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Crown Court in Gracia Street London 9. 10  
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James Harrison

A very Loving Friend

I had first to acknowledge that soon after  
thy arrivall in pontiluania I had one letter  
from thee & y<sup>e</sup> Indour sent thee any reply  
till now (as I remember) although I had oft  
set pen to paper in order therunto - But now  
at last am Resolved to break Silence - & With hearty  
Love Salute thee & thine & though thou knowest  
y<sup>e</sup> Sincerity of my love to be about such things, yett  
as a small token I have herewith by Roger Whitfield  
in y<sup>e</sup> ship Dragon sent thee a small Chest of Cloths  
about 28. or 30<sup>l</sup> weight which I hope will be  
acceptable -

Before when I was about to write I was partly  
designing to be inquisitive of thy welfare in parti-  
cular & also of the Governour - as  
how many Towns have you - how many generally  
in a Town - What sort of plantation you grow most  
upon - what Comodity you raise for trade either  
with England, or Barbados - how goes it in y<sup>e</sup> Whale  
fishing - how does your Land yeeld - do you  
make hay or how preserve your Cattle in Winter  
whether do they hold flesh then - or whether  
lean & unfit to kill - what Number of Cattle  
belong to Philadelphia - how do you preserve them  
from Wolves or bears - What like hounds are your  
ordinary Comon sort, for Doubt<sup>not</sup> you have some very good  
What entercourse do you hold w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Indians - Do they  
learn your language - or observe your Lawes or  
live after your Customes - or begin to imitate your  
industry or any of them w<sup>ch</sup> I desire to see  
How fares it with Swine - How many meetings what  
at a meeting - how Do the medling sort grow

in the future - I shall Deserve to see you keep to mind or punish offenders  
what aids for a Governour - What is the best way to keep  
with Divers particulars that I desire to see my acquaintance - how many

About this & a Deal more should  
I be like to query of thee If here — & therefore  
should be glad of good large letters from thee  
About what thou can think acceptable to  
me to hear of

But having allwady much Exceeded my  
first Intentions & almost my paper

I bid thee farewell — With Cheerfully Desire  
For thee & for all that love the truth every

Where that We may all grow as one flock

to y<sup>e</sup> good shepherde of y<sup>e</sup> good sheppard &

Bishop of our Soules Who it was at first

weather to us together w<sup>ch</sup> & by Whom w<sup>e</sup>

have been heretofore often & are still to this  
day refreshed by his heart ~~breaking~~ breaking

power & love to y<sup>e</sup> joy of his people & to the

Glory of his own Great Name — By whom

alone our preservation hath been through

many Storms & Tryalls — & by whom we enjoy

many Blessings & sweet opportunities in quiet

mostly at this time — & Meetings abundantly

filled — The Lord continue this & other his

Marriages If It be his Will

With repeated Dear Love from Self wife

To thee & thine Best

Thy Loving friend

Theodor Eccleston

The Church of Swedes  
up me Court Colk  
marked James  
Harrison  
Pennsilvania