ever bee [be] sufferings doth abound [do abound] in many parts of this Land for Rightious[^]nes[^] [Righteousness] sake, But Consolations doth much [do much] more abound in xt [Christ] Jesus to the Rightious sufferers; upon such yt faithfull [that faithful] saying is fulfilled [fulfilled] (viz) [that is] If yee [thee] [you] suffer for Rightiousness [Righteousness] sake Happie [happy] are thee [you] ye [you] [spk [speak]?] of grace & [and] of glory Resteth [rests] upon your ffriends [Friends] are Chearfull [cheerful] & [and] honnourable [honorable] in their — sufferings [i#?] our sufferings beaing [being] onely [only] ffor [For] our obedye[^]ce[^] [obedience] [~~partially illegible—page tear~~] to the Liveing [Living] holy pure god who has brought ye [the] faithfull [faithful]

to peace with himselfe [himself] & [and] one with another, And into true
Love to our Ennemies [enemies] yea into good will towards all men The Lord
is pleading ye [the] [Innocent?] Cause of his people in this Land with ye [the]
Rulers thereof, our peaceableness [peacefulness] & [and] harmlessness [harmlessness] towards
them doth [does] [...] more ^appear to them^ & [and] the Chiefest [chiefest] hath have Confesed
[confessed]
to itt [it] & [and] this Run through ye [the] Land as from ye mouthes [the mouths] of the
Chiefest that ye [the] Quakers are clear of ye Evell Conspiri
=eyes & Evell Designes [the evil conspiracies and evil designs] that other people are Charged
with & [and] a Love & [and] pittie [pity] Springs in ye [the] hearts of Rulers and
others in many places towards ffaithfull [Faithful] friends in their sufferings
the sence [sense] of wch [which] is a Comforte [comfort] to ffriends [Friends], The Divers
[diverse] sorts
of other Decenters [dissenters] in this trying Day to do fall under their
procicuters [prosecutors] Either by going to the worship as ye [the] Rulers
Require, or by Absconding, soe [so] that ffriends [Friends] as with Respect
to publicke [public] {e...p...} [illegible—strikethrough] Meetings are as ye [yours/the?] onely butt
[only but] Left
to [shuttar [shutter]? / shutt at [shut up/close?]] Especially [especially] where perscution
[persecution] appears sharp
as in London & [and] in any other place, so that through these
Exersieses [exercises] the Glory & [and] beuuty [beauty] of ye [the] truth Ariseth [arises] & [and]
is seene [seen] more & [and] more prayesed [praised] bee [be] ye [the] Lord god for the same
& [and] maney [many] tender people in & [and] about London Enquire [inquire] after truth
to Com [come] to meeting Espessually [especially] about Ratlife [Radcliffe] & [and] Southwark

[Written in left margin]

Dear James [James Harrison] Lett thy sonn [let your son] P. P [Phineas Pemberton]
know that I have often spoken
to Geo: Greene [George Green] Getting the Money wch [which] is oweing [owing] to thy sonn
[your son] [Phineas Pemberton] & [and] ^he^ saith [says] [from?] [tyme [time?]]
[to try to?] [partially illegible—obscured by binding tape] that hee [he] can [get?] [done/one?] of
him

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Southwark & [and] other parts whear [where] meetings ^are^ [els [else] / oft [more often?]] oft
distur
=beed [disturbed] then in other parts & [and] Meetings are sweet & [and]
precious prayesed bee ye Lord [praised be the Lord]

That wch [which] seemes [seems] to bee [be] Insinuated as ye [the] greatest —
matter agt [against] som [some] friends, by such who [...] on suferings [sufferings]
agt [against] us, is that they wear [were] [illegible—strikethrough of author's misspelt attempt]
Concernened [concerned] in Elle
=ctions [elections] of members of [Parliament?] [fancy P—abbreviation?] & [and] others wch
[which] did not please
if this bee [be] a trespass [trespass] agt [against] them in their account —
they ought to forgive itt [it] according to their owne prin
=cipall [own principle] & [and] profesed [professed] & [and] often Repeated prayers There

is som [some] Cause to hope that they at Least som [some] of
them will better Consider [consider] of this then they
have yett [yet] Dun [done] houever [however] tis [it is] Certaine [certain] truth is strong
=er [stronger] & [and] will prevaile [prevail] & [and] outlive & [and] wear out Decait [deceit] false
—

=hood [falsehood] & [and] Cruallty [cruelty], Dear James [James Harrison] to write to thee [you]
of the
affairs & [and] prosperity of ye [the] precious truth is ye [the] most
pleaseat [pleasant/pleased?] subject to mee [me], And I am asured [assured] to hear of
Its prosperity will bee [be] pleasant to thee [you] & [and] all ye [the] best
of the faithfull [faithful] there & [and] there a wayes [thereaways], And this good
newes [news] thou [you] may Communicate to faithfull [faithful] ffriends [Friends]
there as publicly [publicly] as thou pleaseth [you please], perticularly [particularly]
to Dear W. Penn [William Penn] & [and] ye [the] Rest of my fellow Laburers [laborers]
In ye [the] work & [and] fellowshipe [fellowship] of ye [the] Glorious [glorious] gospell [gospel] of
peace, Lett [let] W: Penn [William Penn] know that aboute [about] 6 weekes [six weeks]
since I was a att [at] a Large and precious Monthly meeting
att [at] his house his wife [Gulielma Maria Springett Penn] children & [and] famaly [family] wear
[were] then
very well & [and] shee [she] & ye [the] children &c [et cetera] Chearfully [cheerfully] ta[^]king
[talking]
of Com ing [coming] to him this sumer [summer], The god of all [our?]
[Mercy?] & [and] presenece [presense] & [and] bring them safe unto him
I writt [wrote] fully to him not Longe [long] since & [and] am now
[straytned [strained]?] for tyme [time] if I write not I Expect another
oppertunity [opportunity] [Eare [ere/before]] Long Lett him know yt [that] I Request [request]
a few Lynes [lines] from him in Answer to [^]somthing [something][^] [in lyne [in lines/a letter]?]
Lately sent
by ye [the] [Gulyemus?] [Gulielma?, ship name] or another shipp [ship] wch [which] went about
yt [that]
tyme [time] I Remember not her name I Gave ye [the] Letter
to P: fford [Philip Ford] for Conveance [conveyance]

Dear James [James Harrison] as to what thou writt [you wrote] of Dislike to somthing
[something]
Concerning ye [the] the affairs of East Jersey I shall say
Little to at presant [present] haveing [having] not thy [your] Letter here
But this I Cann [can] with much Clearnes [clearness] say that I am
noe [no] way Conscious to my selfe [myself] of Either doeing [doing] or
designing [wring [wrong]?] to W: P [William Penn] or any person [fancy P—abbreviation] Else in
that pro
=vince [province] or Else wheire [elsewhere], I am willing to hope that G:
Lowry [Gawen Lawrie] & [and] W: P [William Penn] will Com [come] to a good understanding of
Each
other as with Respect to the affairs of East Jersey &c [et cetera]
& [and] that a p^rudent [prudent] Care will bee [be] taken amongst you in all ye [the]
three provinces that Right bee dun [be done] to all Conserved [concerned]
without partialty [partiality], Indeed there is much need of Great
Care & [and] wisdume [wisdom] [^]in[^] the & [and] the settling & [and] Managing ye [the] publicke
[public]

affairs of these provinces your [abbreviation—ur] [Exercyses [exercises]?] will no doubt
bee [be]

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Bee [be] great manny wayes [many ways], & [and] many Eyes are upon you
both here & [and] there & [and] much talke [talk] [here/hence] is among
people here about your [abbreviation—ur] Governments & [and] you are
not I [Conclud [conclude]?] unsencible [insensible] that you have Ennyes [enemies] as
well as friends both there & [and] here The [senser desire?]
of your [abbreviation—ur] frends [friends] are that The Lords [Lord's] peace [peacable
[peaceable]?)
wisdom may sway Rule & [and] Govern amongst you
& [and] ^that^ In itt [it] you May [Cutt [cut]? / Call?] of occation [occasion] from those who
do or may seeke occation agt [seek occasion against] you, And herein you
will give true occation [occasion] to your [abbreviation—ur] friends who watch for
good to Rejoyce [rejoice] in ye [the] good [wch [which] / with] ye [the] Lord god by you as —
Instruments shall worke [work] to ye ye [the the] Renowne [renown] & [and] pray^e^ [pray]
of his owne [own] holy name to whome [whom] bee [be] glory for
=ever [forever] more amen

Dear James [James Harrison] as to what thou writt [you wrote] Concerning my Intention
=ntious [intentions] to Com [come] to give you a visitt [visit] my Intention [intentions] wear
[were]

Really with submission [submission] to ye [the] providence of god to
give you & [and] other friends in that part of ye [the] world a
visitt [visit] but providence hath hetherto [has hitherto [has so far]] Interposed
to wch [which] ~~wch [which]~~ I willingly submitt [submit] whether provide^nce^ [providence]
will yett [yet] order mee [me] to see you or not tyme [time] will manny
=fest [manifest] I cannot Detirmin itt [determine it], but if god should soe [so] order
Itt [it] is should Rejoyce [rejoice] to see you my Antient ffriends [Ancient Friends]
I am through ye [the] Mercy of god Much Recovered of my
Bodily weakness yett [yet] am much weaker then [than] I was —
before ye [the] Late Great weakness fell on mee [me] being
much disabled by a settled paine [pain] in my Right side
wch [which] I Conclude proceed from winde [wind], But ye [the] Lord is
good to mee [me] in & [and] through the Mannyfold [manifold] great Exer
=sises [exercises] wch hath [which has/have] fallen on mee [me] of Late tyme [time]
But tis [it is] well with inwardly & [and] outwardly prayed [praised]
bee [be] his holy name, Wee [We] had of Late our yeare [year]
meeting in sweet peace & [and] unnity [unity] since wch [which] I Came
through some parts of Stafordshire [Staffordshire] & [and] Chesshire [Cheshire]
Into this County in ye [the] said Countyes [counties] have been at
[times?] divers [diverse] good sweet & [and] peacable [peaceable] Meetings tho [though]: ye
[the] Enny
=mies [enemies] of truth are at their Evill worke [evil work] in these parts [fancy P—ar]
Dear James [James Harrison] to Conclude this Longe [long] Letter I Must put thee [you]
In minde [mind] of my sonn [son] John [John Gibson] whome [whom] I have at his owne [own]
Earnest desire sent to East Jersey with Gavin Lowry [Gawen Lawrie]
I gott [got] him Efectually [effectually] instructed in ye [the] art of Survey
=ing [surveying] & [and] [bought?] him Choise [choice] Instruments for his use

in ye [the] said art our Company of propriators [proprietors] Gave
him their Letter of [recomendation] [partially illegible—page torn, 're' assumed]
[recommendation] to ye [the] Survayers
Gennerall [Surveyors General] of the said [province] [partially illegible—page torn] to Encouria
[encourage] him

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him by imploying [employing] ^him^ in Survaying [surveying] ^our^ Land in yt [that] provence
[province] wch [which]
understand that S: Groom [Samuel Groom] ^who^ was by us appainted [appointed] for ye [the]
said place
is deceased wch [which] occations [occasions] my [Care?/Cause?] to bee [be] ye [the] greater
Concerning
sonn [son] not knowing ^who^ may suceed [succeed] in that place, G: Lawry [Gawen Lawrie]
[pro...] [illegible—obscured by binding tape]
=ed [promised?] mee to take Care of him Concerning whom I am willing to
hope well, I purpose [intend] to send a few Lynes inclosed [lines enclosed] in this [...] [illegible—
obscured by binding tape]
my sonn [son] wch [which] I Request [request] thee [you] Carefully to Convey to him I [shuld
[should]?] [partially illegible—obscured by binding tape]
take it kindly if thou [you] will write a few Lines to him & [and] Encouria [encourage] [partially
illegible—obscured by binding tape]
him to Love & [and] wa^ke [walk] in ye [the] truth And to bee [be] Diligent & [and] Care
full [careful] in his busines [business], In my Last [last letter] to Dear W: P: [William Penn] I writt
[wrote] [some?] [partially illegible—obscured by binding tape, 'me' assumed]
thing [something] aboute [about] him my Care is much Concerning him, I shall [take] [partially
illegible—obscured by binding tape, 'ke' assumed]
Itt [it] kindly of you or any other of my ancent Bre: [Ancient Brethren] that you
will take notice of him & [and] Encouria [encourage] him in yt [that] wch [which] is good
The Lord god allmighty [almighty] preserve you & [and] us all in faithful
=nes [faithfulness] unto him selfe [unto himself] unto this End Amen This [unfaile [unfailing]?]
[partially illegible—obscured by binding tape]
Love ffrom [From] thy [your] Endeared friends [and] Bro: [brothers] in god Couvnant [God's
Covenant] of [illegible—obscured by binding tape]
Life & [and] peace

Wm Gibson [William Gibson]

To
James Harrison
these present
in
Pensillvaina [Pennsylvania]

[Written in a more modern hand, located in bottom left and oriented to left margin]

William Gibson
Warrington
4 mo 14. 1684 [4th month 14th day 1684]

to
James Harrison
Pennsylvania